

April 2.

approved June 6th, 1901. Said bonds to bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Allan, Ashe, Auch, Bleil, Braun, Brennan, Burton, Bradley, Cranshaw, Dodt, Ellis, Glinnan, Hunter, Kocher, Kronk, Crane, Hindle, Lodge, Miotke, Mitter, Kunz, Littlefield, Richert, Riopelle, Robinson, Ross, Schultz, Starkey, Thompson, Vernor, Walsh, Wartell, Wenzel, Wilson, Zink, and the President—38.  
Nays—None.

#### From the Department of Police.

Hon. Richard Lindsay,  
City Clerk.

My dear Sir:

I am enclosing, herewith, copy of resolution which I desire that you please have brought to the notice of the Committee on Claims and Accounts, in order to have the sum of \$211.00 refunded to Mr. Louis Hoffman, who purchased an automobile at the Police auction sale, March 19, 1918, and which it was afterwards discovered had been stolen from Charles E. Johnson, 194 Harmon Avenue, on June 8, 1917, and which will be returned to Mr. Johnson by Mr. Hoffman as soon as the amount is refunded to him.

I may add that the automobile was sold in compliance with the city charter, after an elapse of six months, during which time the automobile was unclaimed, so far as the record of this department show. However, it develops that Mr. Johnson did report the fact that his automobile had been stolen on June 8, 1917, but our records show that he reported an Overland instead of a Willys-Knight. It appears that the mistake may be due to the fact that both kinds of automobiles are made by the same company.

Yours respectfully,

G. A. WALTERS,

Secretary.

Referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

#### From the Department of Parks and Boulevards.

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—In accordance with a recommendation of the Mayor and the Detroit Bureau of Governmental Research, I am submitting herewith a Supplemental Estimate amounting to \$12,590, for the purpose of establishing War Gardens.

Inasmuch as the need has arisen for every community to make itself as nearly self-sustaining as possible in the matter of food, and inasmuch as there is no question about the practicability of raising, through War Gardens, a very considerable amount of vegetables, it is recommended that this work be started immediately. It is also recommended that this movement be made a permanent institution and that it be a part of the Department of Parks and Boulevards activities.

Will your honorable body kindly give this matter immediate attention?

Respectfully,

WM. T. DUST,  
Commissioner.

Referred to Controller.  
SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE.  
PARK AND BOULEVARD FUND.  
General:

War Gardens—  
To establish and superintend vegetable gardens, including the purchasing of

seed, the plowing of land, protection and the disseminating of knowledge. . . . \$ 12,590 00  
Adopted and referred to Board of Estimates.

#### From the Recorder's Court.

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—I respectfully report to your Honorable body that the fines in the Court from March 1st, 1918 to the thirty-first inclusive, for violation of the City Ordinances amount to Six Hundred and fifty seven and fifty cents (\$657.50) which amount has been deposited with the City treasurer, and his receipt therefor taken.

Your truly,

JOHN A. GROGAN,

Clerk of the Recorder's Court.  
Accepted and placed on file.

#### From the Recorder's Court.

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—The Court this day on motion of Assistant Corporation Counsel Thomas P. Penniman, allowed the Confirmation of the Verdict, heretofore rendered under date of March 9th, 1918, "In the matter of opening Chopin Avenue from Vernon Avenue to Burwell Avenue," to be amended as per attached certified order.

Your truly,

JOHN A. GROGAN,

Clerk of the Recorder's Court.  
Referred to Committee on Street Openings.

#### From the Civil Service Commission

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—I am directed by the Civil Service Commission to submit a supplemental estimate to the amount of Eighteen Hundred (\$1,800.00) Dollars, same to be used to secure a standardization and classification of the several positions in the Municipal service.

Yours respectfully,

FRED W. SMITH,

Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE.

Submitted by the Civil Service Commission April 2nd, 1918.  
For appropriation of standardization and classification of municipal service. \$ 1,800 00

FRED W. SMITH,

Secretary.

Adopted and referred to Board of Estimates.

#### From the Board of Assessors.

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—Upon request, your Honorable Body authorized a delegation to visit eastern cities for the purpose of studying methods and procedure in vogue in the preparation of tax rolls and the collection of taxes.

This delegation, consisting of Mr. G. J. Albrecht, Assessor; Mr. John Kohler, Assessor; Mr. John J. Scott, Secretary of the Board of Assessors; Mr. Jacob Bauman, Deputy City Treasurer, and Mr. Joseph A. Martin, Accountant, City Controller's office, started on the night of March 10th, accompanied by Mr. Henry Saffens, Jr., of the Bureau of Governmental Research. Mr. D. L. Dilworth, President of the Board of Assessors, learned at the last minute that he could not make the trip because of illness in his family.

The delegation visited the cities of Albany, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburgh, and Cleveland.