

the fact that the New Construction Work was ordered by the Board of Inspectors on October 16, 1918, October 23, 1918, November 8th, 1918, and March 3, 1919, and the work is not yet entirely completed. We have bills for this work amounting to over \$10,000.00 and the rest of the amount will become due in the very near future.

The items Care of Prisoners, Provisions, Clothing and Bedding, Care of Building, Light and Fuel are all for amounts which accrued prior to July 1st, 1919, but have become payable since that date. Of course no appropriations have been made in the current year for amounts which accrued prior to July 1st, 1919, and likewise no credit has been given to the Detroit House of Correction for the current cash funds which have been turned over to the City Treasurer in accordance with the terms of the new charter.

The item for Administrative Salaries is for the month of July and is properly chargeable to the new budget.

I wish to call your attention to the fact that a Cost Accounting System was ordered installed by A. W. Ehrman & Company in the month of Jan. 1919. The installation is just about completed and in the future there should be ascertainable not only the profits and losses of the Detroit House of Correction, but of every production operation at the institution.

It is to be hoped that the additional salary cost for the maintenance of the System will be paid for by the System. However, it is possible that this will not be the case and I wish to call to your attention, as a matter of precaution, that about \$500.00 per month of the salary roll is chargeable to the conduct of the Cost Accounting System, as installed, at the present time, and this additional salary cost was not contemplated when the budget was submitted and passed on by your Honorable body.

I respectfully request that the \$52,000.00 hereinbefore asked for be allowed as soon as possible so that all accrued bills may be taken care of inasmuch as all of the current funds of the Detroit House of Correction have been turned over to the City Treasurer.

I stand ready at all times to give any further explanations that may be required and suggest that your Honorable Board, either individually or collectively, visit the Detroit House of Correction in order to acquaint yourselves with the changes which have taken place there in recent months.

Respectfully yours,

B. BANTA,  
Superintendent.

Accepted, and on leave the following resolution was offered:

By Councilman Castator:  
Resolved, That the Controller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advance the sum of \$52,000.00 to the Detroit House of Correction funds and set up said amount as an overdraft against the revenues of said Department; and further

Resolved, That the Controller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to honor bills submitted by the said department in accordance with the foregoing appropriation.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Blelman, Bradley, Castator, Kronk, Littlefield, Nagel, Simons and the President Pro Tem.—8.  
Nays—None.

**From the Clerk of the Court, the Recorder's**

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 widening Kirkwood avenue from Lonyo Boulevard to Florida avenue, where not already to Florida width of 60 feet as a public open to highway, rendered a verdict in favor of said opening on Aug. 8th, 1919, which was confirmed by the Court on Aug. 12th, 1919.

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

Respectfully,  
HUGO E. SCHATZ,  
Clerk.

Accepted and placed on file.

**From the Department of Purchases and Supplies.**

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—Proposals for furnishing Double Galvanized Steel Strand for the Public Lighting Commission were opened by this Department August 8th, and the following companies submitted bids:

John A. Roebling's Sons Co., Detroit, Mich.

Henry L. Walker Co., Detroit, Mich.  
Western Electric Co., Detroit, Mich.

We respectfully request that your Honorable Body authorize us to enter into contract with John A. Roebling's Sons Co. for furnishing the following: 100,000 feet, ¼-inch 7 wire double galvanized strand at the rate of \$1.75 per 100 feet.

10,000 feet ¾-inch, 7 wire double galvanized strand at the rate of \$3.50 per 100 feet. Terms 35 per cent, 12½ per cent and 5 per cent off. Freight allowed to Detroit. 10 days, cash discount 2 per cent.

For your information, the above recommended firm submitted the lowest quotations.

Respectfully yours,  
DEPT. OF PURCHASES & SUPPLIES  
JOSEPH A. MARTIN,  
Commissioner.

General order for Tuesday.

**From the Department of Purchases and Supplies.**

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—On August 4th, this Department accepted and opened bids for furnishing the Department of Public Works with One Five or Six Cubic Yard Dump Truck with Power Hoist

to have carrying capacity of at least six tons and painted to our specifications. Also one Automobile Truck with Dump Body and Power Hoist with carrying capacity of seven tons of bituminous paving mixture.

The writer conferred with the Superintendent of Motor Transportation, Superintendent of Street Cleaning and Commissioner of Public Works, and it was the consensus of opinion that the following recommendations be submitted to your Honorable Body:

From Frank M. Foster, Detroit, Mich.

One Hall Chassis with 7-ton capacity, lined asphalt body power hoist, etc. for the sum of \$4,937.00 delivered.

From Simons Sales Co., Detroit, Mich.:

One White Truck with five-yard