

Said complainant seeks to restrain paving of alley between Hastings and Rivard streets, Gratiot avenue and Columbia street.

I have referred the same to the Corporation Counsel.

Very respectfully,

JOHN A. SCHMID,
City Clerk.

Accepted and placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Ways and Means.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen — Your Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the reports of the various city officers for the week ending Sept. 7, 1901, respectfully report that with the Chief Accountant we have examined the same, and believing them to be correct, recommend their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER H. COOTS,
ROBERT BARRIE,
H. F. LIPHARDT,
WM. C. HOUGHTON,
JOHN A. FREDA.

Accepted, and adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Campbell, Deimel, Freda, Haarer, Hillger, Houghton, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Magee, Moeller, Mohn, Reinhardt, Smith, Snow, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President Pro. Tem—27.

Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen — Your Committee on Ways and Means to whom was referred the communication from the Corporation Counsel relative to a strip of land lying in the line of Fischer avenue, a deed for which has been tendered to the City of Detroit for acceptance by C. F. W. Everding et al., respectfully report that we have given the matter careful consideration and upon examination find that said deed is certified to by the City Engineer as being correct in description, and by the Corporation Counsel as being correct in form and execution and title satisfactory. The Corporation Counsel having so certified, your committee recommend that the above deed be accepted, and the City Controller be instructed to cause the same to be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Wayne, Michigan, and we herewith offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER H. COOTS,
ROBERT BARRIE,
H. F. LIPHARDT,
WM. C. HOUGHTON.

Accepted, and on leave the following resolution was offered.

By Ald. Barrie:

Resolved, That the quit-claim deed of C. F. W. Everding and wife, to the City of Detroit, of all those pieces and parcels of land situated in the City of Detroit and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: The westerly 7.54 ft. of the northerly 33.60 ft. of o. l. 22; also the easterly 42.46 ft. of the northerly 33.60 ft. of o. l. 22; also the westerly 17.54 ft. of the northerly 33.60 ft. of o. l. 23; also the easterly 7.50 ft. of the northerly 33.60 ft. of o. l. 23,

all of the plat of the subdivision of the west part of p. c. 723, south of Mack street, be and the same is hereby accepted, and the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to cause the same to be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Wayne, Michigan.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Campbell, Deimel, Freda, Haarer, Hillger, Houghton, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Magee, Moeller, Mohn, Reinhardt, Smith, Snow, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman, and the President pro tem—27.

Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen — Your Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the communication from the Department of Police requesting this body to appropriate an amount sufficient to provide for the payment of the salaries of the incapacitated members of the police force, under an act approved June 6, 1901, entitled "An act to amend Sections 1 and 5 of Act. No. 372 of the local acts of 1893 entitled 'An act providing for placing on the retired list on reduced pay members of the Metropolitan police force of the city of Detroit, who shall have become disabled or incapacitated while in active performance of official duty, and members of said force and persons in the employ of the Police Board of the city of Detroit, who after twenty-five years' faithful continuous service shall have become permanently incapacitated from performing regular active duty,' as amended by Act No. 440 of the local acts of 1895, approved May 24, 1895," which appropriation was disallowed by the Board of Estimates, as provided for under the old act, respectfully report that your Committee have given this matter careful consideration, and upon investigation find that there are at the present time fourteen retired patrolmen, who receive a salary of \$40 per month. A sufficient amount of money having remained in the said fund to pay their salaries for the months of July and August, it will only be necessary to appropriate enough money to pay them their salaries for the remaining ten months in the year, which would be \$5,600. In addition to these, a patrolman is to be retired on Oct. 15 next, having been so notified by the Commissioner, which will require an additional \$340, making a total of \$5,940. Deducting from this the cash on hand, \$252 30, leaves a net debit of \$5,687 70. We have submitted the question of appropriating this money to the Corporation Counsel, and by him are informed that it can only be taken from moneys other than those raised by taxation. If this money which is asked for would be required for any other purpose than the payment of salaries, your Committee would have felt disposed to refuse the request of the Commissioner, but as it is your Committee believe it to be entirely unfair to withhold the payment of their salaries for a period of ten months, or until such time as the Board of Estimates was compelled to allow the appropriation. Your Com-