

Council Chamber,
Ann Arbor, July 13, 1903.

Special session.

Meeting called to order by Pres.
Walz.

Present—Ald. Douglas, Gill, Schlenker, Hutzel, Miller, Johnson, Schumacher, Grose, Coon, Goodyear, Fischer, Robinson, Pres. Walz.—13.

Absent—Ald. Kearns and Bangs.

MAYOR'S CALL.

W. Ross Granger, City Clerk,

Ann Arbor, Mich.,

Dear Sir:—Please issue the usual call for a special meeting of the Common Council of said city to be held at the Council Chamber on Monday evening, July 13th, at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of meeting the physicians of this city to consider the matter of a Detention Hospital.

Yours truly,

ARTHUR BROWN.

Dated July 13, 1903.

Mayor.

COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Honorable Common Council
of the City of Ann Arbor:

After a lengthy and careful study of the subject of contagion and of infectious diseases in our city and the proper curtailment of such; it is our opinion that nothing short of an adequate detention hospital will suffice. We desire to call your attention to the fact that four classes of contagious diseases prevail from time to time and must be dealt with—measles, diphtheria, scarlet fever and small pox. Several wards will be required for the care and treatment of the three first mentioned, and a special isolation ward for small pox, a special chamber for fumigative purposes, lavatories, baths, etc. So that, in our opinion, a building at all adequate, and constructed upon modern principles will require at least \$20,000. We recommend the construction of such building as speedily as possible. We would also advise that in all cases where good evidence exists that quarantine law has been willfully violated that such offenders be summarily prosecuted, and that we hereby agree to aid to the best of our ability, in the

maintenance of all quarantine regulations.

As is well known, fire is a destructive agent of great potency we therefore recommend the installment of a proper system or plant for the disposal of all garbage, the term garbage being construed to mean all refuse from kitchen and barn or stable as well.

We would recommend also that our Common Council be more stringent in the enforcement of the ordinance governing sewer connection. We believe that all landlords and property owners should be compelled to use this valuable means of cleanliness, unless valid reasons exist to the contrary.

Inasmuch as hydrophobia is becoming unusually prevalent in Michigan, we recommend that the Council be diligent in ordering the speedy muzzling of all dogs during the heated season.

We also recommend that our county jail be no longer utilized for the detention of the unfortunate insane. A detention hospital could be so constructed that it might be used for this purpose also.

And we hereby enter into compact, individually and collectively, to aid our board of health and all officers of the law in the curtailment of infectious disease and the abatement of all unsanitary conditions, and we will not cease our labors until Ann Arbor is clean and until all of the above recommendations have been consummated.

Signed— W. B. HINSDALE,
V. C. VAUGHAN,
JAMES F. BREAKEY,
CONRAD GEORGE, JR.,
JOHN A. WESSINGER,
GEORGE DOCK.

Ald. Coon moved the communication be received, printed in the minutes of the meeting and placed on file. Carried.

RESOLUTION.

By Ald. Douglas:

Whereas, it is an opinion of this council that a detention and contagious hospital is necessary to the common

good of the city and the University of Michigan.

Resolved that this council will recommend to the voters of Ann Arbor the raising of twenty thousand dollars for the erection of a contagious hospital, providing the University of Michigan will furnish a site for the same, and will furnish heating, lighting, nurses and medical attendants.

Resolved further, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Board

of Regents at their first meeting, and that they be asked to give early consideration of this proposition.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Douglas, Gill, Schlenker, Hutzel, Miller, Johnson, Schumacher, Grose, Coon, Goodyear, Fischer, Robinson, Pres. Walz—13.

Nays—None.

On motion the council adjourned

ROSS GRANGER

Clerk.