

Ann Arbor, Mich., Jan. 15, 1900.

Regular session.

Meeting called to order by President Seabolt.

Roll call.

Present—Hamilton, Dieterle, Koch, Rohde, Bown, Vandawarker, Grose, Coon, Bliton, Pres. Seabolt—10.

Absent—Ald. Richards, Exinger, Weeks, Howell, Stevens—5.

Minutes of previous meetings read and approved.

Petition and Communications:

Petition of Archer Terry read and referred to the finance committee.

Enter Ald. Richards.

Petition of Bert Schumacher and others were read and referred to lighting committee.

Petition of Chas. S. Bucholz and others were read and referred to the lighting committee.

Petition of Chas. E. Godfrey et al. was read and referred to lighting committee.

Report of committee:

Report of medal committee received and committee discharged.

Ald. Richards moved that the salary of Charles Carrol be raised \$5.00 per month. Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Richards, Hamilton, Dieterle, Rohde, Brown, Vandawarker, Grose, Coon, Bliton, Pres. Seabolt—10.

Nays—None.

Ald. Koch not voting.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Jan 13, 1900.

To the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your special committee to whom was referred the matter of grades separation have had an interview with H. W. Ashley, who presented some of the difficulties involved and we are of the opinion that the matter needs a careful and systematic investigation. It is the opinion of your committee that there will be street railway lines crossing the A. A. R. R. in the near future, and owing to the steep grades approaching the A. A. R. R. tracks from each direction it's in our judgment necessary to take some definite action in order to prevent any such disastrous accidents as are occurring from time to time at such railway crossings. We therefore recommend to your honorable body that the Council pass the proper resolution authorizing the City Engineer to work in conjunction with the Civil Engineer of the A. A. R. R. and collect the necessary data for and submit some reason-

able and feasible plans for the separation of the railway and street grades, together with an estimate of the cost of the structures necessary for the best and safest means of securing the desired result.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KOCH,
EMMETT COON,
HENRY BLITON,
S. DIETERLE,
A. B. STEVENS.

On motion of Ald. Brown the report was adopted.

Entered Ald. Stevens.

REPORT OF CITY OFFICERS.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 30, 1899.

The following is the City Treasurer's report for the month ending December 30th, 1899:

CITY FUND.

MONEY RECEIVED.

Contingent Fund.	
Harkins, J. E., licenses	50
Rhode, W., rent of lot to Jan. 1, 1900	120 00
Ann Arbor Savings Bank, interest on daily balances to Jan. 1, 1900..	20 96
City Cemetery Fund.	
Payments on lots, Porter, Louise ..	11 00
“ “ Trainor, W.....	5 00
Dog Fund.	
Harkins, J. E., licenses	3 00
State Dog Tax.	
Total tax collected to Jan. 1, 1900...	100 00
Police Fund.	
Doty, W. G., fines.....	60 00
School Dis. No. 1.	
Tax collected to Jan. 1, 1900.....	27,135 56
School Dis. No. 15.	
Tax collected to Jan. 1, 1900.....	8 65
Uncollected City Tax.	
City tax collected to Jan. 1, 1900....	10,209 97
Washtenaw Co. Treas.	
Tax collected to Jan. 1, 1900. State.	15,082 24
“ “ “ “ County	4,388 07
Uncollected Rejected Tax.	
Tax collected to Jan. 1, 1900	2 00
Total.....	\$57 146 95

MONEY DISBURSED, WARRANTS PAID.

Contingent fund.....	\$ 1,768 74
City cemetery fund.....	8 25
Fire fund	1,166 17
Poor fund.....	162 35
Police fund.....	501 37
Street fund.....	1,710 95
Water fund.....	15 00
School Dis. No. 1.	
Paid J. E. Beal, treas, by check...	10,000 00
Main sewer appro. bonds retired	2,400 00
“ “ “ “ interest paid.....	1,000 00
Total.....	\$18,332 83
Total amt. overdraft last report	4,918 17
Total.....	\$23,251 00
Balance on hand.....	33,395 95

CONDITION OF CITY FUNDS JAN. 1, 1900.

	ON HAND	OV'RD'WN
Bridge, Culv'rt and cross-walk fund	\$ 8,861 51	
Contingent fund		\$ 7,925 77
City Cemetery fund.....	54 71	
Dog license fund	333 59	
State Dog Tax.....	882 75	
Delinquent tax fund.....		935 03
Fire fund.....	3,896 47	
Poor fund.....	1,443 89	
Police fund.....	627 44	
Street fund		7,095 98
Sch. of Dis. No. 1	17,125 56	
" " 15	8 65	
Uncollected city tax fund		4,788 21
Water fund.....	1,342 74	
Excess of rolls.....	548 30	
Uncollected sidewalk tax	29 61	
State and County tax.....	19,470 31	
Uncollected rejected tax..	5 50	
Total.....	\$54,640 94	\$20,744 99
Balance on hand.....		33,895 95

SEWER FUND.

MONEY RECEIVED.

Tax account lateral sewer	No. 3.	\$ 1,003 14
" " " "	No. 4..	114 22
" " " "	No. 5..	282 25
" " " "	No. 6..	256 63
" " " "	No. 7..	49 76
Total		\$ 1,736 01

MONEY DISBURSED, WARRANTS PAID.

Main Sewer Fund.....	\$ 9,635 13
Total.....	\$ 9,635 13
Total am't overdraft last rep't	1,735 82
Total	\$11,370 95
Overdraft	9,634 95

CONDITION OF SEWER FUNDS, JAN. 1, 1900.

	DR.	CR.
Main sewer fund.....	\$14,660 57	
Labor acc't lat. sewer	No. 1	39 90
Tax " " " "	No. 1	169 65
Labor " " " "	No. 2	\$ 27 28
Tax " " " "	No. 2	719 90
Labor " " " "	No. 3	5,805 82
Tax " " " "	No. 3	2,907 92
Labor " " " "	No. 4	836 21
Tax " " " "	No. 4	613 15
Labor " " " "	No. 5	1,375 24
Tax " " " "	No. 5	3,786 20
Labor " " " "	No. 6	2,441 95
Tax " " " "	No. 6	1,931 88
Labor " " " "	No. 7	57 73
Tax " " " "	No. 7	584 95
Delinquent sewer tax		181 48
Total.....	\$22,857 39	\$13,252 44
Overdraft		9,634 95

PAVING FUND.

MONEY RECEIVED.

Tax account paving Dist. No. 1....	\$ 267 97
" " " " No. 2.....	397 06
" " " " No. 3....	1,359 70
Total	\$ 2,024 73
Balance on hand last report ...	4,705 45
Total	\$ 6,730 18

MONEY DISBURSED, WARRANTS PAID.

Labor account paving Dist. No. 3..	\$ 8 75
Total.....	\$ 8 75
Balance on hand	6,721 43

CONDITION OF PAVING FUND, JAN. 1, 1899.

	DR.	CR.
Labor acc't pav'g dist. No. 1.		\$2,162 14
Tax " " " No. 1.	\$58 36	
Labor " " " No. 2.		897 55
Tax " " " No. 2.		139 62
Labor " " " No. 3.		1,132 00
Tax " " " No. 3.		2,448 48
Total.....	\$ 58 36	\$6779 79
Balance on hand.....		6,721 43

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR D. LUICK,

Treasurer.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Jan. 15, 1900.

To the Common Council of the City of Ann Arbor:

Gentlemen: This will certify that Oscar D. Luick had to his credit as City Treasurer on January 1st the sum of \$23,705.06 and further deposits of \$399.53 and \$6,792.94 made after business hours the 30th ult. making the actual balance on Jan. 2, 1900, \$31,197.63.

Very respectfully,

CHAS E. HISCOCK, Cashier.

City Clerk's report received and placed on file.

*City Marshal's report received and placed on file.

The city attorney gave an oral report relative to the case of Crawford vs. D. J. Ross and recommended that the case be carried to the Supreme Court.

Moved by Ald. Koch:

That the city attorney carry the case of Crawford vs. Ross to the Supreme Court. Adopted as follows-

Yeas — Ald. Richards, Hamilton, Dieterle, Koch, Rohde, Brown, Vandawalker, Grose, Coon, Stevens, Bliton, Pres. Seabolt.—12.

Nays.—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Alderman Koch.

Whereas this Common Council has been applied to in writing by a majority of the owners of the lands and premises which are liable to be assessed for the payment of the construction of the same, praying for the grading of Huron streets from the west line of Ashley street to the east line of State street within the corporate limits of the city of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

And whereas, the grading and paving of that part of Huron street within the limits aforesaid, is deemed and hereby declared to be a necessary public improvement.

Therefore resolved, and it is hereby declared to be the purpose of the Common Council to cause Huron street within the limits aforesaid, to be graded and paved under the charter and ordinances of the city of Ann Arbor, and in pursuance of the prayer of the said petitioners.

Resolved further, that the cost and expenses of the construction of such public improvement shall be charged, assessed and paid as follows: All streets and public alley intercections and to the center of the street in front of all County and City property, shall be charged to and paid from the street fund, and all the remainder of the cost and expense shall be raised, assessed according to benefits on and against all the lands, tenements and premises lying on or fronting Huron street within the limits aforesaid.

Resolved further, that the said petition along with this determination, be and the same is hereby referred to the Board of Public Works, with directions to report to the Council with all convenient dispatch, suitable plans with specifications for the said proposed improvement, the kind and quantity of materials to be used therefor, together with an estimate of the probable cost and expense of such proposed public improvement.

Moved by Ald. Brown that the resolution be laid on the table for two weeks and that the city clerk issue a call to the property owners to meet the Common Council in regard to the matter. Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Ald. Richards, Hamilton, Brown, Vandawarker, Grose, Stevens, Pres. Seabolt.—7.

Nays—Ald. Rohde, Coon, Bliton, Dieterle, Koch.—5.

By Ald. Coon.

Whereas, complaints having been made to members of this council by residents of the city that they are being charged exorbitant rates for water, and

Whereas, according to the terms of the agreement between the city of Ann Arbor and the water company, the water company agreed among other things "to furnish water to the inhabitants of the city of Ann Arbor at reasonable rates, not exceeding in amount the average sums paid by the inhabitants of other cities of Michigan similarly situated and of equal population and supplied by private companies."

Now therefore, be it resolved by the common council of the city of Ann Arbor, for the purpose of ascertaining what foundation exists for complaints, that the president of the common council appoint a special committee of seven members of the council to devise a method by which a proper and just comparison may be made of the water rates now being paid in Ann Arbor with water rates paid in other cities in Michigan, and report the same, together with such other information on the subject as they may deem proper and advisable, to the council at its next regular meeting. Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Ald. Richards, Hamilton, Dieterle, Koch, Rohde, Brown, Vandawarker, Grose, Coon, Stevens, Bliton, Pres. Seabolt.—12.

Nays—None.

The president then appointed the following committee:

Coon, Hamilton, Koch, Rohde, Vandawarker, Weeks, Stevens.

On motion the council adjourned.

JAMES E. HARKINS, City Clerk.