

\$2,065.48 for the paving of Thirty-fourth street, in front of Atkinson Park. As this park is city property will ask that the assessment be cancelled.

Respectfully,
WM. T. DUST,
Commissioner.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

From the Department of Parks and Boulevards.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Relative to the resolution of your honorable body passed Dec. 8, instructing this department to remove five poplar trees in front of 102 St. Paul avenue, I have to say that our forester has investigated the matter and reports that there are ten trees planted from twelve to fourteen feet apart; that he does not consider these trees dangerous, as they have all recently been topped; that he could detect no place where the roots have raised the sidewalk and that they are all several feet from the buildings. There is one old decayed maple on the corner and this will be removed. The removal of five of the ten trees would better conditions but little.

In view of this report of the conditions as found by the forester we feel that the provisions of the ordinance and the opinion of the Corporation Counsel should apply. This latter opinion, which was rendered by Mr. P. J. M. Hally when Corporation Counsel, reads as follows:

"There is no obligation on the part of the Department of Parks and Boulevards to remove trees in the highway that are not dangerous or dead trees. If abutting property owner desires to build a sidewalk or to extend his sidewalk for his own convenience or to meet the obligations imposed by the ordinance as to the width of the sidewalk upon a particular street, and the presence of trees would hinder or prevent the building of the sidewalk, without their removal, the cost of removal is a part of the expense incident to the building of the sidewalk which the property owner must bear.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. T. DUST,
Commissioner.

Accepted and referred to Committee on Parks and Boulevards.

From the Board of Poor Commissioners

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen — The Board of Poor Commissioners are unable to handle the work occasioned by the large demands on this department with our present staff of employes and I have been directed to respectfully ask that your honorable body provide the sum of \$750.00 and place same to the credit of the Salary Fund for the purpose of employing two additional clerks and one inspector for a period of three months at a salary of \$1,000.00 per annum each.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY H. PRENZLAUER,
Secretary.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

From the Recorder's Court.

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—I respectfully report to your honorable body that the fines collected in the Recorder's Court from Dec. 4th to 31st, inclusive, for violation of the City ordinances, amounts to two hundred and forty-two (\$242.00) dollars, which amount has been deposited with the City Treasurer and his receipt therefor taken.

Respectfully,
JOHN R. BARLOW,
Deputy Clerk Recorder's Court.
Accepted and placed on file.

From the Recorder's Court.

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—I respectfully report to your honorable body that a jury duly impanelled in the Recorder's Court, in the matter of opening Holly street from Artillery avenue to Jerome avenue, where not already open as a public street and highway rendered a verdict in favor of said opening Dec. 19, 1914, which was confirmed by the Court, Jan. 5, 1915.

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

Respectfully,
JOHN A. GROGAN,
Clerk.
Per ELIZABETH A. McCABE,
Deputy Clerk.
Accepted and referred to the Committee on Street Openings.

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 5th inst., and that they were approved on the 5th inst.

Placed on file.
Also, that he is in receipt of official bonds of August Richert, Constable of the Eleventh Ward, and of William F. Serenberg, Constable of the Seventh Ward.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

From the Clerk.

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—I beg to advise your honorable body that I am in receipt of the following communication from the International Union of Steam Engineers.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD LINDSAY,
City Clerk.

The following is the communication referred to:

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I am directed by the International Union of Steam & Operating Engineers, Local No. 5, to express our appreciation of the action of your honorable body and the Mayor in amending the boiler inspection regulations to provide for the remission of renewal fees for licenses. Collectively, this is an important item to the engineer, and to our minds, it is indicative of the desire for economical and efficient service to the public from all municipal departments.