

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday August 4, 1873, 7½ o'clock, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session, and as a Board of Equalization, pursuant to the following notice :

Moved, That the Board of Equalization provided for in the 59th section of the city charter, meet on Monday evening, the 4th day of August, 1873, and that the session be held for the purpose of hearing complaints in reference to the assessment for taxation, and for the purpose of equalizing the same, and that the Clerk be directed to make proper publication of this notice.

Present—His Honor the Mayor, James L. Mitchell, in the Chair, and the following members :

Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Shepherd, Sherwood, Stratford, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—25.

Absent—Craft—1.

The proceedings of the Regular Session, held July 28, and the Special Session, held July 31, 1873, were read and approved.

The City Clerk presented the following report from the City Assessor :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 4, 1873.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen—I herewith submit my report of the appraisement of the real and personal property of the City of Indianapolis for the year 1873 :

Value of Lots.....	\$32,487,380
Value of Improvements	13,643,160
Personal Property	14,748,773
Total.....	\$60,879,313
And 10,220 Polls.	

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM HADLEY,
City Assessor.

Which was received.

Mr. Brown moved that a special committee of five be appointed, to whom the Assessor's report and all complaints shall be referred.

Which was adopted, and his Honor the Mayor, appointed as such committee, Messrs. Brown, Woodburn, Stratford, Pressly and Adams.

The City Clerk then proceeded to call the wards in their order, commencing with the First Ward, that the Council might hear any complaints in relation to the assessment of 1873.

There being no complaints, on motion, the Board of Equalization adjourned, after the City Clerk being instructed to adver-

tise in the Indianapolis Daily *Journal* and *Sentinel* and Daily *Telegraph*.

Sealed proposals for removing garbage, etc., were received, opened, read and referred to the Committee on Contracts, with power to act, and with instructions not to contract for a longer period of time than one year.

Sealed proposals for improving sundry streets, &c., were received opened, read and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

The Committee on Contracts submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, August 4, 1873.

To his Honor the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred sundry proposals, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows, to-wit:

FIRST.

For extending the pavements on the sidewalks at the crossings on Tennessee street, only one proposal was presented, and that by Oliver English, at 90 cents per superficial yard, which we deem to be reasonable, and therefore recommend that said work be awarded to said bidder.

SECOND.

For building a covered ditch in Japan street, from Morris street to Pleasant run, no proposals were presented. We therefore recommend that the same be readvertised.

THIRD.

Proposals for building public cisterns at the following points were presented, which we deem too high, and therefore recommend that they all be readvertised:

Bruner and Riner one 700 barrel cistern at the corner of St. Clair and Winston streets, at 75 cents per barrel.

Bruner and Riner, one 700 barrel cistern at the corner of Oak and Vine streets, at 75 cents per barrel.

One 700 barrel cistern at the corner of Dunlap street and Madison avenue, at 75 cents per barrel.

One 700 barrel cistern at the corner of Delaware and Georgia streets, at 85 cents per barrel.

One 700 barrel cistern at the corner of Illinois and McNabb streets, at 85 cents per barrel.

One 700 barrel cistern at the corner of Dunlap street and Madison avenue, at 85 cents per barrel.

Sam J. Smock, one 600 barrel cistern at the corner of Rohampton and Eighth streets, at 70 cents per barrel.

One 700 barrel cistern at the corner of Oak and Vine streets, at 69 cents per barrel.

Your committee would recommend that the last named cisterns be awarded to Samuel J. Smock, at 70 cents per barrel for the one at the corner of Rohampton and Eighth streets, and the one at the corner of Oak and Vine streets at 69 cents per barrel; and that all the balance be readvertised, as we deem the bids too high.

FOURTH.

No proposals were presented for building the cistern at the corner of John and Dorm streets, but Brunner and Riner submitted a proposal proposing to build a well at said point. We would refer this bid back to the Council for consideration as to what had better be done in this case.

FIFTH.

For building a brick arch the full width of Washington street, at the crossing of Missouri street, and building stone protection walls from the stone abutments of said bridge on the north and south sides of the said arch, the same to be built like the one at the crossing of Maryland and Missouri streets, the following proposals were presented:

W. F. Swain, brick arch, \$17 per lineal foot run, including excavation. Stone abutments \$5.10 per cubic yard.

Bruner and Riner, brick arch, \$16 per lineal foot run, including excavation. Stone abutments \$5 per cubic yard, including excavation.

Bruner and Riner being the lowest and best bidders, we would recommend that they be awarded the contract, at the price bid.

SIXTH.

For grading and paving with brick and Lefler paving stone, and curbing the outside edge with stone, the east sidewalk on Blackford street, from Washington to New York street, only one proposal was presented, and that by Macauley and Stone, which was as follows, to-wit:

Paving with brick, 48 cents per lineal foot front; Lefler paving stone, 30 cents per square foot; curbing, 63 cents per lineal foot front; flagging, single row, 62 cents per lineal foot run; bowldering, 79 cents per superficial yard.

Macauley and Stone being the lowest and best bidders, we would recommend that they be awarded the contract, as we believe their bid is as low as the city can get the work done.

SEVENTH.

For grading and graveling Morrison street, and paving the sidewalks with brick, from Delaware to Alabama street, the following proposals were presented:

Samuel J. Smock, \$1.50 per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

John L. Hanna, \$1.40 per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

Oliver English, \$1.20 per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

Oliver English being the lowest and best bidder, we would recommend that he be awarded the contract.

EIGHTH.

For the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on sundry streets, no proposals were presented. We therefore recommend that the same be readvertised.

NINTH.

For grading sundry streets and sidewalks from Shelby street to the present terminus of said street, no proposals were presented. We therefore recommend that the same be readvertised.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON KAHN,
M. C. ANDERSON,
Com. on Contracts.

Which was concurred in, and the contracts awarded.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 4, 1873.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Contracts herewith submit the City Attorney's opinion upon the claim of Henry M. Stowe, and respectfully recommend that it be concurred in, and that fifteen per cent. of the amount due or to become due contractors for laying wooden block pavement, be retained until the right of the claimant Stowe to royalty can be determined by judicial investigation. Provided, that if the contractor shall file a bond to protect the city against all claims, instead of retaining fifteen per cent., as provided, the Clerk shall receive and file such bond.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON KAHN,
M. C. ANDERSON.

Committee on Contracts.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 4, 1873.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen—The inclosed communication from Henry M. Stow, was referred to the Committee on Contracts and myself.

I have examined the matter and am of opinion that the claimant, Stow, has no valid claim, yet as these patent claims are not very readily determined, except in a judicial proceeding, I would suggest that it would be expedient to retain a part of the contractor's compensation, and let suit be brought, Stow made a party, and the entire matter determined.

Respectfully,

B. K. ELLIOTT,
City Attorney.

Which was concurred in.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 4, 1873.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen—I hereby report the following work finished according to contract :

A first partial estimate allowed Augustus Bruner for building a public cistern on Bates street, near the old corporation line. Capacity of cistern 940 barrels, at 62 cents per barrel \$582 80

Also, a second and final estimate allowed Patterson & Dunning for grading and graveling Third street and sidewalks from Illinois street to the Central canal, 3,712.1 lineal ft., at \$1 93..... 7,164 35
Deduct former estimate..... 4,114 76

Present payment..... 3,049 59

Also, a first and final estimate allowed John L. Hanna for grading and graveling *Pole Cat Lane*, on Sellers Farm, 1,895 cubic yds. excavation, 17 cents..... 322 15
1,021 cubic yds. embankment at 17 cents..... 173 57
550 cubic yds. gravel, at 73 cents..... 401 50

Total estimate..... 897 22

Also, a first and partial estimate allowed Bruner & Riner for building sewer on Pine street, 410 lineal feet sewer, at \$3 75..... 1,537 50
Deduct 15 per cent..... 230 62

Present payment..... 1,306 88

Also, a first and final estimate allowed John Schier for grading and graveling Lockerbie street and sidewalks from Liberty to Noble street. Length on north side, 415 ft.; length on south side, 420 ft.; total length, 835 ft., at 79 cents per lineal ft..... 659 65

Also, a first and partial estimate allowed Andrew Douglas for bowldering, curbing and flagging at sundry street crossings 257 sq. yds. bowldering at 70 cts..... 179 90
574.66 lineal ft. of flagging, at 49 cents..... 281 58
94 ft. of curb at 49 cts..... 46 06
36.51 ft. of curb at 55 cents..... 20 08

Total estimate..... \$527 62

I would also report that the iron bridge over the canal on West street is completed, there being no contract for the construction of the same I report no estimate. The proceedings of the Council dated

May 5th, show that the price agreed upon for the construction of said work was \$3,450 00.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. BROWN,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, August 4, 1873.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen—The Civil Engineer respectfully reports to the Council:

FIRST.

Contract and bond of David Coulter, for erecting lamp posts and lamps on sundry streets.

SECOND.

Contract and bond of Patterson and Dunning, for grading and graveling Rhode island street and sidewalks from Blake street to its western terminus.

THIRD.

Contract and bond of Patterson and Dunning for grading and graveling the first alley north of Indiana avenue, between West and California streets.

FOURTH.

Second and final estimate allowed Patterson and Dunning for grading and graveling Third street and sidewalks, from Illinois street to the Central Canal.

FIFTH.

First and final estimate allowed John Scheier for grading and graveling Lockerbie street and sidewalks from Liberty to North street.

JAMES W. BROWN,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in, and the bonds approved.

Also, the following estimate resolutions:

Resolved, That the foregoing second and final estimate of Patterson & Dunning for grading and graveling Third street and sidewalks from Illinois street to the Central canal be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Shepherd, Sherwood, Stratford, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—25.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate of John Scheier for grading and graveling Lockerbie street and sidewalk from Liberty to Noble street be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Shepherd, Sherwood, Stratford, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—25.

Negative—None.

Also, the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, August 4, 1873.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen—I submit an estimate of the cost of deepening and arching Pogue's run from Market street to the river, at the west end of Root street. The distance was not measured but estimated to be 9,300 feet, to cost, including catch basins and manholes, \$40 per lineal foot, making \$372,000. This does not include the cost of the right of way. The estimate contemplates sinking the creek ten feet below the present channel, and making the water way equal to the present capacity of the culverts on the creek with the addition of space equal to two eight feet sewers.

I would recommend to the Council that the right of way be procured for a sewer along the State ditch, straightening the ditch as much as possible. The ground drained by this ditch extends several miles north-east of the city, one branch of the drain running through and east of Sangster & Harrison's addition, and another running near the west end of the same addition. Both branches could be drained for the present through the State ditch. Some time hereafter, when the improvements require it, the west branch could be turned into Fall Creek at Bruce's Ford. There is no necessity for either one of these sewers being built at present. But let the right of way be obtained, the size and grade of sewer be established; then when it becomes necessary to cross the ditch with a street, a section of the sewer could be built of the proper size and grade. This sewer would furnish an outlet for the water in the neighborhood of Hill avenue, about which the Council desired information.

The block pavement on Brookside avenue is about completed. The Council by a resolution adopted March 3, 1873, agreed to pay the contractor \$2 80 per lineal foot on each side, across all public streets and alleys. About two months after the adoption of this resolution some lots fronting on the avenue were deeded to the city for a public park. There has been no action of the Council as far as I know in regard to paying for the pavement opposite these lots. The streets and alley crossings amount to 832 lineal feet, which at \$2 80 per foot, amounts to \$2,329 60. The amount opposite the park is 880 lineal feet, which at \$2 80 per foot amounts to \$2,464.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. BROWN,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

The Market Master submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, August 4, 1873.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen—I would respectfully report that I have collected on account of sale of inside stalls at the East Market House, for the quarter

ending July 31, 1873, the sum of four hundred and eighty-six dollars (\$486) for which I have the receipt of the City Treasurer.

I would state that the outside stalls and benches will be sold September 14, 1873.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN UNVERSAW,
Market Master.

Which was received.

The Board of Health submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 4, 1873.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen—The Board of Health would respectfully submit the following weekly mortality report for the week ending 28th of July, 1873 :

Under 1 year.....	8
From 1 to 2 years.....	5
From 2 to 5 years.....	4
From 5 to 10 years.....	3
From 10 to 15 years.....	2
From 15 to 20 years.....	1
From 20 to 25 years.....	1
From 25 to 30 years.....	1
From 30 to 40 years.....	3
From 40 to 50 years.....	6
From 50 to 60 years.....	0
From 60 to 70 years.....	1
From 70 to 80 years.....	0
From 80 to 90 years.....	1
From 90 to 100 years.....	0
100 and upwards.....	0
Unknown.....	1
Total.....	37

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. ELBERT, M. D., Pres't.

W. WANDS, M. D. Secretary.

Which was received.

Also, the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, August 4, 1873.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen—The Board of Health would respectfully submit the following monthly mortality report for the month ending July 31st, 1873:

Under 1 year.....	76
From 1 to 2 years.....	16
From 2 to 5 years.....	8
From 5 to 10 years.....	7
From 10 to 15 years.....	7
From 15 to 20 years.....	3
From 20 to 25 years.....	5
From 25 to 30 years.....	1
From 30 to 40 years.....	11
From 40 to 50 years.....	8
From 50 to 60 years.....	0
From 60 to 70 years.....	5
From 70 to 80 years.....	3
From 80 to 90 years.....	2
From 90 to 100 years.....	0
100 and upwards.....	0
Unknown.....	0
Total.....	152

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. ELBERT, M. D., Prest.

W. WANDS, M. D., Secretary.

Which was received.

The City Gas Inspector submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, August 4, 1873.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen—In the month just closed I have proved for the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co. 55 old metres which had been

repaired, and 84 new ones. Of this number I attached my badge to 134, and 5 were rejected as incorrect. No metres were tested this month for private parties though several complaints of defective metres were made at this office, but when application is made to the Gas Company to detach the metre for proving they very promptly supply its place with a metre already proved and badged.

An accurate register of the hourly pressure of gas at this office is kept and open for inspection here at all times. The average pressure for the hours from 7 P. M. to 6 A. M. for the month of July is 21.70 tenths—that is a pressure which will sustain a column of water 2.17 in. height. The mean pressure for each hour of the night is as follows: 7 P. M., 27 tenths; 8 P. M., 24 tenths; 9 P. M., 20 tenths; 10 P. M., 23 tenths; 11 P. M., 20 tenths; 12 P. M., 21 tenths. 1 A. M., 18 tenths; 2 A. M., 18 tenths; 3 A. M., 17 tenths; 4 A. M., 19 tenths; 5 A. M., 19 tenths; 6 A. M., 20 tenths.

It will be observed that the highest is at 7 P. M., from which time it gradually declines to 3 A. M., at which hour the point of lowest pressure is reached. This, however, is sufficient pressure to secure the full effect of lighting. The pressure as taken at several points in the city a mile from the gas works, at an hour after the lighting of the public lamps gives an average for the month of 18.22; showing that the distribution of gas at the present time is well maintained.

In quality the gas furnished the city during the month comes fully up to the legal standard. The mean of ten photometre tests of the "candle power" made in this month, shows an illuminating power nearly equal to fourteen candles, (13.89). I must say, however, that I have not much confidence in the absolute correctness of these figures. The burner used in our photometer is a metallic Argand burner which has been long in use, and I am convinced that it transmits more gas than is consumed, which loss will materially reduce the candle power, but to what extent we have no means of accurately determining. The true candle power is probably above fifteen. I have sent for a new steatite burner of the Sugg pattern, by which I hope to remedy this defect in a few days.

I have received from the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co. by Messrs. Kolb & Schulmeyer, the former lamp lighters, the following property belonging to the city, to wit:

- 32 ladders.
- 2 step ladders.
- 19 burner extensions.
- 7 lamp cocks.
- 2 pairs of key plyers.
- 1 pair of key tonges.
- 3 pairs of burner plyers.
- $\frac{2}{3}$ box of glass.
- lamp globes.

This property has been placed at the disposal of J. M. Cooper, the present contractor for lighting the public lamps. As there were no matches on hand to begin work with I purchased 43 boxes to supply

the lighters for the present. Many of the ladders are old and nearly worn out, and some of them are so broken as to be unfit for use. An entirely new set of ladders will be required soon. The ordinance under which I am acting makes it my duty to purchase the materials used in the lighting and repairs of the public lamps under the order of the City Council. I therefore ask the City Council to authorize me to purchase for the use of the city lamplighters the following supplies:

- 5 packages of lamp globes (2 dozen each.)
- 25 lamp frames complete.
- 5 boxes of glass.
- 2 dozen lamp cocks.
- 2 dozen burners.
- 2 dozen ladders.
- 5 boxes matches (3 gross, small in each.)

Much of this material will be required within the next ten days. I therefore respectfully solicit the prompt action of the Council in this matter. In a former report I urged the importance of substituting for the burner now in use one which can be depended on for measuring accurately the gas consumed in the public lamps. The contract with the Gas Company requires that each lamp shall consume four cubic feet of gas per hour while burning. At present I have no means of determining with any degree of accuracy the amount consumed per hour, and even if all the lamps were supplied with new burners properly tested, yet if the metal tips are used they can not be relied upon for a month. A self-regulating burner with a lava, or steatite tip is a necessity if we propose to measure with any degree of accuracy the amount of gas consumed in the public lamps.

In compliance with a resolution of the Council passed on the 28th of July, I have ordered the removal and relocation of two lamp posts on West Washington street therein named. Also, two posts on North Tennessee street, near Fifth, were by the proper location of the curb stone placed in the gutter. I ordered them removed to their proper places as the progress of the improvement on that street would not permit me to await the action of the Council in the premises. I ask that you pass an order confirming this action.

Respectfully submitted,

RYLAND T. BROWN,
City Gas Inspector.

Which was received, and that part of the report in reference to the purchase of supplies was referred to the Committee on Gas Light, with power to act.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING.

Mr. Adams introduced Special Ordinance No. 264, 1873, entitled:

An Ordinance to grade and pave the north sidewalk of Fort Wayne avenue, from Pennsylvania street to New Jersey street.

Which was read the first time.

Also, General Ordinance No. 55, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance regulating the weighing and sale of coal.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Anderson introduced Special Ordinance No. 265, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and pave with bricks, the west sidewalk of Noble street, from Washington street to Louisiana street.

Which was read the first time.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 266, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and pave with bricks the sidewalks of Fletcher avenue, from Cedar street to Dillon street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Bollman introduced Special Ordinance No. 267, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel the second alley south of South street, running west from Alabama street to the first alley running north and south.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Gimber presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 4, 1873.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen—We the undersigned respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance for the grading and graveling of Kansas street, between Meridian street and the canal.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

HERMANN ALTMANN,
F. BORST,
CHARLES GROBE,
And 5 others.

Which was received.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 268, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel Kansas street and sidewalks, from Meridian street to the Central canal.

Which was read the first time.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 269, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel the first alley south of McCarty street, running east and west, from Illinois street to Maple street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Kahn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 4, 1873.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Meridian street, between Michigan and St. Clair streets, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the grading and paving with Lefler stone the east sidewalk on Meridian street, between Michigan and St. Clair streets, nine feet in width.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

G. W. BALLARD,
FRANK WRIGHT,
W. B. HOGSHIRE.

Which was received.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 270, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and pave with the Lefler Patent Paving Stone, the east sidewalk of Meridian street, from Michigan street to St. Clair street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Kennington introduced Special Ordinance No. 271, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel Wallace street and sidewalks from Nebraska street to the second alley south of Nebraska street.

Which was read the first time.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 272, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel the first alley east of the Madison road, running north and south from Yeiser street to the first alley running east and west.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Peck introduced Special Ordinance No. 273, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance to light with gas Meridian street, from Tinker street to William street.

Which was read the first time.

Also, the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 4, 1873.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen—Your petitioners would respectfully represent to your body that we think it inexpedient, at present, to grade and gravel Fourth street and sidewalks from Illinois street to the canal, for the

following reasons, to-wit: There are bridges across the canal at First, Third and Seventh streets, affording ample passage across said canal. 2. That it will be oppressive to many property owners to have to pay for the block pavement on Tennessee street. 3. That until Fourth street is opened through to Pennsylvania street we are opposed to said improvement.

Hoping you will not pass any ordinance at present, we are

Respectfully yours,

MARY A. PITTS, by
GEO. W. PITTS,
THOMAS WHITE,
And 11 others.

Which was received.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 274, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance to repeal an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance providing for grading and graveling Fourth street, from Illinois street to the canal."

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Pendleton introduced General Ordinance No. 56, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance providing for the purchase, for a public park, the grounds known as the "Indianapolis Trotting Park," and authorizing the issue of the bonds of the city in payment thereof.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Pressly introduced Special Ordinance No. 275, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade, gravel, pave and curb Rockwood street and sidewalks, from East street to the second alley running north and south.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Reagan introduced Special Ordinance No. 276, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and pave with bricks, the east sidewalk of West street, from Maryland street to Kentucky avenue.

Which was read the first time.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 277, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and pave the east sidewalk of Mississippi street, from Maryland street to Georgia street.

Which was read the first time.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 278, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and bowlder the north half of Louisiana street, and paving and curbing the north sidewalk thereof, from Tennessee street to Mississippi street.

Which was read the first time.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 279, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and pave the east sidewalk of Kentucky avenue, from Tennessee street to Georgia street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Shepherd introduced General Ordinance No. 57, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance granting the Kingan Railway Company the right to lay railway tracks upon and across streets and alleys of the city of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Sherwood introduced Special Ordinance No. 280, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade, pave with brick and curb with stone, the north sidewalk of First street, from Illinois street to Tennessee street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thalman introduced Special Ordinance No. 281, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel the first alley north of North street, between Blake and Ellen streets.

Which was read the first time.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 282, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel the second alley south of New York street, between Blake street and its eastern terminus.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Twiname presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 4, 1873.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen — The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Rohampton street, between Seventh or Tinker street and Eleventh street, or north corporation line, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling, with good river or creek gravel, the said street and sidewalks between the points aforesaid, at the expense of the property owners. The street to be graveled to the extent of twenty-five feet in width, the gravel to be fifteen inches deep in center of street, and five inches deep at the sides, sloping gradually. Sidewalks to be graveled to a depth of — inches.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

J. P. ELLIOTT,
EVERTS, JOHNSON & CO.,
T. D. LAYMAN,

And 19 others.

Which was received.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 283, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel Rohampton street and sidewalks, from Seventh or Tinker street, to the corporation line north.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Woodburn introduced Special Ordinance No. 284, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel the first alley west of Mississippi street, from Walnut street to St. Clair street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Brown introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 36, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money to aid in the construction of two bridges across White river.

Which was read the first time.

On motion by Mr. Brown the rules were suspended, by unanimous consent, for the purpose of reading the second and third times, and passing the above ordinance.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 36, 1873,

Was read the second time, and ordered engrossed, and read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Reagan,

Rush, Shepherd, Sherwood, Stratford, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—25.

Negative—None.

Mr. Kahn introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 37, 1873, entitled:

An Ordinance appropriating money for the use of the Street Commissioner.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Gibson introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 38, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money for the use of the Chief Fire Engineer.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Woodburn introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 39, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money to pay sundry claims against the city, for the month of July, 1873.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thalman introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 40, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of damages for widening Blackford street, from North street to Indiana avenue, and from Market street to Washington street.

Which was read the first time.

Also, Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 41, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money on account of the erection of the new pest-house.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Pressly introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 42, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money on account of the Station House, for the month of July, 1873.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Rush introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 43, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance Appropriating money on account of printing, stationery, etc., for the month of July, 1873.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Ward introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 44, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money on account of City Hospital, for the month of July, 1873.

Which was read the first time.

The following ordinances were read the second time, and on motion, ordered engrossed :

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 37, 1873.

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“ “ “ “ 39, “

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 40, 1873.

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"	"	"	"	41,	"
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"	"	"	"	43,	"
"	"	"	"	44,	"

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 37, 1873,

Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—24.

Negative—None.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 38, 1873,

Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—23.

Negative—None.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 39, 1873,

Was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn,

Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—23.

Negative—None.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 40, 1873,

Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Bigham, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Peck, Pressly, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—16.

Negative—Councilmen Batty, Bollman, Brown, Kennington, McLaughlin, Pendleton and Reagan—7.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 41, 1873,

Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Thalman, Twiname and Ward—20.

Negative—Councilmen Kennington, Sherwood and Woodburn—3.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 42, 1873,

Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gimber, Gibson, Hardesty, Kahn,

Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—23.

Negative—None.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 43, 1873,

Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—23.

Negative—None.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 44, 1873,

Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—23.

Negative—None.

By consent, Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 4, 1873.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen—The Finance Committee, to whom was referred an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to authorize the negotiation of a loan

and providing for the issuing of bonds," would respectfully report the same back and recommend its immediate passage.

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN H. BROWN,
DAVID GIBSON,
LEON KAHN,
J. H. WOODBURN,
H. S. BIGHAM,
Finance Committee.

Which was concurred in.

General Ordinance No. 51, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance providing for the negotiation of a loan and the issuing of bonds.

Was ordered engrossed, and read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—23.

Negative—None.

By consent, the following motions were offered.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, It is essential to prevent disease that the grass and weeds within the city be cut down ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That all property owners be required to mow or cut down all grass and weeds in lots owned by them, and upon the streets and alleys adjacent to their premises, and to cause the same to be hauled away ; and be it further

Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to issue his proclamation requesting all persons to comply with these resolutions.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—23.

Negative—None.

Mr. Gibson offered the following motion :

Moved, That Austin H. Brown and Leon Kahn be, and are hereby requested to visit the eastern cities and towns, and personally call the attention of capitalists to the City's advertisement for a loan, and their expenses will be paid out of the city treasury.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kahn offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the owners of the following described real estate, to wit: Lots 9, 10 and 11, in Bradshaw's subdivision of out lot 55 of the city of Indianapolis, the said real estate is owned by Milton Anderson and John L. Reynolds, of the city of Indianapolis, be and they are hereby required to fill or drain the same, as in the opinion of the Council, there is a hole or excavation thereon in which water has or may become so stagnant or noxious as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and of the inhabitants thereof, and that the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby required to notify the owners thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 28, 1866, entitled, "An ordinance providing for the drainage and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same," and that in case of the failure of the owners thereof to fill or drain the same the Street Commissioner proceed to fill or drain the said hole or excavation as provided in said ordinance; *Provided*, that the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the value of the aforesaid real estate as assessed upon the tax duplicate for city purposes.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Twinam, Ward and Woodburn—23.

Negative—None.

Mr. Darnell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the owners of the following described real estate, to-wit : Lot 4 in McKernan and Pierce's subdivision of square 23, in Drake's addition to the city of Indianapolis, be, and they are hereby required to fill or drain the same, as, in the opinion of this Council, there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant or noxious as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and of the inhabitants thereof, and that the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby required to notify the owners thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 28, 1866, entitled, "An ordinance providing for the drainage and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same," and that in case of the failure of the owners thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to fill or drain the said hole or excavation as provided in said ordinance ; *Provided*, that the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the value of the aforesaid real estate, as assessed upon the tax duplicate for city purposes.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—23.

Negative—None.

Mr. Hardesty offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the owners of the following described real estate, to-wit : Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 14 of Seidensticker's subdi-

vision of out-lot No. 15, of the City of Indianapolis, be, and they are hereby required to fill or drain the same, as, in the opinion of this Council, there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant or noxious as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and of the inhabitants thereof, and that the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby required to notify the owners thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 28, 1866, entitled, "An ordinance providing for the drainage and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same," and that in case of the failure of the owners thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to fill or drain the said hole or excavation as provided in said ordinance; *Provided*, that the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the value of the aforesaid real estate, as assessed upon the tax duplicate for city purposes.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Ragan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—23.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the owners of the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot No. 1, of Russells' heirs subdivision of out-lot No. 26, of the City of Indianapolis, be, and they are hereby required to fill or drain the same, as, in the opinion of this Council, there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant or noxious as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and of the inhabitants thereof, and that the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby required to notify the owners thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 28, 1866, entitled, "An ordinance providing for the drainage and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same," and that in case of the failure of the owners thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to fill or drain the said hole or excavation as provided in said ordinance; *Provided*, that the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the value of the aforesaid real estate, as assessed upon the tax duplicate for city purposes.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardēsty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—23.

Negative—None.

Mr. Kennington offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the owners of the following described real estate, to wit; Lot No. 10 in Vajen's subdivision in out-lot No. 108, of the city of Indianapolis be and they are hereby required to fill or drain the same, as in the opinion of this Council, there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant or noxious as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and of the inhabitants thereof, and that the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby required to notify the owners thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 28, 1866, entitled, "An ordinance providing for the drainage and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same," and that in case of the failure of the owners thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to fill or drain the said hole or excavation as provided in said ordinance; *Provided*, that the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the value of the aforesaid real estate, as assessed upon the tax duplicate for city purposes.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Twiname, Ward, and Woodburn—23.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the owners of the following described real estate, to wit: Lots 59 and 61 in Stephen's addition, fronting on New Jersey

street, between McCarty and Merrill street, of the city of Indianapolis be and they are hereby required to fill or drain the same, as in the opinion of this Council there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant or noxious as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and of the inhabitants thereof, and that the Street Commissioner be and is hereby required to notify the owners thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 28, 1866, entitled, "An ordinance providing for the drainage and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same," and that in case of the failure of the owners thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to fill or drain the said hole or excavation as provided in said ordinance; *Provided*, that the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the value of the aforesaid real estate, as assessed upon the tax duplicate for city purposes.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—23.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the owners of the following described real estate, to wit: Lots 25 and 27, in Yeiser and Gardner's subdivision of the city of Indianapolis be and they are hereby required to fill or drain the same, as in the opinion of this Council, there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant or noxious as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and of the inhabitants thereof, and that the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby required to notify the owners thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 28, 1866, entitled: "An ordinance providing for the drainage and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same," and that in case of the failure of the owners thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to fill or drain the said hole or excavation as provided in said ordinance; *Provided*, that the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the value of the aforesaid real estate, as assessed upon the tax duplicate for city purposes.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Boliman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—23.

Negative—None.

Mr. Twiname offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the owners of the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot No. 8, in Ray's subdivision of out-lot No. 150, of the City of Indianapolis, be, and they are hereby required to fill or drain the same, as, in the opinion of this Council, there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant or noxious as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and of the inhabitants thereof, and that the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby required to notify the owners thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 23, 1866, entitled, "An ordinance providing for the drainage and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same," and that in case of the failure of the owners thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to fill or drain the said hole or excavation as provided in said ordinance; *Provided*, that the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the value of the aforesaid real estate, as assessed upon the tax duplicate for city purposes.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—23.

Negative—None.

Mr. Gimber offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Board of Health report to this Council whether the people are not liable to become sick in consequence of one William Russell running the water from his bath house into the gutter on the east side of Virginia avenue from Washington to Maryland street, and south of said point to Pogue's run.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Bollman presented the following claim :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 4, 1873.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen—The undersigned being the contractor with the city of the Pest House, and in consideration as a part of his compensation for services therein it was stipulated and agreed that he should have the use and benefit out of the land, which is over and above six acres. And he further represents to your honorable body that he did plant and cultivate said ground, but that since that time the Council has ordered the erection of five additional buildings on said grounds, and the contractor has pulled down the fences, driven over the ground with wagons loaded with stone, gravel and brick, sand and other building materials, and thereby injured and destroyed the crop of this claimant out of which he calculated to realize about six hundred dollars, but which is now totally ruined ; and this claimant further says : that in consideration of the realizing of that amount of money he has taken the contract, which is now a total loss to him. Wherefore he prays the Council to make good his loss by allowing him five hundred dollars for his damages, and for information of the Council he herewith submits a copy of the contract between him and the city, dated February 10, 1873, of which this is a true copy.

ROBERT KOEPPEN.

ARTICLE OF AGREEMENT made this tenth day of February, 1873, between George W. Mears, Superintendent of the Pest House, of the one part, and Robert Koeppen of the other part ; WITNESSETH, That the said Robert Koeppen agrees to take charge of the Pest House, furnishing the inmates of the hospital such nourishing and suitable food for the sick as shall be from time to time directed by the physician, and more substantial diet as may be required for the convalescents, both himself and wife to perform the duties of nurses to the

sick when such work is needed, and also to do the washing for the institution. In consideration for such service, said George W. Mears agrees on behalf of the Council of the city of Indianapolis, to have paid to said Robert Koeppen at the end of each month, at the rate of five dollars per week for each person so boarded and nursed; to permit him to occupy the three north rooms of the building for his residence; to occupy and use for garden and farming purposes the grounds within the hospital enclosure, and at the end of each six months, whether there are patients to care for or not in the meantime, one hundred and twenty-five dollars, or as agreed upon, two hundred and fifty dollars per annum, payable semi-annually.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto subscribed our names on the day and year above written.

GEO. W. MEARS, *Supt. of Pest House.*
ROBERT KOEPPEN.

Which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims.

Mr. Pendleton offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be allowed to plow and remove the dirt from the higher part of McKernan street, to fill ponds in Buchanan and McKernan streets, provided that he does not cut down below the present grade of Buchanan, Dougherty and Coburn streets.

Which was laid on the table.

Mr. Kennington presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 4, 1873.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen—I, the undersigned, do respectfully call your immediate attention, and the Board of Health, to a stagnant and stinking bathing pond for geese, ducks, hogs, cows, &c., in the south end of High street and the first alley running east and west south of Bicking street, in the Seventh Ward. The water was stopped of its full flow about six or eight weeks ago, by Messrs. Frank & Co. grading their land west of High street. When the above pond is full of water, to the level of the ground, it is from three to four feet deep in the cross-

ing of the street, sixteen feet wide, and about two hundred feet long. The water has been standing in this pond for the last six or eight weeks. It is a nuisance, is blockading the thoroughfare, and needs immediate attention.

I think the Board of Health ought to examine this place, and see whether it wants grading and graveling, or the pond filled up.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFREY KEATING.

Which was referred to the Board of Health.

Dr. Ward offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer report to this Council the best plan for draining the pond of water at the northern terminus of Winston street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Bigham offered the following motion :

Moved, That lot No. 3, in Martinsville addition, be filled or drained by the owner within ten days from this date, and that the Street Commissioner be required to notify the owner.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Pressly offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Civil Engineer make an examination of Cook street, and report to this Council at its next meeting, what will be necessary to effectually drain said street, as in its present condition there is no drainage whatever.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Ward presented the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 4, 1873.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Recapitulation of monthly report of expenditures of the City Hospital, ending July 31st, 1873 :

Total expenditures for the month.....	\$1,193 51
Aggregate number of days for which subsistence, etc., was furnished.....	1980
Average expense per capita per diem.....	\$0.60

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. DAVIS,
Superintendent.

Which was received.

Mr. Brown moved that General Ordinance No. 41, 1873, authorizing the butchers to construct slaughter houses for slaughtering purposes, etc., be made a special order of business for next Monday evening.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

JAMES L. MITCHELL,
MAYOR.

ATTEST :

JOHN R CLINTON,
City Clerk.