

Council Chamber.

Ann Arbor, Oct. 16, 1902.

Special session.

Meeting called to order by Pres. Haarer.

Roll call: Present—Ald. Hamilton, Douglas, Schlenker, Clancy, Schumacher, Grose, Coon, Pres. Haarer—8. Absent—Ald. Koch, Kearns, Johnson, Roberts, Jenney, Burg, Fischer—7.

Call for special meeting read.

THE CALL.

Mayor's Office,

Ann Arbor, Oct. 15, 1902.

Mr. Jas. E. Harkins, City Clerk:

Dear Sis—Please issue the usual notice and call for a special meeting of the council this evening, Oct. 15, 1902, at 7:30 o'clock, local time, for the purpose of devising means to relieve the poor of the city, and prevent suffering from the want of fuel.

R. S. COPELAND, Mayor.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE.

Mayor's Office,

Ann Arbor, Mich., Oct. 15, '02.

To the Honorable the Common Council—Gentlemen:

There is in our community such a feeling of apprehension concerning the question of fuel supply that it seemed wise to call you together in special session to consider the matter.

I have taken pains to investigate the condition of the coal and wood yards and am glad to report that our people are not in immediate danger of suffering from want of fuel. On yesterday afternoon the fuel dealers met at my request and after careful inventory of their resources reported as follows:

They have in hand 3,050 cords of block wood and 1,430 tons of soft coal. While the usual winter supply of hard coal for our city is 20,000 tons, they have furnished but 10,000 tons. However, they have placed an extraordinary amount of soft coal and wood and estimate that our citizens are supplied with fully two-thirds of the normal amount of fuel.

Furthermore, the dealers are still re-

ceiving soft coal and, while it is furnished them at a price considerably above the amount it usually costs, they feel hopeful that it can be supplied our people at a reasonable rate. More than this, the dealers have authorized me to state that they will furnish the city, at absolute cost, all the fuel it needs to supply the poor of our community.

Certainly this is a very generous offer. For getting fuel and handling it, the dealers have facilities which cannot be quickly provided by the city itself. Undoubtedly, they can furnish the supply cheaper than we could get it by any other plan.

After looking over the situation it seems to me our people are more in need of suitable stoves than of fuel. Undoubtedly many families have base-burners and are not provided with stoves suitable for burning wood and soft coal. The ordinary furnace, well cleaned and free from leaks, will consume soft coal. It requires more care, of course, but the owner will at least not suffer from cold. I believe the warning should be given that in all probability soft coal and wood will be the only available forms of fuel. Even though the strike is ended this week it will be three months, the dealers say, before Ann Arbor will receive hard coal. Every family must have stoves suitable for wood or soft coal. From my standpoint that seems the chief difficulty at present.

The charter makes it our duty to provide for the poor of the city. With the possibility of a shortage of fuel and consequent suffering, we can ill afford to take any chances in the matter. The very least that can be done by your honorable body is the appointment of a committee to co-operate with the overseer of the poor and to be made responsible for accurate knowledge of the fuel supply and the needs of our citizens. We want no one of our people to freeze or even suffer by reason of any neglect of ours.

Respectfully,

R. S. COPELAND, Mayor.

Cheboygan, Mich., Oct. 14, 1902.
Mayor Copeland,

Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dear Sir:—We have five thousand cords of 16-inch hemlock and pine short wood, which is worth seventy-five cents per cord F. O. B. cars here. It could be shipped to Ann Arbor, present rates, \$26 per car. Large car will hold from 40 to 50 cords. This would make it cost about \$1.25 to \$1.35 per cord. By agreeing to ship so many cars the M. C. R. R. Co. ought to make a special rate.

Please present this letter at the special meeting of the council you have called for tomorrow night and let them take action on it.

Yours truly,
O. M. CLARK & SON.

RESOLUTION.

By Ald. Hamilton:

Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to co-operate with the poor commissioner, to act in accordance with the mayor's call. Carried.

Remarks by Col. Dean, Chas. E. Hiscock, Ald. Grose, Chas. A. Ward and Ald. Schlenker.

The chair appointed as committee of three Ald. Hamilton, Schlenker and Grose.

On motion the council adjourned.

E. H. ANDREWS,
Deputy Clerk.

Council Chambers, Oct. 20, 1902.
Regular session.

Meeting called to order by the Clerk.

On motion Ald. Hamilton was made chairman pro tem. for the evening.

The minutes of the previous meeting read and after correcting typographical error were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS.

The petition of Henry Schlemmer et al. for Electric street light at intersection of South Main and Moseley street.

The petition of Eugene F. Mills et al., for cross walk at intersection of

Packard st., north side, and Thompson street.

The petition of B. G. Crookston for a line fence as described was received and referred to their proper committees.

Office of the Board of Public Works.
To the Common Council,

Gentlemen: We submit to you our annual report of all walks constructed by this Board and charged to the property owners, as per your order.

WM. H. McINTYRE,
President of the Board.
JAS. E. HARKINS,
City Clerk.

Ed Ryan—Debtor to the City of Ann Arbor for the construction of walk in front of part of lots No. 14, 15, Block No. 4 north, Range 4 east, bounded north by lot No. 13, south by Beakes street, east by Ryan's land, west by Clark's land. \$15.75.

E. E. Beal—Debtor to the City of Ann Arbor for the construction of walk in front of lot No. 8, Block 3 north, Range 4 east. \$18.00.

Judson Mulder—Debtor to the City of Ann Arbor for the construction of walk in front of South ½ of lot No. 5, and north one rod of lot 4, Block 4 north, Range 4 east. \$13.50.

Carroll, Bridget—Debtor to the City of Ann Arbor for the construction of walk in front of lots No. 12, 13, except that portion of lot No. 13 sold to Frank Minnis, Block 2 north, Range 15 east. \$25.50.

Estate of Geo. Hendricks—Debtor to the City of Ann Arbor for the construction of walk in front of the undivided five sixth of lots No 14 and 15, Block 2 north, Range 15 east. \$31.88

Mary S. Palmer—Debtor to the City of Ann Arbor for the construction of walk in front of the undivided one-sixth of lots No. 14, 15, Block 2 north, Range 15 east. \$5.75.

Estate of Geo. Hendricks—Debtor to the City of Ann Arbor for the construction of walk in front of lot No. 10, Block 2 north, Range 15 east, \$17.00.