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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Marquette, held at the Common Council Chamber on Monday evening, April 13th. 1874. Present. His Honor, Alfred P. Swineford, Mayor-elect; Joseph A. Primeau, Recorder; Aldermen Cook, Hurley, Harlow, Wagner, Brittell and Fraser.

The Meeting was called to order by the Recorder, who introduced the Mayor-elect, Alfred P. Swineford, who, before taking the chair, delivered the following inaugural address:

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

Chosen by the people to preside over your deliberations for the ensuing year, I enter upon the discharge of my duties with some diffidence, and a want of confidence in my ability to so discharge these duties as to merit your approval and that of the people by whom I have been so highly honored. I feel this want of confidence all the more keenly, following as I do, in the footsteps of one who is so universally regarded as the personification of dignity, honesty and ability, and who has for the past two years, to the credit of the city, discharged the duties of the office I now hold with that probity and faithfulness which have ever characterized his business and official relations with our people. I can but hope to emulate the example he has left me, and by striving to the utmost of my ability to serve the best interests of the city, as I understand them, keep the thus far fair record of the mayoralty above reproach.

In assuming the duties of the office to which I have been called, it is no doubt expected, and perhaps proper that I should address you briefly, giving my views as to the policy which, in my opinion, should be pursued in administering the government of the city. It is true ours is but a comparatively small community - a city of perhaps less than seven thousand people - and it may be considered by some the height of presumption for us to adopt the forms and usages of older and much more populous municipalities. However this may be, we have a beautiful, growing young city, in which we all feel a just pride, and while it is in its infancy, is the time of all others to adopt that policy and lay those plans which will, if possible, secure beyond all doubt its future permanent growth and prosperity. All things being

beginning; and it is very probable that the senior alderman from the Second Ward (Mr. Harlow) scarcely imagined when he cut the first tree from the town site, that he was then laying the foundation for a city such as this, the interests of which are now committed to our care. He came here, and together with others who are still with us, laid the axe to what was then a howling wilderness. If, then, he has lived to see that wilderness "bloom and blossom as the rose" - the then interminable forest give place to a flourishing city, with its railroads, manufactories, Church and School edifices, and imposing business blocks - the centre of many millions of trade and commerce - may there not be those among us who will live to realize in the future all, and perhaps more, in the way of progress and improvement than he has witnessed in the past! I therefore, gentlemen of the Council, take the liberty of suggesting that in your deliberations you should not legislate alone and exclusively for the present, but in so far as it may be possible, so shape your policy as to secure the future permanent growth of our city, and the greatest possible measure of prosperity for those who are to come after us. While looking closely and carefully to the present interests and immediate wants of the people, let us not forget that it may be in our power, either to promote or retard the growth of our city for years to come. Therefore, all our acts and deliberations should be based solely upon an earnest desire to promote present and prospective interest, and thus secure the future permanent growth and prosperity of our queen city of the great father of lakes.

It may not have been usual, gentlemen of the Council, with my predecessors, but I hope you will pardon me, if I venture a few suggestion which I deem worthy of your consideration, and which, if adopted, can do no injury, but may result in a very great benefit. In my opinion the future growth of Marquette depends largely upon the establishment of manufactures of all kinds within our midst, and more especially of those branches growing

out of, or intimately connected with, our great staple - ~~Iron~~. I think, gentlemen, if it is in our power to do anything that will encourage our capitalists to come here and engage in manufacturing enterprises that it is our duty to do all what we legitimately in that direction. Ours is not a mart for the purchase and sale of the varied products of a rich agricultural region. With the great lake in front of us, affording cheap transportation to all the Lake cities and the sea board, we have in our rear what would be a barren waste but for its vast wealth of mineral. All our trade and industries are due to this one source of wealth alone; yet, though the product of our mines should increase as rapidly for the next ten years as they have in the last decade, our city would hardly reap as much direct benefit from that alone as would follow the successful establishment, within our limits, of a single factory which would give employment to a hundred skilled mechanics and laborers. It is better to consider stern facts, and profit by the lesson they teach, than fold the our arms and try to explain them away and it is a fact that the rapid progress we have made as a city in the past few years is the direct result of the introduction and enlargement of manufactures, together with the development of natural resources within our ^{own} limits. What would our first ward be to day, but for the Corp furnace and the Beecher Furnace and rolling mill? A factory that employs a hundred men, supports a population of at least five times that number. In the light of these facts, I apprehend all will agree with me that our true policy is to encourage manufactures to the fullest possible extent. I therefore respectfully suggest that it is within your province, as well as your duty, having an eye single to the welfare of the community, to provide by resolution or ordinance that any and all persons who shall come here and invest a certain amount of capital (say 25 or \$50,000, or more) in manufacturing enterprises, shall be, for a certain term of years, exempt from municipal taxation. Capitalists will not invest their money in a town or city when they are liable to be crippled by burdensome taxation, and I believe I speak advisedly when I assert that not a few persons have

been deterred from becoming permanent residents and property holders in Marquette, by the high taxes which have been the rule and not the exception ever since our incorporation as a city. The plan I suggest would not increase the burdens our present population have become accustomed to bear, but just in proportion to the additional capital and population it might secure, would tend to lighten them. The suggestion is one to which I have given much thought, and I earnestly hope, gentlemen, you will give it the consideration its importance seems to demand.

It is not to be expected that I should be as familiar with the state of unfinished business left on your hands by the retiring Council as those of your number who are not new to the seats they occupy. It does appear to me, however, that all public improvements should be charged to, and paid for by the property benefitted by them. Improvements which confer an equal or general good upon the people of the whole city, should, of course, be paid for by a tax levied upon the property of all. I am of the opinion, however, that the best plan in grading of streets, laying of sewers, &c, would be to provide the means with which to pay for the work before commencing it or letting the contracts. If it can be done legally, I apprehend that a great deal of money can be saved to the tax payers. An estimate of the cost of any particular improvement could be made in advance, a tax levied and collected, and the money once in the treasury, it would not be difficult to find a contractor willing to do the work at the estimated cost, and knowing the cash awaited the completion of the contract, he would do his work well and promptly, and you gentlemen, would be saved a great deal of trouble and annoyance. I do not say that it could be done, but offer the suggestion as one worthy of consideration.

Another thing, gentlemen, to which I wish to call your attention, is our fire department - at present any thing but well organized and effective. With the most abundant means at its disposal for the protection of property against fire, the city yet lacks the organization necessary to make those means at all times available. A well organized and effective fire department is one of the first requirements of a well

governed city, and the large amount of money we have expended on our water works will have been, at least partially thrown away, unless by providing an effecting, well equipped department, we make them readily available for the protection of life and property as well as for domestic supply. In my opinion, good, comfortable hose houses should be provided in each of our three wards, not men sheds for the stabling of the hose carts - but clean, comfortable buildings, in which the members of the respective companies can hold their meetings, engage in social converse, and, if desired use as reading rooms. Such a course, in my judgment, is necessary in order to excite a healthy interest among the members of the department, and secure from them such attention to their duties as will make them prompt and efficient in case of emergency. They should have such encouragement as will cheer them with the belief that their efforts on behalf of the city are appreciated; and until that is given them we cannot hope for that interest and attention on their part which is absolutely requisite to an efficient department. I am aware, gentlemen, that this is a matter which the law places wholly in the hands and under the control of the Board of Water and Fire Commissioners, but I apprehend a suggestion from you will go far towards securing any and all necessary action by them.

We have three wards. In each of these there should be placed one or two good, honest citizens as policemen, so accustomed as to be readily distinguished from other citizens, and thus known to strangers and our own people as those clothed with power to compel obedience to law, and insure peace, quiet and good order throughout the city. I do not, in making this suggestion, intend any reflection upon those now entrusted with that duty; on the contrary. I am pleased to say, that so far as my observation has gone, they have done more than could reasonably be expected from so few.

I am pleased to say, gentlemen, that I find the floating indebtedness of the city not nearly so great as I had supposed it to be, the largest part of which is for improvements to be paid for by special assessment upon property benefitted. I do not reproduce the figures, as is customary, for the reason that an official statement of the city finances was recently published, as provided by the Charter, for the information of the people.

The bonded indebtedness of the City, principally on account of the water works, is

\$50,000 issued January 1st 1870 bearing 7 per cent. interest principal and interest payable in gold, and falling due - \$10,000 January 1st 1880; \$10,000 January 1st 1885; \$25,000 January 1st 1890;

\$30,000 issued November 15, 1870, bearing interest 10 per cent. principal and interest payable in U. S. currency due November 15, 1875;

\$20,000 issued July 1st 1873, bearing 10 per cent interest principal and interest payable in U. S. currency, due July 1st 1888 - making \$100,000 in all - issued by the Board of Water and Fire Commissioners. The interests on these bonds for the present year, payment of which must be made on the first days of July and January, amounting to \$8,500 exclusive of premium on \$3,500 gold, was included in the last requisition of the Board, and, as I understand it, is already provided for.

The bonded indebtedness of the School district, which embraces the whole of the City and some outlying territory, is \$20,000. These bonds draw ten per cent. interest. While the payment of these bonds and accruing interest is a matter belonging exclusively to the school board, they must, of course, be met by a tax upon the people of the City, to the extent of at least 90 per cent. of their whole amount, and it is well to know exactly how we stand, and whether the balance is on the credit or debit side of the ledger. It is, of course, difficult to compute the intrinsic value of the water works, but it is fair to assume they are worth what cost, saying nothing of the very great convenience of always having an abundant supply of pure water for domestic purposes, and their value as a means of protection against fire. Our school lots and buildings are valued at \$50,000, exclusive of furniture and apparatus, while the board has sufficient money on hand to meet all the expenses of the current school year including interests on its bonds. I cannot see, therefore, gentlemen, but that our city is in a sound financial condition.

Economy, gentlemen, may or may not be considered one of the cardinal virtues, but in my opinion it should be made one of the strictest rules of our official conduct as guardians of the people's interest. I do not mean to say that we should be niggardly or parsimonious, or that we should carry the principle

of economy to such an extent as to prove ourselves "penny-wise, and pound foolish," but that we should limit our expenditures, over and above the actual necessary expenses of the city government, to such improvements only as will be a present and lasting benefit. In the present state of financial and business depression it is a duty we owe to the already over-burdened tax payer to reduce expenditures to the lowest possible limits consistent with the well being and good government of the city. If there are any leeches upon the city treasury, or any offices that are in whole or in part sinecures, they should be lopped off at once. While recognizing the fact that officials who are justly and promptly paid a fair compensation are always the most attentive and efficient, we must remember that we can only afford to be just - not generous or extravagant.

I have, gentlemen of the Council, no other suggestions to offer, and must beg that you will not consider those I have made as being prompted by a dictatorial spirit, or a desire to set myself up as a river of advice. They are prompted only by a desire to promote the welfare of our people, and because custom requires that the chief executive officer of a city should, upon assuming the duties of the position to which he has been elected, candidly enunciate the opinions and principles by which his official acts will be governed. The suggestions made are, therefore, with you for such consideration as you may deem proper.

In conclusion, gentlemen of the Council, let me say it will be impossible for us to subserve the highest good of the city unless our deliberations are harmonious. I will endeavor to the best of my ability to discharge my part of the duties devolved upon us, impartially, trusting that mutual good will and patient forbearance will characterize all our official relations. Let us, gentlemen, unite heartily and most cordially in the determination to administer the affairs of the city faithfully, honestly and economically, without fear, favor, or the hope of any reward that will not redound to our own credit, and the general good of our beautiful young city.

The roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Mayor then appointed the following Standing Committees:

On Finance, Taxation and Gas-lights

Aldermen Fraser, Hurley and Harlow.

On Police, Claims and Grievances.

Cook, Wagner, and Fraser.

On Streets, Highways and Bridges.

Harlow, Hurley and Pittell.

The petitions of Michael Atfield and John Hallam, asking for a remission of taxes on the Spring Street Sewer assessment, were presented and referred to the Committee on finance and taxation.

The communication of John G. O'Keefe and others, recommending the re-appointment of Thomas D. Rundle for City Marshal was received, accepted and placed on file.

The following petition was presented and referred to the Committee on Streets, Highways and Bridges. To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Marquette:

The undersigned would respectfully represent that in August 1873, he constructed a private drain from his premises on Spring Street across and into the public sewer on the south side of Superior Street; that while the same was in process of construction the Street Commissioner ordered a catch basin on the north side of Superior Street, to be built in connection with the drain for the purpose of carrying the surface water from that side of the Street.

The expense of the catch basin as well as that of the drain, has been defrayed by your petitioner. He therefore, asks your honorable body to reimburse him for an equitable portion of the expense.

The cost of the catch basin was ten dollars; and of that part of the drain used in common by the city & your petitioner, \$168. Respectfully etc. Hiram A. Burt.

Dated, Marquette, April 7th, 1874.

The resignation of Timothy S. Hurley, as member of the Board of water and fire commissioners, was presented, and on motion, accepted and placed on file.

The claim of Louis Rudinger, for work done on Superior street sewer, amounting to \$20, which was referred by the Council to the board of water and fire commissioners, was returned by the said board to the Common Council, and referred to the Committee on police, claims and grievances.

Commission The report of C. F. Struck, architect, in regard to the completion of the Champion street bridge over Whitston brook, was received and referred to the Committee on Streets, Highways and Bridges.

The proposition of the Marquette Gas Light Company relative to supplying the city with gas, was presented, and referred to the Committee on finance, taxation and gas lights. The following is the proposition:

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Marquette:—The Marquette Gas Light Company propose to furnish gas, light and extinguish the city lamps and take care of the same (not including repairs), for one year from the first day of May next for the sum of fourteen cents per lamp for each night, the lamps to be lighted and as early as necessary, and extinguish at midnight. By this arrangement the city will not pay for a post which is not lighted, as is liable to be the case sometimes when the consumption of one post is multiplied by the number of posts, and one or two posts may for a night or two be stopped by frost. The company will make all ordinary repairs to the posts (present number) for \$75.00 per year for said time.

Bills to be rendered monthly and paid promptly. The present arrangement is uncertain and unsatisfactory to both the city and the company, and unless this proposition is accepted, the subscriber would be glad to meet the proper committee and make some other agreement.

Very respectfully,

M. A. Maynard, Treasurer.

Marquette, Mich., April, 13th, 1874.

The following bills were presented and referred to the Committee on Police, Claims and Grievances:

End S. Ferris, Election Board.	\$8.00
Robert S. McGill	8.00
J. Atfield, Board of Election and Registration	12.00
Thomas Cook, Board of Election	4.00
Thomas Hanigan " " Reg.	8.00
L. D. Crary, Not. printing	4.00
John E. Robin, Clerk & Register of Election	8.00
Guthasar Niahart, Regist. & Insp. of Election	12.00
John S. O'Keefe	12.00
Jacob Dolf, Board of prisoners	15.75
Jacob Dolf, rent of Penn from Jun ¹ to Apr ¹	25.00
Marquette Gas Light Co., Council rooms.	12.23
do do, City Lamp Meter	120.80
Hiram A. Durt, for drain and Catch	
Basin on Superior Street.	94.00

The following resolutions were presented and adopted;
Resolved, that the Salary of the City Attorney be and is hereby established at five hundred dollars per annum.

Resolved, that the Salary of the City Assessor and Surveyor be and is hereby established at seven hundred dollars per annum.

Resolved, that the Recorder be and is hereby authorized to procure new cards of Rules of order, to include the new committees and officers for the year.

Resolved, that the Salary of the City Marshal be, is hereby established at the sum total of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) Which last resolution was referred to the Committee on Police, Claims and Grievances.

The Council then proceeded to the election of City Attorney, when John L. Cochran, having received a majority of all the votes, was declared elected.

The Council then proceeded to the Election of City Marshal, when Thomas S. Remde, having received a majority of all the votes, was declared elected.

On motion, Thomas S. Remde was appointed Council Master.

The Council then proceeded to the Election of City Assessor, when Edward P. Palmer, having received a majority of all the votes, was declared elected.

The Council then proceeded to the Election of City Surveyor, when Edmund M. Spalding, having received a majority of all the votes, was declared elected.

On motion of Alderman Hurley, the vote by which the resolution relative to the Salary of City Assessor and City Surveyor was adopted, was reconsidered, and on motion the resolution was referred to the Committee on Finance, Taxation and Gas-lights.

On motion it was

Resolved, That notice be given in the *Spring St. Sewer* Morning Journal for extension of time for the final confirmation of the special assessment roll for Spring St. sewer until Monday evening, April 20th.

The Mayor nominated, to fill the vacancies of Peter White and Timothy T. Hurley in the Board of Water and Fire and Fire Commissioners, William A. Mahan and Thomas Jewell, which nominations were confirmed by unanimous vote of the Council.

Thereupon the Board adjourned.

Adopted and approved, April 27th 1874.

Joseph A. Primeau,
Recorder,

A. D. Winford
Mayor,

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At a special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Marquette, held at the Common Council Chamber on Monday evening, April 20th, 1874.
Present, His Honor, Alfred P. Swinford, Mayor; Joseph, H. Primeau, recorder; aldermen Hurley, Cook, Wagner, Harlow, Brittell and Fraser.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor.

The roll was called and the reading of the last meeting was dispensed with.

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St Sewer On motion, the Council proceeded to vote on the final confirmation of the special assessment roll for Spring Street sewer, and there not being a majority of votes in favor of said confirmation, it was rejected.

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On motion, it was Resolved, That the Council proceed to elect, by ballot four night policemen.

On motion, it was voted that the salary of such policemen shall be fixed at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per day. Thereupon the Council proceeded to ballot and James Haley, William Piernay, Thomas McLaughlin and Henry Buckendahl were elected as such policemen.

On motion of Alderman Harlow, it was Resolved, That the Recorder be and is hereby instructed to procure a book, to be kept in his office, in which the marshals shall make written report four times a day of his

whereabouts.

On motion of Alderman Gittell, Charles S Brown was appointed sealer of weights and measures.

Thereupon the Council adjourned.

Adopted ^{and} approved, April 27th 1874. -

Joseph H. Primmay. A. Winiford
Recorder Mayor.

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At a special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Marquette, held at the Common Council Chamber on Thursday afternoon, April 23rd A.D. 1874.

Present, Mayor Swinford, Recorder Primeau, Aldermen Hurley, Cook, Wagner, Harlow and Fraser, Absent Aldermen Buttelb.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor.

The roll was called and the reading of the minutes of the last and preceding meetings was dispensed with.

On motion of Alderman Cook, it was

Resolved, That the Street Committee be and are hereby authorized and instructed to procure work on the Streets of the city to such married laborers who are in needy circumstances to an amount not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Alderman Fraser offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the finance committee be and are hereby authorized to negotiate a loan of ten thousand dollars for five years, by bonds bearing ten per cent. interest payable semi-annually, to pay up the indebtedness of the city, and pay for such work as would appear best by the Council to have done, which was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Alderman Cook, it was

Resolved, That the Street Committee be and are hereby instructed to have the City Attorney draw an ordinance for the grading & macadamizing of Washington Street from Front Street to Lake Street; and also on Bluff Street from Fifth Street to Seventh Street, including sidewalks on both sides of Bluff Street.

Thereupon the Council adjourned.

Adopted and approved April 27th 1874
Joseph H. Primeau
Recorder

A. P. Swinford
Mayor

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At a special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Marquette, held at the Common Council room on Friday afternoon, April 24th, 1874.

Present, Mayor Swinford, Recorder Primeau, Aldermen Hurley, Cook, Wagner and Harlow. Absent: Aldermen Britell and Traver.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor.

The roll was called, and the reading of the minutes of the last and preceding was dispensed with.

The following petition was presented by Joseph H. Primeau, Recorder, and the prayer of petitioner was granted.

To the Honorable the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Marquette. Gentlemen— I would respectfully represent to your honorable body that the room now occupied by the Board of Water and Fire Commissioners (the rent of which has for the past year been paid by the City, and for which rent the City is held responsible the present year, dating from April 1st, 1874,) is needed by the Common Council for its own general and particular business— not only to be used as committee room for members of the Common Council, the private office of the Mayor & Recorder, but also as a jury room to be used by a jury in trials of causes demanding jury trials that are ex-officio brought before the Recorder. I would further state that by reason of the occupancy of the said room by the board, I am unable to transact the regular business of the City and my own in a proper manner, and that the City would be benefitted by retaining said room for its own particular use, and your petitioner will ever pray.

Joseph H. Primeau, Recorder.

Dated, Marquette, April 24th 1874.

On motion of Alderman Hurley, it was

Resolved, that the Recorder be and is hereby authorized to procure a renewal of the lease of the room now occupied by the Board of Water and Fire Commissioners for the present year, for the exclusive use of the City officers and the Committee of the Common Council.

On motion of Alderman Harlow, it was

Resolved, That the Recorder be and is hereby authorized to draw an order on the general fund for the payment of one quarter's rent to July 1st, 1874 at the rate of \$375 per annum, on the condition that the room now occupied by the Board of Water and Fire Commissioners be vacated by them for the use and occupancy of the Common Council.

Whereupon the Council adjourned.

Adopted and approved, April 27th 1874.

Joseph A. Primrose,
Recorder.

A. J. Winiford,
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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Marquette, held at the Common Council Chamber on Monday evening, April 27th, 1874.

Presents, Mayor Swineford, Recorder Primeau, Aldermen Hurley, Cook, Wagner, Harlow and Traser; Absent Alderman Brittell.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor.

The roll was called and the minutes of the last and preceding meeting were read and approved.

Petitions and Communications.

The following petitions were presented and read by the Recorder:

To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Marquette: The undersigned respectfully asks that your honorable body will assume the obligation to pay George W. Joslin the extra compensation justly due to him for making certain alterations in the plans of Carp river bridge, and begs to submit the following reasons therefor:

As is well known to several of your honorable body, the plan, in accordance with which the construction of the bridge was begun, involved the narrowing of the natural water way of the river some fifteen feet, by placing a crib near the south bank of the same for a foundation to one end of the truss which was to span the river and, in addition to contracting the water way, the position of this crib was such as to throw the current of the river over to the north bank. The inevitable result would have been to wash away that bank, thereby doing serious damage to the property of your petitioner, if not destroying a portion of his furnace work altogether.

Further: The plan, according to which the work of construction was proceeding, was for a low bridge, i.e., a bridge of about the same level above the water as the old one. This necessitated the cutting down of the north bank, next the furnace, in order to give an easy approach to the bridge, or else the steepness of the grade would have been a serious inconvenience to the public, such as has always the old bridge. To cut down the bank was to damage adjacent property, unless abutments and retaining walls were built, which would, of course, largely increase the cost of constructing the approaches of the bridge.

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The remedy for the faults of the plan adopted seemed to be to cause the bridge to be built several feet higher, to a level of the natural road-way at either end, and to discard the short truss and put in one long enough to span the entire river.

The attention of the Committee of the board of supervisors, into whose control the supervision of the construction of the bridge was passed, was called to the matter, and they were earnestly asked to suspend the work long enough to get the plan changed by the action of your honorable body. The committee, while recognizing the importance of the changes proposed and willing to approve them, declared their inability to suspend the contract, and your petitioner was left either to invoke the aid of the law and enjoin the work, or else make terms with the Contractors, whereby his own property should be preserved from damage, and an injury to the public avoided. He chose the latter course, relying upon his belief that your honorable body would not suffer any injustice to come to him in the matter.

Consequently, the bridge was raised to the level of the banks on either side of the river, a long truss was substituted for a short one across the river, and the City now possess a bridge suited to the location, and such as the public interest requires.

Custom and law have from time immemorial made the construction and maintenance of bridges over natural water courses a matter of public charge.

Your petitioner therefore prays that he may be relieved of the payment of more than his due proportion of the cost of constructing the Carp River Bridge.

Respectfully &c. John Durb, by

- Walter Marquette, April 27th 1874. - Hiram A. Durb.

Referred to the Committee on Streets, Highways^{and} Bridges.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Marquette, Gentlemen - Your petitioners would respectfully represent that the cattle yards of the Marquette, Houghton and Ontonagon Rail Road Company, situated on the Southwest corner of Fifth and Washington Streets, as at present conducted and occupied, are a nuisance, and that the same are established within the City limits, contrary to the ordinance thereof, and we would respectfully ask your honorable

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body to take such steps as will cause the removal of such nuisance.

(Signed) Henry Tappan, and fifteen others.
Dated at Marquette, this 27th, day of April, 1874.

Referred to the Committee on Police, Claims and Grievances.

To the Honorable the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Marquette :- I do respectfully request your honorable body to grant me a permit to build on my lot, on the corner of Rock and Third streets, fronting Third Street, a dwelling house 20 x 28, with the intention of bricking the same within six months.

Yours respectfully, Andrew Noonan
Referred to the Committee on Streets, Highways and Bridges.

To the Honorable the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Marquette : Gentlemen - Your petitioner would respectfully represent that part or parcel of land known as 16 feet off the south side of lot 33 and 14 feet off the north side No 34, in Penny & Vaughn's addition to the village, now city, of Marquette, is without suitable drainage, and cannot be drained without trespassing upon the adjoining property, unless so ordered by your Honorable body, and your petitioner will ever pray that such action may be taken in the premises as their judgment shall warrant. Charles Morrisson -
Dated at Marquette, April 20th, 1874.

Referred to the Committee on Streets, Highways and Bridges

To the Honorable Common Council :-

The undersigned, your petitioners, residents of the First ward, near the rolling mill, respectfully ask your honorable body to appoint some permanent resident - a man of family and property - policeman for this precinct. We urgently recommend John Castin as a suitable person to fill the position, and ask his appointment.

Thomas Ronan
William McCarthy
Michael McCarthy and sixty other residents of the First ward.

Referred to the Committee on Police Claims and Grievances

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To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Marquette, - Gentlemen -

We, the undersigned citizens would respectfully petition your honorable body to make no change of the policeman, or watchman, that you elected on the 20th inst. - William Tierney, - we having understood that parties have been circulating and obtaining signatures to a petition for the appointment of an other person, under representation that you intended appointing an additional policeman. It would not have the name of half the persons had they supposed the appointment was to be in place of the one made by your honorable body on the 20th inst. - We respectfully ask you to retain William Tierney in the place to which you elected him.

Yours respectfully,

Thomas Jewell, Supt. Roll Mill Co.

James E. Miller Supt. Gas Works

E. M. Wood, Foreman Rust Ironstone Co.

and forty five other residents of the first ward.

Referred to the Committee on Police, Claims and Grievances.

The resignation of E. D. Palmer as City assessor was presented and read and on motion was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The following Communication was presented and read: Milwaukee, March 23rd, 1874.

J. M. Ely, Esq., Marquette, Mich.

I am informed that your Council is about to settle my bill with the City of Marquette. If such be the case I wish that you would give credit to Sidney Adams Esquire or his legal representative for \$1000 which he paid to me on behalf of the city as part pay for the construction of brick sewer in your city and oblige.

Yours respectfully,
A. Drew.

Referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

The following communication from the Mayor was received and read: To the Council. I desire to call your attention to Section 3 of Ordinance Number 17, relative to hawkers, peddlers and

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transient traders. As the Ordinance now stands the Recorder and Treasurer find a great deal of trouble, for the reason that hawkers and peddlers apply for a daily renewal of their licenses. If the section was amended so as to provide that such peddlers and hawkers should not be granted a license for a less period than 10 or 15 days, the Recorder and Treasurer would be saved a great deal of annoyance, and, in my opinion, the revenue from that source would be considerably augmented. I respectfully suggest that the City Attorney be instructed by resolution to prepare an amendment to said Section, embodying the suggestion above set forth. All of which I respectfully submit.

A. P. Jarvisford.

Reports of Committees.

By the Committee on Streets, Highways and Bridges.
Report accepted and adopted.

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of S. D. Humphrey, asking permission to raise his house, on Bluff Street, and enlarge the same, by the addition of two rooms, have had the same under consideration and would recommend the granting of said petition. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. R. Harlow.

J. T. Hurley.

Daniel Pittell

} Committee.

Marquette, March 4th. 1874.

Report accepted and adopted.

Report
of St. Committee

Champion
St
Bridge

To the Common Council of the City of Marquette:— Your Committee on streets, highways and bridges would respectfully report that Messrs. Bremer and Hanson have completed a bridge on Champion Street according to plans and specifications, and to the satisfaction of your Committee, and they would recommend that payment be made of the balance due them on their contract with the City, all of which is respectfully submitted.

A. R. Harlow.

J. T. Hurley.

Daniel Pittell

} Committee

Marquette, April 20th. 1874.

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The same Committee asked and were granted ~~time~~ further time for the consideration of the petition of Cow Clune in relation to the Rock Street Sewer: also the petition of Hiram A. Purb in relation to the drain from Spring Street to the Superior Street sewer.

X The Committee on finance, taxation and gas-lights reported in reference to the petitions of M. Atfield and John Hallam asking a remission of tax on account of the Spring Street sewer assessment, that the Council having refused to confirm said assessment roll, there would be no levy until a new roll was made, and on motion, the petitions were laid on the table.

X The same Committee asked and was granted further time for the consideration of the Communication of the Marquette Gas Light Co in reference to the lighting of the streets. Further time was also granted for the making of a special assessment roll for the Spring Street sewer.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Marquette:- Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of Patrick J. Mullaly, asking a rebate of taxes on personal property would beg leave to report that after due investigation they are satisfied that the said Patrick J. Mullaly was not unjustly taxed, and therefore cannot recommend a rebate of taxes. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Edward Fraser,
Timothy J. Hurley } Committee.
A. R. Harlow }

Adopted and ordered to be placed on file.

To the Honorable the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Marquette:- Gentlemen: Your Committee to whom was referred the resolution of Alderman Fraser, fixing salary of City assessor, would beg leave to report the following resolution: Resolved, that the City Surveyor be paid five dollars per day and that the same rate for parts of days that he may be actually engaged for the City; and the Street Committee furnish him an assistant at

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the City's expense. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Edward Fraser,
Timothy J. Hurley } Committee,
A.R. Harlow }

Report accepted and adopted.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council
of the City of Marquette:— Your Committee to whom
was referred the resolution of Alderman Fraser
fixing the salary of the City assessor, would
beg leave to report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the salary of the City assessor ^{be}
is hereby fixed at four hundred dollars for
the year from April 1st. 1874. to March 31st. 1875.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

Edward Fraser
Timothy J. Hurley, } Committee,
A.R. Harlow }

Accepted and adopted.

To the Honorable the Mayor and Common
Council of the City of Marquette:— Your
Committee to whom was referred the resolution
of Alderman Fraser, fixing the salary of the
City Marshal, would beg leave to report the
following resolution: Resolved, That the
salary of the City Marshal be and is hereby
fixed at one hundred dollars per annum
as City Marshal, and seven hundred dollars
as Chief of Police. Total, \$8.00. All of which is
respectfully submitted.

Edward Fraser
Timothy J. Hurley, } Committee,
A.R. Harlow }

Accepted and adopted.

By the Committee on Police, Claims & Liabilities

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council
of the City of Marquette. Your Committee to whom was
referred the bills on Claims would respectfully recom-
mend the payment of the following bills.

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Marquette Gas Light Co. For Council Room for March 1874	\$12 25
Marquette Gas Light Co. City Lamp Meter.	120 80
Thomas Flanigan, Clerk of Election 2nd Ward	3 00
John J. Okeffe, Clerk and Registering voters	6 00
Balthasar Reidhart Inspector & Registration	6 00
John E. Robin, Clerk of Election, 1st Ward	3 00
J. S. Ferris " " "	3 00
Robert McGill " " "	3 00
James Abfield Inspector & Register	6 00
Thomas E. Cook, Register	3 00
L. P. Crang & Co. Printing	4 00
Jacob Dolf, Board of Prisoners March 1874	15 75
Jacob Dolf, 3 Months rent of Board to April 9 th	25 00
Hiram Aburt, on Superior Street for Cutch basin	10 00

The bill of Louis Reisinger for pipe on Superior Street, \$20.⁰⁰. Your Committee, ^{report to your committee.} that the above bill be not allowed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Thomas E. Cook
George Wagner } Committee
Edward Fraser }

Report accepted, adopted and the Recorder ordered to draw orders for the amounts named.

Ordinance
relative to
Washington
Street, from
Front to Lake

The City attorney reported the following ordinance which was adopted: An ordinance relative to the grading and Macadamizing of Washington Street between Front and Lake Streets. It is ordained by the Common Council of the City of Marquette that Washington Street, between Front and Lake Streets be graded to the width of (50) fifty feet from the South side thereof, and that the portion graded be macadamized through the center to the width of (30) thirty feet, including gutter, according to a profile of said portion of said Street now on file in the office of the Recorder of said City of Marquette, which said profile has been duly accepted and adopted by the Common Council of said City. And that proposals for doing said work be advertised for, and that the assessor be authorized to make and present to said Council a Special assessment roll for its approval, and that the work be let and the

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expense thereof be assessed on the property upon said roll, when approved and confirmed by said Council according to the Provisions of the Charter of said City and the Ordinance relative to grading and improvements of Streets, alleys and public grounds. Adopted, April 27th, 1874.

Joseph H. Duineau,
Recorder.

A. P. Swineford,
Mayor.

An ordinance relative to the grading and macadamizing of Cluff Street was laid on the table, to be taken up as soon as a survey of said street shall have been made and a profile of the same placed on file.

Pills presented.

	Wetmore & Co., Common Council records 1872	5 00
	Edward I. Hardy, services on board of registration one day	4 00
	" " " Inspector of election day, one day	4 00
Champion St	C. J. Struck, plans and specifications and superintendence of Champion Street improvement	
	balance am.	64 88
	E. P. Spear & Co., coal for recorder's office	21 22
Champion Street	Kremer and Hanson, balance on Champion Street Contract	2122 00
	Thomas McLaughlin, one night's services as watchman	2 00
	John Harris, one night's services as watchman	2 00
	Thomas Flanigan, one night's service as watchman	2 00
	D. A. McConnell, Clerk of Election one day	3 00
	L. C. Palmer, two days on board of registration and one day on board of election	6 00
	all of which was referred to the Committee on police, claims and grievances.	

Motions and Resolutions.

On motion of Alderman Fraser, Edmund M. Spalding was appointed City assessor, vice E. P. Palmer, resigned.

Alderman Wagner offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Marshal be and he is hereby instructed to proceed forthwith and collect the license upon dogs, according to the conditions of the State Law imposing said tax, and it shall be the duty to kill, by other means than

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poison, all dogs upon which said tax shall not have been paid on or before the 15th day of May next.

Alderman Traver offered the following which was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the salary of the City Recorder be and is hereby fixed at six hundred dollars, and the Salary of the City Librarian at three hundred dollars per annum, from April 1st 1874 to April 1st 1875.

The Recorder offered the following:

Resolved, That the following be and is hereby adopted as one of the standing rules of the Common Council, to stand as rule VIII. Those following to be numbered accordingly, as 9, 10 and 11.

Rule 8. In taking the vote of the Council upon all questions involving the expenditure of money, or the allowance and payment of claims, the Recorder shall call the roll, and as their names are called each alderman shall answer "aye" or "no," as he may desire to have his vote recorded. No member shall be excused from voting upon any question, except by a two-thirds vote of all the members present, nor shall any alderman be permitted to vote upon any question in which he has pecuniary interest. Referred to the Committee on finance, taxation and gas-lights.

Alderman Cook offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That our City Marshal be and he is hereby instructed to procure badge and other insignia for our night police at the expense of the City.

The Council then proceeded to the election of a street Commissioner, and upon a ballot being taken, John D. Mack having ^{received} a majority of all the votes cast was declared elected.

Whereupon the Council adjourned.

Adopted and approved May 1st 1874.

Joseph A. Grimeau,
Recorder.

A. J. Winiford

Mayor.

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May 1st

In a special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Marquette held at the Common Council Chamber, on Friday afternoon, May 1st 1874.

Present, Mayor Swineford, Recorder Primeau, Aldermen Hurley, Wagner, Harlow and Fraser; Absent, Aldermen Cook & Buttell.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with.

Alderman Fraser presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Recorder be, and he is hereby authorized and instructed to draw an order payable to Francis Moore for three months rent, being for the months of July, August and September, 1874. Amount: \$93.⁷⁵.

Alderman Wagner presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Thomas Flanigan be, and he is hereby authorized to assist the city assessor in taking the census.

Alderman Harlow presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Recorder be, and he is hereby directed to charge to the water board their proper proportion of the cost of rent, gas and fuel, for the whole of the year, 1873, and for the first quarter of 1874, and to present to the said board a bill of the same and request payment.

Whereupon the Council adjourned.

Adopted and Approved May 11th 1874.

Joseph A. Primeau,
Recorder,

A. Swineford Mayor

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A regular meeting of the Common Council of the city of Marquette, held at the Common Council Chamber on Monday evening, May 11th, A.D. 1874.

Present Recorder Primeau, Aldermen Hurley, Cook, Wagner, Harlow, Brittell and Fraser; absent, Mayor Swinford.

Recorder Primeau in the Chair.

The meeting was called to order by the Recorder.

The roll was called and the minutes of the last and preceding meetings were read and approved.

Petitions and Communications.

The communication of George J. Northrop, M. D., relative to the city post house was presented, read and referred to the Committee on finance, taxation and gas-lights.

X The petitions of J. H. Jacobs and thirteen others for grading, macadamizing and sidewalking Third Street, between Sandstone and Jackson Streets; that of Hampson Gregory and eight others, asking for the grading of Fourth Street, between Ridge and Ohio Streets, and laying sidewalks on the west side of said Street; of John E. Sullivan & fourteen others, asking for the passage of an ordinance for the grading, macadamizing and sidewalking of Bluff, from the center of Fifth Street to the west line of Seventh Street, and the remonstrance of William O'Brien and seventeen others against the passage of such an ordinance, were presented, read and referred to the Committee on Streets, highways and bridges.

The petitions of H. S. Taft, asking permission to build a wooden addition to his house on Washington Street, of Richard D. Travers to build a wooden addition to his residence on Bluff Street, between Third and Front Streets, and that of Frederick Drii, asking permission to build a frame barn on the south-west corner of Washington and Streets were presented read and referred to the Committee on police, claims and grievances.