

Council Chamber,
Ann Arbor Mich. Dec. 19, 1904.
Regular Session.

Meeting called to order by Pres. Walz.

Present—Ald. Gill, Douglas, Hutzel, Schlenker, Markey, Sherk, Goodyear, Coon, Robinson, Fischer, Pres. Walz—11.

Absent—Ald. Miller Kearns, Schumacher, Bangs—4.

Communications from the Mayor.
To the Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor,

Gentlemen:—Doubtless you all know that an effort is being made to get a portion of the University away from the City of Ann Arbor and I think that this Council ought to do what it can to prevent such a course being taken, and I therefore recommend the adoption of the annexed resolution which, if adopted, ought to be sent to the Board of Regents.

Yours very truly,

ARTHUR BROWN,

Mayor.

Whereas, the Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor has learned of an effort, which is being made by citizens of the City of Detroit, to remove from this city certain departments or parts of departments of the University, and

Whereas, every citizen of this city, especially every taxpayer, takes a personal interest in the maintenance here of the entire University, and

Whereas, this plan, if it should succeed, would remove from the City of Ann Arbor the hospitals connected with the University, and

Whereas, the City of Ann Arbor has contributed toward the purchase of property utilized by the University in connection with the work of said departments and believes thereby it has an equity in said departments, and

Whereas, on several occasions heretofore, the same question has been agitated and at the meeting of the Board of Regents held January 21, 1897, the Regents formally disposed of this question by the adoption of a certain report, signed by at least three of the present members of said board, which report recited at length the arguments against removal, in part using this language:

"Long ago the people of this state

abandoned the idea of a University with separate branches in its different cities, and adopted the policy of centering all its departments in its present location. There, as we have already said, where each department has added to the development and growth of all the rest, it has grown to its present position of eminence among the universities of the world. If it is proper, to satisfy a few of the members of one of the great professions, to remove one of its departments to Detroit, it is, on the request of other of the citizens of the state, proper to remove other departments to other cities, and, once commenced, there is no visible opportunity for pausing in the process of disintegration. It would be the beginning of the end. In the opinion of your committee, to grant the prayer of the petitioners would be not only a most flagrant breach of the duty laid upon us by the legislature of this state, not only impossible with any funds within the control of this board, and not only unadvisable for the real interest of the school itself, but dangerous as the first step in a policy which, once entered upon, could not easily be abandoned, and which would ultimately lead to the destruction of the University," and

Whereas, the president of the University and all its officials have in times past emphatically testified against the wisdom of any such removal, therefore be it

Resolved, that we express our confidence in the Board of Regents and ask them to speedily dispose of this question, as they have similar ones in times past, and thereby relieve the anxiety of our citizens.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Gill, Douglas, Hutzel, Schlenker, Markey, Sherk, Goodyear, Coon Robinson, Fischer, Pres. Walz.—11.

Nays—None.

Enter Ald. Miller.

To the Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor,

Gentlemen:—I enclose herewith communication from H. W. Ashley of the Ann Arbor Railroad Company in reference to a siding across Liberty street at grade, and would recommend that the resolution be adopted as the absence of the side

track has been a serious loss to the shippers along said track.

Respectfully,
ARTHUR BROWN.

Mayor.

Toledo, Ohio, December 6, 1904.

Mr. Arthur Brown,

Ann Arbor, Michigan,

Dear Sir:—We hear that the supreme court has reversed Michigan Milling Company against Ann Arbor Railroad Company and dismissed the bill.

I have today submitted a side track contract to Mr. Almendinger—he has verbally indicated that he will accept it.

A print is attached to this note which indicates the best location for this track—both for the property owners and I think the city also.

In order to so construct it the city must give permission to lay the rails across Liberty street—see print.

Will you not introduce and have this resolution passed?

“Whereas the business of the Ann Arbor Chicory Company and the Michigan Milling Company would be benefitted by a side track to the Ann Arbor Railroad—and whereas the only practicable present means of providing such a track requires that a portion of it should be placed in Liberty street.

“Resolved, that the Ann Arbor Railroad Co. be and is hereby authorized to lay a track for such purpose in accordance with the print hereto attached and to maintain and operate it so long as the business interests of the property adjacent thereto may require. That the Ann Arbor Railroad Company shall be responsible and hold the city harmless of any and all claims resulting from the construction and operation of the said sidetrack.”

Respectfully,

H. W. ASHLEY,

Ass't to President.

Received and referred to the street and sidewalk committee.

Dec. 19, 1904.

The Honorable Arthur Brown,

Mayor of Ann Arbor.

Sir:—The undersigned, constituting the Board of Health of the city, wish to bring to your attention the necessity of some proper provision for the care of persons who may be

afflicted with infectious disease. We think that the recent epidemic of smallpox here, though limited in extent and mild in character, has furnished abundant warning of what serious damage might at any time result to the city if it should remain unprovided with a hospital where such patients can be promptly and properly isolated and cared for. In our judgment no city which makes any pretension to progress and proper sanitary administration, can afford to be without such a hospital, and we are placed here under circumstances which make it especially imperative. The presence in our city of a great university brings us a large shifting population from all portions of the country, subjecting us constantly to the danger of having some contagious disease brought in upon us from outside; and the fact that nearly all of these students live in rented rooms and board outside renders it impossible to care for them in their rooms in case a quarantine is necessary. If a serious epidemic of any one of the more dangerous contagious diseases should break out amongst our student population we should be almost helpless to prevent its spread; and aside from the possible loss of life we are sure that everyone must realize how much damage such an epidemic would do the city from a business point of view. The City of Ann Arbor spends at present an absurdly small sum of money for sanitary purposes, and since the attempt to have the county provide a contagious hospital has failed we believe that the expenditure by the city of the requisite amount of money for this purpose would be a wise and proper investment.

For these reasons we respectfully request you to bring this matter to the attention of the Council, to the end that they may as speedily as possible take the proper measures to provide the city with a properly built and well equipped hospital for the reception of all such diseases as it may seem proper to isolate from the rest of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS B. COOLEY,

H. J. BROWN,

H. B. DODSLEY.

Received and the following resolution offered:

By Ald. Douglas—

Resolved that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to look into the matter and report at next meeting of the council. Adopted.

President Walz appointed as such committee—Ald. Douglas, Coon and Fischer.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—I wish to call your attention to what I think is an injustice that is being done to our efficient city clerk. From many years' experience in an office of this character, I know of my own knowledge that this city now has one of the best city clerk's in its history. I have carefully observed the great care that Mr. Granger has taken in the performance of his duties as clerk and I have no hesitation in saying that this city can not ask for a more efficient officer than he has made.

Mr. Granger as city clerk has given his entire time to the performance of his duties as such for a year and six months, during which time he has received a compensation therefor in the sum of one thousand dollars and a very small amount per year as fees. Out of this sum he has been obliged to pay his deputy and after that is paid it will not leave Mr. Granger no more than seven hundred dollars per year for his services. Mr. Granger is and has been worth very much more to this city than that sum per year and although he has made no objection and has not asked for an increase yet I think it is the duty of the city to pay its officers what they are reasonably worth.

As city clerk for one thousand dollars per year out of which he must pay his deputy he is receiving very much less than our street commissioner and city marshal and chief of fire department, and no more than we are paying our firemen and members of the police force. I understand that Mr. Granger is now paying and has paid about \$400 per year for a deputy and I think that this city ought to pay its city clerk a sufficient salary so that he will have at least \$1000 per year net for his

own services, and would therefore recommend that the salary of the city clerk be left at \$1000 per year and in addition thereto that he be allowed the sum of \$25 per month which in connection with the fees would make about \$400 per year for clerk hire, and that the extra allowance of \$25 per month commence on the first of May, 1904, and that a warrant for eight months at \$25 per month be drawn at this time.

I would also recommend that the usual salaries of city officers including the members of the police force and firemen and such labor bills as have been examined by the finance committee be passed at this time so that the persons who are to receive the same may get their pay before Christmas.

Yours very truly,

ARTHUR BROWN,

Dated Dec. 19, 1904.

Mayor.

Received and the following resolution offered by Ald. Douglas:

Resolved that the city clerk be allowed twenty-five dollars per month to pay a stenographer and the help necessary to do the work in the city clerk's office, and that a warrant for \$200 be drawn for same purpose for eight months preceeding this date.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Gill, Douglas, Htuzel, Schlenker, Miller, Markey, Sherk, Goodyear Coon, Robinson, Fischer, Pres. Walz.—12.

Nays—None

A communication was received from S. S. Walker relative to changing the name of Chapin street. Communication read and ordered on file.

Petitions.

Petition of Mark Howard et al for arc light on Vaughn street received and referred to Lighting Committee.

Petition of Frank Ryan et al relative to arc light being placed on Detroit street received and referred to Lighting Committee.

Committee Reports.

By Ald. Douglas—

Resolved that Rule 21 be suspended for the evening.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Gill, Douglas, Htuzel, Schlenker, Miller, Markey, Sherk, Goodyear, Coon, Robinson, Fischer, Pres. Walz—12.

Nays—None.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 19, 1904.
To the Honorable the Common Council.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Finance have had the following bills under consideration and would recommend that said bills be approved and that warrant be drawn for the same.

H. W. DOUGLAS,
EMMETT COON,
GEO. H. FISCHER,
Committee.

Contingent Fund.

S. W. Beakes, salary.....	\$8.33
M. E. Easterly, salary	20.00
Marvin Davenport, salary ...	6.25
T. D. Kearney, salary.....	50.00
Ed. Groves, salary	100.00
Ross Granger, salary	83.33
E. L. Seyler, salary.....	125.00
Mrs. C. A. Green, rent.....	27.50
Daniel Ross, salary	83.00
Frank Mason, salary	35.00
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	\$538.41

Police Fund.

O. M. Kelsey, salary.....	83.33
Harris, Ball, salary	75.00
John O'Mara, salary	60.00
Geo. Isbell, salary	60.00
David Collins, salary	60.00
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	\$338.33

Fire Fund.

Fred Siple, salary	72.00
C. A. Edwards, salary.....	66.00
W. H. McLaren, salary.....	60.00
Max Whitlinger, salary	60.00
Eugene Williams, salary	60.00
Herman Kirn, salary	60.00
Sam'l McLaren, salary	60.00
Fred Nordman, salary	60.00
Chas. Andrews, salary	60.00
Ralph Edwards, salary	60.00
Chas. Carroll, salary	30.00
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	\$648.00

Poor Fund.

Fred Siple, salary	10.00
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Street Fund.

Emil Gerstler, labor	2.57
Mathew Dalton, labor	4.95
Geo. Zeifle, labor	10.27
Silas Elsifor, street sweeping	5.83
Herman Marquardt, snow plowing	4 00
Geo. Weeks, snow plowing...	3.00
John Herrst, snow plowing..	4.00
Bennett French, snow plowing	4.00
C. J. Snyder, snow plowing..	4.00

James Mason, labor	11.76
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	\$54.38

Bridge, Culvert & Crosswalk Fund.

James Mason, labor	6.24
Peter Biorchi, labor	6.24
Lewis Sinella, labor	6.24
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	\$18.72

Cemetery Fund.

L. D. Grose, labor.....	4.00
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RECAPITULATION.

Contingent fund	\$538.41
Police fund	338.33
Fire fund	\$648.00
Poor fund	10.00
Street fund	54.38
Bridge, Cul. & Crosswalk fund	18.72
Cemetery fund	4.00
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Total \$1611.84
Adopted as follows: .

Yeas—Ald. Gill, Douglas, Hutzell, Schlenker, Miller, Markey, Sherk, Goodyear, Coon, Robinson, Fischer, Pres. Walz.—12.

Nays—None.

Ordinance Committee.

Ald. Fischer presented an ordinance relative to the management and control of Fairview Cemetery which was given its first reading by title and passed to its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Gill, Douglas, Hutzell, Schlenker, Miller, Markey, Sherk, Goodyear, Coon, Robinson, Fischer, Pres. Walz—12.

Nays—None.

Report of City Officers.

To the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The case of Louis Rhode vs. The City of Ann Arbor, The Ann Arbor Railroad Company and the Detroit, Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor and Jackson Railway came on for trial in the Circuit Court last Monday. I am glad to report that after taking testimony until Tuesday noon the case was settled by the Ann Arbor Railroad Company and the Detroit, Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor and Jackson Railway paying Rhode three hundred dollars, and dismissed without cost or expense to the city. An agreement relinquishing the city and the other defendants from all claim for damage which has or shall arise by reason of the separation of the grade of the

Ann Arbor Railroad Company's track and the lowering of the grade of Huron street was signed by Rhode and the attorneys for the several defendants, and I have filed copy of same with the city clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. D. KEARNEY,

City Attorney.

Received, read and ordered on file.
To the Common Council.

Gentlemen:—In the matter of the census of the city taken by direction of the Council and referred to me, I respectfully report that I prepared a petition to the Hon. Fred M. Warner, secretary of state, to correct the census of this city taken by the state, and employed Mr. Glen V. Mills to circulate it among the business men and taxpayers of the city for their signatures.

I this day mailed to Mr. Warner

said petition signed by 92 of the leading business men and taxpayers of this city, an affidavit by Glen V. Mills that the census is correct, and a letter explanatory of same, copies of all of which I have filed with the city clerk.

I also expressed to Mr. Warner report of the census taken by order of the city

The matter of the high tension wires referred to me is a troublesome one and I am unable to make a report at this meeting, but will report at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. D. KEARNEY,

City Attorney.

Received, read and ordered on file.
On motion the council adjourned.

ROSS GRANGER,

City Clerk.