

City Council is not empowered in any way whatever to direct the incumbent as to his official duties; therefore this resolution would seem to be a nullity so far as directing the Mayor is concerned.

Very respectfully,
H. MOFFAT,
Mayor.

Accepted, and on motion of Ald. Woolley the vote by which the resolution was adopted was reconsidered, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Botsford, Broeg, Christian, Daly, Dullea, Flower, Garrison, Grelling, Hinchman, Hough, Lichtenberg, O'Keefe, Parsons, Preston, Ruehle, Shanahan, Stange, Welch, Woolley, and the President—20.

Nays—None.

Ald. Daly moved that the matter be laid upon the table.

Lost.

The previous question was demanded, and the question being "shall the main question be now put," the same did not prevail, the chair ruling it required three-fourths of all the members elect, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Broeg, Dullea, Grelling, Hinchman, Lichtenberg, O'Keefe, Preston, Stange, Welch, Woolley, and the President—11.

Nays—Ald. Botsford, Christian, Daly, Flower, Garrison, Hough, Parsons, Ruehle, and Shanahan—9.

Ald. Botsford moved that the matter be then laid upon the table for two weeks.

Lost.

Ald. Woolley moved the previous question, and the question being "shall the previous question be now put," the same prevailed, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Broeg, Dullea, Garrison, Grelling, Hinchman, Lichtenberg, O'Keefe, Parsons, Preston, Shanahan, Stange, Welch, Woolley, and the President—14.

Nays—Ald. Botsford, Christian, Daly, Flower, Hough, and Ruehle—6.

The question then recurring upon the passage of the resolution over the objections of the Mayor, the same prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Broeg, Dullea, Garrison, Grelling, Hinchman, Lichtenberg, O'Keefe, Parsons, Preston, Shanahan, Stange, Welch, Woolley, and the President—14.

Nays—Ald. Botsford, Christian, Daly, Flower, Hough, and Ruehle—6.

On motion, the Council then resumed the regular order of business.

On motion, Ald. Woolley was excused from further attendance.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

BY ALD. SHANAHAN.

Of Emily Smith, for an abatement of a sewer tax.

Referred to the Committee on Sewers of the new Council.

FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—In compliance with the provisions of section 9, chapter 4, of the Revised Ordinances, I have the honor to submit the following summary of business of this office for the year ending this date:

ORDINANCE CASES.

Actions for violation of ordinances pending at last report.....	23
Actions for violation of ordinances instituted since last report.....	779
Total.....	802
Actions for violation of ordinances disposed of.....	797
Actions for violation of ordinances pending.....	5
Amount of fines and costs collected.....	\$2,490 25

For this amount the Treasurer's receipts are in my possession.

STREET AND ALLEY OPENINGS.

Proceedings pending at last report.....	5
Proceedings begun since last report.....	47
Total.....	—
Streets opened.....	15

Alleys opened.....	10
Proceedings discontinued by Council.....	9
Proceedings discontinued by court.....	2
Jury reported against necessity.....	6
Pending.....	10

Total..... 52

The amendment to the street opening law, under which the establishment of an assessment district and consequently a special assessment in each case have been necessary, has more than doubled the work in this office. Concerning law and other matters that have been referred to me by your honorable body, I have from time to time reported as the occasion demanded, and any further mention here is unnecessary.

Respectfully submitted,
F. G. RUSSELL,
City Attorney.

Accepted and placed on file.

FROM THE CITY TREASURER.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—In accordance with a resolution of your honorable body, adopted January 2, I herewith transmit to you for confirmation and approval a roll for refunding money received by the city for a house on Fifth street, to the parties whose lots have been assessed for the opening of said street, and who have paid their assessments into the treasury.

Very respectfully yours,
E. C. HINSDALE,
City Treasurer.

Accepted, and assessment roll confirmed by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Botsford, Broeg, Christian, Daly, Dullea, Flower, Garrison, Grelling, Hinchman, Hough, Lichtenberg, O'Keefe, Parsons, Preston, Ruehle, Shanahan, Stange, Welch, and the President—19.

Nays—None.

FROM THE CLERK OF THE 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 of opening an alley in the Sixth Ward, in the block bounded by Marion, Bronson, Riopelle and Orleans streets, have filed their report, and that the same was duly confirmed according to law by the Recorder on January 3, 1874. Also that I have filed a certified copy of said report and of the order of the court confirming the same in the office of the City Clerk.

Very respectfully
ALEX. I. MCLEOD,
Clerk of Recorder's Court.

Accepted and placed on file.

FROM THE SURVEYOR.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I herewith transmit to your honorable body assessment rolls Nos. 2079 and 2080, for the construction of plank sidewalks.

No. 2079 for sidewalk on the north side of Dalziel street, in front of lot 12, block 28, Lafontaine farm.

No. 2080 for sidewalk on the west side of Nineteenth street, in front of lots 10 and 11, Whitwood & Cargill's sub. of the Loranger farm.

Very respectfully,
EUGENE ROBINSON,
City Surveyor.

Accepted and the Clerk directed to give the usual notice.

FROM THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—In behalf of the Board of Park Commissioners I have the honor to lay before you a copy of a letter from the Hon. Philo Parsons, offering a handsome contribution for the employment of labor upon the proposed public park.

I remain very truly, etc.,
GEO. V. N. LOTHROP.

[COPY.]

DETROIT, January 9, 1874.

The Hon. G. V. N. Lothrop, Park Commissioner:
Dear Sir—Thoroughly convinced, as I am, of the wisdom and beneficence of the action of the com-