

excessive number of families it is impossible to begin to broaden out into the field of effective case work, which is essentially necessary in properly looking after every case.

From figures obtained in the survey it shows that each worker is required to carry on the average a minimum of 92 families and take on in addition 37 families requiring new investigations or reinvestigations, making a total of 129 per month. This proportion of cases is altogether too high and is the chief factor which makes efficient case work impossible. As a result the families receiving relief are visited only infrequently thereby leaving undone much constructive effort.

Statistics obtained from two principal cities show that the worker in the Detroit Public Welfare Department is required to look after more than twice as many cases as she should be expected to handle efficiently.

Believing that it is the function of this Commission to not only investigate and afford relief to indigents but to put forth such constructive effort in each case so as to afford as far as possible such aid in solving their social problems as will do the utmost good, we deem it necessary to increase the present staff to fourteen and would therefore, respectfully ask that your Honorable Body grant for this purpose an additional appropriation of \$860.00 per month for the remainder of the current fiscal year so as to permit the employment of the following additional workers:

	Per Annum	Per Mon.
1 Asst. Supervisor.....	\$1,800	\$150
2 Visiting Housekeepers...	1,500	250
4 Social Workers	1,380	460
Total		\$860

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY H. PRENZLAUER,
Secretary.

General Order for Tuesday.

From the Public Lighting Commission.

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—We have been informed that permission is to be asked from your Honorable Body to fit up boxes upon the poles of the public lighting plant for the distribution of merchandise, etc.

Your attention is respectfully called to Chapter 214 of the Compiled Ordinances, in which Section 3 reads as follows:

"No person, association, corporation or company shall paint, post, impress or in any way affix to any pole connected with the public lighting system of said city, or any box, lamp post, tower, wire or other appliance connected therewith, any placard, sign, notice or announcement of any kind, or cause or allow any kite or other obstruction to become entangled with the wires or apparatus of said system."

This ordinance has been of great value to the public lighting plant and we sincerely hope that it may not be rescinded.

Respectfully submitted,
PUBLIC LIGHTING COMMISSION,
F. MISTERSKY,
General Superintendent.

General Order for Thursday.

From the Public Library Commission.

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—The Detroit Library Commissioners respectfully petition

your body to assign the vacant lot, 60x100, on the southwest corner of Mack and Montclair avenues, now owned by the City, for the purpose of erecting a branch library. If this request meets with the approval of the Common Council the Library Commissioners would be ready to consider the release for other purposes of the library site now available at the corner of Mack and Seminole avenues, 160x181½.

Respectfully submitted,
ADAM STROHM,
Librarian.

General Order for Friday.

From the Recorder's Court.

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—I respectfully report to your Honorable Body that the fines collected for the week ending November 7th, 1919, for violation of the City Ordinances amount to Nine Hundred and ninety three (\$993.00) dollars, which amount has been deposited with the City Treasurer, and his receipt therefor taken.

Yours truly,
CHARLES W. CASGRAIN,
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 Linsdale Avenue from Colfax Avenue to Epworth Boulevard, where not already open, 60 feet wide, as a public street and highway, rendered a verdict in favor of said opening Monday, November 3rd, 1919, which was confirmed by the Court Saturday, November 8th, 1919.

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

Respectfully,
CHAS. W. CASGRAIN,
Clerk.

Accepted and placed on file.

From the Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering.

Honorable Richard Lindsay:

Dear Sir—This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 7th, with the decision of the Common Council (Committee of the Whole) granting the petition of Mr. Elmer E. Murdock (2617), to make alterations to dwelling at 209-11 Seventeenth St. In pursuance of the action of the Honorable Common Council, permit has been granted for this work by the department.

Yours very truly,
E. L. SANDERSON,
Deputy Commissioner.

Accepted and placed on file.

From the Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering.

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—Pursuant to resolution adopted by your Honorable Body on November 4th, instructing this Department to see that the sign above the marquise at 13 Cadillac Square be taken down, I beg to report that this sign has been removed.

Very truly yours,
J. C. McCABE,
Commissioner.

Accepted and placed on file.