

# COMMON COUNCIL

(OFFICIAL.)

Detroit, Tuesday, June 22, 1897.

The Council was called to order by the President pro tem., the Honorable Noble Ashley.

Present—Ald. Auberlin, Batchelder, Beamer, Beck, Borck, Coots, Deimel, Gerecke, Goeschel, Goldwater, Grunow, Klein, Knauss, McGraw, Marx, Merrell, Patterson, Reves, Richert, Schmitt, Schuette, Scovel, Scullen, Stevenson, Sumner, Thompson, Tossy, Weiler, Wild, Youngblood and the President pro tem.

## Correction of the Journal.

Ald. Thompson asked that the journal of the last session be corrected in conformity with the following resolution, which he offered by unanimous consent:

By Ald. Thompson:

Resolved, That the journal of the session of the Common Council of June 15th, 1897, be corrected as follows—that the following relative to the nomination of Benjamin R. Hoyt as Commissioner of Parks and Boulevards be stricken out, namely: "Ald. Youngblood moved the confirmation of the nomination, which motion was lost as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Auberlin, Beamer, Borck, Deimel, Gerecke, Goldwater, McGraw, Merrell, Schmitt, Scullen, Stevenson, Thompson, Tossy, Weiler and Youngblood—15.

Nays—Ald. Batchelder, Beck, Coots, Goeschel, Grunow, Klein, Knauss, Marx, Patterson, Reves, Schuette, Scovel, Sumner and the President—14—requiring, under a Charter provision, a majority vote of all Aldermen elected to confirm a nomination," and that the following be inserted in place thereof:

"Ald. Youngblood moved the confirmation of the nomination, which motion was carried as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Auberlin, Beamer, Borck, Deimel, Gerecke, Goldwater, McGraw, Merrell, Schmitt, Scullen, Stevenson, Thompson, Tossy, Weiler and Youngblood—15.

Nays—Ald. Batchelder, Beck, Coots, Goeschel, Grunow, Klein, Knauss, Marx, Patterson, Reves, Schuette, Scovel, Sumner and the President—14.

And it is hereby declared that said Benjamin R. Hoyt was duly and regularly confirmed as Commissioner of Parks and Boulevards, and he is hereby confirmed."

The chair ruled the resolution out of order.

Ald. Thompson appealed from the decision of the chair.

The question being, Shall the decision of the chair stand as the decision of the house? the decision of the chair was sustained as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Auberlin, Batchelder, Beamer, Beck, Borck, Coots, Gerecke, Goeschel, Grunow, Klein, Knauss, McGraw, Marx, Patterson, Reves, Richert, Schmitt, Schuette, Scovel, Stevenson, Sumner, Wild and the President pro tem.—23.

Nays—Ald. Deimel, Goldwater, Mer-

rell, Scullen, Thompson, Tossy, Weiler and Youngblood—8.  
The journal of the last session was then approved.

## Unfinished Business

Ald. Sumner moved to take from the table resolutions laid over June 22, 1897, authorizing and instructing the City Controller to enter into a contract with John Snow for cleaning the Eastern Market for the sum of \$270 also with Thomas Baird for cleaning the Western Market for the sum of \$180 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, which motion prevailed.

Ald. Grunow moved that the whole matter be referred back to the Committee on Markets, which motion did not prevail.

The resolution authorizing the Controller to enter into contract with John Snow for cleaning of the Eastern Market was then adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Auberlin, Batchelder, Beamer, Beck, Borck, Coots, Deimel, Gerecke, Goeschel, Goldwater, Grunow, Klein, Knauss, McGraw, Marx, Merrell, Patterson, Reves, Richert, Schmitt, Schuette, Scovel, Scullen, Sumner, Thompson, Tossy, Weiler, Wild, Youngblood and the President pro tem.—30.

Nays—Ald. Stevenson—1.

The resolution authorizing the Controller to enter into contract with Thomas Baird for cleaning of the Western Market was then adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Auberlin, Batchelder, Beamer, Beck, Borck, Coots, Deimel, Gerecke, Goeschel, Goldwater, Grunow, Klein, Knauss, McGraw, Marx, Merrell, Patterson, Reves, Richert, Schmitt, Schuette, Scovel, Scullen, Stevenson, Sumner, Thompson, Tossy, Weiler, Wild, Youngblood and the President pro tem.—31.

Nays—None.

Ald. Auberlin, Weiler and Youngblood were excused.

SAME.

Ald. McGraw moved to take from the table a resolution laid over June 8, 1897, vacating an alley upon the south side of the street formerly known as Ferry avenue and lying between lots Nos. 164 and 165, on Van Dyke avenue, and lot A, all of Potter's sub. of p. c. 390, also 29 12-100 feet of the easterly end of the alley between the streets formerly known as Ferry avenue and Kirby avenue, immediately adjoining the M. M. Rose school lot on Van Dyke avenue and authorizing the Board of Public Works to change the plan of the city in accordance herewith, which motion prevailed.

The resolution was then adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Batchelder, Beamer, Beck, Borck, Coots, Deimel, Gerecke, Goeschel, Goldwater, Grunow, Klein, Knauss, McGraw, Marx, Merrell, Patterson, Reves, Richert, Schmitt, Schuette, Scovel, Scullen, Stevenson, Sumner, Thompson, Tossy, Wild and the President pro tem.—28.

Nays—None.

SAME.

Ald. Scovel moved to take from the table a resolution laid over June 8, 1897, accepting plat of the Beste sub. of part of outlot 1, p. c. 678, Detroit, Mich., and authorizing the Board of



Public Works to sign and approve said plat and change plan of the city in accordance therewith, which motion prevailed.

The resolution was then adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Batchelder, Beamer, Beck, Borck, Coots, Deimel, Gerecke, Goeschel, Goldwater, Grunow, Klein, Knauss, McGraw, Marx, Merrell, Patterson, Reves, Richert, Schmitt, Schuterson, Scovel, Scullen, Stevenson, Sumner, Thompson, Tossy, Wild and the President pro tem.—28.

Nays—None.

### Petitions Presented.

#### BY ALD. GRUNOW.

Of John Schroeder et al., remonstrating against the paving of Indiana street, between Antoine and Hastings streets.

Referred to the Committee on Streets.

#### BY ALD. REVES.

Of Thomas McCreannor, for permission to peddle without a license.

Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

#### BY ALD. DEIMEL.

Of Giovanni Arietti et al., remonstrating against the paving of Indiana street, between Hastings and Russell streets.

Referred to the Committee on Streets.

#### BY ALD. SCOVEL.

Of D. J. Taylor, for permission to stand at Soldiers' Monument and brush hats.

Referred to the Committee on Streets.

#### BY ALD. THOMPSON.

Of Thomas S. Sheridan, remonstrating against the paving of Laurel street.

Referred to the Board of Public Works.

#### BY ALD. TOSSY.

Of E. M. Kingsley et al., remonstrating against the paving of Elmwood avenue, from Clinton avenue to Waterloo street.

Referred to the Committee on Streets.

#### BY ALD. MARX.

Of Ferdinand Reichle et al., remonstrating against the paving of Townsend avenue, between Jefferson and St. Paul avenues.

Referred to the Board of Public Works.

#### BY ALD. GOLDWATER.

Of John Affeld, requesting that the Corporation Counsel authorize petitioners' attorney to appear for city in case of Edward H. Ross et al. vs. City of Detroit et al.

Referred to the Committee on Sewers and Board of Public Works.

#### BY ALD. SCULLEN.

Of W. F. Baisch et al., for better police protection.

Referred to the Police Commission.

#### BY ALD. STEVENSON.

Of L. E. Ellis, for the opening of Welch avenue, from Plumer to Toledo avenues.

Referred to the Committee on Street Openings.

### By the Clerk.

Of William Glaser et al., for the paving of Koch avenue, from Woodward avenue to Beaubien street.

Referred to the Board of Public Works.

Of Charles Kudner et al., for lateral sewer in alley in block bounded by Oakland, Cameron, Sidney and Philadelphia avenues.

Referred to the Board of Public Works.

Of J. J. Hillen, for lateral sewer in alley in block bounded by Sixth, Fifth, Jones and Beech streets.

Referred to the Board of Public Works.

Of Henry W. Rickel, for the vacation of a strip of land called Dequindre street, between Gratiot avenue and Adelaide street.

Referred to the Committee on Street Openings.

Of William J. Gutow et al., for lateral sewer in alley in block bounded by Forest, Mt. Elliot, and Garfield avenues, and Ellery street.

Referred to the Board of Public Works.

Of D. D. Wessels et al., for the opening of Twenty-fifth street, from Merrick avenue to Warren avenue.

Referred to the Committee on Street Openings.

Of W. W. Chapin et al., requesting the reappointment of James D. Dubois as elevator conductor in the Municipal Court building.

Accepted and placed on file.

Of Fred Cornehl et al., remonstrating against the paving of Elmwood avenue, from Clinton avenue to Waterloo street.

Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Of David W. Simons, for the cancellation of a paving assessment.

Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Of David J. May, for damages on account of the loss of a horse caused by falling on an alleged defective pavement on Greenwood avenue.

Referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Of A. B. Atwater, superintendent, in reference to stands for hacks and omnibuses at Brush street depot.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

### COMMUNICATIONS.

#### From the Mayor.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—On reviewing the proceedings of your honorable body, and noting your action upon the nomination of Benjamin R. Hoyt as Park Commissioner, I applied to the Corporation Counsel for his legal opinion, and was advised by him that your honorable body had concurred in said nomination. The opinion of the City Counsellor is hereto attached.

Should the record of your honorable body not be amended to conform to the opinion of the City Counsellor, and so as to recognize the confirmation of Benjamin R. Hoyt, I hereby appoint Benjamin R. Hoyt Commissioner of Parks and Boulevards, to succeed James A. Randall, whose time of office expired May 31, 1897, and respectfully request your honorable body to consent to said appointment.

Respectfully submitted,  
WILLIAM C. MAYBURY, Mayor.