

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

[OFFICIAL]

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Ann Arbor, July 1st, 1892. }

Special meeting.

President Cooley being absent, the Council was called to order by City Clerk Miller.

Roll called. Present—Ald. Wines, Schairer, Martin, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman.—6.

Absent—Ald. Herz, Fillmore, Snow, Ferguson, O'Mara, Rehberg and Pres. Cooley.—7.

On motion of Ald. Martin the Council meeting was adjourned to meet Tuesday, July 5th, 1892, at 8 o'clock p. m., local time.

W. J. MILLER, City Clerk.

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COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Ann Arbor, July 4th, 1892. }

Regular meeting.

Called to order by President Cooley.

Roll called. Present—Pres. Cooley and Ald. Snow.—2.

Absent—Ald. Wines, Schairer, Herz, Martin, Fillmore, Ferguson, O'Mara, Rehberg, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman.—11.

No quorum present.

On motion of Ald. Snow the Council meeting was adjourned to meet Tuesday, July 5th, 1892, at 8 o'clock p. m., local time.

W. J. MILLER, City Clerk.

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COUNCIL CHAMBER,
ANN ARBOR, July 5th, 1892. }

Adjourned regular meeting.

Called to order by Pres. Cooley.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Absent—Ald. Herz, Fillmore, Ferguson and Rehberg.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN.—I herewith return to you without my approval an ordinance passed by your honorable body in coun-

cil June 20, 1892, entitled "An ordinance relative to the closing of saloons, bars in restaurants and elsewhere."

I assign my reasons therefor, as follows, to-wit:

First. Because it is inconsistent with a wise and safe public policy to permit the transaction of business which is especially within police supervision, by statute of the state, at an hour when that supervision is most difficult to exercise.

Second. Because very many of the citizens who are engaged in the liquor traffic have privately remonstrated with me against the passage of the ordinance in question, alleging that the tendency thereof is to compel them to keep their places open to the maximum limit of time permitted, thereby lengthening their hours of labor far beyond the bounds which a wise regard for the laws of nature and health imposes upon sane and reasonable men. The stress of competition rules the liquor trade as well as all the other occupations of men. Let us not force these unwilling toilers to prolong their labors for a livelihood far into the silent watches of the night, while the merchant, the mechanic and the laborer can or should quietly sleep, conscience clear in the thought that they have so divided the day that there are eight hours for labor, eight hours for sleep and eight for the service of God and their fellow men.

Third. Because the interest of the city of Ann Arbor is coextensive and coexistent with that of the University, and any action which your honorable body takes, which would tend in any degree to check or paralyze the growth and popularity of that great institution of learning, would be visited upon our city to its tenfold detriment of loss. I am convinced that the scandal and disgrace which would attach to your licensing midnight saloons in our city would spread and ramify to every section of the land, and loving and anxious parents in many a home both far and near would hesitate and refuse to commit their dearest and their best to the fostering care of a municipality which regarded so lightly the moral responsibility, which heavily rests upon the constituted authority of a college town.

And lastly. My sense of duty, to