

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

[OFFICIAL]

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
ANN ARBOR January 16th, 1893 }

Regular session.

The council was called to order by the president, Hon. Mortimer E. Cooley.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Absent—Alds. Martin, Herz. O'Mara—3.

The journal of the last session was approved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Chairman Taylor, of the finance committee, offered and read, "A bill to authorize the city of Ann Arbor to raise money to construct a system of sewers."

On motion of Ald. Wines the following amendment was made thereto, in Section two, line three, strike out the word "ten" and insert in place thereof the word "fifteen."

On motion the bill was received and ordered filed.

REPORT OF THE STREET COMMITTEE.

To the Common Council:

Your Committee on Streets to whom was referred the recommendation of the Board of Public Works, made January 2d, 1893, respectfully report that they have had the subject matter under consideration, and recommend that the bid and offer of William Herz, to construct such proposed wood (whitewood) street sign, to furnish all labor and material therefor in all things according to the specifications, for the sum of eleven cents each, and to furnish a sufficient number to supply the city, be and the same is hereby accepted, and the Board of Public Works is hereby instructed to cause a contract to be executed on the part of the city by the President and Clerk of the Board of Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. FERGUSON,
L. D. WINES,
W. G. SNOW,
W. L. TAYLOR,
H. G. PRETTYMAN,
Street Committee.

Ald. Wines moved that report be amended so that it should be optional with the board of public works to select wood or tin signs.

Which motion was lost.

Ald. Wines moved that the report be, and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Wines, Schairer, Fillmore, Snow, Ferguson, Rehberg, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Cooley—10.

Nays—None.

SIDEWALK COMMITTEE.

To the Common Council:

Your Committee on Sidewalks, to whom was referred the petition of Allen A. Kent and others asking for a sidewalk to be ordered built on the east side of Forest Avenue, respectfully report that they have had the subject matter of said petition under consideration, and find that the grading and construction of the following sidewalks are all necessary public improvements, and would respectfully recommend that the following sidewalks be ordered graded and constructed, viz:

On Forest Avenue along the east side from South University Avenue to Hill Street

We herewith submit a resolution ordering the same

Respectfully submitted

ARTHUR J. KITSON,
WILLIAM HERZ,
J. O'MARA,
A. H. FILLMORE,
D. F. SCHAIRER,
ERNEST REHBERG.

Sidewalk Committee.

Received and filed.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

To the Common Council:

Your special committee, appointed to draft the necessary amendments to the city charter, have had the matter under consideration and would recommend:

FIRST That the charter be amended so that the city tax shall be collected in July, and the State, County and School tax in December. The amendment should provide that the unpaid city taxes on August 1st, should be carried forward into the December tax with the addition of ten per cent, so that all delinquent real estate tax should be returned to the County Treasurer, in the same manner now provided by law.

SECOND. That Section 171 of the charter be amended so as to allow the council to levy a tax, not exceeding in any one year one mill, on the assessed valuation of the city for sewerage purposes.

We would recommend that the council request the City Attorney to draft the necessary amendments and present them to the council for its consideration at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. WINES,
W. G. SNOW,
E. B. NORRIS, City Atty.
Committee.

Ald. Taylor moved that the report be, and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Wines, Schairer, Fillmore, Snow, Ferguson, Rehberg, Taylor, Kitson, Prettyman, Pres. Cooley—10.

Nays—None.

Chairman Cooley of the sewer committee reported progress and asked for further time, which was granted.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS.

City Clerk Miller's report, contract and bond executed by the Ann Arbor T. H. Electric Co., for the year 1893, which were received and ordered filed.

MOTION AND RESOLUTION.

By Ald. Wines:

Resolved, That the draft of the bill entitled a bill to authorize the city to raise money for the purpose of constructing a system of sewers, be and the same is duly approved that the City Attorney be directed to transmit such bill to Representative Kline with a request that he use his best endeavors to procure its passage in the legislature of this state.

Adopted.

By Alderman Prettyman:

Resolved, That the special Committee on Charter Amendments is hereby directed to report a scheme to this Council at its next meeting for subdividing the first and sixth wards into three wards, and the second and third wards into three wards respectively.

Which resolution was lost as follows:

Yeas—Alds. Schairer, Kitson and Pres. Cooley—3.

Nays—Ald. Wines, Fillmore, Snow, Ferguson, Rehberg, Taylor, Prettyman—7.

By Ald. Kitson:

Resolved, That the grading and construction of the sidewalks hereinafter mentioned is deemed and declared to be a necessary public improvement.

Therefore, It is hereby ordered that plank sidewalks be graded, built and constructed on and along the following street and in front of the following property in the city of Ann Arbor, viz:

On Forest ave. along the east side, from S. University ave. to Hill street.

That all of such sidewalks be graded, built and constructed in the manner prescribed by the provision of an ordinance "Entitled an Ordinance Relative to Sidewalks," and on the grade to be established.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Wines, Schairer, Fillmore, Snow, Ferguson, Rehberg, Taylor, Kitson, Prettymrn, Pres. Cooley.

Nays—None,

By Alderman Fillmore:

Resolved, That the Street Committee is hereby requested to report at the next council meeting in the matter referred to them, as to the tiling and grading South State street, south of Packard street

Adopted.

On motion the council adjourned.

WM. J. MILLER. Clerk.