

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS—SEPTEMBER 23, 1907.

Council Chamber, Ann Arbor, Mich.,
Sept. 23rd, 1907.

Special Session.

Meeting called to order by the Clerk.
Ald. Fischer called to the chair.

Present:—Ald. Schneider, Hochrein,
Sweet, Maulbetsch, Markey, St. James,
Sherk, Manwaring, Fischer, Abbott.—
10.

Absent—Ald. Snauble, Stark, Blaich,
Goodyear and Pres. Walz.—5.

THE CALL.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Sept. 21, 1907.
Ross Granger,
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:—You will call a special
meeting of the council for Monday
evening, September 23rd, 1907. 7:30
o'clock, to receive committee reports,
take such action on same as may be
deemed advisable and to transact such
other business as may come before
said meeting.

J. C. HENDERSON,

Mayor.

Enter Ald. Stark.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
MAYOR.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—For the proper consid-
eration of one of the questions for which
this special meeting has been called,
it seems appropriate that your honor-
able body should be reminded of the
fact that the Detroit United Railway
possesses no legal right whatsoever to
operate the cars in its interurban ser-
vice on Main street of this city, and
further, that the management of the
interurban line by failure to observe
the conditions of its franchise for the
use of West Huron street has forfeited
the right to operate its cars on that
street. You must already be well
aware of the neglect of public interest
in the operation of the local street car
line resulting in an inadequate and un-
certain service, highly unsatisfactory
to our citizens and a serious detriment
to the reputation of our otherwise at-
tractive city seeks to enjoy among its

many visitors. To this careless atti-
tude on the part of the Detroit United
Railway, as well as to a lack of proper
discipline among the employees of
the road, it seems only reasonable to
attribute the deplorable accident which
recently occurred on our streets.

It seems to me imperative that some
efficient remedy should at once be
sought from the unsatisfactory rela-
tions at present existing between the
city of Ann Arbor and the Detroit
United Railway and a correction of
existing evils secured without delay.

Your honorable body is in a position
to remove the indifference of the De-
troit United Railway toward local in-
terests and to demand that not only
the terms of the franchise you have
granted be fulfilled, but that a due and
proper regard be hereafter had for the
needs of this rapidly growing commu-
nity in the way of transportation facil-
ities.

Respectfully Yours,

JAMES C. HENDERSON,

Mayor.

Enter Ald. Snauble.

By Ald. Manwaring:

Moved that a committee of the May-
or and three aldermen with the city
attorney be appointed to consider and
investigate the matters mentioned in
the Mayor's communication and re-
port as fully as possible at the next
regular meeting of this council.

Lost as follows:—

Yeas—Ald. Stark, Manwaring, Fisch-
er and Abbott.—4.

Nays—Ald. Snauble, Schneider,
Hochrein, Sweet, Maulbetsch, Markey,
St. James, Sherk.—8.

By Ald. Markey:

Whereas, the Detroit, Jackson &
Chicago Railway is using the streets
of the City of Ann Arbor for the
passage of its freight and express
cars without any ordinance or au-
thority so to do, and to the great in-
convenience, annoyance and danger to
the residents of our City, and

Whereas, the running of said big cars interfere with the successful operation of our local cars not giving our people the service they are entitled to, and endangers their health and lives, therefore,

Resolved, that the Detroit United Railway shall be prohibited from running its express or freight cars over the streets of our city unless some satisfactory arrangement regarding the operation of said cars shall be made within thirty days.

Resolved, further, that the City Clerk be, and is hereby directed to serve copy of these resolutions upon said company.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Snauble, Stark, Schneider, Hochrein, Sweet, Maulbetsch, Markey, St. James, Sherk, Manwaring, Fischer, Abbott.—12.

Nays—None.

Ald. Manwaring renewed his motion that a committee consisting of the Mayor and three aldermen together with the city attorney be appointed to consider the matters mentioned in the Mayor's communication and report as fully as possible at the next regular meeting of the council.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Snauble, Stark, Schneider, Hochrein, Sweet, Maulbetsch, Markey, St. James, Sherk, Manwaring, Fischer, Abbott.—12.

Nays—None.

By Ald. Manwaring:

Resolved that the street commissioner be and he is directed to inspect the building of all sidewalks in the city. That such inspection be made personally whenever practicable to do so;

and whenever he is unable for any cause to make such inspection personally he shall detail a man from his force from time to time whenever necessary for such purpose.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Snauble, Stark, Schneider, Hochrein, Sweet, Maulbetsch, Markey, St. James, Sherk, Manwaring, Fischer, Abbott.—12.

Nays—None.

By Ald. St. James:

Resolved, That the city attorney be authorized, and he is hereby directed to commence such legal proceedings as may be necessary to secure the repair of the State street pavement.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Snauble, Stark, Schneider, Hochrein, Sweet, Maulbetsch, Markey, St. James, Sherk, Manwaring, Fischer, Abbott.—12.

Nays—None.

By Ald. Abbott:

Resolved, That the sum of \$300.00 be transferred from the Bridge, Culvert and Crosswalk fund to the park fund.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Snauble, Stark, Schneider, Hochrein, Sweet, Maulbetsch, Markey, St. James, Sherk, Manwaring, Fischer, Abbott.—12.

Nays—None.

Pres. Allmendinger of the park commission presented a proposition to purchase a strip of land back of third ward school, for park purposes. Moved by Ald. Manwaring that the matter be referred to the park committee. Park commissioners and the City attorney. Adopted.

COMMON COUNCIL—SEPTEMBER 22, 1907.

FROM CITY CLERK

Ann Arbor, Mich., Sept. 23, 1907.

Gentlemen of the Council:—

The following is the condition of City finances at this date, including contracts, such as salaries to July 1, 1908, and other labor and material contracted for. These reports will simply show the actual liabilities to date—nothing contemplated.

City Funds	Bal. On Hand	Over- drawn	Liabilities Cont'd	Available	Deficit
Bridge, Cul'vt & C'wlk	\$ 8106.18		\$ 672.38	\$ 7433.80	
Contingent	3913.95		12527.78		8613.83
City Hall Bld'g	17915.35		17466.50	448.85	
City Hall Tax	963.50			963.50	
City Cemetery	436.31		320.82	115.49	
Dog License	474.50		10.00	464.50	
State Dog Tax	100.00			100.00	
Delinquent Tax		1023.19			
Fire Department	6854.52		13196.91		6342.39
Poor	1237.55		178.76	1058.79	
Police	3437.52		6324.30		2886.78
Street	2970.90		567.20	2403.70	
Uncollected City Tax		18424.49			
Water	1571.03		8035.00		6463.97
Storm Sewer	.60			.60	
Park		17.98	128.92		146.90
Street Lighting	7374.90		11302.55		3927.65
Sidewalk	237.62		135.55	102.07	
Sidewalk Building		620.76			
Main Sewer Tax	2200.00		2200.00		
Total	\$57794.43	\$20086.42	\$73066.67	\$13091.30	\$28381.52

Respectfully Submitted,
ROSS GRANGER, Clerk.

Moved by Ald. Abbott that report be received and printed in the minutes of meeting. Adopted.
By Ald. Sherk:

Resolved, that the matter of sewers on Catherine and Fuller streets, including the report of the city engineer thereon, be referred to the sewer committee, and that said committee meet in the rooms of the Board of Public Works at a time to be fixed by the chairman of said committee for the purpose of making due inquiry relating to said sewer districts, and after hearing all persons interested therein, appearing and desiring to be heard, said committee report to the

common council at the next regular meeting.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Snauble, Stark, Schneider, Hochrein, Sweet, Maulbetsch, Markey, St. James, Sherk, Manwaring, Fischer, Abbott.—12.

Nays—None.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your committee on sewers, to whom was referred the estimate and report of the city engineer relative to the construction of Lateral sewer in district No. 29, (Spring street extension) beg leave to report that they have had such estimate and re-

port as well as the resolution of the common council under consideration and have made due inquiries relating thereto, and that we have heard all persons desiring to be heard in the premises, and your committee is of the opinion that there is necessity for the construction of such lateral sewer, and that special taxing or assessment districts ought to be fixed by the Common Council upon and against which the construction of such sewer may be charged, street crossings excepted, pursuant to the ordinance in such case made and provided.

I. L. SHERK,
J. W. MARKEY,

Committee.

By Ald. Sherk:

Resolved, That this common council still deeming it expedient to cause to be constructed a lateral sewer in lateral sewer district No. 29, and the construction of the same is hereby ordered.

Resolved, Further, That each and all of the lands, tenements and premises hereinafter mentioned are deemed and declared to be benefited by the construction of such lateral sewer to the extent of the cost thereof, street crossings excepted, and all such lands shall constitute and all of the said lands hereinafter mentioned is fixed and determined as the district and special assessment district upon and against which shall be assessed and

charged all the costs and expenses of construction of such lateral sewer, that is to say:

All of that part of the City of Ann Arbor and all of the lands, tenements and premises situated in the city of Ann Arbor, State of Michigan, known, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 3-5 and the west 100 ft. of lots 1 and 8, Block 12, Hiscock 1st addition. Lots 2, 4, 6, 8 and 12, Block 7, Hiscock's 1st addition. Lot 5 and the west 90 ft. of lot 7, Block 13, Hiscock's 1st addition. Also beginning at the N. W. corner of Spring and Summit streets, thence west 132 ft.; thence north 330 ft.; thence east 132 ft.; thence south to the place of beginning.

Resolved, further, that this order, determination and resolution be and the same is hereby certified to the Board of Public Works and the City Assessor respectively. The Board of Public Works to advertise for bids on the construction of above named sewer. Bids to be in next February.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Snauble, Stark, Schneider, Hochrein, Sweet, Maulbetsch, Markey, St. James, Sherk, Manwaring, Fischer, Abbott.—12.

Nays—None.

The council adjourned.

ROSS GRANGER,

Clerk.