

Council Chamber, Ann Arbor, Mich., Oct. 16, 1913. Adjourned regular session.

Meeting called to order by the president. Present: Ald. Schultz, Fiegel, Hanselmann, A. Lutz, Prochnow, Koernke, Pipp, Flynn, Sherk, Hubbard, Rash, Groves, G. Lutz, Pres. Schmid, 14. Absent: Ald. Sink, 1.

Communications.

From Perry S. Kimball, calling attention to surface drainage at cor. of Fourth av. and Depot st., received, and on motion of Ald. Groves, the communication was ordered on file.

From George S. Fletcher, claiming damage to his automobile on account of Detroit, Jackson and Chicago Railway Company not completing their portion of W. Huron st. pavement, received and referred to City Attorney.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Oct. 15, 1913.

To the Honorable Common Council, Ann Arbor, Mich.: Dear Sirs — I present herewith the following list of water mains which have been ordered by the Common Council, and not laid by the Ann Arbor Water Co.:

Granger av., Ferdon road to Packard st.

N. Main st., Chubb road to Baler Co. plant.

Extension of small pipe from Granger av. to Driving Club barn.

W. Liberty st., from last hydrant west to city limits.

Hill st., Oswego st. to city limits.

Church st., 1930 ft. between College st. and Prospect st.

Hiscock st., Spring st. to First st. Crest av., Huron st. south.

Cedar st., Pontiac st. to Wright st.

Washtenaw av., 700 ft. southeast from Fair Oaks Parkway.

Hiscock st., Fountain st. to Miner st.

Eighth st., Liberty st. to Washington st.

McKinley av., State st. to Packard st.

Fourth av., 315 ft. N. of Beakes st. to south line Summit st.

Seventh st., south from Madison st. Very respectfully submitted, Manley Osgood, City Engineer.

Referred to Water committee.

By Ald. Prochnow: Resolved, that the Common Council resolve itself into a board of election canvassers and canvass the vote cast at the special election held Monday, October 13th, 1913. Adopted.

Clerk's Report on Election.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Oct. 16, 1913.

To the Board of Election Canvassers of the City of Ann Arbor, Mich.: Gentlemen—The following is a tabulated list of the votes cast for and against the several propositions voted on at the election held in this city Monday, October 13, 1913.

The whole number of votes cast for and against the acquiring of The Ann Arbor Water Works plant, was one thousand five hundred and seventy-one (1,571), and they were given as follows:

First ward	....Yes, 158;	No. 63
Second ward	..Yes, 201;	No. 83
Third ward	....Yes, 142;	No. 77
Fourth ward	...Yes, 172;	No. 66
Fifth ward	....Yes, 22;	No. 48
Sixth ward	....Yes, 130;	No. 84
Seventh ward	..Yes, 249;	No. 76

Total	.....Yes, 1,074;	No. 497
Majority for	.....	577
Majority over 3-5ths	.....	131

The whole number of votes cast for and against the purchase of The Ann Arbor Water Company water plant, and the issuance of bonds in payment for the same by the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, was one thousand five hundred and seventy-nine (1,579), and they were given as follows:

First ward	.....Yes, 161;	No. 62
Second ward	....Yes, 206;	No. 78
Third ward	...Yes, 148;	No. 74
Fourth ward	....Yes, 177;	No. 62
Fifth ward	.....Yes, 29;	No. 42
Sixth ward	.....Yes, 133;	No. 81
Seventh ward	...Yes, 257;	No. 69

Total	..... Yes, 1,111;	No, 468
Majority for	.....	643
Majority over 3-5ths	.....	163

The whole number of votes cast for and against the issuance of bonds for the purchase of the J. B. Steere and the Lewis and Freeman property, upon which the city holds options, was one thousand, five hundred and sixty-three (1,563), and they were given as follows:

First ward	.....Yes, 166;	No, 54
Second ward	....Yes, 180;	No. 96
Third ward	....Yes, 158;	No, 59
Fourth ward	....Yes, 184;	No, 57
Fifth ward	.....Yes, 62;	No. 9
Sixth ward	.....Yes, 173;	No, 42
Seventh ward	...Yes, 265;	No, 58

Total	..... Yes, 1,188	No, 375
Majority for	.....	813
Majority over 3-5ths	.....	250

No vote was taken on the proposition to issue bonds for the purchase of site for epileptic colony, as the

state commission had decided on another site.

Respectfully submitted, Ross Granger, City Clerk.

By Ald. Prochnow: Resolved, that the report of the City Clerk on the election be accepted, and that we adjourn as a board of election canvassers and resume in session of Common Council.

Adopted as follows: Yeas, Ald. Schultz, Fiegel, Hanselmann, A. Lutz, Prochnow, Koernke, Pipp, Flynn, Sherk, Hubbard, Rash, Groves, G. Lutz, Pres. Schmid, 14. Nays, none.

By Ald. Geo. Lutz: Resolved, that the Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, at a regular meeting of the Common Council for such purpose, at the council chambers in said city, on the 16th day of October, 1913, found the proposition of acquiring the Ann Arbor Water Works plant carried by 131 votes over the necessary 3-5ths, and the proposition to purchase the Ann Arbor Water Company water plant and the issuance of bonds in payment for the same by the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, carried by 163 majority over 3-5ths of the electors voting thereon at the special election held Monday, October 13, 1913.

Resolved, further, that the Common Council finds that the proposition to issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing the J. B. Steere and the Lewis and Freeman property, upon which the city holds options, carried by a majority of 250 over 3-5ths of the votes cast at the election held Monday, October 13, 1913.

Adopted as follows: Yeas, Ald. Schultz, Fiegel, Hanselmann, A. Lutz, Prochnow, Koernke, Pipp, Flynn, Sherk, Hubbard, Rash, Groves, G. Lutz, Pres. Schmid, 14. Nays, none.

By Ald. Geo. Lutz: Whereas, the Common Council having called a meeting of the electors of the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, to determine by ballot the question of raising by tax the sum of \$1,000.00 to assist the local committee of the Michigan State Teachers' Association in financing the meeting to take place in the city, October 30 and 31, 1913, and it being made to appear by the returns and reports of the election inspectors, as certified by the City Clerk, that the electors of said City of Ann Arbor at the election held September 29, 1913, pursuant to law, by ballot vote authorized this Common Council to raise by tax upon the taxable prop-

erty of the City of Ann Arbor the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the purpose named; therefore be it

Resolved, that it is hereby ordered that the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) be and the same is hereby levied and assessed on and against the taxable property of the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and the same is ordered to be spread on the tax roll of said City of Ann Arbor for the year 1913, and the City Assessor is hereby ordered and required to spread, assess and levy the said sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) on the regular city assessment rolls for the year 1913, and against the taxable property of the City of Ann Arbor pursuant to law, and said tax to be spread upon said assessment rolls under the heading "Teachers' meeting."

Resolved, further, that the City Clerk do certify this resolution and order of assessment to the City Assessor without delay.

Adopted as follows: Yeas, Ald. Schultz, Fiegel, Hanselmann, A. Lutz, Prochnow, Koernke, Pipp, Flynn, Sherk, Hubbard, Rash, Groves, G. Lutz, Pres. Schmid, 14. Nays, none.

By Ald. Geo. Lutz: Resolved, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized to draw a warrant for \$1,000.00 in favor of Junius E. Beal, treasurer of the local committee of the State Teachers' Association.

Adopted as follows: Yeas, Ald. Schultz, Fiegel, Hanselmann, A. Lutz, Prochnow, Koernke, Pipp, Flynn, Sherk, Hubbard, Rash, Groves, G. Lutz, Pres. Schmid, 14. Nays, none.

Sidewalk Committee.

To the Common Council: Gentlemen—Your sidewalk committee, to whom the following matters were referred, respectfully recommend that a crosswalk be constructed across Jefferson st. on Third st., and the crosswalk on the south side of Jefferson st. across Second st. be repaired.

Respectfully submitted, Chas. Rash, Julius Koernke, I. L. Sherk, Geo. Lutz, Wm. P. Flynn, Albert Lutz, Wm. Schultz, Sidewalk Committee.

Ald. Rash moved the adoption of the report.

Adopted as follows: Yeas, Ald. Schultz, Fiegel, Hanselmann, A. Lutz, Prochnow, Koernke, Pipp, Flynn, Sherk, Hubbard, Rash, Groves, G. Lutz, Pres. Schmid, 14. Nays, none.

By Ald. Rash: Resolved, that the grading and construction of the side-

walks hereinafter mentioned is deemed and declared to be a necessary public improvement.

Therefore, it is hereby ordered that stone or cement sidewalks be graded, built and constructed in the City of Ann Arbor on and along the north side of East Ann st. between Clark and Observatory sts., excepting in front of Charles Carroll property now built, and on the north side of East Huron st. from No. 1115 to Fourteenth st.

Adopted as follows: Yeas, Ald. Schultz, Fiegel, Hanselmann, A. Lutz, Prochnow, Koernke, Pipp, Flynn, Sherk, Hubbard, Rash, Groves, G. Lutz, Pres. Schmid, 14. Nays none.

Matter of Bucholz sidewalk on east side of N. Seventh st. referred to sidewalk committee and City Attorney.

Fire Committee.

To the Common Council: Gentlemen—Your fire committee, to whom was referred the communication from Dr. Conrad Georg relative to barn, respectfully report that we find according to the charter and ordinances we have no jurisdiction in the matter. Respectfully submitted, Albert S. Lutz, Henry G. Pipp, Geo. W. Hubbard, Fire Committee.
Ordered on file.

Lighting Committee.

To the Common Council: Gentlemen—Your committee, to whom the petitions for the following street lights were referred, respectfully recommend that an arc light be placed at corner of Cambridge road and Lincoln av. and the Tungsten light now there be placed at the eastern end of Forest court; that arc lights be placed at the junction of Norway road and Fair Oaks Parkway and at the corner of Washington st. and Crest av.

Julius H. Koernke, Thos. Hanselmann, Wm. P. Fynn, Lighting Committee.

Ald. Koernke moved the adoption of the report.

Adopted as follows: Yeas, Ald. Schultz, Fiegel, Hanselmann, A. Lutz, Prochnow, Koernke, Pipp, Flynn, Sherk, Hubbard, Rash, Groves, G. Lutz, Pres. Schmid, 14. Nays, none.

President Schmid presented a brief report to the council of the meeting of the League of Michigan Municipalities, which was held at Jackson, Mich., September 17, 18 and 19, 1911.

On Wednesday, the 17th, our city was represented by Ald. Schultz, who

attended all the sessions of the league, and was appointed as one of the members of the nominating committee.

Mayor Bailey of Jackson gave the address of welcome, which was responded to by the President of the League, ex-Mayor Giddings of St. Louis, Mich.

The report of the Secretary and Treasurer was received, and the several committees on Resolutions, Auditing and Nominations were appointed.

President Giddings' address to the league was upon its direct benefits, and the support which it should receive from all cities throughout the state.

At the evening session, two addresses were given, one by ex-Attorney J. F. Henigan, of Jackson, who spoke in the place of Hon. Charles E. Townsend, who was unable to be present. Prof. Tealdi of our city responded to the second address.

Prof. Tealdi spoke upon Civic Improvements, and was listened to with great interest by all who attended this session. He stated that most cities in the state had grown up in a sort of hap-hazard way, and were in line for great improvements in civic work and extension. He gave our city much praise in what it had done and was trying to do, and he hoped that the day would soon come that we might set an example for other cities to follow.

Thursday's meeting was attended by Alderman Schultz, Fiegel, A. Lutz, Hanselman, Prochnow, Rash, Groves, City Clerk Ross Granger, Street Commissioner Wisner, and myself.

In the morning a trip to the prison was made, and all who went returned with the feeling that the time was well spent, and spoke very highly of the courtesy shown them by Warden Simpson. You could read upon their faces what this trip meant to them, and the silent pledges that were made when the huge prison gates swung open and again allowed them their freedom.

The afternoon session was opened by an address from Rev. W. H. Poole, President of the Jackson Playground Association. He stated that the American people do not know how to play, and that both young and old should play. The playground teaches the child how to play healthful and well, and should at all times be in charge of a person who can teach the

child how to do this. Playgrounds without proper supervision are of little value. The playground takes away the selfish motive of play, and has a fine effect on morals.

Mr. L. A. Boulay, of Toledo, Ohio, gave an address on Road Building and Pavements, stating how different pavements and roads were made, and giving Ann Arbor the honor by stating that we had the best cement roads that he has seen. He believes that all cement pavements should be reinforced.

Next on the program was the fine address given us by Governor Woodbridge N. Ferris. The governor's delivery is impressive; he talks direct to the point, and does not hesitate in expressing his views of any subject. He spoke of the rapid growth of our cities within the past ten years, and the decrease in rural districts. This change he contributes to the advancement of farm machinery and the automobile. He believes that our schools should be run twelve months in the year, six nights in the week, and if necessary on Sunday. He also spoke of the picture show of today, its effect upon morals and how it should and could be bettered if proper steps were taken by the municipalities.

Following the governor's address, Dr. Dixon, Secretary of State Board of Health, read a paper upon Municipal Protective Agencies, showing how most cities neglected this appropriation for public health, but spent thousands of dollars on fire and police protection. He cited one case where a city was spending \$50,000.00 for police and fire protection, and were paying their health officer \$400.00 per year. The doctor's argument on the negligence of all cities in regard to its health department were well put, and I believe that it had a great influence on all who attended this session.

In the evening we were entertained at Hague Park, Vandecook's Lake, which is located about three miles from Jackson. After the luncheon a miscellaneous program was given and different cities were called upon to respond. Ald. Schultz responding in behalf of our city.

Friday's session was attended by Ald. Schultz, A. Lutz and myself.

The first address was given by J. J. Johnson, Mayor of Pontiac, on Commission Form of Government for Cities. Mr. Johnson gave us six-

teen reasons why cities should have this government, which were as follows:

1. Commission government eliminates party politics.

2. It abolishes ward lines.

3. All citizens have a chance for office under the commission rule. Commissioners are not dependent on party organizations for nomination and election.

4. Commission government makes the commissioners responsible to the people and not to a party or any organization. The people nominate and elect them. They must serve the people or get out.

5. The new form of government provides a short ballot and simplifies elections.

6. It offers greater safety as well as greater responsibility through the initiative, referendum, and recall.

7. It centralizes responsibility so that it cannot be evaded or shirked.

8. Commission government provides salaries sufficient to attract competent and efficient men.

9. It gives the people control over all ordinances through the initiative and referendum. They can pass any ordinance they want and repeal any ordinance they don't want.

10. Commission government makes for economy by direct and constant supervision of all municipal affairs. Commissioners are constantly on the job.

11. There are frequent meetings of the governing body under commission control. Citizens do not have to wait two weeks for the council to attend their grievances.

12. The commission form expedites city business by the elimination of unnecessary offices and officers.

13. It provides publicity for all municipal affairs.

14. Commission government reduces expenses and taxation by its business-like administration, economies and simplicity. The last year of the old form government in Pontiac the tax rate was \$12.31. Last year under commission rule it was \$7.81. Both rates are exclusive of school tax.

15. Commission rule raises the city's credit to a high plane. Bonding companies prefer the bonds of cities ruled by commissions to those ruled by councils.

16. Commission government abolishes the deficit and overdraft system. Pontiac formerly had, and all

cities and council control have deficits and overdrafts. Pontiac has not been in debt since adopting commission rule.

Mayor Johnson went into every detail, and answered all questions put to him, and if time had allowed we would have had some lengthy debates on this subject.

W. B. Kirby, Secretary of the Municipal Water Supply Board of Lansing, read a paper on Municipal Water and Lighting Supply, explaining as to their success and management. Their board consists of six commissioners holding office for six years. One member retiring and one being chosen each year. He explained the nature of their wells, and how successful both lighting and water plants have been.

L. G. Powers, Statistician of the Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., spoke on city accounting and how important it was to look after the leakages that occurred in all departments of cities, which would save thousands of dollars to all municipalities. He stated that there should be state auditors, the same as state bank inspectors, who should audit the books of all cities.

The closing session was spent in hearing reports of the different cities. Being chosen to give our report, I briefly stated that as we are a city of home and learning, our efforts through our health department was to have a clean and healthful city, and that our Board of Education endeavored to bring our schools to the highest standard. Also that we were advancing very rapidly in street paving, park and boulevard systems.

After these reports the election of officers followed:

Mayor Ruetter of Lansing chosen as President.

Mayor Hine of Bay City chosen as Vice-President.

Geo. H. Curtis of Jackson chosen as Secretary.

Ann Arbor was also honored by having Ald. Groves chosen as one of the directors.

I trust that this report may give those of you who could not attend these meetings an idea of what is done and the benefit that can really be derived from a convention of this kind.

Respectfully submitted, E. Schmid.

By Ald. Groves: Resolved, that the ordinance committee be requested to prepare an ordinance providing for the creation of a Board of Water Commissioners, to manage the recently purchased water plant.

Adopted by unanimous vote of those present, 14.

By Ald. Groves: Resolved, that the City Engineer be directed to secure from the Water Company record of location of all gates and valves connected with the distribution system and verify the same and report his findings to this council.

Adopted by unanimous vote of those present, 14.

Moved by Ald. Hanselmann, that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the advisability of bringing water from spring on Mosely st. to S. Main st. for drinking trough and fountain.

Adopted as follows: Yeas, Ald. Fiegel, Hanselmann, A. Lutz, Prochnow, Koernke, Pipp, Flynn, Sherk, Hubbard, Rash, Groves, Pres. Schmid, 12. Nays, Ald. Schultz, G. Lutz, 2.

Ald. Flynn, Sherk and Groves appointed as such committee.

The Council adjourned.

ROSS GRANGER, Clerk.