

tion of the People's Savings Bank for the cancellation of a tax, respectfully report that we have carefully considered the matter and beg leave to state that the petitioners are the owners of lot 16, O'Brien's sub. of the east ½ of private claim 44, west side of Fifteenth street; that the books of the City Treasurer show that the taxes upon said lot remain unpaid for the year 1889, but which, upon examination, we find is a clerical error, in not crediting said lot with said payment, for which the petitioners hold a proper receipt, countersigned by the Controller, which was presented before your committee. In view of this, we recommend that the City Treasurer be instructed to cancel said sale, and we herewith offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
HOMER MCGRAW,
OLIVER H. GRUNOW,
LOUIS E. TOSSY.

Accepted, and on leave the following resolution was offered:

By Ald. McGraw:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to cancel the sale against lot 16, O'Brien's sub. of the east ½ of private claim 44, west side of Fifteenth street, for the general taxes of 1889, upon presentation of the proper receipt showing that said tax was paid for said year.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Blell, Coots, Deimel, Fracher, Grunow, Haarer, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Joy, Knauss, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, McGraw, McGuire, Marx, Mayhew, Merrell, Miller, Moeller, Peoples, Reinhardt, Schneider, Smith, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—33.
 Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Taxes, to whom was referred the petition of Barnes Safe & Lock Co., W. M. Hull, manager, for the reduction of a personal tax, respectfully report that we have carefully considered the matter and beg leave to state that the petitioner was assessed the sum of \$3,000 upon stock and fixtures, etc., located at 129 Jefferson avenue for the year 1899; that he made a statement to the Board of Assessors at the proper time showing that said stock was not worth more than \$600, with affidavit attached; that he personally visited Mr. Oakman when he learned of being assessed \$3,000, and was assured that it would be reduced in accordance with the statement; that the Barnes Safe & Lock Co. never had a stock of goods here within the last two years other than the samples in their rooms above mentioned; that all the orders were filled from Pittsburg direct; that through someone's neglect the mistake was never rectified, consequently the assessment remained upon the books at \$3,000.

Your Committee feel satisfied that the petitioner is entitled to a rebate and therefore recommend that he be refunded the taxes upon \$2,400 and we herewith offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
HOMER MCGRAW,
OLIVER H. GRUNOW,
LOUIS E. TOSSY.

Accepted and on leave the following resolution was offered:

By Ald. McGraw:

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to draw his warrant upon the proper fund in favor of W. H. Hull, manager, Barnes Safe & Lock Co., for the sum of \$41.60, being the taxes upon an over assessment of \$2,400 assessed against the aforesaid firm (then located in this city) upon presentation of the proper receipt showing that he has paid the taxes upon \$3,000 for the year 1899, assessed at 129 Jefferson avenue.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Blell, Coots, Deimel, Fracher, Grunow, Haarer, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Joy, Knauss, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, McGraw, McGuire, Marx, Mayhew, Merrell, Miller, Moeller, Peoples, Reinhardt, Schneider, Smith, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—33.
 Nays—None.

Street Openings.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Street Openings to whom was referred the petition of Geo. H. Hees, Son & Co., et al., for the vacation of part of an alley in block bounded by D. & B. C. R. R., Myrtle street, Michigan and Hubbard avenues, respectfully report that we have carefully considered the matter and beg leave to state that the petitioners are the owners of all the property lying in said block with the exception of those lots facing on Michigan avenue which belong to the estate of Bela Hubbard, who have given their consent to the proposed vacation; that the petitioners desire the alley running north and south parallel with Hubbard avenue, extending from Myrtle street southerly to the northerly line of lot 14 in said block to be vacated, for the reason that all the property abutting upon said alley between said points is used for manufacturing purposes; that the owners of lots 1 to 14 inclusive of said block will cause the obstructions in the alley in the rear of their lots to be removed and said alley opened for use of the general public as a public highway on condition that the balance of said alley above described is vacated by the Common Council. Your committee therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted; provided the obstructions in the alley running east and west and parallel with Michigan avenue, lying between Hubbard avenue and the D. & B. C. R. R., be removed and said alley opened to the public as a public highway, and we herewith offer the following resolution:

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER MCGRAW,
JOHN J. STEIGER,
LOUIS F. FRACHER.

Accepted and on leave the following resolution was offered.

By Ald. McGraw:

Resolved, That the alley running north and south parallel with Hubbard avenue and the D. & B. C. R. R., extending from Myrtle street southerly to the northerly line of lot 14 of B. Hubbard's sub. of part of P. C. 77, N. of Michigan avenue, be and the same is hereby vacated;

Provided, That all the obstructions

in the 20-foot alley lying in the rear of lots 2 to 14, inclusive, of B. Hubbard's sub. of part of P. C. 77, north of Michigan avenue, are removed, and said alley opened to the public as a public highway.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Bleil, Coots, Deimel, Fracher, Grunow, Haarer, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Joy, Knauss, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, McGraw, McGuire, Marx, Mayhew, Merrill, Miller, Moeller, Peoples, Reinhardt, Schneider, Smith, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—33.
Nays—None.

Ordinances.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Ordinances, to whom was referred the resolution of Ald. Peoples relative to the running of cars on Warren avenue west, also the ordinance offered by Ald. Beamer relative to transfers on the Detroit Railway, respectfully report that we have carefully considered the matter and beg leave to state that we are of the opinion that these matters properly belong before the Committee on Franchises, and therefore recommend such reference.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. HAARER,
PETER KNAUSS,
BASIL A. LEMKE.

Accepted and adopted.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Ordinances to whom was referred the petition of Charles E. Bleakley et al., for the reduction of penalty and interest on alley paving assessments, respectfully report that we have carefully considered the matter and beg leave to state that we submitted the matter to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion, who states in part as follows: "I beg to say that whether or not the ordinance can be amended with reference to the time within which assessments must be paid, it could not be made to apply to assessments already made under existing ordinances. I do not think the Council has power to change the length of time within which the special assessments of any kind can be paid, without the addition of interest and penalties, nor in my opinion, has it the power to change the rate of interest nor the amount of penalty added." In view of the opinion rendered by the Corporation Counsel, your committee can see no other course to pursue but deny the prayer of the petitioner, which is our recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,
J. J. HAARER,
PETER KNAUSS,
BASIL A. LEMKE.

Accepted and adopted.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Ordinances, to whom was referred the petitions to change the name of Sixth street to Dickinson avenue; Thirteenth street to Lafferty avenue; Foundry

street to Beecher avenue, and Sullivan avenue to Crescent avenue, respectfully report that your committee have carefully considered the several petitions, and reiterate our reasons previously stated that we can see no necessity for said changes. We therefore recommend that the prayers of the several petitioners be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. HAARER,
PETER KNAUSS,
BASIL A. LEMKE.

Referred back to the Committee on Ordinances.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Ordinances, to whom was referred the petition to change the name of Welch avenue to Military avenue, respectfully report that we have carefully considered the matter and find upon investigation that Welch avenue is practically a continuation of Military avenue, and should have been so named at the time it was platted. In view of this we recommend that said name be changed, and we herewith offer the following ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. HAARER,
PETER KNAUSS,
BASIL A. LEMKE.

Accepted.

The following is the ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE changing the name of Welch avenue to Military avenue.

It is hereby ordained by the people of the City of Detroit:

Section 1. The name of the street and highway in the City of Detroit heretofore known as Welch avenue shall be and the same is hereby changed and shall hereafter be known as Military avenue.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall take immediate effect.

Read twice by title, ordered printed and laid on the table.

Ordinance.

Unanimous consent being granted, the following was presented by Ald. Haarer:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for interchangeable workingmen's tickets, so called, and their use on all street railway lines within the city of Detroit.

It is hereby ordained by the People of the City of Detroit:

Section 1. Between the hours of 5:30 and 7 a. m. and 5:15 and 6:15 p. m. all workingmen's tickets, so called, shall be received for street railway fares by any street railway company operating cars within the city of Detroit, whether such ticket had been originally issued by the company to which said ticket is presented, or by some other company.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall take immediate effect.

Read twice by title, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Franchises.