

**Sewers.**

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred the communication from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to filling in the County Ditch adjoining the property owned by Col. F. J. Hecker, respectfully report that we have had the matter under consideration and find that Col. Hecker has platted and put on the market a large subdivision north of the Boulevard, between Linwood and Fourteenth avenues; that Mr. Hecker has improved this property by putting in sewers, building sidewalks and donating a large tract of same for park purposes; that running down Linwood avenue and on the westerly side of the subdivision is a large county ditch; that in order for Mr. Hecker to obtain access to his property from the west this ditch will have to be filled in, and while it is within the city limits, the Commissioner doubts his authority to fill it in and cut off the drainage afforded by the ditch. The Commissioner informs your committee that this improvement is very desirable from all standpoints, and that it will become absolutely necessary to fill in this ditch and construct a sewer through same before a great while, and Mr. Hecker proposes to fill in this large ditch at his own expense if the city will lay a crock or brick sewer along the bottom of the ditch to take care of the water coming from Greenfield. No one questions the fairness of the proposition, but the Commissioner is unwilling to accept same without the indorsement and ratification of the Common Council. Upon submitting the matter to the City Engineer he suggests that instead of placing a 15-inch pipe in the ditch upon the east side of Eighteenth or Linwood avenue that the sewer in Eighteenth street south of the Boulevard be extended, the cost of which will be little more than for putting in the crock, and which suggestion your committee concurs in, but there being no available moneys on hand to bear this expense, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$5,700, it will be impossible to do the work until such time as an appropriation is obtained therefor from the Board of Estimates, and in order to bring the matter up in due form, we recommend that the Commissioner include same in his estimates for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,  
 ALBERT F. GADDE  
 EDWARD J. KORTE  
 SHEPHERD LITTLEFIELD  
 THOS. E. GLINNAN  
 CHAS. F. WING  
 GEO. H. ELLIS

Accepted and adopted as follows:  
 Yeas—Ald. Allan, Burton, Ellis, Field, Freiwald, Gadde, Glinnan, Goeschel, Grindley, Gutman, Harpfer, Hillger, Keating, Kingsley, Korte, Littlefield, McClellan, Owen, Renaud, Rose, Rosenthal, Schulte, Shapland, Smith, Thelsen, Tossy, Watson, Welbel, Wing and the President Pro Tem.—30.  
 Nays—None.

**Taxes.**

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Taxes, to whom was referred the petition of Finzel, Reigel & Company for cancellation of a tax, respectfully report that we have had the matter under consideration and find that the petitioners are in error in alleging that the taxes for 1888 upon certain property described by them in their petition overlaps the property recently platted by them, and in view hereof we recommend that the prayer of petitioners be denied.

Respectfully submitted,  
 H. F. ZINK,  
 WM. GUTMAN,  
 CHAS. F. WING,  
 JOHN GRINDLEY,  
 WM. R. SHAPLAND,  
 A. D. SMITH,  
 AUG. SCHULTE.

Accepted and adopted.

**Street Openings.**

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the petition of Mary Schmidt et al., for vacation of street extending north and south of Seward avenue, respectfully report that we have had the matter under consideration and beg leave to state that petitioners are the owners of lot 12, block 6 lot 1, block 9, lot 24, block 8 and lot 13, block 7 of Beck's sub of part of quarter sections 55 and 56, 10,000-acre tract, situated on the north and south sides of Seward avenue, respectively, between Third avenue and Hamilton Boulevard; that when said property was subdivided in 1876 a strip of land 66 feet wide, lying between lot 1, block 9 and lot 24, block 8 and lot 12, block 6 and lot 13, block 7, was dedicated to the city for a street; that said street has never been named, and is, at present, wholly unimproved; that no pavement, nor any sewer, gas, water or other pipes or conduits have been laid within its limits; that said unimproved street runs from the alley south of Virginia avenue to Parkman avenue, which in reality is used as an alley for the property fronting on the south side of Seward avenue; that this property was originally platted prior to the time that this section was taken into the city, and the then owners platted same, expecting that the city would eventually open three streets extending north and south between Woodward avenue and Hamilton Boulevard, but after the property was taken into the city but two street were opened, namely Second and Third avenues, hence these parts of streets remain as such upon the city map, but which are of no particular use or benefit, either to the city or to the abutting property; that by reason of the fact that said street is of no further use to the city, petitioners ask that the same be vacated, and in lieu of said vacation will pay into the City Treasury the sum of \$200, being the taxes that would have been levied against said property during the past eight or 10 years, had it then been vacated.



and we therefore offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,  
CHAS. W. BURTON,  
GEO. H. ELLIS,  
GEO. A. OWEN,  
SHERMAN LITTLEFIELD,  
A. D. SMITH,  
AUG. SCHULTE.

Accepted and on leave the following resolution was offered:

By Ald. Burton:

Resolved, That all that part of the "street, 66 feet wide" lying south of the south line of Seward avenue and between lot 24, block 8 and lot 13, block 7, Beck's sub. of part of quarter sections 55 and 56, 10,000-acre tract; also all that part of the "street 66 feet wide" lying north of the north line of Seward avenue and between lot 1, block 9 and lot 12, block 6, Beck's sub. of part of quarter sections 55 and 56, 10,000-acre tract, be and the same is hereby vacated.

Provided, That the owners of the aforesaid lots jointly pay into the City Treasury the sum of \$200, which said sum is exacted by the City of Detroit in lieu of General City Taxes that would have been levied against said property for several years past, as computed by the Secretary of Common Council Committees, and further

Provided, That this vacation shall be of no force or effect unless the owners of the abutting lots hereinbefore described pay into the City Treasury within 15 days from the date of the adoption of this resolution whatever expense may have been incurred by the City of Detroit in the matter of paving Seward avenue in front of the strips above described, also whatever expense the city may have been put to in the matter of furnishing curb, crosswalks, etc., all of which is to be certified to by the City Engineer, and the sum total determined by him, as well as the \$200 exacted for taxes, to be paid into the City Treasury within 15 days from the date of the approval of this resolution, otherwise the same shall be of no force or effect.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Allan, Burton, Ellis, Field, Freiwald, Gadde, Glinnan, Goeschel, Grindley, Gutman, Harpfer, Hillger, Keating, Kingsley, Korte, Littlefield, McClellan, Owen, Renaud, Rose, Rosenthal, Schulte, Shapland, Smith, Theisen, Tossy, Watson, Weibel, Wing and the President Pro Tem.—30.

Nays—None.

#### FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the petition of Mason L. Brown & Co. for approval of a plat, respectfully report that we have had the same under consideration and find that said plat conforms to the general plan of the city, and so doing, we recommend that the same be accepted and approved, and herewith offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,  
CHAS. W. BURTON,  
GEO. H. ELLIS,  
GEO. A. OWEN,  
SHERMAN LITTLEFIELD,  
A. D. SMITH,  
CHARLES H. WIEBER,  
AUG. SCHULTE.

Accepted and on leave the following resolution was offered:

By Ald. Burton:

Resolved, That the plat of Traugott Schmidt's heir's sub. of a part of out lots 24 and 25, and adjoining property of Lieb Farm, be and the same is hereby accepted and approved, and the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby directed to sign and approve same.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Allan, Burton, Ellis, Field, Freiwald, Gadde, Glinnan, Goeschel, Grindley, Gutman, Harpfer, Hillger, Keating, Kingsley, Korte, Littlefield, McClellan, Owen, Renaud, Rose, Rosenthal, Schulte, Shapland, Smith, Theisen, Tossy, Watson, Weibel, Wiag and the President Pro Tem.—30.

Nays—None.

#### Printing.

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—Your Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the contract entered into by the Controller with the Evening News Association for official printing during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration. We find the contract is in accordance with the proposal accepted by the Common Council, and being approved by the Corporation Counsel, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. F. WING,  
ALBERT T. ALLAN,  
JOHN HARPFER,  
WM. F. MOELLER,  
CHARLES H. WIEBER.

Accepted and leave being granted, the following resolution was offered:

By Ald. Wing:

Resolved, That the contract entered into by the Controller with the Evening News Association for official printing during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909, be and the same is hereby approved.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Allan, Burton, Ellis, Field, Freiwald, Gadde, Glinnan, Goeschel, Grindley, Gutman, Harpfer, Hillger, Keating, Kingsley, Korte, Littlefield, McClellan, Owen, Renaud, Rose, Rosenthal, Schulte, Shapland, Smith, Theisen, Tossy, Watson, Weibel, Wing and the President Pro Tem.—30.

Nays—None.

#### Parks and Boulevards.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Parks and Boulevards beg leave to report that we have had under consideration the matter of establishing vegetable gardens for those of the poor who desire to take charge of same, and beg leave to state that working in co-operation with the City Service League, the result has been that less than thirty names were received of people desiring to plant