

Council Chamber, Ann Arbor, Mich.
Oct. 23, 1928.

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

Meeting called to order by President Woodbury.

Present: Ald. Slauson, Wuerth, Maulbetsch, Graf, Allmendinger, Harris, Draper, Bradley, Severance, Bursley, Townley, Lutz, Fisher, Pres. Woodbury, 14.

Absent: Ald. Kurth, 1.

Communications Mayor's Veto

Ann Arbor, Mich.,
Oct. 18, 1928.

Mr. I. G. Reynolds, City Clerk,
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dear Sir:

The following portion of the proceedings had and taken by the Common Council of this city on October 15th, 1928, are herewith returned disapproved by me, to-wit,
Jamestown, New York,
Oct. 15, 1928.

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

As an alternative to the Rental-Purchase contract vetoed by his Honor, the Mayor, we hereby offer to furnish the City for use in the November election, eighteen voting machines or any part thereof on a straight rental basis of \$75.00 per machine under the terms and conditions as set forth in the attached rental agreement.

Said machines are now ready for immediate delivery.

Respectfully yours,
Automatic Registering
Machine Co., Inc.,
By A. D. Wolfe,
Michigan Representative.

Moved by Ald. Bursley, that proposal be accepted and that eighteen machines be rented for the November election.

Adopted by the following vote:
Yeas, Ald. Slauson, Severance, Kurth, Bursley, Townley, Lutz, Fisher, Pres. Woodbury, 8. Nays, Ald. Wuerth, Maulbetsch, Graf,

Harris, Bradley, 5.

Although some of the objections that I made to the purchase of these machines have been met, there remain, it seems to me, compelling reasons for this action, which are as follows:

A. One of my reasons, before stated, was to the effect that there was no appropriation in the budget. This objection has not been taken care of.

B. The ballots to be used in the coming election are all prepared, and were prepared prior to the Council action on renting the machines.

C. I feel strongly that this step should not be taken until the people, whose representatives we all are, have had a voice in the matter. The question of mechanical voting and the decision to use this particular machine appear to have been pushed through too rapidly to ascertain the opinion of our electorate, which can best be secured by a vote conducted in the manner to which we are now accustomed.

D. Important issues are involved at the coming election, national in their scope. This seems to me to be a poor time to experiment.

E. Changing the system of voting, at this late date, on the eve of one of the most important elections in years, without furnishing voters sufficient opportunity of familiarizing themselves with the new way of voting, is certain to lead to confusion, delay, and difficulties which cannot do otherwise than deprive many citizens of their vote.

F. If the company that manufactures these machines wishes to demonstrate them to our citizens, I see no reason why we should pay for the demonstration. It is never customary, as far as I am aware, for a prospective purchaser to pay for the salesman's privilege of showing him the article to be sold.

Respectfully,
Edward W. Staebler, Mayor.

Moved by Ald. Bursley, that the action of the Common Council Oc-

tober 15, 1928, relative to rental of voting machines, be re-enacted, the Mayor's veto notwithstanding.

The Chair put the question, "Shall the motion pass, the Mayor's veto notwithstanding?"

Lost by following vote: Yeas, Ald. Slauson, Allmendinger, Severance, Bursley, Townley, Lutz, Fisher, Pres. Woodbury, 8. Nays, Ald. Wuerth, Maulbetsch, Graf, Harris, Draper, Bradley, 6.

Oct. 23, 1928.

To the Honorable, the

Common Council,

Ann Arbor, Mich.

Gentlemen:

As provided for in Section 18 of our Charter, I herewith nominate as additional inspectors of election in the seventh ward the following:

First Precinct, Wilber E. Groat.

Second Precinct, Maria Peel, Harry Mills.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward W. Staebler, Mayor.

Moved by Ald. Lutz, that appointments be confirmed.

Adopted by following vote: Yeas, Ald. Slauson, Wuerth, Maulbetsch, Graf, Allmendinger, Harris, Draper, Bradley, Severance, Bursley, Townley, Lutz, Fisher, Pres. Woodbury, 14. Nays, none.

Opinion from Attorney General, "that no ballot should be handed to a voter or the name of anyone taken by the clerks and entered in the polling lists after the time for closing the polls," received and ordered on file.

Moved by Ald. Lutz, that the inspectors adopt the following method in conducting elections: That until 8:00 o'clock p. m. a clerk enroll names in the poll book and hand ballots to all in line and that before voter enters booth an inspector ascertain if the ballot has been voided by marking before entering booth.

Adopted by following vote: Yeas, Ald. Slauson, Wuerth, Maulbetsch, Graf, Allmendinger, Harris, Draper, Bradley, Severance, Bursley, Townley, Lutz, Fisher, Pres. Woodbury, 14. Nays, none.

I think it would be a good thing

to have the Court House, School or Church bell rung in every city, town and hamlet when the polls open.

As a Reminder!

Alfred S. Marshall.

Woodbury, N. J., Oct. 11, 1928.

Moved by Ald. Fisher that the proper officials be requested to cause the bells at the Court House and fire station to be rung and the siren at the University to be sounded at 7:00 o'clock a. m., city time, November 6, 1928.

Adopted by following vote: Yeas, Ald. Slauson, Wuerth, Maulbetsch, Graf, Allmendinger, Harris, Draper, Bradley, Severance, Bursley, Townley, Lutz, Fisher, Pres. Woodbury, 14. Nays, none.

Communication received from Michigan Municipal League, relative to subscription for copies of the proceedings of their last convention, if published, cost not to exceed \$2.00 per copy.

Moved by Ald. Slauson that the City Clerk be authorized to subscribe for twenty copies for the city.

Adopted by following vote: Yeas, Ald. Slauson, Wuerth, Maulbetsch, Graf, Allmendinger, Harris, Draper, Bradley, Severance, Bursley, Townley, Lutz, Fisher, Pres. Woodbury, 14. Nays, none.

Communication from Edgar N. Durfee, relative to stop lights at Forest Ave. and Geddes Ave. received and referred to Traffic Committee.

Petition of The Detroit Edison Co. for loading and unloading space on William St. side of their office building, received and referred to Traffic Committee.

Petition of Mrs. Karl C. Kern, et al., for sidewalk on the west side of S. Fifth Ave. between Madison and Hill Sts., received and referred to Sidewalk Committee.

Ald. Severance read a letter from the Mayor, relative to proposed opening of new bridge over the Michigan Central Railroad.

Moved by Ald. Severance that it is the sense of the Council that some ceremony be arranged.

Adopted by following vote: Yeas, Ald. Slauson, Wuerth, Maulbetsch, Graf, Allmendinger, Harris, Draper, Bradley, Severance, Bursley, Townley, Lutz, Fisher, Pres. Woodbury, 14. Nays, none.

Moved by Ald. Severance, that the Chair appoint a committee to arrange for proper ceremonies in connection with opening of bridge and that said committee be authorized to expend not to exceed \$100 for expenses.

Adopted by following vote: Yeas, Ald. Slauson, Wuerth, Maulbetsch, Graf, Allmendinger, Harris, Draper, Bradley, Severance, Bursley, Townley, Fisher, Pres. Woodbury, 13. Nays, Ald. Lutz, 1.

Chair appointed the Mayor, City Engineer, Ald. Severance, President of the Board of Public Works and President of Chamber of Commerce.

Moved by Ald. Lutz, that a committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions thanking the committee of engineers who assisted the City Engineer.

Adopted by following vote: Yeas, Ald. Slauson, Wuerth, Maulbetsch, Graf, Allmendinger, Harris, Draper, Bradley, Severance, Bursley, Townley, Lutz, Fisher, Pres. Woodbury, 14. Nays, none.

Chair appointed Aldermen Lutz and Slauson.

Moved by Ald. Slauson, that the inspectors of election at the respective polling places be authorized to appoint not to exceed three extra clerks to serve at general election, November 6, if necessary.

Adopted by following vote: Yeas, Ald. Slauson, Wuerth, Maulbetsch, Graf, Allmendinger, Harris, Draper, Bradley, Severance, Bursley, Townley, Lutz, Fisher, Pres. Woodbury, 14. Nays, none.

Moved by Ald. Wuerth, that the City Clerk be instructed to have tally sheets printed for all voting places.

Adopted by following vote: Yeas, Ald. Slauson, Wuerth, Maulbetsch, Graf, Allmendinger, Harris, Draper, Bradley, Severance, Bursley, Townley, Lutz, Fisher,

Pres. Woodbury, 14. Nays, none.

Moved by Ald. Bursley, that the former action of this body, making it obligatory to appoint counting boards for ensuing election, be rescinded.

Adopted by following vote: Yeas, Ald. Slauson, Wuerth, Maulbetsch, Graf, Allmendinger, Harris, Draper, Bradley, Severance, Bursley, Townley, Lutz, Fisher, Pres. Woodbury, 14. Nays, none.

Moved by Ald. Graf, that the following be appointed as inspectors for counting boards:

First Ward—L. O. Cushing and L. P. Jocelyn.

Seventh Ward, first precinct—E. S. McLouth, James Ramsey, Jr. and H. M. MacNamee.

Seventh Ward, second precinct—Catherine Grooms, F. J. Davidson and Frank M. Crandall.

Adopted by following vote: Yeas, Ald. Slauson, Wuerth, Maulbetsch, Graf, Allmendinger, Harris, Draper, Bradley, Severance, Bursley, Townley, Lutz, Fisher, Pres. Woodbury, 14. Nays, none.

Moved by Ald. Bursley, that counting boards may be appointed for ensuing election at such polling places where the inspectors may deem it necessary.

Adopted by following vote: Yeas, Ald. Slauson, Wuerth, Maulbetsch, Graf, Allmendinger, Harris, Draper, Bradley, Severance, Bursley, Townley, Lutz, Fisher, Pres. Woodbury, 14. Nays, none.

Moved by Ald. Graf, that the City Engineer be authorized to construct extra voting booths as the Aldermen of the respective wards shall request.

Adopted by following vote: Yeas, Ald. Slauson, Wuerth, Maulbetsch, Graf, Allmendinger, Harris, Draper, Bradley, Severance, Bursley, Townley, Lutz, Fisher, Pres. Woodbury, 14. Nays, none.

Moved by Ald. Slauson, that a committee be appointed to take up the matter of placing the name of city on the tallest building and some building near the railroad for aviation purposes.

Adopted by following vote:

Yeas, Ald. Slauson, Wuerth, Maulbetsch, Graf, Allmendinger, Harris, Draper, Bradley, Severance, Bursley, Townley, Lutz, Fisher, Pres. Woodbury, 14. Nays, none.

Ald. Slauson presented proposed agreement between Irving and Daisy Manning and the Day Nursery Committee wherein the first parties agree to perform certain services, etc., in consideration of their occupying the second floor of the John Matthews Day Nursery.

Moved by Ald. Slauson, that agreement be approved.

Adopted by following vote: Yeas, Ald. Slauson, Wuerth, Maulbetsch, Graf, Allmendinger, Harris, Draper, Bradley, Severance, Bursley, Townley, Lutz, Fisher, Pres. Woodbury 14. Nays none.

Referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by Ald. Lutz, that request of Health Officer to attend convention be granted, provided expense to city shall not exceed \$50.00.

Adopted by following vote: Yeas, Ald. Slauson, Wuerth, Maulbetsch, Graf, Allmendinger, Har-

ris, Draper, Bradley, Severance, Bursley, Townley, Lutz, Fisher, Pres. Woodbury, 14. Nays, none.

Moved by Ald. Lutz, that request of Board of Police Commissioners, to take care of repairs to Police Dept. cars at garages other than the city garage, be granted.

Adopted by following vote: Yeas, Ald. Slauson, Wuerth, Maulbetsch, Graf, Allmendinger, Harris, Draper, Bradley, Severance, Bursley, Townley, Lutz, Fisher, Pres. Woodbury, 14. Nays, none.

Moved by Ald. Lutz, that the City Engineer be authorized to sell the old voting machines and proceeds of sale be credited to the Police and Firemen's relief fund.

Adopted by following vote: Yeas, Ald. Slauson, Wuerth, Maulbetsch, Graf, Allmendinger, Harris, Draper, Bradley, Severance, Bursley, Townley, Lutz, Fisher, Pres. Woodbury, 14. Nays, none.

On motion of Ald. Harris, Council adjourned.

I. G. REYNOLDS,
City Clerk.