

Office of Board of
Public Works,

Ann Arbor, Mich., July 12, 1900.

To the Common Council:

The Board of Public Works kindly withdraws its appointment of J. B. Davis to the office of city engineer, and have this day passed an order as follows:

By Mr. McIntyre:

Resolved that Edwin W. Groves of Ann Arbor be and is hereby appointed city engineer of the City of Ann Arbor to hold such office during the pleasure of the Board of Public Works at a salary of \$100 per month.

Resolved further that this appointment is hereby certified to the Common Council with a respectful request that such appointment be confirmed.

By order of the Board of Public Works.

J. E. HARKINS, Clerk.

By Ald. Bliton:

That the recommendation of the Board relative to the appointment of an engineer by concurred in.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Hamilton, Richards, Schlenker, Kearns, Vandawarker, Grose, Coon, Jenney, Bliton, Fischer—10.

Nays—None.

On motion the council adjourned.

JAS. E. HARKINS, Clerk.

Council Chamber, July 16, 1900.

Regular meeting.

Called to order by Ald. Hamilton.

Roll call: Present—Ald. Hamilton, Richards, Schlenker, Rohde, Kearns, Vandawarker, Grose, Coon, Jenney, Bliton, Fischer—11. Absent—Ald. Koch, Brown, Weeks, Pres. Seabolt—4.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR.

Mayor's Office.

To the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I am compelled to return without my approval so much of the proceedings of the last meeting of your

Honorable Body as relates to the appropriation of the sum of one hundred dollars in payment of the services of George F. Key for the month of June, for reasons which I have heretofore stated.

I am convinced more thoroughly than ever that the common council is without power to appoint an engineer, or to employ any person to act in the capacity of engineer, or to otherwise act for the city at a stated or fixed salary.

If Mr. Key has done any work for the city during the month of June, it has not been made to appear by the record, and I am without, as the common council was without, any means to determine the reasonable worth of such services. I am, however, fully convinced that no such service rendered as engineer was worth the sum of one hundred dollars. I am, therefore, unable to approve of your allowance of the sum of one hundred dollars for such services.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GOTTLOB LUICK.

July 9, 1900.

Petition of C. A. Buelow and others for a light on Felch and Miner streets was received and referred to lighting committee.

Entered, Ald. Weeks.

Petition of Silas P. Hill et al. for hydrant was received, whereupon Ald. Jenney, chairman of water committee, reporting same to be a necessity, Ald. Hamilton, the other member of the committee, acquiesced with Ald. Jenney, and on motion of Ald. Coon the report was received and adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Hamilton, Richards, Schlenker, Rohde, Kearns, Vandawarker, Grose, Weeks, Coon, Jenney, Bliton, Fischer—12.

Nays—None.

A petition to amend ordinance relative to hacks, drays and runners, signed by Robison & Co. and others, received and referred to ordinance committee.

Report of sewer committee on Gott st. sewer and fifth ward sewer, without recommendation, was received and filed.

ALD. VANDAWARKER'S REPORT ON SIDEWALKS.

Ann Arbor, Mich.,
July 12, 1900.

To the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Sidewalks have had the several matters referred to them under consideration and beg to report the following:

Brick crosswalk on west side of Church on College street.

Brick crosswalk on north side of College and Church sts.

Plank crosswalk on south side of Geddes ave. and Walnut st.

Brick crosswalk on south side of Hill st. and Lincoln ave.

Brick crosswalk on south side of S. University ave. and Forest ave.

We further recommend a sidewalk along the east side of First st. in front of the property of T. A. R. R. Co., Dean & Co., J. A. Dieterle and C. Christian Schlenker.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANK VANDAWARKER,
RICHARD KEARNS.
HENRY BLITON.
R. A. JENNEY.
CHRISTIAN SCLENKER,
HENRY RICHARDS.

By Ald. Vandawarker:

Resolved that the grading and construction of the sidewalks heretofore mentioned is deemed and declared to be a necessary public improvement.

Therefore, it is hereby ordered that a tar or asphaltum sidewalk be graded, built and constructed on and along the east side of First st. in the city of Ann Arbor, and in front of the above-mentioned property.

Report and resolution adopted as follows:

Yeas — Ald. Hamilton, Richards, Schlenker, Rohde, Kearns, Vandawarker, Grose, Weeks, Coon, Jenney, Bliton, Fischer—12.

Nays—None.

ALD. RICHARD'S REPORT ON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Ann Arbor, July 13, 1900.

To the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your committee on fire department have had the matter referred to them of shingling the fifth ward engine house and we wish to report that same be not shingled complete, but repaired, for instance around the pole, scuttle and on the north end of ridge These repairs will be a small expense, and outside of this the roof is comparatively in good shape.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY RICHARDS.
FRANK VANDAWARKER.
RICHARD KEARNS.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Hamilton, Richards, Schlenker, Rohde, Kearns, Vandawarker, Grose, Weeks, Coon, Jenney, Bliton, Fischer, Pres. Seabolt—12.

Nays—None.

Ann Arbor, July 13, 1900.

To the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your committee on fire department have had several matters pertaining to the welfare of the fire department under consideration and would recommend the following needed repairs: That the hook and ladder truck along with the two hose carts are very much in need of painting and that they be ordered painted at once. Further, we find that the old grey team used upon the hook and ladder truck for the last ten years or more is no longer fit for service, and we would recommend that the commissioners be allowed to dispose of same and purchase a new team, price not to exceed \$300.

HENRY RICHARDS.
FRANK VANDAWARKER.
RICHARD KEARNS.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Ald. Hamilton, Richards, Schlenker, Rohde, Kearns, Vandawarker, Grose, Weeks, Coon, Jenney, Bliton, Fischer—12.

Nays—None.

Ald. Bliton reported that the commit-

tee on bonds have had the matter of G. H. Kneal's paving bond referred to them under consideration, and wish to report favorably on same, and move that the bond be accepted and contract approved.—Carried.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Hamilton, Richards, Schlenker, Rohde, Kearns, Vandawarker, Grose, Weeks, Jenney, Bliton, Fischer—11.

Nays—Coon—1.

Ald. Jenney:

Resolved, that the telegraph, telephone and other poles standing in the paving district on Huron st. be removed to the end that said street may be paved pursuant to the order of this Common Council.

Resolved, further that a committee of three members of this council be appointed by the president with directions to formulate a suitable plan for the disposing of the poles standing in the said paving district, with power and authority to require the several companies to conform thereto.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Ald. Hamilton, Richards, Schlenker, Rohde, Kearns, Vandawarker, Grose, Weeks, Coon, Jenney, Bliton, Fischer—12

Nays—None.

The Chairman in accordance with resolution appointed the following committee: Jenney, Richards, Bliton.

POOR COMMITTEE REPORT.

Ann Arbor, Mich.,

July 14, 1900.

To the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Poor would recommend the purchase of a wood wagon for this department and have same charged to the poor fund.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD KEARNS.

GEO. W. WEEKS.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Ald. Hamilton, Richards, Schlenker, Rohde, Kearns, Vandawarker, Grose, Weeks, Coon, Jenney, Bliton, Fischer—12

Nays—None.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Fuller st. was unable to report, and further time was granted.

By Ald. Coon:

Resolved that the City Clerk ask for bids for lighting the streets, alleys and public places of the city of Ann Arbor by electricity, for a term of five years, beginning first day of January, A. D. 1901, with not less than 120 arc lights of 2,000-candle power each and two incandescent lamps of 65 power each for 265 nights each year from twilight to 12:30 o'clock; 265 nights, all night, omitting moonlight nights according to the Philadelphia standard thereof, and said lights to be operated at all other times that the Common Council of said city or its duly authorized committee may designate.

And further, be it resolved, that bids for properly lighting the city with gas for the term of five years, from and after Jan. 1, A. D. 1901, are respectfully invited. Bids to be received not later than Monday, August 6, 1900.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Hamilton, Richards, Schlenker, Rohde, Kearns, Vandawarker, Grose, Weeks, Coon, Jenney, Bliton, Fischer—12.

Nays—None.

Ald. Jenney called the Council's attention to the condition of our streets from too much sprinkling.

On motion of Ald. Hamilton the matter was referred to the Board of Public Works with a request to instruct the street commissioner to look into the matter and have the nuisance abated.—Carried.

Ald. Coon moved that \$150 be appropriated to gravel Hill st. east of Washenaw ave. The matter was referred to the street committee.

Ald. Bliton called the Council's attention to the necessity of a light on the corner of South University ave. and Forest ave. Ald. Coon stated that he has had the committee there on several occasions and was unable to get them to allow a light on the aforesaid corner.

No further business, the Council ad-