

Council Chamber,

Ann Arbor, Michigan, Feb. 4, 1907.

Regular Session.

Meeting called to order by Pres. Gilmore.

Present—Ald. Miller, Sweet, St. James, Manwaring, Sherk, Goodyear, Blaich, Pres. Gilmore—8.

Absent—Ald. Gill, Snaubel, Kurtz, Schneider, Markey, Abbott, Fischer—7.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Comminucations.

From the board of fire commissioner's meeting, Ann Arbor, Jan. 24th, 1907.

Moved by Mr. Millard that this board recommend the acceptance of the Nott fire engine and the payment for same be made at once. Adopted unanimously.

By. Ald. Sherk—

Resolved, That the recommendation be concurred in and the clerk draw warrant for \$5,000.00 in favor of the Nott Fire Engine Co., payment in full as per contract for fire engine.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Miller, Sweet, St. James, Manwaring Sherk, Goodyear, Blaich, Pres. Gilmore—8. Nays—None.

From board of public works—Communications in form of motions made and carried.

Office of board of public works,

Ann Arbor, Michigan, Feb. 1, 1907.

The bill of Mrs. Plunket for damage by sewer stopping up presented and on motion of Mr. Scott was referred to the council.

This matter was referred to the city attorney.

The plans and specifications for city hall were presented to the board and following motion made.

Moved by Mr. Scott: that the plans and specifications as modified by Mr. Pipp be referred to the council with the recommendation that they be accepted.

Action on this matter deferred one meeting.

Enter Ald. Schneider and Kurtz.

Finance Committee.

Ann Arbor, Michigan, Feb. 4th, 1907.

Finance Report.

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

Gentlemen:—Your committee on finance have had the following bills under consideration and would recommend their approval and that warrants be drawn for same.

E. B. Manwaring,
Wm. Goodyear,
Committee.

Contingent Fund.

George W. Sample, salary..\$	8.33
M. E. Easterly, salary.....	20.00
Marvin Davenport, salary..	6.25
Frank Stivers, salary.....	50.00
S. W. Beakes, salary.....	125.00
Ross Granger, salary.....	125.00
E. W. Groves, salary.....	125.00
John Wisner, salary.....	83.00
Napolian Brough, salary...	35.00
E. K. Herdman, salary....	37.50
John Wessinger, salary....	37.50
H. B. Dodsley, salary.....	25.00
H. J. Brown, salary.....	12.50
Mrs. C. A. Green, rent.....	37.50
Hutzel & Co., services.....	2.25
F. M. Dyer, services.....	14.50
F. M. Dyer, services.....	20.50
T. P. Manwaring, services..	27.90
Geo. Schlimmer, services...	2.00
S. F. Garvin, services.....	2.00
H. J. Brown, supplies.....	18.40
Henne & Stenger, supplies..	2.25
R. L. Polk & Co., director-	
ies.....	6.00
Richmond Backus Co., sup-	
plies.....	5.50
Washtenaw Light & Power	
Co., supplies.....	6.35
George Wahr, supplies.....	2.40
L. O. Cushing, supplies....	3.00
Mary Stuart Coffin, sup-	
plies.....	1.50

Geo. W. Weeks, supplies. . .	18.75
Hoag's Supply Co., supplies, . .	.30
George W. Sample, clerk hire.	86.00
Sid W. Millard, printing. . . .	8.00
Athens Press, printing.	3.50
Argus Pub. Co., printing. . . .	29.40
Ann Arbor News, printing. . .	31.40
Wm. Clark, services.	1.10

\$ 1,020.58

Fire Fund.

C. A. Edwards, salary. . . . \$	37.50
Eugene Williams, salary. . .	33.00
Chas. Andrews, salary.	32.50
Herman Kirn, salary.	30.00
Fred Nordman, salary.	30.00
Ralph Edwards, salary.	30.00
Wm. Rettich, salary.	27.50
Dean Seabolt, salary.	27.50
Tom O'Brien, salary.	27.50
Geo. Hoelzel, salary.	27.50
Fred Jolly, salary.	27.50
Rex Burnett, salary.	27.50
Carl Kuehn, salary.	25.00
John Flynn, salary.	27.50
Wm. Bernik, salary.	25.00
John Keefe, salary.	25.00
Jacob Gwinner, salary.	25.00
Fred Stein, salary.	27.50
Chas. Carroll, salary.	20.00
Frank Kapp, salary.	20.00
Frank L. Cornwell, supplies.	15.00
Henne & Stenger, supplies. .	14.90
Casper Rinsey, supplies. . . .	5.40
Geo. W. Sweet, supplies. . . .	12.00
Washtenaw Light & Power Co.	8.50
J. P. Drake, services.	8.90
Wm. Goodeyar, supplies. . . .	13.50
Geo. W. Weeks, supplies. . . .	45.00
H. J. Kleinschmidt, team. . .	500.00
John Heinzmann, supplies. . .	4.40
B. St. James, supplies.	2.70
Mr. Bartlett, hay.	17.08
H. D. Mann, supplies.	15.00
Mr. Morton, hay.	41.18

Mrs. Ream, washing.	11.00
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	\$ 1,267.56

Police Fund.

Cha. Masten.	\$ 41.66
Wm. Eldert, salary.	41.66
Harris Ball, salary.	37.50
David Collins, salary.	30.00
John O'Mara, salary.	30.00
Wm. Walsh, salary.	30.00
Wm. A. Clark, salary.	30.00
Eberbach & Son, supplies. . .	4.50

\$ 245.32

Poor Fund.

Casper Rinsey, supplies. . . . \$	18.78
M. M. Seabolt, supplies. . . .	18.90
D. C. Prochnow, supplies. . . .	15.26
Rinsey & Keyer, supplies. . . .	12.00
Miller & Pray, supplies.	15.97
B. St. James, supplies.	6.00
M. Staebler & Son.	12.00
Geo. W. Weeks, supplies. . . .	7.50
F. Muehlig, supplies.	10.00
F. Cornwell, supplies.	7.50
Wm. H. L. Rohde, supplies. . .	9.50
Gruner & Co., supplies.	2.00
John Haarer, supplies.	1.40
Jos. Hoheisel, supplies.	4.00
C. F. Shoeman, supplies. . . .	3.50
C. H. Overbeck, supplies. . . .	3.48
M. C. R. R., ticket to Detroit.75
J. W. Markey, supplies.	87.00
Henry Schwab, supplies. . . .	3.50
Fischer & Co., supplies.	24.56
M. J. Martin, salary.	10.00

\$ 273.60

Cemetery Fund.

L. D. Grose, salary.	\$ 29.16
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Dog Fund.

Paul Gabler, bur. 2 cats. . . . \$	1.00
J. W. Green, bur. 1 dog.50

\$ 1.50

Street Lighting Fund.

Welshbach Street Lighting Co.	\$ 163.17
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Washtenaw Light & Power Co.	849.87
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	\$ 1,013.04

Street Fund.

A. C. Hetsler, supplies, etc.	\$ 6.65
John Wisner, paid freight. .	.25
John Hurst, snow plowing.	9.00
Harvey Robinson, snow plowing.	9.00
Bennett French, snow plowing.	9.00
William Stark, snow plowing.	9.00
Geo. Weeks, snow plowing. .	7.00
William Hudson, snow plowing.	4.50
Marion Wheelock, snow plowing.	4.50
Matt Leopold, labor.	1.29
Wm. Kuehn, labor.	1.47
Chas. Niethammer, labor. . .	2.20
John Weinmann, labor.	2.39
John Holka, labor.	2.57
Wm. Bury, labor.	7.80
Ed Passmore, labor.	1.00
James Travis, labor.	1.80
Geo. Collins, team.	1.23
N. Woodmansee, team.	3.12
C. Niethammer, team.	5.45
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	\$ 89.22

Bridge, Culvert & Crosswalk Fund.

Julius Lohrke, services.	\$ 12.00
Sam C. Andres, supplies.	21.59
Ann Arbor Water Co., flush tank.	3.97
W. L. McCullough Co., supplies.	9.66
Wm. Bucholz, labor.92
Max Wittlinger, labor.92
John McHugh, labor.	1.29
Matt Leopold, labor.	2.39
Wm. Keuhn, labor.	2.39
John Weinmann, labor.	2.94
Wm. Bury, labor.	5.87

John Holka, labor.	6.42
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	\$ 70.36

Park Fund.

Benz Bros., supplies.	\$ 4.28
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Recapitulation.

Contingent fund.	\$ 1,020.58
Fire fund.	1267.56
Police fund.	245.32
Poor fund.	273.60
Cemetery fund.	29.16
Dog fund.	1.50
Street lighting fund.	1,013.04
Street fund.	89.22
Bridge, Cul., and C. W.	70.36
Park fund.	4.28

Total. \$ 4,014.62

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Kurtz, Schneider, Miller, Sweet, St. James, Manwaring, Sherk, Goodyear, Blaich, Pres. Gilmore—10. Nays—None.

Enter Ald. Gill and Snaubel.

Other bills presented:

H. Otto & Son, repairs.	\$ 6.90
Geo. Wackenhut, straw.	3.80

Moved by Ald. Manwaring that bills be allowed. Supported and adopted as follows: Yeas—Ald. Gill, Snaubel, Kurtz, Schneider, Miller, Sweet, St. James, Manwaring, Sherk, Goodyear, Blaich, Pres. Gilmore—12. Nays—None.

Bill of Frank Perkins for collection of garbage was presented without recommendation.

Ald. Gill moved that a committee of three aldermen be appointed to act with health officer and investigate the matter of garbage collection and advisability of allowing this bill. Ald. Manwaring, Abbott and Miller appointed.

Bills of University Hospital \$51.86 and Dr. Leroy W. Childs, \$30.00, for services to Charles Masten were presented without recommendation.

Enter Ald. Abbott and Fischer.

Moved by Ald. Manwaring that bills be allowed. Supported and adopted as follows: Yeas—Ald. Gill, Snaubel, Kurtz, Miller, Sweet, St. James, Manwaring, Sherk, Goodyear, Blaich, Abbott, Fischer, Pres. Gilmore—13.

Nays—Ald. Schneider.

The finance committee having Mrs. Duncan's bill for repair of driveway under consideration recommended that the bill be not allowed. Concurred in.

Ordinance Committee.

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

Gentlemen—Your committee having under consideration amendments to the city charter would report that after consideration and discussion of various suggestions relative to changes in the charter that they favor and hereby recommend that a bill be submitted to the legislature embodying amendments as follows:

1. That the fire commission be abolished and that the fire department in the future be under the immediate supervision of the common council, with a provision that the fire chief be given greater powers, including the right to nominate members of the fire department subject to the approval of the council.

2. That the president of the council shall be ex-officio a member of all committees of the council.

3. That the salary of the health officer shall be Six Hundred (\$600.00) dollars per year, and that in consideration of such increase said officer shall in the future do all the work of fumigating and inspecting in addition to the duties now required of him.

4. That the city treasurer be paid a salary instead of commissions, and that a salary be fixed at (\$1,200.00) Twelve Hundred dollars per year, with an additional allowance of One Hundred dollars (\$100.00) for clerk hire.

5. That aldermen receive Five dollars

(\$5.00) per day for services on board of review, election and registration.

6. That the board of public works be given power to construct improvements and to purchase materials therefor in all cases of failure to get satisfactory bids for such public improvements.

7 That the aggregate amount which the council may raise by general tax for the purpose of the several city funds shall be increased to an amount not in excess of three-fourths of one per cent on the assessed value of all the real and personal property in the city taxable by law.

8. That a municipal court be established. And the judge thereof be elected by a vote of the people and hold office for a term of four years.

Your committee would further report that other proposed changes are under consideration by the committee and that a supplemental report will hereafter be made relative to the same"

Geo. H. Fischer,
E. B. Manwaring,
Horatio J. Abbott,

Committee.

The recommendations were taken up in sections and adopted as follows:

Sec. 1. On motion of Ald. Sherk, unanimously.

Sec. 2. On motion of Ald. Manwaring, unanimously.

Sec. 3. On motion of Ald. Abbott, unanimously.

Sec. 4. On motion of Ald Abbott, unanimously.

Sec. 5. On motion of Ald. Miller, adopted as follows: Yeas—Ald. Snaubel, Kurtz, Schneider, Miller, Sweet, St. James, Manwaring, Sherk, Goodyear, Blaich, Abbott, Fischer—12 Nays—Ald. Gill, Pres. Gilmore.—2

Sec. 6. On motion of Ald. Manwaring, unanimously.

Sec. 7. Action on this section deferred,

Sec. 8. On motion of Ald. Sherk, adopted as follows: Yeas—Ald. Gill, Snaubel, Kurtz, Miller, Sweet, St. James, Manwaring, Sherk, Goodyear, Blaich, Abbott, Fischer, Pres. Gilmore—13. Nays—Ald. Schneider—1.

Wm. Goodyear:

Resolved, That the report of the committee relative to charter amendments is hereby approved.

Resolved, Further, That the city attorney be, and hereby is, directed to draft a bill to be submitted to the legislature embodying the changes recommended in said report and report the same at the next meeting of this council.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Gill, Snaubel, Kurtz, Schneider, Miller, Sweet, St. James, Manwaring, Sherk, Goodyear, Blaich, Abbott, Fischer, Pres. Gilmore—14.

Nays—None.

Sewer Committee.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your committee on sewers, to whom was referred the estimate and report of the city engineer relative to the construction of the lateral sewer in district No. 25, beg leave to report that they have had such estimate and report as well as the resolution of the common council under consideration and have made due inquiries relating thereto, and that we have heard all persons desiring to be heard in the premises, and your committee is of the opinion that there is necessity for the construction of such lateral sewer, and that special taxing or assessment districts ought to be fixed by the common council upon and against which the construction of such sewer may be charged, street crossings excepted, pursuant to the ordinance in such case made and provided.

Your committee further recommends that resolutions fixing the boundaries of said district be prepared by the city

engineer and board of public works ordered to advertise for bids for the construction of above named sewer.

Lewis Kurtz,
G. W. Blaich,
E. B. Manwaring,
C. J. Sweet,
B. St. James,
Horatio J. Abbott,
Committee.

By Ald. Sweet:

Resolved, That this council still deeming it expedient to cause to be constructed a lateral sewer in lateral sewer district No. 25, the construction of the same is hereby ordered.

Resolved, Further, That the city engineer furnish proper boundaries by the next regular meeting of the council and this order and determination be certified to the city assessor and the board of public works, and the board advertise for bids on construction of said sewer.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Gill, Snaubel, Kurtz, Schneider, Miller, Sweet, St. James, Manwaring, Sherk, Goodyear, Blaich, Abbott, Fischer, Pres. Gilmore—14.

Nays—None.

Your committee to whom was referred the construction of a stone water sewer through the Judson property beg to report that we have investigated this matter and recommend that the sewer be built, as soon as practicable, after Mr. Judson files with the city clerk a deed to a street through his land and an agreement to grade said street, said deed an agreement to be satisfactory to the city attorney.

Lewis Kurtz,
B. St. James,
George Blaich,
Horatio J. Abbott,

Moved by Ald. Manwaring recommendation be concurred in.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Gill, Snaubel, Kurtz,

Schnieder, Miller, Sweet, St. James, Manwaring, Sherk, Goodyear, Blaich, Abbott, Fischer, Pres Gilmore.—14.

Nays—None.

Special Committee.

To the Honorable, the Mayor and the Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor:

Gentlemen:—Your committee appointed to investigate the condition of the water supply and source of contamination of the same would respectfully report, as follows:

Your entire committee, with the exception of the city attorney, have made a personal investigation and inspection relative to the matter in question. At the request of your committee, our chairman, the city health officer, has made a report, which is hereto attached, covering his personal investigation and also stating relative to the investigations of the other members of the committee. This report is attached hereto and is herewith made a part of this report, the members of your committee having personal knowledge of most of the matters stated therein and fully endorse said report and recommendations therein contained.

It is the sense of your committee that the council should take immediate action to safe-guard the city water supply against contamination and if possible to prevent the re-occurrence of such menace to the public health.

John H. Wessinger,
Health Officer.

Frank A. Stivers,
City Attorney.

Geo. W. Blaich,
Ald. 6th Ward.

E. B. Manwaring,
Ald. 5th Ward.

E. W. Groves,
City Engineer.

C. W. Gill,
Ald. 1st Ward.
Committee.

Hon. F. M. Hamilton, Mayor, and to the Common Council:

As health officer of the city of Ann Arbor and chairman of a special committee appointed to investigate the condition of our water supply and sources of contamination of the same, I have the honor to report as follows:

That on or about July 1st, 1906, I began a systematic investigation to determine if possible, the source of contamination of the water, existant at that time, that I had analysis made both of the Huron River Station and also of the Washington street station. That at that time we found the water at the Huron River Station free from contamination and the Washington street station water contaminated. That I, at that time, informed the Ann Arbor Water Company that such was the condition, having traced the trouble to the Washington street station. I desire to report further, that the water company by its officials upon several occasions furnished me with samples of water which I used in my endeavor to locate the source of trouble at the aforesaid station, that repeated examinations were made here without results. I desire to report further, that independent of any aid from the officials of the Ann Arbor Water Company, I have obtained information which led me to discover a system of surface drainage into our water supply at the Washington street station known to the officials of the said company but withheld from me by them, and the existence of which was at first denied and afterwards admitted by the said officials of the Ann Arbor Water Company, which is as follows:

About 1-8 mile, more or less, west and south of Eighth street, ordinary eight inch sewer pipe has been laid in the dark soil of the ravine. After traversing this soil for some distance to the east and at a depth of five feet,

more or less, from the surface the said tile or pipe empties into a GALLEY or receiving basin, this basin being constructed of porous brick so that the water from the subsoil may pass through the same. I desire further to report that the said Galley empties its contents at the bottom and to the east by means of a (T), which connects with eight inch tile or sewer pipe and that said eight inch pipe continues toward and to and into the receiving shaft at the Washington street station. That the said eight inch tile passes under Eighth street, and leads into an eight inch iron or tile pipe which passes under a fish pond just to the east of Eighth street. That near the eastern extremity of the said fish pond the iron or tile pipe leads into ordinary sewer pipe again, which continues up to and under Seventh street and that east of Seventh street iron pipe is laid up to and into the main receiving shaft. I desire to report also, that in a straight line 12 feet west of the main receiving shaf is a GATE known as gate No. (1) and that about twenty feet in a straight line west of gate No. (1) is gate No. (2). At gate No. (2) a branching tile is laid which by means of a (Y) leads into a nearby branch of Allen's creek. The said branching tile being laid at such a depth below the surface that its mouth is at a level with the bottom of the creek above mentioned. The mouth of said tile being grated with iron bars to prevent the ingress of grass, weeds, and perhaps the larger aquatic animals. I have to report further, that when gate No. (1) is open and gate No. (2) is closed the water from the gallery and receiving tile above mentioned, flows direct into the main shaft. That when gate No. (1) is closed and gate No. (2) open, the said water then flows into the creek in question, and that when both gates No. (1) and (2) are open and the water in the creek is

high, then the water from the said branch of Allen's creek flows into the main receiving shaft and into our water supply. I desire also to report that the water taken from the gallery aforesaid on Jan. 19th, 1907, and submitted for analysis, shows upon report of Dr. V. C. Vaughan, to be highly contaminated with Pathogenic Organisms, and that water taken from other sources of supply on the same day and date and submitted for analysis by the same authority, shows no Pathogenic Organisms. I therefore recommend the immediate and absolute destruction of this above mentioned system drainage into our water supply. I advise that the destruction be of such a nature that the public may at any time see the same water flow into the creek in question. I desire and insist that gates No. (1) and No. (2) be removed from their present location. I have to report also, that I view with a degree of apprehension the existance of cess pools and water closets upon Seven and Eighth streets and West Liberty street and West Washington street, since they are in close proximity to some of the wells from which some of our water supply is drawn. And I view this latter conditions of cess pools and privy vaults as a menace to our water supply. And I desire further to report, that the condition of the marshy, mucky land containing all manner of animal and vegetable decomposing matter deposited more or less continuously for a century past, is also a serious menace to the purity of water supply.

John A. Wessinger, M. D.
Health Officer.

Received, accepted and following resolution offered by Ald. Snaubel:

Whereas. It appears by the report of the special committee appointed to investigate the sources of contamination to the city's water supply, that said contamination is due to a system of surface

drainage in the water supply at the Washington street station, known to the officials of the Water Company who withheld from the city health officer knowledge thereof during the period of his search therefor since July last, and who on being confronted with the discovery of said source of contamination at first denied its existence and then admitted the fact, and,

Whereas, Said source of contamination may, at any time, by accident or design, again become a menace to the public health, and,

Whereas, Said Water Company had no lawful right or authority to construct and maintain such dangerous system of surface drainage into the city's water supply, and,

Whereas, It is the sense of this council that such action be immediately taken as will effectually prevent the re-occurrence of such contamination, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the street commissioner be, and hereby is, ordered, under direction of the city health officer, to

remove from Seventh and Eighth streets the tile pipe which serves to convey said surface drianage into the water supply.

Resolved, further, That demand be, and hereby is, made upon the Ann Arbor Water Company, in the interests of the public health, to desist from the use of surface water in the water supply, and that the company discontinue the use of all wells now subject to danger from contamination from any source.

Resolved, further, That the city clerk caused to be served upon the Water Company a copy of said report and of this resolution.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Gill, Snaubel, Kurtz, Schneider, Miller, Sweet, St. James, Manwaring, Sherk, Goodyear, Blaiich, Abbott, Fischer, Pres. Gilmore—14.

Nays—None.

City clerk's report received, accepted and ordered on file. The council adjourned.

ROSS GRANGER,

City Clerk.