

Council Chamber, Ann Arbor, Michigan,
May 10, 1907.

Special Session

Meeting called to order by Clerk, Ald. Abbott called to the chair.

Present: Ald. Snauble, Stark, Schneider, Hochrein, Sweet, Markey, St. James Sherk, Goodyear, Abbott.—10.

Absent: Ald. Maubetsch, Manwaring, Blaich, Fischer and Pres. Walz—5.

Mayor's Call

Ann Arbor, Mich., May 10, 1907
Ross Granger, Clerk:

Dear Sir: Please call a special meeting of the Common Council for Friday, May 17, 1907, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of receiving and approving the bond of the city treasurer and for the consideration of amendments to the city charter.

Respectfully,

James C. Henderson, Mayor.

To the members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen: Your committee on bonds have had the bond of David A. Hammond as City Treasurer under consideration and would recommend that the same be approved.

B. St. James,
I. L. Sherk,
V. L. Snauble.

Principal, David A. Hammond; sureties; Willis L. Watkins, B. F. Schumacher, Arthur Brown, D. B. Sutton, M. J. Cavanaugh, Thomas D. Kearney, Wm. H. McIntyre, Moses Seabolt, John R. Miner.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Snauble, Stark, Schneider, Hochrein, Sweet, Markey, St. James Sherk, Goodyear, Abbott.—10.

Nays—none.

Enter Ald. Maubetsch, Ald. Snauble excused.

Ald. Goodyear presented Charter amendment as follows: and recommended their adoption.

AN ACT to amend Sections fifty-two, fifty eight, sixty-nine, and one

hundred and seventy two of Act Number three hundred and thirty one of the Session laws of Eighteen hundred and eighty nine entitled An Act to reincorporate the City of Ann Arbor, Revise the Charter of Said City and Repeal all Conflicting Acts Relating Thereto, approved March 15, 1889, as amended.

The people of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1. That sections fifty-two, fifty-eight, sixty-nine and one hundred and seventy-two of Act Number three hundred and thirty-one of the Session laws of Eighteen hundred and eighty-nine entitled an Act to Reincorporate the City of Ann Arbor, Revise the Charter of Said City and Repeal All Conflicting Acts Relating Thereto, approved March 15, 1889, as amended, are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 52. The City Clerk shall in addition to his duties as Clerk exercise the powers and functions of a City Comptroller. He shall sign all cemetery deeds and orders upon the treasury. He shall countersign all bonds and all evidences of debt and transfer of property which the common council is authorized to make, pledging the faith of said city. He shall receive all accounts and demands against the city, shall examine them in detail, audit or allow them or such part thereof as to the correctness of which he has no doubt and which the claimant is willing to accept in full discharge thereof, file and number them as vouchers with the date thereof, and report his findings to the finance committee or the common council, who shall review such report and transmit the same to the common council with their recommendation as to the allowance or disallowance of such claims or any of them, and no claim so audited shall be binding against the city until approved by a vote of the common council, and when such claim is allowed by the common council, the city clerk

shall draw his warrant upon the city treasurer for the payment thereof, designating thereon the fund from which the payment is to be made, but no warrant shall be drawn on any fund after the same has been exhausted and any warrant so drawn shall be void.

When any tax or money shall be levied, raised or appropriated, he shall report the amount thereof to the city treasurer, stating the object and fund for which it is levied, raised or appropriated and the amount thereof to be credited to each fund. The city clerk shall sign all contracts and agreements on behalf of the city, except as otherwise in this act provided and subject to the orders of the common council. He shall make all purchases of materials, tools, books, stationery, apparatus and property for the city or its officers not otherwise provided for herein or ordered by the common council. He shall keep a record of all officers and employees of the city and certify to the payrolls and wages of all such officers and persons to the common council. He shall be charged under the supervision of the common council with the leasing, repairs, insurance and general supervision of the property of the city and for his information may require reports from all officers and persons having any city property in charge or possession or having supervision of city employees, and make report of the same when required by the common council. He shall keep a complete set of books exhibiting the condition of the city in its various departments and funds, its resources and liabilities, with proper classification thereof of each fund or appropriation for any distinct object of expenditure or class of expenditure. Whenever any such fund or appropriation has been exhausted by warrants already drawn thereon or by appropriations, liabilities, debts or expenses actually incurred or contracted

for, no further warrants shall be drawn by the City Clerk against such fund or appropriation until another appropriation shall be made. Whenever any appropriation is made from any fund in excess of the balance remaining in such fund after previous appropriations have been deducted therefrom and after the fixed salaries or charges thereon to be paid from said fund are deducted therefrom, he shall notify the official or officials charged with the expenditure of such appropriation of the amount or money available for such appropriation or of the fact that no money remains in the fund available for the appropriation and after such notification no expenditures shall be made under such appropriation in excess of the amount so reported by the City Clerk as available. The City Clerk shall report in writing to the common council at its first meeting thereafter the reasons for such notification together with such recommendation as he sees fit. The council may provide funds for the appropriation if it sees fit, in any manner permitted by the charter or by cutting down any unexpended appropriation and returning the same to the credit of the fund from which it is drawn. If the Comptroller shall attempt to cut down or render nugatory any appropriation which does not violate any provision of the charter, he may be mandamusd by order of the council on application to the circuit court. He shall when required or when he sees fit make report to the council as to the liabilities and resources of the city with estimates of funds needed for current expenses and recommendations relating thereto and he shall make an annual report showing in detail the financial transactions of the city for the fiscal year.

Section 58. The Assessor shall annually estimate the value of all the taxable real and personal property in the city, and make the several ward ass-

essment rolls at the time and in the manner as hereinafter in this act provided; he shall spread upon the said rolls any and all taxes duly certified to him by order of the common council, by the board of supervisors of the county of Washtenaw, or by other proper authority; and his warrant attached to said rolls, directing the collection of the taxes so levied and spread thereon, shall have the same power and effect as the warrant of a supervisor made in accordance with the state law.

He shall represent the city in the board of supervisors of the county of Washtenaw and shall have all the rights, privileges and powers of the several members of such board, except that he shall vote only upon such motions or resolutions as involve the equalizing of assessments or the apportionment of taxes.

Section 69. The officers of said corporation shall be entitled to receive out of the city treasury the following sums in full payment of their services: The mayor shall be paid one dollar per annum; the city clerk shall receive one thousand five hundred dollars per annum and he shall be allowed five hundred dollars per annum for clerk hire; the city attorney shall be entitled to receive such sum as the common council shall allow not exceeding six hundred dollars per annum, which shall be in full for all services rendered in suits and proceedings in courts of record; the common council may allow in addition to the salary aforesaid for such services such additional compensation as the council shall deem just, not exceeding four hundred dollars per annum. The treasurer shall receive as full compensation for his services the sum of twelve hundred dollars per annum and an additional allowance of one hundred dollars which shall be in full for his services as well as the services of the deputy, of clerk hire, or other assistance

required in the performance of the duties of his office; said treasurer shall keep an exact account of all fees allowed by law, the collection of which is provided for in section 184 of this charter, and it shall be his duty to collect the same and when so collected he shall credit the same to the contingent fund, and he shall likewise account for all other fees provided for collecting the taxes to be levied and collected in the said city and credit the same to the contingent fund. The marshal shall be entitled to receive such compensation not exceeding eighty three and thirty-three one-hundredths dollars per month, as the common council shall allow; the assessor shall receive one thousand five hundred dollars per annum; the justices of the peace and the constables shall be allowed the same fees as are by law allowed to corresponding township officers; members of the common council shall serve without pay excepting for services on boards of review, election boards and board of registration, for which services they shall receive payment of five dollars per day; supervisors and all other officers of said city shall be entitled to receive such compensation as the common council shall allow, not exceeding two dollars per day for every day actually employed in the performance of the duties of their respective offices; Provided further, That the common council may increase the compensation of any officer whenever authorized thereto by majority vote of the qualified electors of the said city voting at any annual charter election, ten days' notice having been given of the proposed increase.

Section 172. The common council shall designate by ordinance the general funds into which the general tax upon all the property of the city shall be divided and the amount to be raised by tax for each of the general funds shall be determined by the common council

prior to the tax levy and no transfer shall be made from one fund to another except by a three-fourth vote of all the members of the common council elect.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Ald. Sherk moved that recommendation be concurred in.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Stark, Schneider, Hochrein, Sweet, Maulbetsch, Markey, St. James, Sherk, Goodyear, Abbott.—10.

Nays—none.

Moved by Ald. Markey that a com-

mittee of three consisting of the City Attorney and two aldermen be appointed to go to Lansing in the interest of proposed amendments.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Stark, Schneider, Hochrein, Sweet, Maulbetsch, Markey, St. James, Sherk, Goodyear, Abbott.—10.

Nays—none.

Ald. Goodyear and Fischer appointed as such committee.

The council adjourned.

Ross Granger, Clerk,