

Merrell, Patterson, Reves, Richert, Schmitt, Schuette, Scovel, Scullen, Stevenson, Sumner, Thompson, Youngblood and the President Pro Tem.—25.
Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred the communication from the Board of Public Works submitting bids for building brick public sewers, respectfully report that upon examination we find that James Hanley is the lowest bidder for the construction of a public brick sewer in McClellan avenue from the north line of Hamtramck street to the alley on the east of McClellan avenue north of Mack avenue, and we therefore recommend that the contract entered into by the Board of Public Works with the above named party be approved and confirmed, and we herewith offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

B. E. GERECKE,
ED. H. PATTERSON,
ALOIS A. DEIMEL.

Accepted and on leave the following resolution was offered:

By Ald. Gerecke:

Resolved, That the contract entered into by the Board of Public Works with James Hanley for the construction of a brick public sewer, section 3, McClellan avenue, from the north line of Hamtramck street to the alley on the east of McClellan avenue, north of Mack avenue, 2.564 lineal feet, 6 feet cyl., 5 feet 9 inches cyl., 7 manholes, be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Ashley, Auberlin, Beamer, Beck, Borck, Coots, Gerecke, Goeschel, Goldwater, Grunow, Klein, McGraw, Merrell, Patterson, Reves, Richert, Schmitt, Schuette, Scovel, Scullen, Stevenson, Sumner, Thompson, Youngblood and the President pro tem.—25.
Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred the petition of D. J. Mackay asking to be relieved from penalty and interest for the construction of a sewer in rear of his property, respectfully report that after careful consideration we find that when this sewer was constructed, through some error, part of it was built within the line of some of the property owners; that after it was built and the roll in the hand of the Receiver of Taxes, it was decided to remove that portion that was inside of the property line to where it belonged; that your petitioner was not aware that the assessment for said sewer would become due until after the changes were made; that as soon as he became aware of the fact that said assessment was due he tendered the Receiver of Taxes the amount due on said assessment, but the Receiver of Taxes declined to accept said amount, as the time for payment had lapsed. In view of the above, we recommend that your petitioner be allowed to pay his original assessment

without interest and penalty and herewith offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
B. E. GERECKE,
ED. H. PATTERSON,
ALOIS A. DEIMEL.

Accepted and on leave the following resolution was offered:

By Ald. Gerecke:

Resolved, That the Receiver of Taxes be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to receive the sum of \$49 27 from D. J. Mackay, being the original amount of assessment against lot 6, north side of an alley bounded by Vinewood, Michigan, Hubbard and A streets, in full payment of all claims against said lot for the construction of said sewer.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Ashley, Auberlin, Beamer, Beck, Borck, Coots, Gerecke, Goeschel, Goldwater, Grunow, Klein, McGraw, Merrell, Patterson, Reves, Richert, Schmitt, Schuette, Scovel, Scullen, Stevenson, Sumner, Thompson, Youngblood and the President pro tem.—25.
Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Frahm, asking to be relieved from a tax for building a sewer in 1889, respectfully report that we find that your petitioner is the owner of lot 27, block 14, sub. of Sheehan's farm, private claim 723, on West Grandy ave., and we see no reason why he should not have paid the assessment at the time that it became due, consequently we recommend that the prayer of your petitioner be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

B. E. GERECKE,
ED. H. PATTERSON,
ALOIS A. DEIMEL.

Accepted and adopted.

Street Openings.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the communication from his honor the Mayor, regarding, and petition for, the vacation of an alley in the block bounded by Grant, Linden, Thirteenth and Wabash avenues, respectfully report that upon examination we find that although this alley is platted, it has never been used; that the abutting property is wholly owned by the Woman's Hospital and Foundlings' Home; that they have an opportunity at the present time to sell the property, provided the said alley is vacated. In view of the above facts, we recommend that the said alley be vacated and herewith offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

NOBLE ASHLEY,
M. W. SCOVEL,
HUGH T. SCULLEN.

Accepted and on leave the following resolution was offered:

By Ald. Ashley:

Resolved, That the alley in the block bounded by Grant, Linden, Thirteenth and Wabash avenues be and the same is hereby vacated.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Ashley, Auberlin, Beamer, Beck, Borck, Coots, Gerecke, Goeschel, Goldwater, Grunow, Klein,

McGraw, Merrell, Patterson, Reves,
 Richert, Schmitt, Schuette, Scovel,
 Scullen, Stevenson, Sumner, Thomp-
 son, Youngblood and the President pro
 tem.—25.
 Nays—None.

Markets.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Markets, to whom was referred the several bids for cleaning the Eastern and Western Markets, respectfully report that we have carefully examined the same, and find that John Snow is the lowest bidder for cleaning the Eastern Market at the sum of \$270, and that Thomas Baird is the lowest bidder for cleaning the Western Market for the sum of \$180. We recommend that the City Controller be instructed to enter into a contract with the above named parties for cleaning the Eastern and Western Markets, and herewith offer the following resolutions:

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. SUMNER,
 HOMER M'GRAW,
 ANTHONY WEILER.

Accepted, and on leave the following resolutions were offered:

By Ald. Sumner:

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to enter into a contract with John Snow for cleaning the Eastern Market for the sum of \$270 for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1898.

Laid on the table.

By Ald. Sumner:

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to enter into a contract with Thomas Baird for cleaning the Western Market for the sum of \$180 for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1898.

Laid on the table.

Ordinances.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Ordinances, to whom was referred the petition of R. T. Fitzpatrick et al., remonstrating against the removing of the vans from Grand River avenue, respectfully report. As the question of authority on the part of the Council to locate the vans on the Eastern and Western Hay Markets had been questioned, we deemed it best to get a written opinion from the Corporation Counsel. Quoting from the section of the Revised Ordinances relating to public markets, he gives the following: "No person other than a farmer or gardener, selling or offering for sale from wagons, carts or other vehicles grain, vegetables, etc., shall occupy space upon the Eastern or Western Market grounds, except purchasers," and then goes on to say that in his opinion the ordinance setting apart any portion of the market grounds for the use of vans would, under the present market ordinance, be illegal. Under the circumstances we are of the opinion that there is no way out of the difficulty except by amending the ordinance on markets, if it is deemed best to keep them on the Hay Market, or to amend the ordinance now before the Council by placing the vans on Grand River avenue directly opposite their present lo-

cation, or on the south side of Grand River avenue.

Respectfully submitted,
 HENRY C. SCHUETTE,
 B. E. GERECKE.

Accepted.

Ald. Beck moved to refer the report back to the Committee on Ordinances, which motion prevailed.

SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Ordinances, to whom was referred the resolution of Ald. Goeschel, requesting the Committee on Ordinances to present to the Common Council an ordinance requiring the various boards and commissions of the municipal government to transact their business in public instead of behind closed doors, respectfully report that upon examination we are informed by the Corporation Counsel that "all boards of this city were organized under and by virtue of special acts of the legislature, and such acts give the boards authority to make such rules and regulations as they may deem proper for the transaction of their business. The legislature has not conferred upon the Common Council any power to make rules, except in reference to their own body."

In view of the above fact we recommend that the resolution be indefinitely postponed.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. SCHUETTE,
 B. E. GERECKE.

Accepted and adopted.

Liquor Bonds.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Liquor Bonds, to whom was referred the various liquor bonds, respectfully report that we have carefully examined the same and find that the bonds have been certified as correct in form by the Corporation Counsel, we therefore recommend that the bonds as reported by the City Clerk be and they are hereby accepted and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. E. STEVENSON,
 WM. AUBERLIN,
 SAM GOLDWATER.

Accepted and adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Ashley, Auberlin, Beamer, Beck, Borck, Coots, Gerecke, Goeschel, Goldwater, Grunow, Klein, McGraw, Merrell, Patterson, Reves, Richert, Schmitt, Schuette, Scovel, Scullen, Stevenson, Sumner, Thompson, Youngblood and the President pro tem.—25.
 Nays—None.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From the Receiver of Taxes.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—The undersigned respectfully reports that pursuant to law he did, on the 1st day of May, A. D. 1897, advertise a notice in the printer newspaper published by the printer of the city once a week for four successive weeks a list of lands, tenements, hereditaments or premises, and the names, if known, of the owners or occupants of, or the amount of interest in the same, and the amount of unpaid taxes for the year 1895 due thereon, and notifying such parties in interest that if default be made in making any such payments of the