

Julius Porath—Proposal A.. 984,397.33
 Cleveland Eng. & Const. Co.—
 Proposal B1,130,180.00
 Proposal A1,161,280.00

The Board has awarded the contract for Proposal "B" to the W. E. Wood Co., of Detroit, in the sum of \$687,580, they being the lowest bidder, and respectfully requests your Honorable Body to approve and confirm the same.

Respectfully submitted,
 H. S. STARKEY,
 Secretary.

By Councilman Littlefield:

Resolved, That the contract entered into between the Board of Water Commissioners and the W. E. Wood Company for constructing Filtered Water Reservoir at Pumping Station for the sum of \$687,580.00, said W. E. Wood Company being the lowest bidder, is hereby approved and confirmed.

Adopted as follows:

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

From Board of Fire Commissioners.

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—The Board of Fire Commissioners respectfully ask your Honorable Body to approve of the transfer of \$2,000 from account 7-B, Forage and Bedding to account 4-D, General Expenditures, in order to enable us to take care of the needs of this activity for the balance of the present fiscal year.

Respectfully,
 HARRY BRABYN,
 Secretary.

By Councilman Nagel:

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to make the necessary entries upon the records of his office to effect the transfer of the sum of \$2,000 from account 7-B, Forage and Bedding, to account 4-D, General Expenditures, Fire Department Fund.

Adopted as follows:

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

From the Department of Public Welfare.

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—A big deficit appropriation of \$180,000.00 was granted to the Welfare Department in January, 1922, to cover disbursements made by the department during the month of December, 1921.

The inventory period of Detroit industries resulted in added unemployment. During this period approximately 60,000 wage earners were temporarily laid off by the industries of the Detroit Employers' Association for about a month, and the month of January, therefore, must be considered as the most serious point of depression for the current winter. During the month, however, there was a gradual recovery from the depression caused by the inventory period and by the first week in February employment condi-

tions as measured by the Employers' Association approached the December 1, 1921, level. This quick recovery is very encouraging as it indicates a very promising tendency towards the establishment of normal conditions in the near future.

The result of the temporary depression was immediately noticed in the demands made upon the Welfare Department for assistance. As against 6,073 families and 540 single men assisted for the month of December at a total cost of \$180,000.00, January showed 6,906 families and 596 single men assisted at a cost of \$235,000.00. According to present indications this is the largest monthly expenditure for unemployment relief that will be needed during the current winter.

The Public Welfare Commission, therefore, earnestly requests a deficit appropriation of \$235,000.00 be granted to liquidate the disbursements made during January, 1922.

Respectfully submitted,
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE.

T. E. Dolan,
 General Superintendent.

By Councilman Nagel:

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to transfer from Available Funds the sum of \$235,000 to meet the disbursements of the Public Welfare Commission for the relief of the unemployed made during the month of January, 1922, said sum is to be repaid when an item in the budget for the ensuing fiscal year becomes available July 1, 1922.

Adopted as follows:

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

From the Public Welfare Commission.

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—We herewith submit the Annual Report of the Public Welfare Commission for the year 1921.

Very truly,
 G. V. BRANCH,

Director of Bureau of Markets.
 For Report, see file of Common Council proceedings of this date.

From Department of Public Welfare.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—We have been authorized by the Civil Service Commission to change two men whom we have been carrying as Market Janitors at \$1,560 per year under Account 2-A of the Market Fund, to Laborers at 55c per hour, to be paid from Account 2-C (Cleaning Markets, Labor and Repairs) of the same fund. Since we are running short in Account 2-C it will be necessary that the unexpended balance covering fourth item in Account 2-A (2 Market Janitors at \$1,560—\$3,120), be transferred to Account 2-C.

Will you kindly take the necessary action to accomplish this?

Very truly yours,
 G. V. BRANCH,
 Director.

General order for Thursday, Feb. 23.

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 Pine street from Twelfth street to Eighteenth street, where not already open, as a public street and highway, rendered a verdict in favor of said opening Monday, February 6th, 1922, which was confirmed by the Court Tuesday, February 14th, 1922.

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 Detroit House of Correction.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—We find it necessary on account of the ever increasing population, to ask for a transfer of the funds from Account No. 8, Operation and Maintenance, to the following accounts and of the amounts specified to enable us to carry on the maintenance of the Institution to the end of the fiscal year, ending June 30th, 1922, and we respectfully petition your Honorable Body to request the Controller to arrange for this transfer as early as consistent.

1-C—Printing and Stationery, the sum of.....	\$ 1,000
2-D—Furniture and Fixtures, the sum of.....	500
2-F—Miscellaneous Supplies, the sum of.....	1,000
3-B—General Repairs and Renewals (Machinery)	2,000
4-B—Labor, the sum of.....	20,000
4-C—Prisoners' Earnings, the sum of	17,500
4-F—Provisions, the sum of.....	45,000
4-G—Clothing, the sum of.....	5,000
4-H—U. S. Advances, the sum of	250
4-I—Bedding, the sum of.....	2,500
4-K—Tobacco, the sum of.....	2,000
6-C—Feed and Auto Maintenance, the sum of.....	2,000
7-C—Farm Seeds, the sum of..	5,000
Capital Cost, account No. 502, Purchase of Farm Implements, the sum of.....	1,500
Capital Cost, account No. 503, Purchase of Carpet Loom, the sum of.....	125
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	\$105,375

Respectfully yours,
J. O. STUTSMAN,
Superintendent.
General order for Tuesday, Feb. 28.

From Detroit House of Correction.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—We respectfully petition your Honorable Body for a transfer of funds from available funds, for the purchase of a Ford sedan. The present Ford sedan has been in use for over two (2) years and is costing too much for upkeep, and as we can purchase a new Ford sedan by turning in the old car and paying the sum of one hundred thirty-seven and 88-100 dollars (\$137.88), we shall thank you to have the Controller honor the transfer of this amount, namely one hundred thirty-seven and 88-100 dollars (\$137.88), to make this purchase.

Respectfully yours,
J. O. STUTSMAN,
Superintendent.

General order for Tuesday, Feb. 28.

From The Clerk.

That he presented such portion of the proceedings of the last regular session as is required by the Charter to be so presented, to His Honor the Mayor for approval, on the 20th inst., and that they were approved on the 20th inst.
Placed on file.

From The Clerk.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I beg to advise your Honorable Body that the official bond of James A. Wheeler, Constable 12th Ward; quit claim deed of Michael J. Gallagher, Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Detroit, and deed of the Board of Education to the City of Detroit, have been filed in my office. Same having been approved by the Corporation Counsel, resolution accepting and approving said bond and deeds is hereto attached.

RICHARD LINDSAY,
City Clerk.

By Councilman Nagel:

Resolved, That the official bond of James A. Wheeler, appointed Constable 12th Ward, to fill vacancy, and the quit claim deed of Michael J. Gallagher, Bishop of the Diocese of Detroit, to the City of Detroit of the southerly 20 feet of lots 19 and 44, of Mechanic's Park, being John A. Dwyer's subdivision of part of fractional section 17, town 1, south range 12 east, as recorded in Liber 26, page 11, of plats of Wayne County Records; also deed of the Board of Education to the City of Detroit, of lots 1 to 8, inclusive, of Dumont's subdivision of part of southwest quarter of section 14, T. 1 S. R. 11, E. Greenfield Township, Wayne County, Michigan, be and the same are hereby accepted and approved.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Bradley, Castator, Ewald, Kronk, Littlefield, Nagel, Ver-nor, Watson, and the President—9.
Nays—None.

From The Clerk.

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—I beg to inform you that I am in receipt of the following petitions since the last session, and recommend their reference to the general order, as follows:

Respectfully,
RICHARD LINDSAY,
City Clerk.

GENERAL ORDER FOR MONDAY.

- 330—George Jerome, approval of plat of Greenfield School sub.
- 331—Sam Ponta, to purchase strip on Mitchell corner Six-mile road.
- 332—A. Albrecht Co. et al, re Municipal Garage.

GENERAL ORDER FOR THURSDAY.

- 333—Bishop Middleditch Post No. 125, American Legion, permission to hold two carnivals.

REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

- 334—Fred C. West, news stand, Concord and Jefferson avenues.
- 335—Walker Bros., Catering Co., stair-way and sidewalk elevator, Willis and Woodward avenues.
- 336—A. D. Gurko, to place two trunks in front of 5706 Chene street.