

extreme cold weather and its present severity has caused more suffering than usual, and a large class of our people who heretofore have had enough and to spare, find themselves compelled to ask assistance from the Director of the Poor, to relieve their present necessities.

Very respectfully,  
B. G. STIMSON, Controller

Accepted, and the Controller directed to contract with Frederick Gies by the following vote:

Yeas—Aldermen Bond, Codd, Considine, Coots, Hawley, Kling, Kremer, Laible, Langley, Mellus, Olewine, Phelps, Purcell, Ruehle, Stewart, President—16.

Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—I respectfully ask authority to publish the usual notice inviting proposals for the following city contracts, for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 1868, to wit:

For official printing.  
For public printing.  
For stationery and bank books.  
For constructing plank sidewalks and crosswalks.  
For constructing stone sidewalks and crosswalks.  
For repairing paved streets.  
For removing and burying dead animals.

Respectfully submitted.

B. G. STIMSON, Controller.

Accepted, and authority granted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Bond, Codd, Considine, Coots, Hawley, Kling, Kremer, Laible, Langley, Mellus, Olewine, Phelps, Purcell, Ruehle, Stewart, President—16.

Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—I respectfully ask the passage of a resolution directing all city officers to make and file in this office, on the first day of April next, inventories of all city property in their care or under their control on that day, giving the cost thereof, if known, and if not known, the estimated values. In some cases these inventories will require considerable labor and care, and, therefore, should be commenced soon, that they may be complete on that day and ready to accompany the annual report from this office.

Respectfully submitted,

B. G. STIMSON, Controller.

Accepted and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—In compliance with your instructions, I herewith transmit an ordinance to repeal an amendatory ordinance to Section 2, Chap. 87, title 12, of the Revised Ordinances of 1863, relative to stands for drays, and to amend said section 2 of said chapter.

Very respectfully,

JAMES P. BROWN, City Attorney.

Accepted, the ordinance read a first and second time by its title, when,

On motion of Ald. Considine, the rules were suspended, the ordinance read a third time by sections, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Bond, Codd, Considine, Coots, Hawley, Kling, Kremer, Laible, Langley, Mellus, Olewine, Phelps, Purcell, Ruehle, Stewart, President—16.

Nays—None.

The title of the ordinance was approved.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—In the matter of opening an alley between Columbia and Elizabeth streets, in the Sixth Ward, the jury were unanimously of the opinion that the necessity for so doing did not exist, for the reason that Bernard Stroh, owner of several lots through which it was proposed to run said alley, expressed his willingness to dedicate a piece of ground 20 feet in width for the purpose of the improvement; and although the dedication would run the alley in a different direction from that originally intended, yet it would open it

through the entire block, and in effect answer all the purposes contemplated in the resolution.

In accordance with his agreement, Mr Stroh has perfected the dedication of the ground alluded to, and the alley now now stands, except in its direction, in the same condition as though the jury had reported in favor of opening it.

Very respectfully,

JAMES J. BROWN,  
City Attorney.

Accepted.

FROM CITY TREASURER.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith submit a detailed statement of receipts and disbursements at this office for week ending 29th of February last:

RECEIPTS

Sundry amounts from various sources.... \$3,245 14

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sundry warrants, etc. paid..... 6,971 01

Respectfully, etc.,

E. H. LEADBEATER,

City Treasurer.

Accepted and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

FROM CLERK OF RECORDER'S COURT.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—I respectfully report to your honorable body that the jury heretofore impaneled in the matter to open an alley 16 2-100 feet in width, between Columbia street and Montcalm street, from the west line of Park street to the east line of Clifford street, in the Fifth Ward of said city, have filed their report, and that said report was duly confirmed by the Recorder's Court on the 24th day of March last, and that I have this day filed a certified 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 leave being granted Ald. Coots offered the following:

Resolved, That the sum of twelve hundred and eighty dollars (\$1,280) be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the awards of the jury in the matter of opening an alley between Columbia street and Montcalm, running from the west line of Park street to the east line of Clifford, in the Fifth Ward. And the Controller is hereby directed to draw his amount on the Treasurer for said sum to pay said awards.

Accepted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Bond, Codd, Considine, Coots, Hawley, Kling, Kremer, Laible, Langley, Mellus, Olewine, Phelps, Purcell, Ruehle, Stewart, President—16.

Nays—None.

FROM THE CITY CLERK.

That he presented the proceedings of last Council to the Mayor on the 26th ult., and that the Mayor approved the same on the 27th ult.

Accepted and placed on file.

Also, that the several City Physicians have filed their official reports for the month of March.

Accepted, and referred to Committee on Health.

Also, that Arthur Gore, Harbor Master, has filed his official bond.

Accepted, and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

WAYS AND MEANS.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the communication of the Mayor, suggesting the necessity and propriety of taking a census of the inhabitants of the city, would respectfully report that in the opinion of the committee the suggestions of the Mayor are well timed and appropriate, as the necessity of having a reliable census is evident to all. In an official communication from Hon. J. S. Farrand, President of the Board of Police Commissioners, we are informed that the Police will take the census without charge to the city. In view of these facts the committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution: