

An ordinance of the city also requires the destruction of all the warrants on file. This has never been acted upon, that I am aware of, and appears to me to be unsafe—they might be more effectually cancelled; but, I think, ought not to be destroyed.

Respectfully submitted,
ALLEN A. RABINEAU,
City Treasurer.

Accepted, and on motion of Ald. Knight referred to a Special Committee of three, consisting of Ald. Field, Bond and Brooks.

FROM THE CITY SURVEYOR.
DETROIT, Dec. 19th, 1865.

To the Hon. the Common Council:
Gentlemen—I hereby submit estimate for filling Woodbridge street, in front of Woodbridge Farm, seven hundred and twenty-one cords of earth.

EUGENE ROBINSON,
City Surveyor.

Accepted.

FROM THE SAME.
DETROIT, Dec. 19th, 1865.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I hereby submit to your honorable body assessment rolls Nos. 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, and 383, for defraying the expense of constructing the following stone bridges: No. 378, for a stone bridge over gutter on the north-east corner of Jefferson avenue and St. Antoine street; No. 379, for a stone bridge over gutter on the south-east corner of Jefferson avenue and St. Antoine street; No. 380, for a stone bridge over gutter on the north-west corner of Jefferson avenue and Hastings street; No. 381, for a stone bridge over gutter on the south-west corner of Jefferson avenue and Hastings street; No. 382, for a stone bridge over gutter on the north-east corner of Jefferson avenue and Hastings street; No. 383, for a stone bridge over gutter on the south-east corner of Jefferson avenue and Hastings street.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
EUGENE ROBINSON,
City Surveyor.

Accepted, and the Clerk directed to give the required notice.

FROM THE CLERK OF THE RECORDER'S COURT.
DETROIT, Dec. 19th, 1865.

To the Hon. the Common Council of the city of Detroit:

Gentlemen—I respectfully report to your honorable body that the jury in the matter to open and extend Thompson street, in the Ninth Ward of said city, have filed their report, and that said report was duly confirmed by the Recorder's Court on the 11th inst.; and that I have this day filed a copy of said report, and of the order of said Court confirming the same, in the office of the City Clerk.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
JOHN T. MELDRUM,
Clerk of the Recorder's Court.

Accepted and placed on file

FROM THE SEWER COMMISSIONERS
DETROIT, Dec. 19th, 1865.

To the Hon. the Common Council:

Gentlemen—The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of J. P. Whittemore and others, for a lateral sewer in alley between Winder and High streets, in the Sixth Ward, and extending from John R street to Brush street, would report that they have examined the premises, and do recommend that a brick lateral sewer be built in said alley of suitable dimensions to meet the prayer of your petitioners.

Very respectfully submitted.
WM. BARCLAY,
J. P. MANSFIELD,
Board of Sewer Commissioners.

Accepted.

FROM THE INSPECTORS OF THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION.
DETROIT, Dec. 19, 1865.

To the Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—The members of your body have undoubtedly noticed the presentment made last week by a Grand Jury of Wayne County relative to the condition of affairs at the House of Correction.

That paper charges that the food furnished there is insufficient and unwholesome, and that modes of punishment, especially of women, both dangerous and cruel, are allowed.

The House of Correction has been an object of your anxious interest and care. It is within the special province of one of your standing committees. For greater security it has a Board of Inspectors. It has always, in all its departments, been freely opened to visits from our citizens and the public.

It therefore justly increases the surprise, that, if such gross abuses exist they should be first brought to light by the action of a body so accidental, and now so nearly obsolete with us, as a Grand Jury.

Still we think the duty before us plain. These charges must be promptly and carefully inquired into. If such abuses exist, they should be condemned and redressed.

A searching and thorough investigation should, in our judgment, be made into the whole condition of the prison. And we therefore respectfully recommend that, at the earliest practicable period, you take such measures as are best adapted to accomplish the desired end. It is proper for us to add that the Superintendent, Mr. Brockway, promptly applied to the Board of Inspectors for such investigation. But it appeared to the Board, that the ample powers with which you are clothed, your ultimate responsibility, and the grave character of the charges made, it eminently proper that the investigation should be ordered and prosecuted by yourselves.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. V. N. LOTHROP,
L. M. MASON,
MORSE STEWART,
Inspectors of House of Correction.

Accepted, and leave being granted, Ald. Elwood offered, in connection with the communication, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the communication be accepted and it be referred to a special committee of seven, appointed by the President, and that they be directed to thoroughly examine all matters connected with the institution, and are hereby authorized to send for persons and papers, and if found necessary, to employ a competent accountant.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald Bond, Brodie, Brooks, Campan, Codd, Elwood, Field, Gallagher, Gies, Henkel, Knight, McGonegal, Meginnity, Sheley, St. Aubin, Weir, President—17.

Nays—None.

The chair appointed Ald. Elwood, Knight, Brodie, Field, McGonegal, Brooks and Henkel, as such committee.

On motion of Ald. Knight the President *pro tem.*, Hon. William Purcell, was added to the committee. The President, Hon. S. Dow Elwood, resumed his seat.

FROM THE CITY CLERK.

That he presented the proceedings of the last Council, together with the ordinance passed, to the Mayor, on the 14th instant, and that the acting Mayor returned the same with his approval, except as already noticed, on the 16th inst.

Accepted and placed on file.

FROM THE SAME.

That the affidavits of publication relative to assessment rolls Nos. 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376 and 377, are on file in the City Clerk's office.

Accepted and placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

WAYS AND MEANS

DETROIT, Dec. 19th, 1865.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

The Committee on Ways and Means, to whom were referred the reports of the city officers herein named, beg leave to report that they have examined the documents and find them to be correct, to wit:

Thomas R. Cumings, Receiver of Taxes..	\$2,653 23
Charles Meyer, City Collector, special assessments.....	112 00
Charles Meyer, City Collector, licenses...	42 25
Michael Blay, Clerk of Market, rents.....	90 66

Total

\$2,901 14

The bond of James Love, Constable, has been approved by the undersigned.

MOSES W. FIELD,
WILLIAM S. BOND,
N. W. BROOKS,
Committee on Ways and Means.

Accepted and adopted.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—The Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom were referred several accounts at the last meeting of Council, and pay rolls of city officers for the current month, and members of the Steam Fire Department, and Fire Marshal, Chief and Assistant Engineers, and Bell Rieger in State, and William Barclay, Engineer of Sewers, Luke Nolan, Janitor of the City Hall, and accounts of Allen A.