

Council Chamber.

Ann Arbor, Mich., July 12, 1900

Special session.

On absence of President Seabolt, Ald. Hamilton was called to the chair.

Roll call—Present as follows:

Ald. Hamilton, Richards, Schlenker, Kearns, Vandawarker, Grose, Coon, Jenney, Bliton, Fischer—10.

Absent—Ald. Koch, Rohde, Brown, Weeks, Pres. Seabolt—5.

Mayor's Office, Ann Arbor, Mich.  
To J. E. Harkins, City Clerk:

Sir—Please issue the usual notice and call for a special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor to be held at the Council Chambers on Thursday evening, July 12th, 1900, at eight o'clock local time, for the purpose of considering the approval of the contract for paving Huron street and the construction bond for such work. Also to authorize and empower the Board of Public Works to change the curbstone on such work from Fifth avenue to State street from Berea to Amherst blue stone. Also the acceptance of the proposal for sidewalk construction at Hanover Square and directing the Board of Public Works to contract for the construction of the same and to consider the approval of the appointment of a city engineer.

Dated July 12th, 1900.

GOTTLOB LUICK, Mayor.

The contract and bond of Geo. H. Kneal was presented and read whereupon Mr. Jenney moved that the word "east side" of Ashley be substituted for the "west side."

Lost as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Coon, Jenney.—2

Nays—Ald. Hamilton, Richards, Schlenker, Kearns, Vandawarker, Grose, Bliton, Fischer—8.

By Ald. Coon that the matter of approving the contract and bond of George H. Kneal be deferred until Monday evening for further consideration.

Lost as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Hamilton, Coon, Jenney—3.

Nays—Ald. Richards, Schlenker, Kearns, Vandawarker, Grose, Bliton, Fischer—7.

By Ald. Bliton that the Board be authorized to accept the bid of Lawrence Sampfler for cement and tar walk on Hanover Square and have same constructed at once.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Hamilton, Richards, Schlenker, Kearns, Vandawarker, Grose, Coon, Jenney, Bliton, Fischer—10.

Nays—None.

Report of Special Committee:  
To the Common Council:

Your committee appointed with directions to settle and adjust the question of city engineer if possible, beg leave to submit the following report: We have had a protracted interview with the President of the Board of Public Works and the Mayor and in said interview went over the whole question and unanimously came to the following conclusion:

That Mr. Key be paid \$200 in full for all services to date and that his services be dispensed with from this date and that the Common Council do approve of Edwin W. Groves as city engineer.

All of which is respectfully submitted. And your committee beg to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

GEO. H. FISCHER.

F. M. HAMILTON.

Dated July 12, 1900.

Ald. Jenney moved that the report of the committee be accepted and adopted.

Ald. Coon offered as a substitute that the matter be laid over until Monday night. Not being seconded the previous motion was adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Hamilton, Richards, Schlenker, Kearns, Vandawarker, Grose, Jenney, Bliton, Fischer—9.

Nays—Ald. Coon—1.

Office of Board of  
Public Works,

Ann Arbor, Mich., July 12, 1900.

To the Common Council:

The Board of Public Works kindly withdraws its appointment of J. B. Davis to the office of city engineer, and have this day passed an order as follows:

By Mr. McIntyre:

Resolved that Edwin W. Groves of Ann Arbor be and is hereby appointed city engineer of the City of Ann Arbor to hold such office during the pleasure of the Board of Public Works at a salary of \$100 per month.

Resolved further that this appointment is hereby certified to the Common Council with a respectful request that such appointment be confirmed.

By order of the Board of Public Works.

J. E. HARKINS, Clerk.

By Ald. Bliton:

That the recommendation of the Board relative to the appointment of an engineer by concurred in.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Hamilton, Richards, Schlenker, Kearns, Vandawarker, Grose, Coon, Jenney, Bliton, Fischer—10.

Nays—None.

On motion the council adjourned.

JAS. E. HARKINS, Clerk.

Council Chamber, July 16, 1900.

Regular meeting.

Called to order by Ald. Hamilton.

Roll call: Present—Ald. Hamilton, Richards, Schlenker, Rohde, Kearns, Vandawarker, Grose, Coon, Jenney, Bliton, Fischer—11. Absent—Ald. Koch, Brown, Weeks, Pres. Seabolt—4.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR.

Mayor's Office.

To the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I am compelled to return without my approval so much of the proceedings of the last meeting of your

Honorable Body as relates to the appropriation of the sum of one hundred dollars in payment of the services of George F. Key for the month of June, for reasons which I have heretofore stated.

I am convinced more thoroughly than ever that the common council is without power to appoint an engineer, or to employ any person to act in the capacity of engineer, or to otherwise act for the city at a stated or fixed salary.

If Mr. Key has done any work for the city during the month of June, it has not been made to appear by the record, and I am without, as the common council was without, any means to determine the reasonable worth of such services. I am, however, fully convinced that no such service rendered as engineer was worth the sum of one hundred dollars. I am, therefore, unable to approve of your allowance of the sum of one hundred dollars for such services.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GOTTLOB LUICK.

July 9, 1900.

Petition of C. A. Buelow and others for a light on Felch and Miner streets was received and referred to lighting committee.

Entered, Ald. Weeks.

Petition of Silas P. Hill et al. for hydrant was received, whereupon Ald. Jenney, chairman of water committee, reporting same to be a necessity, Ald. Hamilton, the other member of the committee, acquiesced with Ald. Jenney, and on motion of Ald. Coon the report was received and adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Hamilton, Richards, Schlenker, Rohde, Kearns, Vandawarker, Grose, Weeks, Coon, Jenney, Bliton, Fischer—12.

Nays—None.

A petition to amend ordinance relative to hacks, drays and runners, signed by Robison & Co. and others, received and referred to ordinance committee.