

Liber 57 of Deeds, page 2, Wayne County, Mich., Records, and also a strip of land 21.45 ft. in width lying northerly of, adjacent and parallel to the north line of Wilkins St., 50 ft. wide, bounded on the west by a line parallel to and 10 ft. easterly of the east line of Beaubien St., 40 ft. wide, and bounded on the east by the west line of St. Antoine St., 50 ft. wide."

Also quit-claim deed of the United States of America to the City of Detroit covering property dedicated for alley purposes, described as "the south 10 ft. of the easterly 30 ft. of lot 26 of Plat of Subdivision of Out Lot 183 on the L. Beaubien Farm, Liber 1, page 97 of Plats, Wayne County Records."

Also "the east 20 ft. of lot 186, Plat of Crane and Wesson's Section of the Antoine Beaubien Farm, north of Elizabeth St., Liber 1, page 9 of Plats, Wayne County Records," be and the same are hereby accepted, and the City Controller be and he is hereby directed to record said deeds in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wayne County.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Bradley, Ewald, Jeffries, Lodge, Van Antwerp, and the President Pro Tem—6.

Nays—None.

Vacation of Alley

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—To your Committee of the Whole was referred petition of the Argonaut Realty Corporation-General Motors Corporation (1615), for the vacation of a portion of the alley in the block bounded by Milwaukee, Baltimore, Cass and Second Aves. Your committee is advised by the City Plan Commission that petitioners are the owners of all of the property abutting upon the alley to be closed, and offer to deed a new 20 ft. outlet into Baltimore Ave. After careful consideration of the request, your committee recommends that same be granted in accordance with the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE I. VAN ANTWERP,
Chairman.

By Councilman Van Antwerp:

Resolved, That "the north and south public alley 20 feet wide and a portion of the east and west public alley 16 feet wide in block bounded by Baltimore, Milwaukee, Cass and Second Avenues more particularly described as the westerly 10 feet of public alley lying first easterly of and adjoining the easterly line of the westerly 10 feet of lot 50 of Leavitts Subdivision of that part of fracl. secn.

31, T. 1. S. R. 12 E., bounded by Milwaukee and Woodward Aves, Grand Trunk Railroad and rear line of Private Claims and west line of said fracl. secn. 31 also lots 8 to 17 both inclusive, part of block 5 of Henry Weber's subn. of part of fracl. secns. 31 and 36, T. 1. S. R. 11 and 12 East and part of the Baker and Forsyth Farms, Detroit, Wayne County, Mich. as recorded in Liber 9, page 17 of plats of Wayne County Records, also the southerly 8 feet of East and West public alley lying north of and adjoining the westerly 10 feet of public alley last mentioned, also the northerly 8 feet of east and west public alley lying south of and adjoining the southerly line of lots 34, 35, 36 and the easterly 20 feet of lot 37; also all of public alley 16 feet wide lying between the southerly lines of lot 31 to 33 both inclusive and the northerly line of lots 54, 55 and 56 all of last mentioned Subdivision."

Also "all of public alley more particularly described as the easterly 10 feet of public alley lying first westerly of and adjoining the westerly line of lot 51 of Leavitt's Subdivision heretofore mentioned and the southerly 8 feet of east and west public alley lying north of and adjoining the northerly line of lots 51, 52, 53 of last mentioned subdivision and north of the easterly 10 feet of public alley last mentioned." Be and the same is hereby vacated to become a part and parcel of adjoining property.

Provided Petitioner deeds to the City of Detroit for alley purposes "the easterly 5 feet of lot 56 of Leavitt's Subdivision of that part of fracl. sec. 31, T. 1 S., R. 12 E., bounded by Milwaukee and Woodward Aves., Grand Trunk Railroad and rear line of Private Claims and West line of said fracl. secn. 31 also lots 8 to 17 both inclusive part of block 5 of Henry Weber's Subn. of part of fracl. secns. 31 and 36, T. 1 S., R. 11 and 12 E., and part of the Baker and Forsyth Farms, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan as recorded in Liber 9, Page 17 of Plats of Wayne County Records. Also the westerly 15 feet of lot 57 of last mentioned subdivision," and further

Provided, That if at any time the said alley to be dedicated is ordered graded and paved, the entire expense of such grading and paving shall be borne by petitioners, and further

Provided, All taxes due the City of Detroit are paid, and further

Provided, That by reason of the vacation of the above described alley the City of Detroit does not waive any right in the lateral sewers located therein and shall at all times have the right to enter upon the

premises if found necessary on account of said sewers to repair same, and provided further, that petitioner shall not build over the above described alley without first securing the approval of the City Engineer and the Board of Health, and further

Provided, That petitioner reimburses the owners to the extent of the value of any utilities now installed in said alley which it may be necessary to abandon due to the closing of same or bears the entire expense of relocating or rerouting any public utilities now installed in said alley which it may be necessary to relocate or re-route due to the closing of same, and further

Resolved, That the City Controller be and is hereby directed to execute quit claim deed covering the property herein vacated.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Bradley, Ewald, Jeffries, Lodge, Van Antwerp, and the President Pro Tem.—6.

Nays—None.

Special Committee

Detroit, June 23, 1936.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Gas Committee to whom was referred the letter of Frank P. Fisher, setting forth his understanding of the terms of his employment in connection with the natural gas matter, effective June 1, 1936, and accompanying approval of the Corporation Counsel, beg to report that we are in favor of the retention or engagement of Mr. Fisher, in accordance with his letter of June 20. We believe that the services of Mr. Fisher or of someone of his qualifications, experience and familiarity with the operation of the Detroit Plan from the City standpoint, are essential in advising the Council and in giving engineering assistance in connection with gas rate matters or gas utilities operation problems. Mr. Fisher has already actively participated in negotiations leading to the promulgation of rates on the 15th day of June. To keep active and vigilant survey of the Gas activities with understanding of the views of this Council we recommend that Mr. Fisher be retained.

Respectfully submitted,
 Council Gas Committee,
 John W. Smith, Chairman,
 Eugene I. Van Antwerp,
 Member.

Corporation Counsel

June 23, 1936.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I am enclosing herewith a letter from Frank P. Fisher,

setting forth his understanding of the term of his employment in connection with the natural gas matter, effective June 1, 1936.

In my opinion no formal written contract is necessary and I recommend that the attached letter, which I have approved, be made part of the Council proceedings.

Very truly yours,
 RAYMOND J. KELLY,
 Corporation Counsel.

F. P. FISHER
 Consulting Engineer

June 20, 1936.

Mr. Raymond J. Kelly,
 Corporation Counsel.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Common Council at its regular meeting on May 19, directing the Corporation Counsel "to prepare an agreement with Frank P. Fisher for services in connection with natural gas matters, effective June 1, 1936, with compensation at the rate of \$6,000.00 per year." It is my interpretation of this employment that the City of Detroit will be entitled to such part of my time and services as are necessary or useful in maintaining effective supervision from the city standpoint of the operation of the Detroit Plan and be prepared to advise council or give engineering assistance when required in connection with any gas rate matters or operating problems involved in the city's responsibility for gas utilities operation.

In accordance with this understanding, I have actively participated in negotiations leading to the promulgation of rates announced on the 15th day of June and am holding available in my office in the Water Board Building all of the files and information pertaining to the gas investigations and negotiations of 1935 and 1936.

If this interpretation of the council resolution meets with your approval I would appreciate an acknowledgement to this effect.

Very truly yours,
 F. P. FISHER.

Approved:

RAYMOND J. KELLY,
 Corporation Counsel.
 June 23rd, 1936.

Accepted and recommendation of Special Gas Committee concurred in as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Bradley, Ewald, Jeffries, Lodge, Van Antwerp, and the President Pro Tem—6.

Nays—None.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

By Councilman Jeffries:

Whereas, the Fire Department for the last three years has been working on a so-called 5½ day a week basis, a ten working day furlough ar-