

orable Body, October 18th, has been duly executed.

Respectfully submitted,
H. S. STARKEY,
Secretary.

Accepted and placed on file.

From the Board of Water Commissioners.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—This department desires to lay water pipe in Warren avenue extending between Alter Road and Connors Creek Road, to furnish additional supply to the territory north of Mack avenue and east of Connors Creek.

As this street has not been opened between the points mentioned, this department respectfully recommends that your Honorable Body take such action as may be necessary to effect this opening.

Respectfully yours,

GEO. H. FENKELL,
General Manager.

General order for Monday.

From the Department of Public Welfare.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—During the month of September, 1921, your Honorable Body allowed the Public Welfare Commission a deficit appropriation of \$135,000 to meet the disbursements made for the relief of the unemployed during the month of August, 1921.

For the month of September, 1921, the Public Welfare Commission wishes to report disbursements totaling 128,540. The balance we have on hand and refunds received during the month deducted from this amount leaves approximately a \$125,000 deficit, which we are asking at the present time.

This decrease in relief is very encouraging, particularly since we had been anticipating that the autumn months might bring increased demands upon the City of Detroit. There has been a decrease not only in the amount of relief, but also in the number of families we have been assisting. This is due largely to the continued industrial activity of Detroit, and in a measure to the efforts of the Public Welfare Commission to place the unemployed at work. Through the judicious placing of men on public work and in private jobs, the department is able to eliminate many cases that would otherwise be in need of public assistance from the city. We have now developed efficient work tests and have increased the number of public jobs without pay and have, therefore, discouraged many individuals who seek relief without requiring it.

There has been a particularly large decrease in the number of single men and homeless men who are receiving assistance from the city. September showed a decrease of over 25 per cent in the number of single men assisted.

We cannot at this time forecast the need of relief for the coming months. October is likely to show somewhat of an increase over September, due particularly to an increased number of cases and also to the need for furnishing the unemployed with fuel during the cold weather.

The Public Welfare Commission, therefore, earnestly requests a deficit appropriation of \$125,000 to pay for the disbursements for relief made during the month of September.

Respectfully yours,

T. E. Dolan,
General Superintendent.

By Councilman Littlefield:

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to transfer from available funds the sum of \$125,000 to be placed to the credit of the Public Welfare Fund, which money is to be used to pay for the disbursements for relief made during the month of September.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Bradley, Castator, Kronk, Littlefield, Nagel, Simons, Vernor, Watson, and the President.—9.
Nays—None.

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 widening alley in the block bounded by Second, Woodward, Lawrence and Collingwood avenues, where not already open, as a public alley, rendered a verdict in favor of said opening, Wednesday, Dec. 29th, 1920, which was confirmed by the Court Monday, October 24th, 1921.

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 Recreation.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—This is to inform your Honorable Body that the contract between the Department of Recreation and the A. J. McLean Company, for the construction of the Community Building at Atkinson Park, has been approved by the Corporation Counsel, and the contract is now in operation.

Yours respectfully,

C. E. BREWER,

Commissioner of Recreation.

Accepted and placed on file.

From the Department of Recreation.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—The Department of Recreation advertised in the Legal News for proposals for the painting of the buildings at 504 and 538 Elmwood avenue. Subsequent to this advertisement the following proposals were received:

The James Roach Company	...\$2,750.00
Carl M. Madsen\$2,185.00
Joseph Schafer & Co.\$1,025.00

As the Joseph Schafer & Co. was the lowest bidder, the Department of Recreation respectfully ask permission to enter into contract for the painting of the buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. BREWER,

Commissioner of Recreation.

By Councilman Castator:

Resolved, That the Department of Recreation be and they are hereby