

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Taxes to whom was referred the petition of Mary Ray Cook et al. for permission to pay taxes with interest at the legal rate, and the necessary costs and expenses incurred by the city to date, by the reason of the non-payment of said taxes, beg leave to report that we have carefully investigated the matter, and find from the evidence presented to your committee that the property in question is held by an estate, and the revenue of the estate is, and has been insufficient to meet the current expenses of said state, including taxes; that the imposition of the 10 per cent interest, etc., as provided for in the ordinance would mean in this case, a practical confiscation of the property. There seems to be no desire on the part of the petitioners to evade a payment of the taxes, but rather they profess to be, and the evidence stands to support this, to be willing to pay the said taxes together with the interest at the legal rate.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that the premises being considered, the petitioner be allowed to pay the tax for the years 1893 to 1900, inclusive, at the legal rate of interest, and such costs and expenses as have been incurred by advertising, etc., as have been actually met, and we herewith submit the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
FRED W. SMITH,
EDWARD WILDMAN,
DANIEL CAMPBELL.

Accepted, and on leave the following resolution was offered.

By Ald. Smith:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to receive from Mary Ray Cook et al., the face value of the general city tax with 6 per cent interest added thereto, due against lot 2, block 58, of the Woodbridge farm s. s. Michigan avenue.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Beamer, Campbell, Coots, Deimel, Freda, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Marx, Miller, Moeller, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Smith, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—32.

Nays—None.

Street Openings.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the resolution describing property necessary to be taken in the matter of opening Twenty-third street, from Fort street to River street, respectfully report that we have carefully considered the matter and believing it to be a public necessity, recommend that the resolution offered by Ald. Steiger at a session held on March 26 (J. C. C. 220), describing the property necessary to be taken in the matter of opening Twenty-third street, between the above mentioned points, be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN J. STEIGER,
WM. F. MOELLER,
M. W. M'GUIRE.

Accepted and recommendation concurred in, as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Beamer, Campbell, Coots, Deimel, Freda, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Marx, Miller, Moeller, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Smith, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—32.

Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the petition of Ida W. Schmidt et al., requesting that Beck street be vacated, respectfully report that your committee have given the matter their careful consideration, and upon investigation, find that Beck street was platted some years ago on a direct line with Second avenue, below the railroad track, extending one-half block each side of Seward avenue, that when Second avenue was opened there was a slight jog made near the railroad, hence, Beck street could not be taken in considering said opening. The conditions as they exist today are that there are two narrow strips of land between Beck street and Second avenue.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that inasmuch as Second avenue is opened through, and Beck street is of no further use to the city, as a public highway, that said Beck street be vacated provided the parties owning the adjoining property pay into the City Treasury their just proportion of the expenses incurred by the city in the matter of paving Seward avenue at the intersection of Beck street, and we herewith offer the following resolution:

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN J. STEIGER,
WM. F. MOELLER,
M. W. M'GUIRE.

Accepted, and on leave, the following resolution was offered:

By Ald. Steiger:

Resolved, That Beck street, lying immediately west of and parallel with Second avenue, between Parkman avenue and the alley north of Seward avenue, be and the same is hereby vacated:

Provided, The parties owning the adjoining property pay into the City Treasury their just proportion of the expenses incurred by the city in the matter of paving Seward avenue at the intersection of Beck street, within 30 days of the date of the adoption of this resolution.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Beamer, Campbell, Coots, Deimel, Freda, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Marx, Miller, Moeller, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Smith, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—32.

Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the petition of John A. Burch et al. (representing the wardens and vestrymen of the Church of the Re-

deemer), requesting the cancellation of a street opening assessment placed against them for the opening of Antoinette street, respectfully report that we can see no reason why the petitioners should be relieved from the payment of said assessment. The property is unquestionably benefited by the opening, and had it not been, it certainly would not have been placed in the district. The petitioners in the first place should have appeared before the Board of Assessors or the Common Council at the time that said street was opened, or at the time it was contemplated to open said street, and there presented their grievances. This they failed to do, hence, the Assessors spread the assessment upon the rolls and presented the same for adoption to the Common Council, which recommendation was concurred in. Your committee can see no other course to pursue than deny the prayer of the petitioners, which is our recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,
 JOHN J. STEIGER,
 WM. F. MOELLER,
 M. W. M'GUIRE.

Accepted and adopted.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen — Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the communication of citizens living in the vicinity of Willis avenue, protesting against the opening of Willis avenue, from Moran to Mt. Elliott avenues, beg leave to report that we have carefully considered the matter, and we believe at this time it would be inadvisable to open this street; we therefore recommend that the Corporation Counsel be instructed to discontinue proceedings in the matter of opening the aforesaid street.

Respectfully submitted,
 JOHN J. STEIGER,
 WM. F. MOELLER,
 M. W. M'GUIRE.

Accepted and adopted.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen — Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the matter of discontinuing the proceedings taken in the Anthon street opening case, and opening in place thereof Lauderdale avenue, from Junction avenue, easterly to the westerly line of the unplatted property lying between Summit and McKinstry avenues, Fort street and the railroad, respectfully report that we have carefully considered the matter, and beg leave to state that after investigation we find that it will be cheaper to open Lauderdale avenue instead of Anthon street, and at the same time give better results. We therefore recommend that the Corporation Counsel be requested to discontinue the proceedings taken in the matter of opening Anthon street, from Junction to Morrel, and that he prepare the proper resolution for the opening of Lauderdale avenue, from Junction avenue easterly to the westerly line of the unplatted property lying between Summit and McKinstry avenues, Fort street and the railroad.

Respectfully submitted,
 JOHN J. STEIGER,
 WM. F. MOELLER,
 M. W. M'GUIRE.

Accepted, and recommendation concurred in as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Beam-er, Campbell, Coots, Delmel, Freda, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Lip-hardt, McGuire, Marx, Miller, Moeller, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Smith, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—32.

Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen — Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the resolution of Ald. Magee, limiting the Corporation Counsel to employ any expert witnesses in the street opening cases at a fee not to exceed the sum of \$100 in payment for services in any one case, respectfully report, that we have given this matter our most careful consideration, and beg leave to state that your committee are of the opinion that the purposes endeavored to be secured by the adoption of that resolution are entirely contrary to business methods. Heretofore when streets have been opened the city's interests have been practically unguarded, the property owners in most cases getting exceedingly fair prices for their land. This condition of affairs has been reversed in the matter of opening John R. and widening Beaubien streets, because of the fact that the city had employed two expert witnesses to protect the interests of the city when these streets came up for trial in the Recorder's Court. It was clearly demonstrated at that time and the records will show for this, that the jury in each case allowed but a very small sum above the amount estimated by our expert witnesses. It was reported at one time that the John R. street opening case would cost from \$100,000 to \$150,000. The expert witnesses estimated the cost of opening said street at only \$65,000, which was from \$35,000 to \$80,000 below the amount placed upon the cost of opening said street by real estate dealers. The jury allowed \$69,000, which was only \$4,000 over the estimate placed upon the property by the two expert witnesses. In this particular case, as you all know, bills were presented for \$250 for each of them, and which were finally paid by the Council after a long struggle. The men in this particular case had to familiarize themselves with the valuation of every piece of property along the line of this street and had to demonstrate to the Court how they arrived at their figures. This work could not be done in two or three days, nor in a week, but it took months of time, and there is no question in the minds of your committee, when comparing the two estimates submitted and the amount allowed by the jury, that the expert witnesses in that particular case were well worth the amount of money they asked. There is not a business house in the country that would tie its hands in a manner as it is proposed to tie the city's hands, if that resolution were adopted. Argument upon argument could be advanced against the carrying out of such a principle, but believing that every member of this Council understands the situation thoroughly without going any further, we

recommend that the resolution be indefinitely postponed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. STEIGER,
WM. F. MOELLER,
M. W. M'GUIRE.

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, respectful 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 on the 16th day of April, 1901, be, and are hereby accepted and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. NEVERMANN, JR.,
H. F. LIPHARDT,
BASIL A. LEMKE.

Accepted and adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Beamer, Campbell, Coots, Deimel, Freda, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Marx, Miller, Moeller, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Smith, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—32.

Nays—None.

Resolutions.

FIRST WARD.

By Ald. Coots:

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby directed to transfer from the Deficiency Fund to the Interest Fund an amount equal to the amount of the uncollected taxes due the Interest Fund, for the fiscal year of 1900.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Beamer, Campbell, Coots, Deimel, Freda, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Marx, Miller, Moeller, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Smith, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—32.

Nays—None.

By Ald. Beamer:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be requested to cause a sidewalk to be built on the north side of Leicester Court, between Woodward and Oakland avenues, where not already built.

Adopted.

By Ald. Beamer:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be and is hereby authorized to issue a permit to Frank C. Rommeck to construct a sign as per sketch submitted, to extend out from building 2-ft. 10-in., at No. 35 Monroe avenue.

Provided, That said work shall be performed under the supervision of the Board of Public Works, and in accordance with plans submitted to and approved by said Board, and provided further, that no rights in the public streets shall be considered waived by this permission, which is granted expressly on the condition that said sign and all obstructions in connection therewith shall be removed at any time when so directed by the Common Council

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Beamer, Campbell, Coots, Deimel, Freda, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Marx, Miller, Moeller, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Smith, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—32.

Nays—None.

SECOND WARD.

By Ald. Joy:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be and is hereby authorized to issue a permit to John E. Primeau to erect an electric sign in front of his place of business, 76 Larned street west.

Provided, That said work shall be performed under the supervision of the Board of Public Works, and in accordance with plans submitted to and approved by said Board, and provided further, that no rights in the public streets shall be considered waived by this permission, which is granted expressly on the condition that said sign and all obstructions in connection therewith shall be removed at any time when so directed by the Common Council.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Beamer, Campbell, Coots, Deimel, Freda, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Marx, Miller, Moeller, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Smith, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—32.

Nays—None.

FOURTH WARD.

By Ald. Keating:

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby granted to Adams Bros., to erect, under the ordinance, an ornamental pole light, in front of their place of business on River street, near Third street.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Beamer, Campbell, Coots, Deimel, Freda, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Marx, Miller, Moeller, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Smith, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—32.

Nays—None.

SIXTH WARD.

By Ald. Wildman:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be and is hereby requested to cause a sidewalk to be laid on the west side of Greenwood avenue, from Holden to West Grand Boulevard.

Adopted.

Ald. Smith was excused.

NINTH WARD.

By Ald. Lemke:

Whereas, It is about three months since the gates at the Forest avenue crossing of the D. & M. Railroad were demolished by an accident, which occurred at that time; and,

Whereas, It is of the utmost importance that this gate be replaced immediately for the protection of the general public, teams and bicycles especially; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the D., G. H. & M. Railway Co. be and is hereby requested to cause said gates to be re-