

Steiger, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President Pro Tem.

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Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen — Your Committee on Taxes, to whom was referred the petition of the First German Baptist church, for the refunding of a tax erroneously assessed, beg leave to report that the petitioners are the owners of certain property situated on the s. e. corner of Jca. Campau avenue and Arndt street, which is used for church purposes; that they are also the owners of the west 24 feet of lot 30, which immediately adjoins their property on the west; that the last described parcel was assessed for the year 1901, through an error on the part of the Assessors, it having been exempt from taxes for several years past, and your committee having found that a portion of it is used for church purposes, the sexton's home being on the balance of the lot, recommend that they be refunded the taxes paid by them upon the last described property for the year 1901, and therefore offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD WILDMAN,
WM. W. MAGEE,
BASIL A. LEMKE,
ALOIS A. DEIMEL.

Accepted, and on leave the following resolution was offered:
By Ald. Wildman:

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant upon the proper fund in favor of the First German Baptist church, for the sum of \$11 14, being the taxes upon the west 24 feet of lot 30, J. W. Johnston's sub of outlots 44 and 46, Joseph Campau farm, P. C. 609, s. s. Arndt street, for the year 1901, upon presentation of the proper receipt showing that said taxes have been paid.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson Beamer, Campbell, Codd, Dederich, Deimel, Freda, Haarer, Hillger, Houghton, Jerome, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Marx, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Rutter, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President Pro Tem.

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Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen — Your Committee on Taxes, to whom was referred the communication from the Receiver of Taxes, calling attention to certain property erroneously sold for city taxes, respectfully report that according to said communication we find that lot 73 of Gamble & Fisher's sub. s. s. Holburn avenue, Thirteenth ward, and lot 3 of Potter's sub., s. s. Kirby avenue, same ward, were erroneously sold to the city for the non-payment of the city taxes of 1899, which error is acknowledged by the Receiver of Taxes.

Inasmuch as the taxes were paid upon these lots by the parties owning the same, we recommend that the tax sales held there against be canceled,

and therefore offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD WILDMAN,
WM. W. MAGEE,
BASIL A. LEMKE,
ALOIS A. DEIMEL.

Accepted and on leave the following resolution was offered.

By Ald. Wildman:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to cancel the tax sales held against lot 73, Gamble & Fisher's sub., s. s. Holburn avenue, and also against lot 3, Potter's sub. s. s. Kirby avenue, Thirteenth ward, for the non-payment of the city taxes of 1899, the same having been erroneously sold by the Receiver of Taxes.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Beamer, Campbell, Codd, Dederich, Deimel, Freda, Haarer, Hillger, Houghton, Jerome, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Marx, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Rutter, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman, and the President Pro Tem.

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Nays—None.

Street Openings.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen — Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the petition of Mary R. Schmidt et al., for the vacation of Otto avenue, respectfully report that we have given the matter our careful consideration and upon investigation find that Otto avenue was platted many years before the land therein comprised became a part of the city of Detroit; that said avenue extends one-half block both northerly and southerly from Seward avenue, extending only from alley to alley; that it is not in accord with the plan of the city and in all probability be never extended beyond its present limits; that the Department of Public Works has never recognized said avenue as a public thoroughfare and have declined to work or grade the same; that no sewer has been built thereon, or water or gas mains laid; that the land lying both north and south of Beck's sub. has been platted without streets which correspond with said Otto avenue; that said avenue is but a short distance from Second avenue, which was recently opened, and as it stands at present is a mere cul-de-sac half a block in depth on either side of Seward avenue, which is of no public use whatever.

Your committee can see no objection to the granting of the petitioner's request, inasmuch as all of the abutting property owners have joined in the petition to have the same vacated, but the city having spent money for paving and intersection walks, we believe it is no more than proper than those who are to acquire said avenue should pay into the city treasury whatever moneys may have been spent by the city.

We therefore recommend that the request of the petitioner be granted, provided, the parties owning the adjoining property pay into the city treasury their just proportion of the expense incurred by the city in the matter of paving Seward avenue at the intersection of Otto avenue, amounting to \$238 22; also the

expense of constructing cross and intersection walks amounting to \$64 00, or a total of \$352 22, as certified to by the City Engineer, said moneys to be paid within thirty (30) days from the date of the adoption of the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

MAURICE J. KEATING,
JOHN J. STEIGER,
EDWIN JEROME,
LOUIS E. TOSSY,
M. W. M'GUIRE,

Accepted, and on leave the following resolution was offered:
By Ald. Keating:

Resolved, That all that part of Otto avenue described as follows: Beginning at the south-westerly corner of lot 6, block 4, Beck's sub. of part of quarter sections 55 and 56, 10,000-acre tract, thence north 26 degrees, west 175 feet; thence south 64 degrees, west 80 feet; thence south, 26 degrees, east 175 feet; thence north 64 degrees, east 80 feet to the place of beginning; also all that part of Otto avenue beginning at the south-westerly corner of Lot 6, block 5, of Beck's sub. of part of quarter sections 55 and 56, 10,000-acre tract, thence north 26 degrees, west 175.22 feet; thence south 64 degrees, west 80 feet; thence south 26 degrees, east 175.22 feet; thence north 64 degrees, east 80 feet to the place of beginning, be and the same is hereby vacated, provided, however, the parties owning the adjoining property pay into the city treasury their just proportion of the expense incurred by the city in the matter of paving Seward avenue at the intersection of Otto avenue, amounting to \$288 22, also the cost of constructing cross and intersection walks, amounting to \$64 00, or a total of \$352 22, which last mentioned amount shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the date of the adoption of this resolution, otherwise the same shall be held to be null and void.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Beamer, Campbell, Codd, Dederich, Deimel, Freda, Haarer, Hillger, Houghton, Jerome, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Marx, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Rutter, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President Pro Tem.

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Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the communication from the City Controller re matter Marvin H. Chamberlin against City of Detroit, beg leave to report that we find according to said communication that the Controller appeared at the sale of the property and in the name of the city bid in lots 1 and 9 and the southerly ten (10) feet of lot 7 for the sum of \$920 00, leaving a balance due at this date, with interest, amounting to \$576 29, or a total of \$1,496 29.

In order to save the city expense in this matter and at the same time allow it to come out on an even basis, we recommend that the above mentioned amount be paid to the Circuit Court Commissioner upon delivery by him of quit-claim deeds from Marvin H. Chamberlin and the estate of George L. Fox, of lots 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 of Hibbard Baker's sub. of lots 4, 5

and 6 of Albert Crane's sub. of part of P. C.'s 644 and 723, which will place the title of the above described property in the name of the city, provided, however, that the sum hereinbefore mentioned, viz., \$1,496 29, shall not be paid until the quit-claim deeds of the above described property have been approved by the Committee on Ways and Means and accepted by the Common Council, and we therefore offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

MAURICE J. KEATING,
JOHN J. STEIGER,
EDWIN JEROME,
LOUIS E. TOSSY,
M. W. M'GUIRE,

Accepted, and on leave the following resolution was offered:

By Ald. Keating:

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby directed to draw a warrant upon the proper fund for the sum of \$1,496 29, and pay the same to the Circuit Court Commissioners, in the matter of the foreclosure proceedings instituted by Marvin H. Chamberlin, trustee, etc., vs. City of Detroit et al., upon delivery by them of quit-claim deeds of lots 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 of Hibbard Baker's sub. of lots 4, 5 and 6 of Albert Crane's sub. of part of P. C.'s 644 and 723, and provided, further, that the above mentioned amount shall not be paid over to the Circuit Court Commissioners until the quit-claim deeds of the above described property have been approved by the Committee on Ways and Means and accepted by the Common Council.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Beamer, Campbell, Codd, Dederich, Deimel, Freda, Haarer, Hillger, Houghton, Jerome, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Marx, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Rutter, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President Pro Tem.

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Nays—None.

Unfinished Business.

Consent being granted, Ald. Keating moved to take from the table a resolution, laid over May 13, 1902, directing the Controller to pay over to Circuit Court Commissioners \$820, matter foreclosure proceedings M. H. Chamberlain, trustee, etc., vs. City of Detroit et al., upon delivery of proper deeds, property on Kercheval and Holcomb avenues, which motion prevailed.

The resolution was then indefinitely postponed.

Printing.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the communication from the City Controller, submitting proposals for doing the legal printing for the present fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, beg leave to report that the Detroit Journal is the lowest bidder at 77 per cent below schedule prices.

We therefore recommend that the Controller be instructed to enter into a contract with the Detroit Journal, for doing the legal printing for the ensuing fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, at 77 per cent below schedule prices,