

**From Board of Water Commissioners.**

To the Honorable the Common Council. Gentlemen—Pursuant to advertisement proposals were received by the Board of Water Commissioners for furnishing and erecting steel work of breeching and platforms for four 400 H. P. boilers at Water Works Pumping Station, as follows:

Central Boiler Works.....	\$5,200.00
Michigan Boiler and Sheet Iron Works .....	5,882.00
Wickes Boiler Company.....	5,924.00

The Board has awarded the contract to the Central Boiler Works, the lowest bidder, in the sum of \$5,200.00, and respectfully requests approval and confirmation of same.

Respectfully submitted  
H. S. STARKEY,  
Secretary.

By Councilman Littlefield:  
Resolved, That the contract entered into between the Board of Water Commissioners and the Central Boiler Works for furnishing and erecting steel work of breeching and platforms for four 400 H. P. boilers at Pumping Station, they being the lowest bidder, in the sum of \$5,200.00, is hereby approved and confirmed.

General order for Tuesday, January 24th.

**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 Waveney avenue from Connors avenue to Philip avenue, where not already open, as a public street and highway, rendered a verdict in favor of said opening Friday, January 6th, 1922, which was confirmed by the Court Wednesday, January 11th, 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 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 block bounded by Dix, Baker, Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth street, as a public alley, rendered a verdict in favor of said opening, Tuesday, December 27th, 1921, which was confirmed by the Court Wednesday, January 11th, 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 Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering**

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—Pursuant to the provisions of the Charter of the City of Detroit, I am herewith transmitting for your consideration a report of the business transacted during the calen-

dar year of 1921, by the several bureaus of the Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering.

FRANK BURTON,  
Commissioner.

For full report see file of Common Council proceedings of this date. Accepted and placed on file.

**From Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering.**

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—The owner of a lot on Livernois avenue a short distance south of Fenkell avenue, has applied to this Department for a permit to erect a store building on his property. Your Honorable Body has already approved the condemnation proceedings for the widening of Livernois avenue by taking property on both sides of the street.

It is probable that this proceeding will take one or two years or possibly longer, and in the meantime this property owner if held back to the proposed new line, would be a considerable distance away from the walk. He desires to put up a temporary building of frame to the present boundary line, and promises to give a written agreement that when the new line is determined, he will remove this frame building, either converting it into a dwelling on some other lot, or putting it on the rear of this lot as a garage, and would build a brick store to the new line.

The Department has not been granting permits for frame store buildings, but it would seem as if, in this case, it would be a fair thing to allow this applicant to build a temporary frame store which would give place to a masonry store when the condemnation proceedings were concluded. Will your Honorable Body be good enough to indicate whether you consider that this would be a just thing to do?

Yours very respectfully,  
FRANK BURTON,  
Commissioner.

General order for Thursday.

**From the President of the Council.**

Mr. J. O. Stutsman, Supt.,  
Detroit House of Correction,  
1441 Alfred Street.

My dear Mr. Stutsman—At this morning's Council Committee session, Mr. Vernor brought up the question of congestion at the Detroit House of Correction and stated that this condition came about on account of large numbers of State prisoners for whom the city was not getting sufficient compensation.

In order to inform the Council as to this matter will you kindly, either in person or by letter, give us the exact figures—numbers of prisoners, the number from the counties outside of Wayne and the amount in dollars paid by these outside counties?

Before replying to this letter, however, kindly call up Mr. Vernor at his office, Cherry 5400, for further information that is in his possession.

If you will attend to this at the earliest possible moment, you will greatly oblige,

Sincerely yours,  
JOHN C. LODGE,  
President.