

rell, Moeller, Rathmann, Schuette, Scovel, Scullen, Seely, Stahl, Tossy, Weber, Weiler, Youngblood and the President pro tem.—28.
Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—We herewith transmit to your honorable body Assessment Roll No. 490, for grading and paving Crane avenue from the north curb line of Jefferson avenue to the south curb line of Mack avenue.

The usual notice required by law has been given to the parties in interest, as will appear by the annexed notice and affidavit of publication. No person has appeared to object to said roll, or to ask any correction thereof. We have, therefore, signed the same, and report it to your honorable body.

Very respectfully,

THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
By ROBT. OAKMAN,
President.

Accepted, and leave being granted the following was offered:
By Ald. Marx:

Resolved, That Assessment Roll No. 490, for paving and grading Crane avenue from the north curb line of Jefferson avenue to the south curb line of Mack avenue, is hereby approved and confirmed; that the description of premises and the names of persons contained therein are received as correct; and that the sums which the said Assessment Roll states to be the correct ones which each individual or set of individuals should be assessed at and pay, be the assessment and be collected from the several persons liable to pay the same according to law.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Auberlin, Coots, Deimel, Dingwall, Goeschel, Greusel, Grunow, Haarer, Hacker, Houghton, Knauss, Koch, McGraw, Marx, Masak, Merrill, Moeller, Rathmann, Schuette, Scovel, Scullen, Seely, Stahl, Tossy, Weber, Weiler, Youngblood and the President pro tem.—28.
Nays—None.

From the Fire Commission.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—The opening of Erskine street from the west line of the reservoir grounds to Dequindre street would be of inestimable benefit to the Fire Department, as it would enable Ladder Company No. 5 and Engine Company No. 11 to reach fires without making a detour of two blocks the other way to get around, thus saving four blocks' run; and the Fire Commission hereby respectfully enters a protest against the use by the Board of Public Works of this space as a storage yard, and petitions your honorable body to order Erskine street opened as above stated.

By direction of the Commission.

GEORGE W. STOCKWELL,
Secretary.

Accepted and referred to the Committee on Street Openings.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—There is no street from Mt. Elliott avenue to the eastern city limits which is paved from Mack to Gratiot avenues, and the Fire De-

partment, during the wet seasons of spring and fall, is badly handicapped by reason of roads being almost impassable. Delay in reaching the scene of a fire always means loss of property and probably loss of life. The northeastern portion of the city is being rapidly built up with frame buildings, which, when they catch fire, burn rapidly, and the Fire Commission feels that it is its duty to request your honorable body to award the contract for paving Concord avenue, from Mack to Gratiot avenues, if only for the aid of the Fire Department in its efforts to save the lives and property of the citizens in that district of the city.

By direction of the Commission.

GEORGE W. STOCKWELL,
Secretary.

Accepted and placed on file.

From the Clerk of the Recorder's Court.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I respectfully report to your honorable body that a jury duly impaneled in the Recorder's court, in the matter of opening an alley in the block bounded by Brush and Beau-bien streets, Gratiot avenue and Mechanic street rendered a verdict in favor of said opening July 18, 1898, which was confirmed by the court Aug. 8, 1898.

In accordance with the statute, I herewith transmit a certified copy of said verdict, and of the judgment of confirmation.

Respectfully,
GEORGE H. LESHNER,
Clerk.

Accepted, and referred to the Committee on Street Openings.

From the Chief Accountant.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I respectfully beg your consideration on behalf of E. R. Schreiber, Jr., clerk in my office. Mr. Schreiber at present receives a salary of \$600 per annum. I consider this inadequate pay for the services he renders. His duties have been multiplied since the clerkship in that office was first made, and at the present time he shares greatly the duties of the Chief Accountant. I will say in this connection that the duties of the Chief Accountant have greatly increased since that office was created. In justice to Mr. Schreiber I deem that he is entitled to additional compensation at the rate of \$36 17 a month for extra services not contemplated in the original term of hire.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANCIS J. DUCAT,
Chief Accountant.

Accepted and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

From the Clerk.

That he presented such portion of the proceedings of the last session as is required by the charter to be so presented, to his honor the Mayor for approval, on the 20th inst., and that they were approved on the 23d inst.
Accepted and placed on file.