

START OF FISCAL YEAR

APRIL 16, 1900.

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Council Chambers, April 16, 1900.

Regular session.

Meeting called to order by Pres. Seabolt.

Roll call.

Present—Ald. Hamilton, Richards, Koch, Schlenker, Rohde, Kearns, Brown, Grose, Coon, Jenney, Bliton, Fischer, Pres. Seabolt.—13.

Absent—Vandawarker, Weeks.—2.

Minutes of previous meeting corrected and approved.

Pres. Seabolt then appointed the regular committees for the ensuing year as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, '00-'01.

Finance—Ald. Hamilton, Coon Brown.

Ordinance—Ald. Brown, Schlenker, Richards.

Sewer—Ald. Schlenker, Richards, Kearns, Weeks, Vandawarker, Jenny, Bliton.

Street—Ald. Koch, Hamilton, Rohde, Brown, Grose, Coon Fischer.

Sidewalk—Ald. Vandawarker, Richards, Schlenker, Kearns, Weeks, Jenny, Bliton.

Fire Department—Ald. Richards, Vandawarker, Kearns.

Water—Ald. Jenn Koch, Hamilton.

Police—Ald. Rohde, Grose, Bliton.

Lighting—Ald. Coon, Koch, Vandawarker.

Bonds—Ald. Bliton, Rohde, Schlenker.

License—Ald. Fischer, Rohde, Jenny.

Park—Ald. Weeks, Brown, Coon.

Poor—Ald. Kearns, Koch, Weeks.

Cemetery—Ald. Grose, Hamilton, Fischer.

X Ald. Coon moved that the Council proceed to consider the matter of ordering the establishment of an alley between Liberty and William street whereupon the city clerk reported and presented to the Council due proof of the service of notice of the order of the Council fixing a time and place of meeting to consider the question of ordering the opening of such alley whereupon after hearing all of the board desiring to be heard in the premises.

Ald. Koch offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

By Ald. Koch:

Whereas, ten or more tree holders residing within the corporate limits of the city of Ann Arbor having petitioned and applied to the Common Council praying for the laying out and establishment of a public alley within the corporate limits of the city of Ann Arbor and herein-

after particularly described, and due notice of hearing on the said application having been given to all persons interested therein and this day having been assigned for the said hearing, and all persons interested therein having been heard and it appearing to the Council that such proposed public alley and the establishment thereof is necessary public improvement,

Therefore resolved, and it is hereby ordered that a public alley be laid out, opened and established within the limits of the city of Ann Arbor, state of Michigan, described as follows; to-wit: Commencing at the northwest corner of lot number fifteen in Block three south, range four east, according to the plat of the village (now city) of Ann Arbor, and running thence east along the north line of said lot fifteen, eight feet; thence south parallel with the line of lots to William st.; thence west along the north-line of William st., sixteen feet; thence north parallel with line of lots to a point twenty-two feet south of south line of lot one in said Block; thence northerly striking the south line of lot one at a point ten feet west of the southeast corner thereof; thence north parallel with the line of lots of Liberty st.; thence east along Liberty st. ten feet; thence south to the place of beginning.

Resolved further, that a committee of three be appointed by the president and instructed to investigate and negotiate with parties and report to the Council what sum or sums of money will be necessary to procure a release of the right of way for such public alley.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Hamilton, Richards, Koch, Schlenker, Rohde, Kearns, Brown, Grose, Coon Jenney, Bliton, Fischer, Pres. Seabolt.—13.

Pres. Seabolt appointed Ald. Coon, Brown and Kearns to act on the committee.

Mayor's annual message.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I trust that you will expect but little of me in this my second annual communication to the City Council; for, were it not for the fact that custom has given the force of law to the practice of sending an annual message by the executive to the legislative body of the city government I should have considered the physical indisposition under which I have labored for some days past a sufficient excuse for me to neglect the performance of an often pleasant but also

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an often exacting duty. Permit me however to greet you, Gentlemen of the Council, as fellow-servants in the work of our city government. To those of you with whom I have been associated in the work of the year just closed, I desire to extend my sincere thanks for your earnest labor, performed in many instances at great personal cost and inconvenience to yourselves and for all of you, with no other reward than the approval of your consciences and the thanks of the community the latter often, alas, withheld! To those of you who are new to the Council and who have so recently come from the people to do their will, I extend a hearty welcome to the labors and responsibilities which you are about to assume. It is to be expected that having so recently come in contact with the popular thought as indicated at the polls, you will carry into the deliberation of the Council the wishes and desires of your constituents as they have made them known, and it is to be hoped that new and valuable ideas will come therefrom to the advancement of the city's welfare and its material prosperity. I assure you that every legitimate attempt to legislate for these purposes will meet with my hearty support and approval. Let us all join together so far as in us lies to make the present year memorable in our city's history for determined, persistent and united work to make the city of Ann Arbor in all that belongs to its well being as a community the first of its class in the model cities of the Peninsular state.

We have already established an enviable reputation for order, peace and quiet within our city limits. No city in Michigan of our population can compare with us, the elements of that population being considered, in our freedom from lawlessness and crime. No other city can show a more decent observance of the law and the orderly proprieties of life, nor more scrupulous submission to the necessary police restrictions which the sovereign people have imposed upon themselves as the price of their happiness and security. I do not say that this peaceful, orderly condition is entirely or even in large part due to the services, efficient though they are, of our police and of our other officers, much less to my own efforts. But I do say that it is due most especially to the peculiar virtues of our citizens who recognize their moral responsibility as the people of a college town—who have made their in-

clinations walk hand in hand with their duty in making and keeping Ann Arbor morally safe for the thousands of our country's youth who come to us yearly as students of our great University. That we may continue in our well-doing in this regard will be, I assure you, the subject of my constant thought and care.

Ann Arbor is now one of the most beautiful cities of the West. Its natural advantages are unrivaled and art and science have contributed material assistance to their development. So far as this has been accomplished by private expenditures, we have reason to applaud and encourage. But so far as the public outlay is concerned we must be watchful and vigilant. Even in the system of public improvement upon which we have embarked, there is the most urgent necessity for economy. For the present financial condition of the city treasury is not in every particular all that is to be desired. However all expenditures during the past year may be said to have been needful, in fact absolutely demanded by the people in their continued desire for public improvements. At the beginning of the present administration of the executive department the city's funds were largely overdrawn and a contract for surface or storm sewerage aggregating about fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) was then outstanding. This expenditure was undoubtedly greatly needed, but provision should have been made in some way for its payment otherwise than from the funds which have been raised for other purposes. I am sure that the Council will consider carefully the condition of our city treasury and the increasing burden of taxation which rests upon the people, and will take all possible steps to diminish the overdraft and lighten the people's burden.

The Council has had or will have the reports of the various boards submitted for its inspection. It is not necessary for me to review them at this time but I am pleased to say that they show business method, care and capacity on the part of the various boards in the discharge of the city's business.

The city is a large business corporation employing many hands and many minds and it needs and ought to demand of all its employees, who are its officials whether paid or unpaid, their best thought and their undivided interest.

Respectfully submitted,

GOTTLOB LUICK,

Mayor.

On motion of Ald. Coon the message was received and ordered printed in record.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the city of Ann Arbor, Mich.:

Gentlemen—The committee of arrangements for the annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Michigan, appointed by Ann Arbor Commandery, begs to advise your honorable body that the invitation extended by you to the Grand Commandery to hold its annual conclave of 1900 in this city was duly accepted and that the Grand Commandery will convene on Tuesday, the 15th day of May next, on which date it is expected that at least five hundred Knights Templars from all parts of our state will assemble in this city. It has been suggested that your honorable body may desire to appoint a committee to confer with the committee of this Commandery in reference to a fitting reception and entertainment of our visitors upon this occasion. Awaiting such action as to you may seem proper, I have the honor to be,

Yours very respectfully,

WM. G. DOTY,

Chair. Com. on Arrangements.

J. W. BENNETT,

Secretary.

On motion of Ald. Koch a committee consisting of Ald. Brown, Koch, Jenney was appointed to confer with the Commandery committee.

Petition of J. C. Wilson and five others received and referred to street committee.

Petition of Oliver Albro and seven others received and referred to sidewalk committee.

Petition of C. A. Buchlow and twelve others received and referred to lighting committee.

Petition of Geo. Spathelf, Jr., and four others received and referred to street committee.

Petition of L. D. Grose and six others received and referred to street committee.

Petition of Adam Mayer and four others received and referred to street committee.

Ald. Brown offered the following ordinance for its third reading:

An ordinance to amend Section Six, of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance relative to sidewalks."

The Common Council of the city of Ann Arbor ordains:

Section 1. That section six of an or-

dinance entitled "An ordinance relative to sidewalks" be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 6. Hereafter it shall be unlawful to build or construct within the city of Ann Arbor any sidewalk of plank or of any material not called for or stated by this ordinance, but plank sidewalks now constructed and in use may be repaired whenever ordered by the Common Council or directed by the Board of Public Works. All sidewalks hereafter constructed without the stone or cement district as in this ordinance fixed and determined, shall be constructed of stone, cement, paving brick, tar or asphaltum. Tar or asphaltum sidewalks shall be constructed according to the following specifications and in the following manner. The earth shall be excavated to the depth of at least four inches below the sidewalk grade, and filled with coarse gravel thoroughly mixed with tar or asphaltum to a depth of at least three inches and to within one inch below the grade, and well and sufficiently packed and thoroughly rolled, and thereafter a top dressing of fine well screened, sharp sand mixed four parts of sand and one part of tar or asphaltum to the depth of at least one inch, shall be placed thereon and thoroughly rolled to a smooth and flat surface. Inside of all tar or asphaltum sidewalks shall be constructed one inch higher than the outside, the center line to be constructed on the true sidewalk grade and one and one-half inches higher than the outside or street side thereof.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after lawful publication.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Ald. Hamilton, Richards, Schlenker, Rohde, Kearns, Brown, Grose, Coon, Jenney, Bliton, Fischer, Pres. Seabolt.—12.

Nays.—1.

Ald. Brown offered the following ordinance, which was given its first reading by title:

An ordinance to amend section one of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance relative to fire limits and fires," passed on the third day of January, 1898, and approved on the 12th day of January, 1898.

Ald. Brown moved the ordinance be given its second reading.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Hamilton, Richards, Koch, Schlenker, Rohde, Kearns, Brown,

Grose, Coon, Jenney, Bliton, Fischer, Pres. Seabolt.—13.

Nays—None.

Ald. Coon moved that Mr. Grose furnish twelve trees at 40 cents each.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Hamilton, Richards, Koch, Schlenker, Rohde, Kearns, Brown, Grose, Coon, Jenney, Bliton, Fischer, Pres. Seabolt.—13.

Nays—None.

On motion of Ald. Brown the matter of sewer tax of Ford property was referred to the finance committee and city attorney.

On motion of Ald. Brown the election of Dog Warden was deferred till the next regular meeting.

On motion of Ald. Coon the following resolution was adopted and Pres. Seabolt appointed Ald. Bliton to fill vacancy:

By Ald Coon:

Resolved that the special water committee of the last Council be continued and that the president of the Council is hereby requested to fill vacancy on said committee caused by the retirement from the Council of Prof. Stevens.

By Ald. Coon:

Resolved that the M. C. railroad company is hereby requested to built signals and take suitable measures to prevent the continued injury of people on their right of way into this city.

That the city clerk do transmit this request to the railroad company without delay. Carried.

On motion of Ald. Brown the matter of grading Observatory street was referred back to street and sidewalk committees.

On motion of Ald. Brown the matter of crosswalk and sidewalk in front of H. T. Morton's property was referred to the proper committees.

On motion of Ald. Coon the matter of an ordinance creating the office of milk inspector was referred to the ordinance committee.

On motion of Ald. Koch several approaches on Main st. were ordered built by Board of Works.

On motion of Ald. Koch the liquor bonds were fixed at the same amount as last year.

On motion of Ald. Hamilton the last year's rules of the Council were adopted for the ensuing year.

Petition of W. Welch and seventeen others was received and referred to the street committee.

Report of the Board of Health was received and on motion of Ald. Hamilton the report was concurred in.

Report of Sidewalk Inspector received and on motion of Ald. Hamilton it was referred to the sidewalk committee.

On motion of Ald Brown the Street Commissioner was directed to look up as far as possible all walks in need of repairs before the next meeting of the sidewalk committee.

ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

April 14, 1900.

To the Common Council:

The Board of Public Works herewith presents to your honorable body their annual report for the fiscal year, which consists of the reports of the City Engineer and Street Commissioner, the reports covering in detail the work done as ordered by the Council and cost of same, also an outline as to needed further improvements.

JAMES E. HARKINS,
Clerk.

STREET CLEANING 1899.

January	\$ 44 16
February....	60 92
March.....	206 99
April.....	466 60
May.....	249 70
June	400 00
July.....	273 75
August....	486 60
September....	297 95
October....	464 74
November....	538 42
December....	107 97

\$3,652 14

SWEEPING MAIN AND WASHINGTON STS.

April 1, 1899 to Dec. 31, 1899..\$ 794 33

SNOW PLOWING.

January, 1899....	\$ 24 00
February, 1899	41 40
March, 1899.....	71 75
December, 1899	32 20

\$ 169 35

CLEANING ALLEYS.

April.....	\$ 88 00
June....	52 00

\$ 141 00

March. Drain tile on Washenaw ave....\$ 40 00

April. Grading for sidewalk on Vaughn.....	137 80	September. Grading Observatory st.	50 00
Filling Edwin st sidewalk	125 00	September. Grading E. Ann st	40 00
Filling Mary st	75 00	September. Grading Catherine	35 00
Repairs on sidewalks and cross walks	97 50	September. Cutting weeds....	22 50
Gravel on Beakes st..	80 40	September. Building extension to culvert on S. 5th ave	46 00
May, 1899. Recovering bridge No 1, labor.....	77 86	September. Repairing sidewalks....	70 00
May, 1899. Grading sidewalk on Michigan ave	75 00	October. Grading for sidewalk on Belser st....	144 96
May, 1899. Grading sidewalk on E. University ave.	45 00	October. Repairing sidewalk..	78 00
May, 1899. Graveling Washtenaw ave from S. Univ. ave to limits.....	216 65	November. Grading for sidewalk on W. William st	50 00
May, 1899. Graveling E. University ave	45 00	November. Grading for sidewalk on Catherine st..	47 60
May, 1899. Graveling of Geddes ave. from Oxford to limits	175 00	November. Repairing walks..	22 35
May, 1899. Graveling Geddes ave. from Wash ave. to cemetery	25 00	BRICK CROSSWALKS.	
May, 1899. Grading Dewey ave sidewalk	63 00	24 brick crosswalks at \$48.00..	\$1,152 00
June. Gravel on N. Main st..	56 00	2 cement crosswalks relaid	40 00
June. Gravel on W. Liberty st	60 00	1 brick crosswalk raised to grade.....	12 00
June. Graveling Fourth ave. from Ann to Packard	207 97	5 sluice boxes	12 00
June. Graveling Fifth ave from Detroit to Packard	325 00	22 oak plank crosswalks \$20.00	440 00
June. Graveling Ann st. from Main to Fourth..	23 00	30 feet 12 inch pipe on Forest between Hill and S. University	12 50
Graveling Pontiac st..	153 00	Plank walk on Washington across Allens creek..	15 00
Weed cutting	78 00	34 feet 12 inch pipe across 13th st at Fuller st	15 00
Repairing sidewalks and crosswalks	125 00	18 feet 15 inch pipe on 13th st at Fuller st	10 00
July. Crush stone on Detroit st.....	54 00	Building extension on culvert at S. Fifth ave	36 75
July. Grading on S. Seventh	65 00	Building extensions on Miller ave south side	10 50
July. Weed cutting.....	62 00	Building extensions on Miller ave north side	26 75
July. Graveling Oakland ave	110 00	Engineers Office, Dec. 27, 1899.	
July. Graveling Washtenaw ave from N. Univ. to S. Univ.	225 00	To the Board of Public Works:	
Grading Edwin st....	45 00	Gentlemen—I herewith submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1899.	
July. Repairing sidewalks and crosswalk	78 00	The most important work on streets under the supervision of this office was the paving of Washington st. from the west line of Ashley st. to the east line of Fifth ave.	
July. Grading E. Wells st	35 00	The important sewer work this past season was the construction of four branch systems of storm water sewers, the largest was that known as the Hill st. and Washtenaw ave. storm sewer; the next largest was that known as the E. Liberty st. and N. University ave. storm sewer; the next in size is that known as the E. Huron st storm sewer; the smallest being the one known as the S. Main st. and Madison st. storm sewer.	
August. Cleaning alleys	40 65	All the above work has been done by	
August. Repairing sidewalks.	60 00		
August. Weed cutting....	51 10		
September. Grading sidewalk on east side of 13th st from Catherine st. to Fuller st....	183 40		
September. Grading sidewalk on west side of 13th st	46 00		

contract and the total contract prices were as follows:

Pavements in Dis. No. 3, Wm.

J. Clancy, contractor.....	\$12,267 02
Hill st. sewer, Hutzal & Co...	10,074 45
Liberty st sewer, Hutzal & Co.	3,827 18
Main and Madison st. sewer, Hutzal & Co. contractors..	1,542 24
Huron st. sewer, Schneider Bros., contractors....	3,587 34

Total cost of storm sewer
is thus.....\$19,031 21

In addition to the above work this department has had charge of the plumbing inspection and the care of the sewers there has been the usual work of laying out street and sidewalk grades.

In the plumbing work there have been 136 connections made with the sanitary sewer system and these have required not less than two inspections each.

In addition to all the above work there has been the making of all the various estimates, plans, specifications for the various kinds of work as required by the Board of Common Council, the proper recording and indexing of such data as from time to time was acquired from various sources.

REMARKS.

If I may be allowed, I would recommend that the work of construction of storm sewers in some more localities are much needed, for instance on State st., from Fuller st. to Monroe st., on Gott st. from Hiscock st. to Pearl st., on N. Division st. from the present terminus to E. Ann st. also on Detroit st. from present terminus to Catherine st.

There is no one improvement at the public expense that will give better returns than storm water sewers, as even a good dirt street can be kept in good condition almost all the year when the road is thoroughly drained. I would also recommend the paving of State st. from Huron st. to William st. Also recommend construction of storm sewers on E. William st. I submit the following:

Inventory of property acquired for the city by the City Engineer:

1. Property as per inventory for 1895, printed in Council proceedings of April 9, 1896, page 254.

2. Additional property per inventory for 1896 printed in Council proceedings of March 1, 1897, page 197.

3. Additional property per inventory for 1897, printed in Council proceedings

of March 7, 1898, page 151.

4. Additional property per inventory for 1898, printed in Council proceedings of April 3, 1899, page 152.

Inventory for 1899.—Pavements.

172.—Plan of Pavement Dist. No. 3.

173.—Plat of Resurvey of Millen's Second Addition.

Sewers.

174.—Plan of Hill st and S. University ave storm sewers.

Plan of E. Liberty st. and State st. storm sewers.

Plan of S. Main st. and W. Madison st storm sewers.

175.—Plan of E. Huron st. storm sewer.

Plan of N. Division st. storm sewer (proposed)

Plan of N. Fifth ave. storm sewer (proposed)

Plan of Gott st. storm sewer (proposed)

Profiles.

176.—Profiles for Hill st. and S. University ave. storm sewers.

Books.

Two vol. Engineering News, one Inspection Book, one Field Note Book.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. F. KEY,

City Engineer.

Ann Arbor, Mich., March 28th, 1900.

To the Board of Public Works,

City of Ann Arbor.

Gentlemen—Your committee appointed to report on the papers in the custody of City Engineer Key, would respectfully report that we found the inventory of Maps, Profiles, Grade Plates, etc., which have been submitted by Mr. Key to this board, and approved by it, each year, on file in his office, and for which we receipted to him, after checking them over with care.

We would further report that the manner in which Mr. Key has indexed and filed his papers is a credit to both himself and the city.

Respectfully signed,

W. H. M'INTYRE,

T. J. KEECH,

F. G. SCHLEICHER.

Committee.

On motion of Ald. Coon the report was received and filed.

The communication of the Board of Public Works relative to crosswalks was referred to sidewalk committee.

The communication of the Board of Public Works relative to the appointment of E. W. Groves as City Engineer

was on motion of Ald Brown laid on the table.

By Ald. Brown:

Resolved that the Board of Works be instructed to make use of the services of Geo. F. Key, the Engineer appointed by the Council at its last meeting and that the chairman of the street committee be requested to have Mr. Key prepare the necessary plans and specifications for the construction of the Huron street pave-

ment, and report same to the Council at its next meeting.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Hamilton, Richards, Koch, Schlenker, Rohde, Kearns, Brown, Grose, Coon, Jenney, Bliton, Fischer, Pres. Seabolt.—13.

Nays—None.

On motion the Council adjourned.

J. E. HARKINS,
City Clerk.