

Council Chamber, Ann Arbor, Mich.,
January 7, 1918. Regular session.

Meeting called to order by the president. Present: Ald. Sugden, Mayer, Huss, Henderson, Donnelly, Markey, Sherk, Hauser, McGregor, Freeman, Lutz, Sink, Pres. Reichert, 13. Absent: Ald. Heusel, Andres, 2. Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Communications.

From the Mayor—

January 7, 1918.

To the Hon. the Common Council: Gentlemen—Recently, as also in the past, I have received numerous complaints from citizens of the city, as well as from city officials, relative to the encroachment by adjacent property owners upon the public streets of the city. This encroachment has taken the form of either an addition or enlargement of a building, show window, oil pumps, or other obstruction, until in many instances from three to four feet of the sidewalk is occupied by said obstructions. I feel that the time has come when the city of Ann Arbor is in need of all of the sidewalk space, as I know that during rush hours on Saturday nights it almost is impossible to pass along the sidewalk up and down Main street. I also feel that it is really unfair on the part of those merchants and property owners who have appropriated a portion of the city property, for the purpose of carrying on their own business. I feel certain that those same men would not think of doing likewise to private property owners, and yet it is just as much wrong in one case as in another. Also further from a business standpoint I can see no advantage that is gained by those who have seen fit to construct their windows out into the street, for the reason that when others have done likewise, they are again all on the same line, and no one merchant has any more than what he had originally.

In view of the foregoing facts, I feel it the duty of the council to pass an ordinance prohibiting any future encroachment upon the streets of the city, and compelling those who are now encroaching upon the streets to vacate within some reasonable time to be fixed in such an ordinance.

Respectfully submitted, Ernst M. Wurster, Mayor.

Enter Ald. Andres.

Petition received from J. F. Rentschler, and 28 others, asking Council to immediately pass an ordinance prohibiting all encroachments upon the

sidewalks and public places, and that all present encroachments be moved within some reasonable time, to be fixed in said ordinance, providing that in the case of show windows that the owners be given at least until Jan. 1, 1920, within which to remove the obstructions.

Moved by Ald. Lutz, that the recommendation of the Mayor and petition of J. F. Rentschler, et al., be accepted, and matter be referred to Ordinance committee.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas, Ald. Sugden, Mayer, Huss, Andres, Henderson, Donnelly, Markey, Sherk, Hauser, McGregor, Freeman, Lutz, Sink, Pres. Reichert, 14. Nays, none.

January 7, 1918.

To the Honorable, the Common Council: Gentlemen—In order that more of the military training may be done by daylight, and also for the conservation of artificial light, the University has since the beginning of this year adopted eastern standard time.

While I fully realize that many of our citizens, as well as industries and business houses, do not favor eastern standard time at this season of the year, and I feel keenly the inconvenience some will be put to still by reason of the adoption of said time, a great many are now obliged to adopt this earlier time, as they must serve those connected with the University who are operating on the new time.

As now most of our churches, many of our citizens and business houses, along with the University, have adopted eastern standard time, and as the great majority of our people are either directly or indirectly connected with the University or affected by its newly adopted time, I therefore deem it my duty to recommend to your Honorable Body that you take the necessary steps to bring about a unanimous adoption of eastern standard time for the City of Ann Arbor, as it would be unpractical and unwise to have a variety of times in one community.

I respectfully ask that immediate action be taken.

Very truly yours, Ernst M. Wurster, Mayor.

Communication received from Shirley W. Smith, Secretary of University of Michigan, relative to adoption of eastern standard time by the Regents of the University.

Communication received from Theo. H. Trost, secretary of Merch-

ants' Credit Association, asking Council to adopt eastern standard time.

Moved by Ald. Sink, that the recommendation of the Mayor and of the Merchants' Credit Association, relative to adoption of eastern standard time, be concurred in, and eastern standard time be adopted as the official time of the City of Ann Arbor, to take effect January 8th, 1918, at midnight; and the city clerk is hereby instructed to notify the Board of Supervisors of Washtenaw county, and request that the court house clock be set on eastern standard time.

Lost by the following vote: Yeas, Ald. Andres, Hauser, McGregor, Freeman, Lutz, Sink, Pres. Reichert, 7. Nays, Ald. Sugden, Mayer, Huss, Henderson, Donnelly, Markey, Sherk, 7.

Communications from R. C. Maxwell, Chief of United States Food Administration, and from George A. Prescott, Federal Food Administrator, requesting erection of sign on Municipal building, calling attention to conservation of food, received and referred to Ordinance committee.

From Board of Public Works.

The Street Commissioner reported that in the matter of purchase of oak plank for bridge No. 3, and for other city purposes, he believed a better quality of lumber could be purchased from John Lawson, of Milan, Mich., and recommended that award of contract to Thos. Forman Co., be cancelled.

Moved by Mr. Hutzer, that we recommend to Council that the award of contract to Thos. Forman Co. be cancelled, and that bid of John Lawson be accepted, to furnish approximately 5,200 feet of 12 ft. length and 3,000 feet of 14 or 16 ft. length 3 inch white oak plank, at \$40.00 per M., delivered in Ann Arbor anywhere specified by the Street Commissioner.

Moved by Ald. Huss, that recommendation of Board of Public Works be concurred in.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas, Ald. Sugden, Mayer, Huss, Andres, Henderson, Donnelly, Markey, Sherk, Hauser, McGregor, Freeman, Lutz, Sink, Pres. Reichert, 14. Nays, none.

(From Board)

Moved by Mr. Scott that we recommend to Council that the Street Dept. car be overhauled, and the Board be authorized to expend amount necessary for same.

Moved by Ald. McGregor, that

recommendation be concurred in.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas, Ald. Sugden, Mayer, Huss, Andres, Henderson, Donnelly, Markey, Sherk, Hauser, McGregor, Freeman, Lutz, Sink, Pres. Reichert, 14. Nays, none.

Communication from Manley Osgood, relative to request of B. St. James Estate for return of part of money paid for construction of sidewalk in front of property corner Main and Washington sts., received and referred to Finance committee.

Communication from Star Motor Co., asking that the value of the gravel taken from Edward st., be credited to assessments for grading of said street, received and referred to Finance committee and City Engineer.

Communication from Mrs. Christiana Sanzi, asking for an adjustment of her taxes, received and referred to Finance committee.

Communication from University Hospital Circle of Kings Daughters, giving brief report of the work of Visiting Nurse and requesting appropriation, received and referred to Finance committee.

University of Mich., Dec. 28, 1917.

To the Honorable Common Council, City of Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Gentlemen—I beg to transmit to you the following resolutions adopted by the Regents of the University of Michigan, at their meeting held in Ann Arbor, December 21, 1917, and to request for this resolution such consideration as the circumstances warrant:

Whereas, there now exists on the so called Volland street, Ann Arbor, Mich. at its western end, an acute angle in the street lines, and inasmuch as the abutting property upon both sides of the street on these angles is owned by the University, therefore, be it resolved: That the Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor be requested to straighten the western street lines of Volland street, until they intersect Washtenaw avenue, and to authorize such measures by Council action and notices to property owners on this street, as may be necessary. It is agreed on the part of the University of Michigan that the parcels of property upon both sides of this street, which will be used in such straightening, will be deeded to the City of Ann Arbor for this purpose, such parcels to be in

exchange for parcels now occupied by the street.

Yours very truly, Shirley W. Smith,
Secretary.

Referred to the Street committee.
Washtenaw Gas Co., Ann Arbor,
Mich. Jan. 4, 1918.

To the Honorable Common Council, of the City of Ann Arbor, Mich: Gentlemen—On January 1st, the ordinance relative to Gas Works, passed March 5th last, became operative. The reduced price of gas provided for in this ordinance makes a decrease in the revenues of this company which would be a great hardship at this time.

Since the passage of the ordinance, the cost of coal used by us has increased about \$8500.00 per month, and the increased selling price of coke has only in a very small part covered this great increase in operating costs.

Any reduction in the price of gas at this time would prove a great hardship to us, and we feel that our customers and the public generally, will see the fairness of asking for a revision of rates provided for in the ordinance referred to, until the present unsettled war conditions are over.

Section 5 of the ordinance provides:

“At the instance of either party hereto, a rate revision under this franchise may be had at any time, said rate revision to be made by a Public Utility Commission, if one is in existence in the State of Mich., at said time. If a Public Utility Commission does not then exist, said revision shall be made by a commission to be created as follows: The Council of the City of Ann Arbor shall appoint one member, and the Gas Company shall appoint one member, and a third member shall be appointed by the justices of the Supreme Court of the State of Michigan. Said commissioners to be persons versed in work of this character. The expenses of said commission shall be borne by the party applying for said rate revision.”

We therefore ask that under the terms of this section, you will appoint as soon as possible a commissioner to act on a revision of rates as provided therein.

Yours truly, Washtenaw Gas Co., by
H. W. Douglas.

Moved by Ald Lutz, that the communication from the Washtenaw Gas

Co., be referred to a committee, composed of the Mayor, President of Council and City Attorney.

Adopted by the following vote:
Yeas, Ald. Sugden, Mayer, Huss, Andres, Henderson Donnelly, Markey, Sherk, Hauser, McGregor, Freeman, Lutz, Sink, Pres. Reichert, 14. Nays, none.

Exit Ald. Sink.

Petitions.

Of Jas. W. Blashill, et. al, to change the name of McKinley ave. to E. University ave., received and referred to Ordinance committee.

Of John Young, et. al, for sanitary sewer on Hoover ave., from Main st., west 600 ft., received and referred to Sewer committee.

Of John Young, et al., for sidewalks on both sides of Hoover ave., from Main st., west 600 ft., received and referred to Sidewalk committee.

Committee Reports.

Finance Reports.

Contigent Fund

I. G. Reynolds, salary and clerk hire	\$166.66
Ross Granger, salary and clerk hire	108.33
Herbert W. Crippen, salary	125.00
Manley Osgood, salary	150.00
Alfred J. Paul, salary	125.00
Geo. H. Sandenburgh, salary	110.00
Frank B. DeVine, salary	83.33
Julius Lohrke, salary	80.00
R. M. Caughey, salary	70.00
M. E. Easterly, salary	60.00
John A. Wessinger, salary	50.00
Douglas Bycraft, salary	60.00
Ura G. Rickert, salary	50.00
Edwin Ganzhorn, salary	25.00
M. C. Ryan, salary half month.....	42.35

Total salaries for month of
December

\$1,305.67

Fire Fund

Chas. Andrews, salary	\$ 60.50
Eugene Williams, salary	46.60
Ralph Edwards, salary	46.60
Henry McLaren, salary	44.20
Jacob Gwinner, salary	44.20
Arthur Clark, salary	42.35
Harley Wise, salary	42.35
Martin Noll, salary	42.35
Geo. Isbell, salary	42.35
Frank Markey, salary	42.35
Thomas Shamp, salary	42.35
Herman Kruse, salary	42.35
Emil Dammin, salary	42.35
Mat. Heininger, salary	42.35
Benj. Zahn, salary	42.35
Raymond Gillespie, salary	36.30
Henry Maier, salary	36.30
Chas. Carroll, salary	27.85
Frank Kapp, salary	27.85

Fire Fund total salaries ½ month
December

\$793.90

Police Fund

Thos. O'Brien, salary	\$ 55.00
Wm. Aprill, salary	42.35

Gustave Meyer, salary	42.35
Ed. Blumhardt, salary	42.35
Marland Howard, salary	42.35
Fmanuel Sodt, salary	42.35
Robert Clark	42.35
Henry Harden	39.30
Fred Sodt, salary	39.30
Clyde Bennett, salary	39.30
Jacob Andres, salary	39.30
Chas. Splitt, salary	39.30

Police fund total salaries one-half month December\$505.60

Poor Fund.

J. H. Shadford, salary\$ 35.00

Cemetery Fund.

C. F. Miller, salary\$ 60.00

Park Fund.

Ray E. Bassett, salary\$125.00

Water Works Fund.

Geo. S. Vandawarker, salary	\$150.00
R. Spokes, salary	150.00
Dr. H. Emerson, salary	50.00
A. W. Cochran, salary	10.00
Geo. Mann, salary	20.00
John Lindenschmitt, salary	20.00
Wirt Cornwell, salary	20.00

Total monthly salaries\$420.00

Harry Willsher, salary	40.00
Leslie Bush, salary	40.00
Robert Rowe, salary	37.50
Henry Linde, salary	35.00
Clarence Brown, salary	32.50
John Volland, salary	32.50
A. E. Hawkes, salary	37.50
Cliff Shetterly, salary	50.00
Louise Malloy, salary	32.50
Russell Pryce, salary	25.00
H. Willsher, Jr., salary	37.50

Water Works Fund total semi-monthly salaries\$400.00

Water Works fund total salaries...\$820.00

Contingent Fund.

Engineer Dept.

Ben DiPhilippi, services	\$ 39.55
F. Leslie Feiner, services	30.00
E. D. Glatzel, services	20.70
Elsa F. Lutz, services	41.00
W. B. Russell, services	29.17

Total Engineer Dept.\$160.42

Washtenaw Gas Co., city hall and garage	\$ 25.85
The Detroit Edison Co., city hall and clock etc.	29.50
Horatio J. Abbott, P. M., postage..	5.00
Edward Besch, collecting garbage..	364.00
E. G. Mann, surety bond	300.00
John F. Blum, M. D., vaccinations..	6.00
Neil A. Gates, M. D., vaccinations..	5.00
Geo. F. Muehlig, M. D., Anti toxin..	4.00
Ned R. Smith, analyses	13.00
Keuffel & Esser Co., supplies and repairs	27.66
The Ann Arbor Machine Co., supplies	30.50
Eberbach & Son Co., supplies.....	27.32
Jno. C. Fischer Co., supplies, etc....	12.83
Oswald A. Herz, supplies.....	2.80
C. H. Kittredge, supplies, etc.....	11.43
The Mayer-Schairer Co., supplies...	30.65
Muehlig & Schmid, supplies	25
Quarry Drug Co., supplies	3.90
W. H. L. Rohde, supplies.....	18.05

D. F. Woodward, supplies, etc.....	27.51
E. M. Wurster, supplies, etc.....	13.50
Ernest Rehberg & Son, ice.....	35.70
R. W. Steere, water.....	3.78
Sid W. Millard, printing.....	7.50
The Times News Co., printing.....	202.05
Schumacher & Backhaus, repairs...	8.10
A. C. Marquardt Garage, repairs auto	35
Mich. Tire & Kubber Co., repairs auto	1.35
Henry S. Platt, repairs auto.....	7.25
Smith Tire Repair Co., repairs auto	33.95
C. E. Godfrey, cartage, etc.....	72
Manley Osgood, express, etc., paid.	2.44
I. G. Reynolds, express, etc. paid...	1.48

Total supplies, etc.....\$1,263.42

Contingent Fund total, including salaries\$2,729.51

Fire Fund.

Washtenaw Gas Co., light	\$ 10.58
The Detroit Edison Co., light.....	6.61
White Swan Laundry Co., laundry.	14.17
The Chas. A. Strelinger Co., supplies	7.38
Jas. W. Finnell, auction services...	10.00
Ann Arbor Garage, supplies.....	50
Dean & Co., Ltd., supplies, etc.....	69.69
Jno. C. Fischer Co., supplies.....	15.02
Herrick & Bohnet, supplies.....	1.00
C. H. Kittredge, supplies.....	15.20
Luick Bros. & Co., supplies.....	1.25
The Machine Specialty Co., supplies	25
D. J. Malloy, supplies.....	4.40
Muehlig & Schmid, supplies.....	7.43
Schumacher Hardware Co., supplies.	31.93
The City Ice Co., ice, etc.....	54.75
Gould Battery Service Co., repairs etc.	9.00
A. A. Taxicab & Transfer Co., taxi.	25
Chas. Andrews, expenses paid.....	1.06

Total supplies, etc.....\$260.47

Fire Fund total including salaries \$1,054.37

Police Fund.

Postal Telegraph Cable Co., tele-gram	\$.36
The Western Union Telegraph Co., telegram	2.10
Mich. State Tel. Co., tolls.....	3.80
National Refining Co., gasoline... ..	13.97
Standard Oil Co., gasoline.....	70.96
Ann Arbor Battery Shop, supplies..	50
Eberbach & Son Co., supplies, etc..	7.65
Mack & Co., supplies.....	2.00
Keule, Conlin, Fiegel Co., supplies..	4.00
Schumacher Hardware Co., supplies	3.90
Frank W. Wilkinson, supplies.....	5.00
D. J. Malloy, repairs.....	7.50
Stanger Furniture Co., repairs.....	3.75
Gus. J. Vogel, repairs, etc.....	2.25
A. C. Marquardt Garage, repairs motorcycle67
Staebler & Sons, repairs motorcycle	1.15
Ann Arbor Garage, repairs auto....	.90
Henry S. Platt, repairs auto.....	2.29
Smith Tire Repair Co., repairs auto.	.75

Total supplies, etc.....\$133.56

Police Fund total including salaries \$639.10

Poor Fund.

Alice Woolbridge Treas. Old Ladies Home	\$ 12.00
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Geo. Ottley, supplies..... 16.02
 A. M. Spathelf, supplies..... 5.72
 Geo. Fiegel, supplies..... 17.29

Total supplies, etc.....\$51.03

Poor Fund total including salaries \$86.03

Dog License Fund.

Joseph Wickliffe, burial.....\$.50

Street Lighting Fund.

The Detroit Edison Co., light.....\$1,641.66

Park Fund.

W. J. Kandel, labor\$ 1.67

Richard Wallaker, labor..... 1.83

Matthew Klager, team..... 9.00

Total labor\$12.50

Jno. C. Fischer Co., supplies.....\$ 1.07

Wm. H. L. Rohde, supplies..... 33.60

John W. Herrst, clay..... 4.50

Henry S. Platt, auto repairs..... 6.14

Schumacher & Backhaus, repairs... 4.40

Mich. Central R. R. Co., freight.... .32

Total supplies, etc.....\$50.03

Park Fund total including salary \$187.53

Water Works Fund.

H. Mueller Mfg. Co., supplies.....\$ 95.25

Henry S. Platt, supplies..... 13.20

Jno. C. Fischer Co., supplies..... 3.07

Crane Co., supplies..... 10.80

Eberbach & Son Co., supplies..... 71.37

Electro Bleaching Gas Co., supplies 1.12

Clyde C. Kerr, supplies..... 10.50

Sid W. Millard, supplies..... 49.50

Detroit Lead Pipe Works, supplies 497.56

Mich. State Tel. Co., telephones.... 36.00

W. H. Butler, insurance..... 50.80

C. E. Godfrey, cartage, etc..... 41.21

C. Snyder, services..... 50.00

The Gessner Contracting Co., bal.

contract1926.43

The Detroit Edison Co., light and

power1156.80

Total supplies, etc.....\$4,013.81

F. Rhodenbacker, labor.....\$ 6.30

J. Nimz, labor..... 5.40

Total labor\$11.70

Water Works Total, including salaries\$4,845.51

Street Fund.

Ben. DiPhilippi, labor.....\$ 2.80

Chris. Hanselman, labor..... 22.40

Emanuel Holzappel, labor..... 3.20

Sam. Kalmbach, labor..... 6.22

James Mason, labor..... 52.50

W. H. Romig, labor..... 1.63

Oscar Simonson, labor..... 3.75

Fred'k Ullrich, labor..... 32.00

Martin Walsh, labor..... 18.90

Jno. Wendland, labor..... 9.00

Geo. Zeifle, labor..... 2.75

James Blades, team..... 7.00

Wm. Graver, team..... 5.33

Fred B. Hanselman, team..... 38.00

Jno. E. Herrst, team..... 7.00

Jno. Miller, team..... 6.00

Carl Rebbert, team..... 6.00

E. K. Schaffer, team..... 8.00

M. M. Wheelock, team..... 8.00

Claud Young, team..... 9.83

Jos. Williams, single wagon..... 2.50

Total labor etc.....\$252.81

Horatio J. Abbott, P. M., postage..\$ 10.80

The Austin-Western Road Machinery

Co., supplies 1.0

Elgin Street Sweeper Co., supplies.. 7.00

Dean & Co., Ltd., gasoline..... 5.06

Jno. C. Fischer Co., supplies..... 9.36

Hertler Bros., supplies..... 58.67

C. H. Kittredge, supplies..... 1.60

The C. A. Sauer Co., supplies..... 7.69

Schlenker's Hardware, supplies.... 4.15

Schumacher Hardware Co., supplies 4.30

Water Works Dept., water..... 9.15

The John Koch Co., sand..... 35.24

Jno. Forshee, gravel..... 15.30

Jno. W. Herrst, gravel..... 5.25

Gott. Illi, gravel..... 3.25

Hutzel & Co., repairs 5th ward pump 14.53

Michael F. Finkbeiner, repairs..... 28.35

Machine Specialty Co., repairs..... 2.75

D. J. Malloy, repairs, etc..... 15.30

Henry S. Platt, repairs auto..... .75

The Cadillac Garage Co., auto stor-

age, etc. 15.20

C. W. Cornell, horseshoeing..... 7.05

Alfred J. Paul, express paid..... .29

Total supplies, etc.....\$262.84

Street Fund total.....\$515.65

Bridge Cul. and C. W. Fund.

E. A. Boyd, services.....\$ 9.90

F. Leslie Feiner, services..... 38.00

Wm. Eddy & Son, supplies..... 15.00

Bridge Cul. and C. W. Fund total \$62.90

Broadway Bridge Fund.

Jacob Bahnmler, services.....\$ 5.00

Labor Acc. Sewer Dist. No. 70.

Wm. Eddy & Son, 5 percent retain-

ed\$ 28.54

Labor Acc. Sewer Dist. No. 73

Hochrein & Co., 5 percent retained \$125.06

Labor Acc. Sewer Dist. No. 78

Wm. Eddy & Son, 5 percent retain-

ed\$ 40.04

Labor Acc. Sewer Dist. No. 79.

Wm. Eddy & Son, 5 percent retain-

ed\$ 58.08

RECAPITULATION.

Contingent\$ 2,729.51

Fire 1,054.37

Police 639.10

Poor 86.03

Cemetery 60.00

Dog License50

Street Lighting 1,641.66

Park 187.53

Water Works 4,845.51

Street 515.65

Bridge Cul. and C. W. 62.90

Broadway Bridge 5.00

Total City Funds\$11,827.76

Labor Acc. Sewer Dist.—

No. 70\$ 28.54

No. 73 125.06

No. 78 40.04

No. 79 58.08

Total Sewer Funds.....\$251.72

Grand Total\$12,079.48

Ann Arbor, Mich., Jan. 7, 1918.

To the Finance Committee of the Com-

mon Council: Gentlemen—I have exami-

ned the foregoing accounts against the city

of Ann Arbor, and I hereby certify that

they are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ISAAC G. REYNOLDS,
City Clerk.

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—Your Finance committee has reviewed the foregoing report. Warrants for salaries were drawn Jan. 2, 1918. We recommend that same be approved and that warrants be ordered drawn for the foregoing accounts.

Geo. Lutz, O. R. Mayer, John McGregor, Finance committee.

Ald. Lutz moved the adoption of the report, which was adopted by the following vote: Yeas, Ald. Sugden, Mayer, Huss, Andres, Henderson, Donnelly, Markey, Sherk, Hauser, McGregor, Freeman, Lutz, Pres. Reichert, 13. Nays, none.

Ald. Lutz presented invoice from Ann Arbor Railroad company for cost of installing gates at Hoover ave., as per contract entered into July 10, 1917, total cost \$2,144.23; which was approved by City Engineer.

Moved by Ald. Lutz, that the account be allowed and the City Clerk instructed to draw warrant for \$2,144.23 in favor of Ann Arbor Railroad Co.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas, Ald. Sugden, Mayer, Huss, Andres, Henderson, Donnelly, Markey, Sherk, Hauser, McGregor, Freeman, Lutz, Pres. Reichert, 13. Nays, none.

Ald. Lutz presented City Engineer's eighth estimate for construction of Broadway bridge, as approved by Board of Public Works, and moved that the amount now due, \$2,757.15, be allowed, and City Clerk instructed to draw warrant in favor of the contractor, J. P. Rusche.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas, Ald. Sugden, Mayer, Huss, Andres, Henderson, Donnelly, Markey, Sherk, Hauser, McGregor, Freeman, Lutz, Pres. Reichert, 13. Nays, none.

Ordinance Committee.

Ald. Freeman, of the Ordinance committee, announced that the committee would hold a meeting so that all persons interested in proposed ordinance relative to taxicabs could be heard.

Special Committee on Firewood.

To the Honorable the Common council: Your committee on Firewood have investigated the matter of supply and demand for firewood, and find that the matter is rather indefinite, from both points of view, and are accordingly unable to make a final recommendation.

We do, however, recommend that the Mayor and Chief of Police be

authorized to purchase, for the purpose of resale or city use, up to 100 cords, provided they can secure it at a price which they consider satisfactory.

Charles A. Sink, John Huss, J. W. Markey, R. E. Reichert, Ernest M. Wurster.

Moved by Ald. Freeman, that report of committee be accepted and adopted.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas, Ald. Sugden, Mayer, Huss, Andres, Henderson, Donnelly, Markey, Sherk, Hauser, McGregor, Freeman, Lutz, Pres. Reichert, 13. Nays, none.

Officers' Reports.

CITY FUNDS—Treasurer's Report For Month of December, 1917.

Money Received—	
Amount—	
Contingent Fund.	
Peddlers License	\$ 2.50
Taxi License	1.50
Billard and Pool License	27.50
Fees on Taxes Collected	1,208.44
Interest on Bank Balance	142.88
Total	\$1,382.82
Water Works Fund.	
Rec'd from Mgr. Vandawarker...\$	3,383.92
Bldg. Sidewalk Fund.	
Walks Built by City.....\$	321.99
Dog License Fund.	
Licenses Sold75
Burial	1.00
Total	\$1.75
Police Fund.	
Rec'd from Chief O'Brien.....\$	36.68
Street Fund.	
Brick Walk at Alley on Felch....\$	7.03
Cutting Weeds	1.25
Paving Repairs	522.71
14 Sacks Returned	6.20
Sale of Lumber	10.08
Sidewalk Repairs	7.91
Sacks Returned	141.10
Total	\$696.28
Grading Edward St.	
Rec'd from Star Motor Co.\$	600.00
Rejected Tax Fund.	
Taxes Collected	72.35
Park Fund.	
Rent of House	10.00
Poor Fund.	
Sale of Coal	3.00
State Tax Fund.	
Taxes Collected ..	\$47,439.59
County Tax Fund.	
Taxes Collected	\$64,043.
School Tax Fund.	
Taxes Collected	\$106,739.09
Uncollected City Tax Fund.	
Taxes Collected	\$18,975.81
Total	\$243,706.74
Warrants Paid	45,097.55
Balance	\$198,609.19
On Hand Dec. 1, 1917	\$51,786.79
On Hand Jan 1, 1918	\$250,395.98

Condition of City Funds on the First Day of January, 1918.

Warrants Paid— Amount—	
Contingent Fund	\$ 3,501.16
City Cemetery Fund	150.51
Dog License Fund	1.50
Fire Department Fund	10,040.53
Poor Fund	86.74
Police Fund	1,098.21
Street Fund	2,174.47
Park Fund	242.93
Street Light Fund	1,642.09
dewalk Fund60
Sidewalk Building Fund	55.00
Bridge Culvert and Crosswalk Fund	3,292.73
School Tax Fund	12,000.00
Water Works Fund	4,532.81
Broadway Bridge Fund	5,016.69
Repaving Huron St.	1,261.58
Total	\$45,097.55
On Hand—	
Contingent Fund	\$16,113.67
City Cemetery Fund	1,202.27
Dog License Fund	386.46
State Dog Tax Fund	100.00
Fire Department Fund	7,418.75
Poor Fund	911.26
Police Fund	8,731.14
Street Fund	3,823.21
Water Fund	5,681.35
Park Fund	1,179.78
Street Light Fund	6,578.36
Sidewalk Fund	83.66
Bridge Culvert and Crosswalk Fund	2,509.66
State Tax Fund	47,439.59
County Tax Fund	64,043.46
School Tax Fund	94,739.09
Rejected Tax Fund	223.70
Sprinkling District No. 15	27.11
Entertainment Fund	74.60
Broadway Bridge Fund	22,026.60
Steere Farm Fund	914.72
St. Equipment and Barn	1,039.20
Repaving Huron St.	48.48
Total	\$285,296.12
Overdrawn	34,900.14
On Hand January 1, 1917.....	\$250,395.98
Overdrawn—	
Sidewalk Building Fund	\$ 651.52
Uncollected City Tax Fund	3,511.46
Delinquent Tax Fund	5,187.80
Sprinkling District No. 11	192.74
Sprinkling District No. 12	43.44
Sprinkling District No. 13.....	66.86
Sprinkling District No. 14.....	38.59
Water Works Fund	24,567.75
Grading Edward Street	573.76
Repaving Liberty Street	66.22
Total	\$34,900.14
Warrants Outstanding—	
Contingent Fund	\$ 122.43
City Cemetery Fund	31.50
Fire Department Fund	13.95
Street Fund	24.39
Park Fund	13.60
Sidewalk Fund	8.40
Water Works Fund	398.89

SFWER FUNDS—Treasurer's Report For Month Ending December, 1917.

Money Received— Amount—	
Tax Account, Sewer District No. 51—Taxes Collected	\$ 37.51
Tax Account, Sewer District No. 55—Taxes Collected	150.08
Tax Account, Sewer District No. 56—Taxes Collected	101.83
Tax Account, Sewer District No. 60—Taxes Collected	40.96
Tax Account, Sewer District No. 61—Taxes Collected	75.95
Tax Account, Sewer District No. 63—Taxes Collected	7.35
Tax Account, Sewer District No. 65—Taxes Collected	7.21
Tax Account, Sewer District No. 67—Taxes Collected	12.39
Tax Account, Sewer District No. 68—Taxes Collected	28.64
Tax Account, Sewer District No. 73—Taxes Collected	14.99
Tax Account, Sewer District No. 74—Taxes Collected	14.99
Tax Account, Sewer District No. 75—Taxes Collected	521.77
Tax Account, Sewer District No. 81—Taxes Collected	32.91
Total	\$1,046.58
Overdrawn December 1, 1917	7,549.94
Overdrawn January 1, 1918	\$6,503.36
Condition of Sewer Funds on the First Day of January, 1918	
Warrants Paid— Amount—	
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 49..	\$ 43.18
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 51..	301.12
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 52..	55.28
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 53..	889.15
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 56..	91.26
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 63..	570.69
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 68..	477.27
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 69..	107.98
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 71..	70.29
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 72..	3,874.69
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 75..	369.63
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 76..	161.91
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 77..	102.49
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 78..	67.55
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 79..	30.87
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 80..	271.82
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 82..	742.18
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 84..	1,624.82
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 27....	13.06
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 35....	276.47
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 41....	132.55
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 42....	223.79
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 44....	211.89
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 45....	250.62
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 46....	541.14
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 47....	541.35
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 48....	163.82
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 54....	393.85
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 57....	120.50
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 58....	202.66
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 59....	40.11
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 62....	149.52
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 66....	245.56
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 69....	35.57
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 71....	66.00
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 73....	409.06
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 74....	25.73
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 75....	528.12
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 78....	140.63
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 79....	277.39

Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 80....	182.04
Total	\$1,023.61
.....	21,526.97
Overdrawn January 1, 1918	\$6,503.36
Overdrawn—	
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 42...\$	85.03
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 43..	80.63
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 44..	102.12
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 45..	123.32
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 46..	269.25
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 47..	266.35
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 48..	103.63
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 54..	270.88
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 55..	423.08
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 57..	247.37
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 58..	166.85
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 59..	164.92
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 60..	68.57
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 61..	732.82
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 62..	150.60
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 70..	137.20
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 73..	31.69
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 74..	28.83
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 81..	15.60
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 83..	311.90
Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 85..	127.49
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 32....	884.44
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 34....	1,219.25
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 36....	225.39
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 37....	112.98
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 38....	137.94
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 39....	471.93
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 40....	477.82
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 49....	35.99
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 50....	423.24
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 51....	532.54
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 52....	80.88
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 53....	883.99
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 55....	134.03
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 56....	2,490.99
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 60....	338.11
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 61....	1,518.91
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 63....	788.99
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 64....	49.85
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 65....	51.35
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 67....	114.54
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 68....	172.83
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 70....	74.12
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 72....	6,174.52
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 76....	32.39
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 77....	184.85
Tax Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 81....	5.67
Total	\$21,526.97

Warrants Outstanding—

Labor Acc't Sewer Dist. No. 82...\$	2.25
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PAVING FUNDS—Treasurer's Report for Month Ending December, 1917.

Money Received—

Amount—

Tax Account Paving District No. 10—Taxes Collected	\$ 96.85
Tax Account Paving District No. 13—Taxes Collected	21.94
Tax Account Paving District No. 14—Taxes Collected	7.14
Tax Account Paving District No. 15—Taxes Collected	18.23
Tax Account Paving District No. 16—Taxes Collected	18.64
Tax Account Paving District No. 17—Taxes Collected	23.68
Tax Account Paving District No. 18—Taxes Collected	6.34

Tax Account Paving District No. 19—Taxes Collected	30.14
Tax Account Paving District No. 20—Taxes Collected	31.66
Tax Account Paving District No. 21—Taxes Collected	21.94
Tax Account Paving District No. 22—Taxes Collected	7.56
Tax Account Paving District No. 25—Taxes Collected	14.51
Tax Account Paving District No. 27—Taxes Collected	15.57
Tax Account Paving District No. 28—Taxes Collected	107.58
Tax Account Paving District No. 29—Taxes Collected	85.08
Tax Account Paving District No. 30—Taxes Collected	80.97
Tax Account Paving District No. 33—Taxes Collected	58.57
Tax Account Paving District No. 34—Taxes Collected	373.74
Tax Account Paving District No. 36—Taxes Collected	214.43

Total\$1,234.57
 On Hand December 1, 1917..... 10,741.63

On Hand January 1, 1918.....\$11,976.20

Condition of Paving Funds on the First Day of January, 1918.

Warrants Paid—

On Hand—

Labor Acc't Pavement, No. 20....\$	254.34
Labor Acc't Pavement, No. 32....	243.61
Labor Acc't Pavement, No. 36....	1,854.01
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 11.....	789.70
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 13.....	185.14
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 17.....	116.92
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 18.....	420.50
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 19.....	445.58
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 22.....	288.58
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 23.....	1,017.49
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 24.....	42.14
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 27.....	455.47
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 28.....	2,853.55
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 29.....	1,165.95
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 30.....	169.54
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 32.....	248.13
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 33.....	413.09
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 34.....	3,340.71
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 36.....	2,784.92

Total\$17,098.37
 Overdrawn 5,113.17

On Hand January 1, 1918.....\$11,976.20

Overdrawn—

Labor Acc't Pavement, No. 30....	265.89
Labor Acc't Pavement, No. 31....	126.15
Labor Acc't Pavement, No. 35....	267.24
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 10.....	3,098.72
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 12.....	202.53
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 14.....	104.53
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 15.....	34.85
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 16.....	328.93
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 20.....	398.75
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 21.....	27.67
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 25.....	184.60
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 26.....	1.73
Tax Acc't Pavement, No. 35.....	71.58

Total\$5,113.17

Ann Arbor Savings Bank, Ann Arbor, Mich.
 To the Honorable Common Council of

the City of Ann Arbor: This is to certify that there was on deposit in The Ann Arbor Savings Bank to the credit of Ross Granger, City Treasurer, the sum of One Hundred Eighty-four Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen and 31-100 (\$184,915.31) Dollars at the close of business December 31st, 1917.

WILLIAM L. WALZ, Cashier.
Ann Arbor, Michigan, January Fourth, Nineteen Eighteen.

RECAPITULATION.

City funds on hand including State, County and School.....	\$250,395.98
Pavement funds on hand.....	11,976.20
Total	\$262,372.18
Sewer funds, overdrawn	6,503.36
Total	\$268,875.54
On hand January 1, 1918.....	\$258,868.82
Bank balance	\$184,915.31
Cash on hand	70,953.51
Total	\$255,868.82

Respectfully submitted: Ross Granger, City Treasurer.

Reports of City Treasurer, City Clerk, and Acting Marshal, for month of December, and report of Justice Doty, for quarter ending December 31, 1917, received and ordered to take usual course.

City Attorney DeVine read communication from Detroit, Jackson & Chicago Railway Company, in response to Council's order of December 17, 1917, to take on and discharge passengers at Seventh st., and requesting an opportunity to discuss the matter.

Referred to Railway committee and City Attorney.

City Engineer's Reports on Distribution of Costs of Sewers.

Dec. 20, 1917.

To the Honorable Common Council, Ann Arbor, Mich.: Sirs—I submit the following distribution of cost for the Hamilton, Rose and Sheehan addition sanitary sewers, District No. 72:

Total cost	\$16,293.03
City's share	3,205.00
Property share	13,088.03

Respectfully submitted: Manley Os-good, City Engineer.

Sirs—I submit the following distribution of cost for Packard st., and Brooklyn ave., sanitary sewer, District No. 82:

Total cost	\$4,165.25
City share	351.70
Property share	3,813.55

Respectfully submitted, Manley Os-good, City Engineer.

Sirs—I submit the following distribution of cost for Eighth street sanitary sewer, District No. 83:

Total cost	\$339.01
City share	26.90

Property share 312.11
Respectfully submitted, Manley Os-good, City Engineer.

Sirs—I submit the following distribution of cost of Killins' Heights sanitary sewer, District No. 84:

Total cost	\$7,218.53
City share	625.67
Property share	6,592.86

Respectfully submitted, Manley Os-good, City Engineer.

Sirs—I submit the following distribution of cost for Eber White and Soule boulevards sanitary sewers, District No. 85:

Total cost	\$2,035.79
City share	282.65
Property share	1,753.14

Respectfully submitted, Manley Os-good, City Engineer.

By Ald Hauser: Resolved, that the distribution of cost for construction of sanitary sewers Nos. 72, 82, 83, 84 and 85, as presented by the City Engineer, be adopted, and the City Clerk is hereby instructed to certify the same to the City Assessor.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas, Ald. Sugden, Mayer, Huss, Andres, Henderson, Donnelly, Markey, Sherk, Hauser, McGregor, Freeman, Lutz, Pres. Reichert, 13. Nays, none.

Moved by Ald. Donnelly, that the Board of Public Works be instructed to build a new walk in front of the property of David E. Hook, to replace walk built by city, and to collect cost for same from the contractor, Thomas Hessions, or his bondsmen.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas, Ald. Sugden, Mayer, Huss, Andres, Henderson, Donnelly, Markey, Sherk, Hauser, McGregor, Freeman, Lutz, Pres. Reichert, 13. Nays, none.

By Ald. Lutz: Resolved, and it is hereby ordered that the City Clerk draw warrants for water works coupons, due February 1st, 1918, when presented on or after said date.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas, Ald. Sugden, Mayer, Huss, Andres, Henderson, Donnelly, Markey, Sherk, Hauser, McGregor, Freeman, Lutz, Pres. Reichert, 13. Nays, none.

By Ald. Mayer: Resolved, that at the general city election to be held on Monday, April 1st, 1918, the question of the adoption of eastern standard time be submitted to the voters of said city, for their approval or rejection, and that the City Clerk have the necessary ballots, for the submission of said question printed.

Adopted by the following vote: Yeas, Ald. Sugden, Mayer, Huss, Andres, Henderson, Donnelly, Markey,

Sherk, Hauser, Freeman, Pres. Reichert, 11. Nays, Ald. McGregor, Lutz. 2.

Mr. H. H. Wagoner announced to Council that he started collection of garbage, under his contract with the city, on Jan. 1, 1918, but that accumulations of garbage when he took over the contract caused delay,

and he would endeavor to proceed with satisfactory collection soon as possible.

On motion of Ald. Lutz, Council adjourned.

ISAAC G. REYNOLDS,
City Clerk.