

Common Council,
Ann Arbor, Mich., May 18, 1908.
Regular Session.

Meeting called to order by Pres. Walz.

Present—Ald. Stark, Georg, Hochrein, Murray, Maulbetsch, Sweet, St. James, Manwaring, Sherk, Goodyear, Abbott, Lutz, Pres. Walz—13.

Absent—Ald. Pipp, Smith—2.

Minutes of previous meetings approved.

Communications from Mayor.

To the Honorable the Common Council.

Gentlemen:—I hereby return to your honorable body so much of the proceedings of your session of Monday night, May 4th, as is included in the resolution increasing the salaries of the firemen.

There are several reasons which appeal to me strongly in opposition to any increase at this time.

First: The city has no funds with which to provide for the proposed increase, and a like increase which would certainly be asked for by other employees of the city. The proposed increase in firemen's salaries and a corresponding increase in other departments, sure to be asked for if the increase for firemen stands, will amount to \$3,000.00, then there is a judgment recently assessed against the city which amounts to \$3,000.00, and other similar cases pending which will either have to be litigated or settled out of court and which are sure to add considerable more expense to the existing large overdraft in the city funds.

On the first day of May there was an actual overdraft in the fire department fund of \$4,172.29, and in the city funds in general \$14,307.25. This overdraft must be made good before the first day of next February and this must be done too without levying any higher taxes, for every dollar is being raised now that there is any authority under the charter to raise. There is but one way therefore for the city to make up the existing deficit and keep out of debt and that is to keep the expenditures within the present limits.

Second: There is certain new

equipment absolutely necessary for the fire department in order to conserve the safety of the firemen and for the protection of the property of the city from fire. For instance, new ladders are urgently needed and if these and other needs are to be provided for, there must of necessity be economy practiced in other directions.

Third: From your proceedings, I observe that but one more than a bare majority of the council voted for the proposed increase of salaries, and it appears to me that such a proposition in present conditions of the city finances should command the unanimous approval of the council. Had the resolution commanded such unanimous vote I might have been disposed to take a different view, but as representatives of the people, I feel that we are in duty bound to give quite as careful consideration to the rights and wishes of the public as to those of the city's employees. I do not oppose an increase of salary for our firemen, if they are not as well paid as the firemen in other cities of our class, but the time is inopportune—we haven't the money to do it and we will not have it in the year to come.

Respectfully yours,
JAMES C. HENDERSON,
Mayor.

Ann Arbor, May 7th, 1908.

Received and ordered on file. Mayor's veto to stand.

(Enter Ald. Smith.)

To the Honorable the Common Council.

Gentlemen:—I am returning herewith the following resolution passed at your last meeting, Monday, May 4, with reference to sewers in districts Nos. 27 and 29:

"That the recommendations of the board of public works be concurred in, provided that the city furnish a man to lay tile and cement the same—trench to be prepared by contractor, tile to be furnished the city man in ditch. City to deduct \$175.00 on District No. 27 and \$25.00 on District No. 29, from amount of final estimate."

It seems to me such a course would divide the responsibility for construction of the sewers and place a portion

of it on the city, while it should rest entirely upon the contractor and his bondsmen. For the city thus to assume a portion of the responsibility for this work might impair the value of the contractor's bond.

The board of public works have entered strong protests against such a course for reasons which seem good and sufficient, and I am therefore disposed to withhold my approval from this proposition.

Respectfully yours,
JAMES C. HENDERSON,
 Mayor.

Ann Arbor, May 7th, 1908.

Moved by Ald. Abbott, that the resolution of May 4th, relative to sewers Nos. 27 and 29, stand; mayor's veto notwithstanding.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Georg, Hochrein, Murray, Maulbetsch, St. James, Manwaring, Sherk, Goodyear, Smith, Abbott, Lutz, Pres. Walz—12.

Nays—Ald. Stark, Sweet—2.

May 12th, 1908.

Mr. Ross Granger, City Clerk.

Dear Sir—Please file the following appointments as special police without pay from the city—appointments to take effect from this date: R. N. Thomas, Frederick Russel, Charles Hafner, Richard Bucholz, Sam Wilson, Manuel Link.

Yours truly,
JAMES C. HENDERSON,
 Mayor.

Received and ordered on file.

Ann Arbor, Mich., May 18, 1908.
 To the Honorable the Common Council.

Gentlemen:—The first year of our official relations has passed and I congratulate you and our citizens generally on the progress that has been made along the various lines of city affairs.

The budget for the ensuing year will be before you for your consideration this evening and a careful study of its appropriations will indicate the extent and limits of what may be undertaken in the various lines of municipal well-being and improvements in the year to come. Whatever plans for progress may be entered

upon must of necessity be undertaken within the limits of the funds of the respective departments as indicated by the budget. There is no other safe way to handle the city's business and finances and before any new undertaking, necessitating an expenditure of money, is taken up, the proper course would seem to be to deduct from the fund of that department all fixed charges in order to discover the amount of free money on hand that is available for the purpose.

If this be done, improvements can undoubtedly be continued and the city kept out of debt at the same time. There is still an overdraft in the city's funds, although it has been reduced during the past year, and to dispose of this during the year to come will necessitate careful economy in all appropriations.

If last year can be duplicated in the year to come, May 1st, 1909, will see the city without any deficit and in position to make progress more rapidly and without the necessity of increasing the burdens of the taxpayers.

Very truly yours,
JAMES C. HENDERSON,
 Mayor.

Received and ordered on file.

The matter of deed from E. J. Granger and wife to the City of Ann Arbor was referred to the city attorney and engineer.

Committee of the Whole of the Council.

Council Chamber,

Ann Arbor, Mich., May 15, 1908.

Meeting called to order by Pres. Walz.

Present—Ald. Stark, Georg, Hochrein, Murray, Maulbetsch, St. James, Pipp, Manwaring, Goodyear, Smith, Abbott, Lutz, Pres. Walz.—13.

Absent—Ald. Sweet, Sherk—2.

Pres. Walz stated the object of the meeting to be the consideration of the stipulation relative to settlement of the two suits, now pending in chancery, of the Ann Arbor Water Company vs. The City of Ann Arbor.

Dr. Wessinger, Frank Jones, Arthur Brown, et al. spoke relative to the matter.

Moved by Ald. Georg, that the com-

mittee of the whole recommend that the council appoint a committee of three, to act with the attorneys for the city, to confer with the Ann Arbor Water Company relative to better fire protection.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Stark, Georg, Hochrein, Murray, Maulbetsch, St. James, Pipp, Manwaring, Goodyear, Smith, Abbott, Lutz, Pres. Walz—13.

Nays—None.

The committee adjourned.

ISAAC G. REYNOLDS,

Deputy City Clerk.

Moved by Ald. Manwaring, that the report of the committee of the whole be laid on the table. Adopted.

Petitions.

Of Eberbach & Son, relative to moving fire hydrant, referred to water committee.

Of A. V. Robison et al., relative to smoke consumers, referred to ordinance committee.

Resolutions.

By Ald. Georg—

Resolved, that an ordinance be prepared requiring all manufacturing establishments in the city of Ann Arbor, the Ann Arbor high school and the University of Michigan, which burn soft coal in their boilers, to use smoke consumers.

Adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Finance Report.

Ann Arbor, Mich., May 18, 1908.
To the Honorable Common Council.

Gentlemen:—Your committee on finance have had the city bills under consideration and recommend their allowance and warrants drawn for the following amounts.

WM. GOODYEAR,
J. FRED MAULBETSCH,
HORATIO J. ABBOTT,
Finance Committee.

Fire Fund.

Regular salaries for ½ month
of May\$576.00

Police Fund.

Regular salaries for ½ month
of May 271.66

Park Fund.

Wm. J. Randel, labor..... 6.20

Chas. Neithammer, team 6.23
\$12.43

Street Fund.

Will Bury, labor 10.89
James Davis, labor 5.20
Geo. Godrich, labor 2.80
Michael Herey, labor 9.40
Michael Hession, labor 21.63
John Holka, labor 3.40
Adam Kreimer, labor 8.80
James Mason, labor 10.25
John Radford, labor 8.80
Thomas Shirley, labor 1.80
Fred Ullrich, labor 5.11
L. W. Walker, labor 3.00
John Weinman, labor 9.00
John Bruckner, team 26.00
W. L. Henderson, team 8.89
John McHugh, team 26.67
John Miller, team 6.23
Chas. Neithammer, team 28.67
C. A. Perkins, team 3.56
M. Staebler, team 1.34
Albert Steffen, team 32.19
Joe Wilker, team 20.34

\$265.24

Sidewalk Fund.

Will Bury, labor 4.00
James Davis, labor 7.50
Michael Herey, labor 3.60
John Holka, labor 1.80
Adam Kreimer, labor 3.60
Carl Kuhn, labor 1.80
James Mason, labor 10.25
Patrick McDonald, labor 2.40
John Radford, labor 5.00
Scott Spear, labor 1.00
Fred Ullrich, labor 10.00
L. W. Walker, labor 8.23
John Weinman, labor 7.20
W. L. Henderson, team 15.00
John McHugh, team 4.00
John Miller, team 4.00
C. A. Perkins, team..... 8.00
M. Staebler, team 8.00
Geo. Weeks, team 4.00

\$110.65

Bridge, Culvert & Crosswalk Fund.

Will Bury, labor 4.00
James Mason, labor 4.50
Fred Ullrich, labor 3.11

\$11.61

Recapitulation.

Fire fund	\$576.00
Police fund	271.66
Park fund	12.43
Street fund	265.24
Sidewalk fund	110.65
Bridge, Cul & Crosswalk fund	11.61

Total\$1,247.59

Approved and respectfully submitted to the finance committee.

ROSS GRANGER,
City Clerk.

Finance report adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Stark, Georg, Hochrein, Murray, Maulbetsch, Sweet, St. James, Manwaring, Goodyear, Smith, Abbott, Lutz, Pres. Walz—14.

Nays—None.

Budget for 1908 and 1909.

By Ald. Goodyear—

Resolved, and it is hereby ordered, that the sum of fifty-nine thousand dollars (\$59,000.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated for and on account of the several funds of the City of Ann Arbor, for the fiscal year 1908 and 1909, and that the same be and is hereby appropriated and distributed to the several regular funds as follows:

Contingent fund	\$5,000.00
Fire fund	18,000.00
Poor fund	2,000.00
Police fund	7,000.00
Street fund	3,000.00
Water fund	8,000.00
Park fund	2,500.00
Street Lighting fund	13,000.00
Sidewalk fund	500.00

Total\$59,000.00

Resolved, further, that the sum of three hundred twenty-seven dollars and fifteen cents (\$327.15) be appropriated for the uncollected city tax fund, and the further sum of one dollar and thirty-one cents (\$1.31) for the rejected tax fund.

Resolved, further, that the sum of two thousand one hundred dollars (\$2,100.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated by virtue of the act of the legislature authorizing the same for the purpose of paying the interest and an installment of principal of the Main Sewer bonds.

Resolved further, that the sum of one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated by virtue of the act of the legislature authorizing the same for the purpose of paying the interest of the City Hall bonds.

Resolved, further, that the sum of five thousand nine hundred and forty-three dollars (\$5,943.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated by virtue of an act of the legislature authorizing the same, and distributed among the paving funds of the City of Ann Arbor as follows:

Paving District No. 4.....	\$1,500.00
Paving District No. 5.....	1,500.00
Paving District No. 6.....	200.00
Paving District No. 7.....	1,235.00
Paving District No. 8.....	180.00
Paving District No. 9.....	328.00
Paving District No. 10.....	1,000.00

Total\$5,943.00

Resolved, further, that the sum of eight hundred and eighty-four dollars (\$884.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated by virtue of an act of the legislature authorizing the same, and distributed among the sewer funds of the City of Ann Arbor as follows:

Sewer District No. 14.....	\$56.00
Sewer District No. 15.....	68.00
Sewer District No. 16.....	28.00
Sewer District No. 17.....	15.00
Sewer District No. 18.....	75.00
Sewer District No. 20.....	50.00
Sewer District No. 21.....	30.00
Sewer District No. 22.....	32.00
Sewer District No. 24.....	16.00
Sewer District No. 25.....	19.00
Sewer District No. 26.....	420.00
Sewer District No. 28.....	15.00

Total\$884.00

Resolved, further, and it appearing to this common council that to enable the City of Ann Arbor during the fiscal year aforesaid to keep, maintain in good order and repair the several bridges, culverts, sidewalks and crosswalks within the corporate limits of said city, a sum of money in excess of the per centum authorized to be raised under the authority of the city charter, is and will be necessary, therefore

Resolved, that by virtue of the authority granted to the common council by the general laws of the state, the sum of twenty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of maintaining in good order and repair the several bridges, culverts, sidewalks and crosswalks within the corporate limits of the City of Ann Arbor.

Resolved, further, and it is hereby ordered that the several sums of money aforesaid be and the same are hereby levied and assessed upon, on and against the taxable property of the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and ordered to be spread on the tax rolls of the city for the year 1908 and 1909, A. D., for the said several purposes aforesaid and it is ordered that the several sums be assessed, levied and collected and paid to the city treasurer for the several funds aforesaid.

Resolved, further, that the city clerk do certify this resolution and order of appropriation and assessment to the city assessor, and that when so certified the city assessor do spread the said several sums of money aforesaid on and upon the tax roll of the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, for the year 1908 and assess the same against the taxable property of the City of Ann Arbor, as the same has been set down in the tax rolls, or as the same may be fixed or determined by the board of review of the said city, against the respective owners and occupants of the said taxable property pursuant to law.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Stark, Georg, Hochrein, Murray, Maulbetsch, Sweet, St. James, Manwaring, Sherk, Goodyear, Smith, Abbott, Lutz, Pres. Walz—14.

Nays—None.

Resolutions.

By Ald. Abbott—

Resolved, that the Detroit, Jackson and Chicago Railroad be and the same is hereby directed and required to operate cars, suitable for passengers, on and along Packard and Main streets, in the city of Ann Arbor, from Weils street to corner Main and William streets, and that said cars operate at regular intervals of thirty min-

utes from the hour of 6 o'clock in the morning to 10 o'clock in the evening, and that said service shall be installed by said railroad within 15 days from date and maintained by it thereafter.

Resolved, further, that on failure of said railroad to comply with the foregoing, the city attorney be and is hereby directed to take immediate legal action to enforce this resolution.

Resolved, further, that the clerk cause a certified copy of this resolution to be sent promptly by registered letter to the superintendent of said railroad.

Moved by Ald. Smith, that the resolution be referred to the railway committee.

The motion to refer adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Stark, Georg, Hochrein, Maulbetsch, Sweet, St. James, Manwaring, Sherk, Smith, Lutz, Pres. Walz—11.

Nays—Ald. Murray, Goodyear, Abbott—3.

Bond Committee.

To the Honorable the Common Council.

Gentlemen:—Your committee on bonds have had the following bonds under consideration and would respectfully recommend their approval:

Official Bonds.

D. A. Hammond as city treasurer, principal; Jno. R. Miner, Moses Seabolt, D. B. Sutton, M. J. Cavanaugh, B. F. Schumacher, Arthur Brown, Thos. D. Kearney, W. L. Watkins, sureties.

Theodore C. Apfel as city marshal, principal; Sid W. Millard, John C. Walz, sureties.

Plumber Bonds.

C. L. Schneider, principal; F. W. Bigalke, J. G. Fred Schmid, sureties.

R. ST JAMES,

DEAN T. SMITH,

Bond Committee.

Moved by Ald. Sherk, that the report be adopted.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Stark, Georg, Hochrein, Murray, Maulbetsch, Sweet, St. James, Manwaring, Sherk, Goodyear, Smith, Abbott, Lutz, Pres. Walz—14.

Nays—None.

By Ald. Georg—

Resolved, that an ordinance be prepared to provide for an adequate system of meat inspection for the city of Ann Arbor.

Referred to ordinance committee

By Ald. Georg—

Resolved that a new contract be prepared for the disposal of garbage in the city of Ann Arbor.

Referred to sanitary committee.

By Ald. Abbott—

Resolved, that the sum of sixty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for Memorial Day expenses for the local G. A. R.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Stark, Georg, Hochrein, Murray, Maulbetsch, Sweet, St. James, Manwaring, Sherk, Goodyear, Smith, Abbott, Lutz, Pres. Walz—14.

Nays—None.

By Ald. Manwaring—

Resolved, that the attorneys for the city be and they are authorized to agree to a discontinuance of the two suits commenced by the Ann Arbor Water Company against the city, upon the terms set forth in the proposal of the company submitted to this council.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Stark, Georg, Hochrein, Murray, Maulbetsch, Sweet, St. James, Manwaring, Sherk, Goodyear,

Smith, Abbott, Lutz, Pres. Walz—14.

Nays—None.

By Ald. Sherk—

Resolved, that a crosswalk be built across the alley on the north side of Wall street; also one across Broadway at the intersection of Wall street.

Referred to street committee.

Moved by Ald. Stark, that matter of changing the name of Lincoln street, between Philip and Hill streets, be referred to street committee. Adopted.

Mr. Ticknor spoke regarding the condition of Creek street.

Matter was referred to street committee.

By Ald. Maulbetsch—

Resolved, that the clerk advertise for bids on city printing, including the publishing of council and board of public works proceedings; also for the care of city money during ensuing year—bids to be in city clerk's office in time to be presented to council at next regular meeting.

Adopted.

By Ald. Maulbetsch—

Resolved, that a light be placed on North Main street in front of Grs Lindemann's house.

Referred to lighting committee.

The council adjourned.

ISAAC G. REYNOLDS,
Deputy Clerk.