

the City Treasurer. In addition to the statements set forth in said communication your committee beg leave to state that when property is sold in the Receiver of Taxes' office and bid in by the city, there is added penalty and charges aggregating 11 per cent. Your committee beg leave to state further that we have before us now several petitions where permission is asked to pay general taxes without penalty and interest, some which are because they did not know that the assessment existed, others because they were unable to pay, and still others because of excessive interest. After several consultations with the City Treasurer in considering the various phases of this question, we have come to the conclusion that the plan outlined by him is one worthy of trial, and we therefore recommend that the City Treasurer be authorized for a period of 30 days, commencing June 1, 1901, to receive delinquent General City Taxes for all years prior to 1891 at the city bid, or its face value, without interest, and all other delinquent General City Taxes to be received at the city bid or face value, with interest added thereto at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, and we herewith offer the following resolution.

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

Accepted, and on leave the following resolution was offered:

By Ald. Wildman:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to receive for a period of 30 days, commencing June 1, 1901, delinquent general city taxes for all years prior to 1891, at the city bid or its face value, without penalty and interest added thereto, and all other delinquent general city taxes to be received at the city bid or face value, with interest added thereto at the rate of 5 per cent per annum.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Beamer, Campbell, Deimel, Freda, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Jerome, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, Marx, Miller, Moeller, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Steiger, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—28.

Nays—None.

Street Openings.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Street Openings to whom was referred the communication from the Corporation Counsel submitting the resolutions for the opening of an alley in the block south of Michigan avenue, between Twenty-fourth street and Twenty-fifth street, where not already opened, respectfully report that we have carefully considered the matter and recommend that the resolution offered by Ald. Steiger at a session held on the 16th ult. (J. C. C. 302) describing the property necessary to be taken in said opening, be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
 JOHN J. STEIGER,
 WM. F. MOELLER.

Accepted and recommendation concurred in as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Beamer, Campbell, Deimel, Freda, Hans-

josten, Hillger, Houghton, Jerome, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, Marx, Miller, Moeller, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Steiger, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—28.

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 Corporation Counsel requesting this committee to define exactly in what manner the alley lying north of Stanley avenue between Brooklyn and Lincoln avenues should be opened, respectfully report that your committee believe said alley should be opened 20 feet in width from the south line of lot 33, north to and including a part of lot 47, thence easterly to Brooklyn avenue, taking the south 16 feet of lot 48 in said block, the entire 20 foot strip to be taken off the rear of the lots hereinbefore described, lying on the w. s. of Brooklyn avenue in said block, and we therefore recommend such action.

Respectfully submitted,
 JOHN J. STEIGER,
 WM. F. MOELLER.

Accepted and adopted.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the petition of F. W. Tilden, et al., for the acceptance of a deed, upon investigation, find that your petitioner is one of the heirs of certain property lying in the block bounded by Brush, Beaubien, Farnsworth and Theodore streets; that there is a strip of land 10 feet in width in the rear of their premises which they desire to deed to the city for alley purposes. The acceptance thereof being to the best interests of the city, we recommend that such action be taken, and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means for its approval.

Respectfully submitted,
 JOHN J. STEIGER,
 WM. F. MOELLER.

Accepted and adopted.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the resolution of Ald. Atkinson, vacating a strip of land four feet in width lying in Thirty-first street, south of Otis, respectfully report that we have carefully considered the matter and upon examination, find that the city of Detroit is the owner of a strip of land four feet in width lying on the w. s. of Thirty-first, s. of Otis street, making the street at this point 64 feet in width; that the city came into possession of this strip through a mistake made in surveying the property, but the committee believe that said four foot strip should be given to the adjoining property owners, in order to make said street of a uniform width. We therefore recommend that the resolution offered by Ald. Atkinson at a session held on the 7th inst. (J. C.

C. 402) vacating said four foot strip, be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
 JOHN J. STEIGER,
 WM. F. MOELLER.

Accepted and recommendation concurred in as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Beamer, Campbell, Deimel, Freda, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Jerome, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, Marx, Miller, Moeller, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Steiger, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—28.

Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the petition for the opening of Garfield avenue from Cass avenue to Woodward avenue, respectfully report that we are of the opinion that it would be inadvisable to cause this street to be opened at this time. The expense of opening this street would be enormous, and we believe that this expense is entirely unnecessary because of the fact that sooner or later this property will have to be platted, and when this is done the owner must give the street in order to make a proper subdivision. We are creditably informed that this property will undoubtedly be placed upon the market in a very few years, the present lease of the Detroit Athletic club expiring four years from the first day of July next. The surrounding streets offer ample ingress and egress to property in this district, and in so far as can be learned, the majority of the property owners object to being saddled with an expense of this kind. We therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be denied.

Respectfully submitted,
 JOHN J. STEIGER,
 WM. F. MOELLER.

Accepted and adopted.

Ordinances.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Ordinances, to whom was referred the petition of George B. Des Autels et al., requesting that the name of Harper avenue between Twelfth and Sixteenth streets be changed to McGraw avenue, respectfully report that we have given this matter our most careful consideration, and upon investigation find that Harper avenue between Twelfth and Sixteenth streets is practically a continuation of McGraw avenue. McGraw avenue commences at the western city limits and runs easterly to Sixteenth street, and from Sixteenth street to Twelfth street. The street was named Harper avenue west for some reason or other which we do not know of at this time. Your Committee believes that where a street is a direct continuation of another street, that the entire street should be under one name, and we therefore recommend that said Harper avenue west be changed to McGraw avenue between Twelfth and Sixteenth streets, and that the City Engineer be instructed to notify the parties along said avenue of their proper house

numbers when this ordinance is adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
 RICHARD P. JOY,
 H. C. NEVERMANN, JR.,
 WM. HILLGER.

Accepted.

The following is the ordinance: AN ORDINANCE changing the name of Harper avenue west to McGraw avenue.

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

Section 1. The name of the street 2 and highway in the City of Detroit heretofore known as Harper 3 avenue west shall be and the same 4 is hereby changed and shall be 5 hereafter known as McGraw ave- 6 nue.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall take 2 immediate effect.

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

Liquor Bonds.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Liquor Bonds, to whom was referred the various Liquor Bonds, respectively 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 14th day of May, 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, Deimel, Freda, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Jerome, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, Marx, Miller, Moeller, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Steiger, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—28.

Nays—None.

Charter and City Legislation.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Charter and City Legislation, to whom was referred the charter amendment bill now before the Legislature, beg leave to report that in view of the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, holding special assessments made by the front foot plan legal, recommend that the Legislature be requested to eliminate from the bill now before them that portion thereof that provides for assessments according to benefits, to the end that we may continue making said assessments as heretofore done, to-wit: by the front foot method. Your Committee further recommend that the proviso added to the bill by the Senate, relative to re-assessment also be eliminated, and your Committee beg leave to suggest that after a conference with the Corporation Council, it is deemed wise that your Committee, together with the Corporation Counsel, should be instructed to proceed to Lansing and secure if possible, at the earliest date the passage of said charter amendment bill, as amended, and