

Wartell, Wenzel, Wilson, Zink and the President—35.  
Nays—None.

**From the Fire Commission.**

The Honorable the Common Council:  
Gentlemen:—The Board of Fire Commissioners respectfully request your Honorable Body to authorize the Controller to transfer on his books the sum of \$8,500.00, from Account No. 9, Fire Fighting Division salaries, to Account No. 4, known as the Fuel Account, in the Buildings and Grounds Bureau.

This request is imperative on account of the fuel moneys being exhausted, and is necessary to take care of the requirements of the Department for the present fiscal year, ending June 30.

By Direction of the Commission,  
GEORGE J. FINN,  
Secretary.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

**From the Board of Poor Commissioners.**

To the Honorable the Common Council:  
Gentlemen:—The Board of Poor Commissioners would respectfully ask that your honorable body direct the City Controller to transfer from Activity Number Eight (Care of Sick in Private Hospitals) the sum of \$3,600.00 and from Activity Number Twelve (Old Couple's Support) the sum of \$800.00 and place same to the credit of Activity Number Eleven (Out Door Relief): also that you provide the sum of \$8,000.00 and place same to the credit of the following Activities, so as to meet the requirements of this Department for the remainder of the current fiscal year:

Activity.	Amount.
No. 1—Superintending .....	\$ 275 00
No. 2—Purchasing, Accounting and Board Records .....	175 00
No. 3—General Records.....	50 00
No. 4—Investigation for Relief .....	275 00
No. 5—Comp. Relief Reg. Statistics .....	175 00
No. 6—Clinic .....	1,150 00
No. 7—Ambulance Service...	900 00
No. 11—Out Door Relief.....	5,000 00

Total .....\$8,000 00

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 in the Court from April 1st, 1918, to the 30th inclusive, for violation of the City Ordinance amount to nine hundred and forty-seven dollars (\$947.00), which amount has been deposited with the City Treasurer and his receipt therefor taken.

Yours 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—I respectfully report to your Honorable Body that a jury duly impanelled in the Recorder's Court, in the matter of opening Connors Avenue,

Mack Road, Mack Avenue and Anderson Avenue, where not already open, as a public street and highway, rendered a verdict in favor of said opening, Monday, April 29th, 1918, which was confirmed by the Court Thursday, May 2nd, 1918.

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.

Accepted and referred to the Committee on Street Openings.

**From the Civil Service Commission.**

To the Honorabel the Common Council:  
Gentlemen—On April 2nd of this year a supplementary estimate was submitted by this Department for \$1,800.00, to be used by the Civil Service Commission in the preparation of a new classification. On this same day this estimate was allowed by your Honorable Body and was ordered submitted to the Board of Estimates. By some inadvertence this item was never submitted to the Board of Estimates.

That the work on this classification might proceed, it will be necessary to take some official action, assuring the availability of this money after the first of July. Such action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
FRED. W. SMITH,  
Secretary.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

**From the Department of Safety Engineering.**

To the Honorable the Common Council:  
Gentlemen—From the best information attainable at the present time, it is apparent to me that we are likely to experience another serious shortage of coal in the City of Detroit during the coming winter.

The most authentic information relating to the coal consumption for the City of Detroit, placing the total at between seven and eight million tons per year, of this total consumption nearly three million tons are assigned to steam power plants and upwards of two million tons are estimated to be used in domestic service.

It is my belief that considerable saving in fuel may be obtained by close scrutiny of the power plants and operating conditions checked up and approved, with the result that a large amount of coal may be saved for use during the winter months. It will be possible for me to do this by my force of inspectors doing a considerable service along these lines, without interfering with their regular duties.

In addition to this, it is my desire, if it meets the approval of your Honorable Body, to place the smoke inspectors actively on this work, with the proper instruments, and who will indicate to the plant owners where they may improve their operating conditions without any material cost to them.

This Department has at the present time two smoke inspectors available for this work, and it is my wish to secure the services of two engineering students at a very moderate cost to assist them in the handling of instru-