

Council Chambers, July 5th, 1901.

(Special Session.)

Called to order by Pres. Haarer.

Roll Call: Present—Ald. Richards, Hamilton, Schlenker, Clancy, Brown, Schumacher, Coon, Fischer, Pres. Haarer—9. Absent—Ald. Koch, Kearns, Weeks, Roberts, Jenney, Burg—6.

THE CALL.

Mayor's Office, July 9, 1901.

Mr. Jas. E. Harkins, City Clerk:

Dear Sir—Please issue the usual notice and call for a special meeting of the Common Council for tonight at 8 o'clock, to consider

1. Report of city engineer and take action on grade separation.
2. To open bids and decide custody of city funds.

R. S. COPELAND, Mayor.

Ann Arbor, Mich., July 5, 1901.

Common Council, City of Ann Arbor:

Gentlemen—In accordance with your request I went to Toledo on the 3rd day of July and inspected the maps and profiles of the Ann Arbor Railroad Co. so far as related to their tracks in this city, with a view to bringing about a separation of grades at some of the more important crossings.

From such inspection as I was able to make in the time at my disposal, I believe there is nothing impossible or impracticable in the plans suggested by the Railroad Co. While these plans are not all that we or the railroad company desire and would like to complete, it seems to me to be a step in the right direction and the beginning of a definite and practical plan for the complete separation of all the grades in this city, south of the Huron river bridge. If you let the present opportunity pass it will forever be too late to take up this work, without the complete loss of all money spent on overhead bridges. If you now succeed in separating the grades at Miller avenue, Huron street and Washington street, the work will be left in such shape

that it can be extended at some future time, to take in the remainder of the streets.

The Ann Arbor Railroad Co. estimates the cost of separating the grades at Miller avenue, Huron street and Washington street at \$80,000, and proposes to pay one-third of the cost.

The two bridges to be built by the electric railway companies will cost, including the property damages, not less than \$65,000. You will thus see that there is money enough to be spent to elevate the tracks of the A. A. railroad if it can be spent for that purpose, and I think it can, if the council will insist upon steel bridges of modern design, with masonry abutments, I suggest that the council, by resolution, notify the electric railway companies that no bridge plans will be accepted that do not embody the above points. In this way you will be able to accomplish your purposes without any expense to the city.

Yours,

E. W. GROVE, City Eng'r.

Ald. Coon moved the report be received and adopted. Carried.

By Ald. Fischer:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Council that the separation of grades along the lines mentioned in the city engineer's report is hereby desired, and that a committee of five, with Mayor Copeland as chairman, be appointed to take the matter up with the Ann Arbor Railroad Company and the two electric roads, and that the committee be authorized to add five citizens to the same and report to this Council at an early date. Carried.

Whereupon the following committee was appointed by Mayor Copeland: Ald. Hamilton, Schlenker, Brown and Fischer.

The following bids were received for the custody of the city funds for the ensuing year.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS,

Ann Arbor Savings Bank,

Ann Arbor, Mich., July 5th, 1901.

To the Common Council of the City of
Ann Arbor, Mich.:

Gentlemen—This bank will pay one and three-quarters per cent on the daily balances of the city, and will charge five and one-half per cent on all overdrafts.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. E. HISCOCK, Cashier.

The Farmers & Mechanics Bank,

Ann Arbor, Mich., July 5, 1901.

To the Honorable Common Council,
City of Ann Arbor, Mich.:

Gentlemen—We will pay on city funds for the ensuing year interest on daily balances at the rate of two (2) per cent per annum, and charge on overdrafts interest at the rate of five and one-fourth ($5\frac{1}{4}$) percent per annum.

Respectfully,

The Farmers & Mechanics Bank,

By H. A. WILLIAMS,

Assistant Cashier.

The State Savings Bank,

Ann Arbor, Mich., July 5, 1901.

J. E. Harkins, City Clerk:

Dear Sir—For the custody of the city funds for the ensuing year, the State Savings Bank will give two per cent interest on deposits and charge five per cent on overdraft, according to the plan now in use regarding this fund.

Very truly,

State Savings Bank,

Ann Arbor, Michigan.

W. J. BOOTH, President.

By Ald. Hamilton:

Resolved, That the custody of the city funds for the ensuing year be awarded to the State Savings Bank, it being the lowest bidder. Carried.

On motion the Council adjourned.

JAS. E. HARKINS,

City Clerk.