

Council Chambers,  
Ann Arbor, March 23, 1903.

Special session.

Roll call: Present—Ald. Hamilton, Douglas, Koch, Schlenker, Clancy, Kearns, Johnson, Grose, Pres. Haarer—9. Absent—Ald. Schumacher, Roberts, Coon Jenney, Burg, Fischer—6.

Mayor's Office,

Ann Arbor, Mich., March 23, 1903.

Jas. E. Harkins, City Clerk:

Dear Sir—Please issue the usual notice and call for a special meeting of the common council for this evening at 7:30 o'clock, to consider and take action on:

The changing the high tension wires.

The action of the Ann Arbor railway relative to crossing Hill and Mosely streets.

R. S. COPELAND,  
Mayor.

Ald. Kearns moved that the resolution of the council in regard to high tension wires be reconsidered.

The chair declared the motion out of order.

Ald. Hamilton moved that the chair appoint a committee of three to confer with the electric light company. Carried.

The chair appointed Ald. Douglas, Schlenker and Johnson.

Ald. Koch moved that the city employ an attorney to give advice on the matter of the railway company crossing Hill and Mosely streets. Lost.

Ald. Hamilton moved that the city attorney be directed to protect the city's interest, and to report to the council what action had better be taken. Carried.

On motion the council adjourned.

JAS. E. HARKINS,  
City Clerk.

Council Chamber,  
April 9, 1903.

Regular session.

Called to order by Pres. Haarer.

Roll call: Present—Ald. Hamilton, Koch, Schlenker, Clancy, Kearns, Schumacher, Johnson, Roberts, Grose, Coon, Fischer, Pres. Haarer—12. Absent—Ald. Douglas, Jenney—2.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mayor's Office, April 9, 1903.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen: We are about to dissolve those political bonds which for two years have held us in such close and such pleasant relation. With the exception of four places in your honorable body the elective city offices are filled exactly as they were two years ago. During that time we have been called upon but once to mourn the death of a colleague. In the transation of Alderman Burg we lost a true friend and a wise counsellor. Many have been the vicissitudes of these years, but always the memory of the friendships formed will be as sweet incense.

It is fitting that in a brief review we call to mind some of your achievements during this period. The community can not yet judge how well you have builded. I am here to say, however, that future generations will know that this Council existed and will point with pride to the monuments erected by your order. The City of Ann Arbor will be fortunate indeed if your successors do as well.

#### FINANCIAL.

The present administration came into power on the eighth of April, 1901. On that date the city's account at the bank, with the March bills paid, was overdrawn \$31,601.36. Today, were every bill paid, our overdraft, \$13,392.11, would be \$18,209.25 less than on the same date two years ago. This great reduction has been made in spite of the flood which wiped out so much city property and put us to an undreamed of expense of twelve or