

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, September 20th, 1875—7½ o'clock P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair, and the following members :

Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—23.

Absent—Councilmen Bollman, Hall and Reasner—3.

The proceedings of the regular session, held September 13th, 1875, were read and approved.

Sealed proposals for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk on Brookside avenue from Clifford avenue to Orange street ; also, for grading and graveling Coburn street and sidewalks from Short street to Virginia avenue ; also for grading, paving with brick and curbing with stone the south sidewalk of New York street from East to Liberty streets ; also, for repairing and filling up that portion of West Michigan street washed out by the late floods between the mill race and White River, were received, opened, read and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

Sealed proposals for grading and graveling New Jersey street and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof, from Fort Wayne avenue to St. Marys street, were received, opened and read.

Dr. Ward presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on New Jersey street, between Fort Wayne avenue and St. Marys street, respectfully remonstrate against the improvement of the above named street, and respectfully request that you repeal the ordinance providing for the improvement of the above named street, passed August 16, 1875. The undersigned represent all the property on said square except 150 feet, having at least two-thirds of the number of feet.

And your remonstrants will ever pray, etc.

Charles H. G. Balz, 150 ft.; Philip J. Kuhn, 135½ ft.;
Wm. Buschmann, 100 ft.

Which remonstrance, together with the bids, were referred to the Committee on Contracts.

Mr. Kahn, from the Committee on Contracts, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

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

FIRST.

For grading and graveling William street and sidewalks, from Illinois to Tennessee street the following proposals were presented, viz :

- S. Heveling & Co., 75 cents per lineal foot each side.
- J. J. Palmer, 67 cents per lineal foot on each side.
- Patterson & Dunning, 66 cents per lineal foot each side.
- John L. Hanna, 65 cents per lineal foot each side.
- R. H. Potterson, 61 cents per lineal foot each side.
- Anderson & Devenish, 60 cents per lineal foot each side.
- Joseph Hanna, 56 cents per lineal foot on each side.
- Henry Clay, 52 cents per lineal foot each side.
- James Mahoney, 50 cents per lineal foot each side.
- Samuel J. Smock, 49 cents per lineal foot each side.
- S. P. Strong, 48 cents per lineal foot each side.
- John Green, 43 cents per lineal foot each side.

John Green being the lowest and best bidder we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

SECOND.

For grading and graveling Fayette street and sidewalks, from First to Third street the following proposals were presented, viz :

- S. Heveling & Co., 95 cents per lineal foot on each side.
- Michael Faust, 79 cents per lineal foot on each side.
- J. J. Palmer, 76 cents per lineal foot on each side.
- R. H. Patterson, 71 cents per lineal foot on each side.
- Patterson & Dunning, 65 cents per lineal foot on each side.
- James Mahoney, 63 cents per lineal foot on each side.
- Anderson & Devinish, 60 cents per lineal foot on each side.
- Joseph Hanna, 56 cents per lineal foot on each side.
- John Greene, 53 cents per lineal foot on each side.
- Henry Clay, 53 cents per lineal foot on each side.

Henry Clay being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

THIRD.

For grading and paving the south sidewalk of Fourth street, between Illinois and Tennessee street where not already paved, the following proposals were presented, viz :

Henry Clay, 51 cents per front foot.

E. H. Roney, 40 cents per front foot.

Oliver English, 40 cents per front foot.

E. H. Roney being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON KAHN,

ROBT. C. MCGILL,

P. H. CURRAN.

Committee on Contracts.

Which was concurred in and the contracts awarded.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 13, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred sundry proposals for sewer in Illinois street and for repairing the road to Sellers Farm, report that we have examined the same and find them to be as follows, to wit :

FIRST.

For the construction of a brick sewer in Illinois street, from Maryland to Georgia street, three feet in diameter, the following proposals were presented, viz :

Bruner & Riner, sewer, \$6.00 per lineal foot run ; manholes complete, \$28.00 each.

Samuel Lefever, sewer, \$5.50 per lineal foot run ; catch basins, \$80.00 each ; manholes, \$39.00 each ; house connections, \$1.00 each.

John A. Whitsit, sewer, \$5.00 per lineal foot run.

Keating & Lampard, sewer, \$3.80 per lineal foot run ; catch basins, \$90.00 each ; manholes, \$40.00 each ; house connections, 80 cents each.

We would recommend that no action on this contract be taken until the Committee can more fully investigate the various bids. The Committee will report at next regular meeting.

SECOND.

For building a brick sewer four feet in diameter in Illinois street, from Georgia to South street, the following proposals were presented, viz:

Bruner & Riner, sewer, \$9.00 per lineal foot run; manholes complete, \$28 each.

Samuel Lefever, sewer, \$5.50 per lineal foot; catch basins, \$80.00 each; manholes, \$39.00 each; house connections, \$1.00 each.

John A. Whitset, sewer, \$5.79 per lineal foot run.

Keating & Lampard, sewer, \$4.80 per lineal foot run; catch basins, \$90.00 each; manholes, \$40.00 each; house connections, 80 cents each.

The Committee recommend that no action be taken.

THIRD.

For repairing the road leading to Sellers Farm:

Anderson & Devenish, \$1.40 per cubic yard.

James Mohoney, 90 cents per cubic yard.

James J. Robinson, 55 cents per cubic yard.

James J. Robinson being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON KAHN,
ROBT. C. MCGILL,
P. H. CURRAN,

Committee on Contracts.

The part of the report referring to the South Illinois street sewer was recommitted, and the part referring to the Sellers Farm road was concurred in and contract awarded.

Also, the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Contracts to whom was referred sundry propo-

sals for street improvements, report that we have examined the same and find them to be as follows, to-wit:

FIRST.

For grading and graveling Ash street and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof from the south side of Tenth street to the north side of Reagan street, the following proposals were presented, viz:

John Greene, \$1.49 cents per lineal foot on each side.

S. Heveling & Co., \$1.15 cents per lineal foot on each side.

Patterson & Dunning, \$1.14 cents per lineal foot on each side.

Elliott & Morrison, \$1.13 cents per lineal foot on each side.

S. C. Hanna, \$1.09 cents per lineal foot on each side.

Henry Clay, \$1.02 cents per lineal foot on each side.

Samuel J. Smock, graveing 58 cents per front foot on each side; paving 40 cents per front foot on each side; graveling alley crossing 15 cents per front foot on each side.

Samuel J. Smock being the lowest and best bidder we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

SECOND.

For grading and paving with what is known as Lefler paving stone, the north sidewalk on North street, between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets, there was only one proposal presented, viz:

Dodd & McKinney, 35 cents per square foot.

Your Committee believe the bid to be low and recommend that they be awarded the contract.

THIRD.

For grading and graveling the alley running east and west from Japan street to Madison avenue, between Yizer and Downey streets, the following proposals were presented, viz:

M. A. Huffington, 33½ cents per lineal foot on each side.

J. H. Robinson, 30 cents per lineal foot on each side.

Michael Faust, 29 cents per lineal foot on each side.

Wm. Sonnefield, 29 cents per lineal foot on each side.

Fred. Gansberg, 25 cents per lineal foot on each side.

John Greene, 24½ cents per lineal foot on each side.

Mann & Buchanan, 23 cents per lineal foot on each side.

Joseph Hanna, 20 cents per lineal foot on each side.

Joseph Hanna being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

FOURTH.

For grading and paving the sidewalks of Christian avenue, between Ash and Bellefontaine streets, to a width of six feet, the following proposals were presented, viz :

J. T. Murphy, 50 cents per lineal foot on each side.

S. C. Hanna, 50 cents per lineal foot on each side.

E. H. Roney, 42 cents per lineal foot on each side.

John Schier, 39 cents per lineal foot on each side.

English & Smith, 37½ cents per lineal foot on each side.

English & Smith being the lowest and best bidders, we recommend that they be awarded the contract.

FIFTH.

For grading and graveling Pleasant street and sidewalk from Dillon to Linden streets, the following proposals were presented, viz :

E. H. Roney, 80 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Anderson & Devenis, 79 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Michael Faust, 79 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Wm. Sonnefield, 78 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Geo W. Seibert, 75 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Joseph Hanna, 75 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Samuel J. Smock, 73 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney, 72 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

John Green, 69 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Fred. Gansberg, 58 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Fred. Gansberg being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

SIXTH.

For grading and graveling the first alley east of East street, running north and

south from McCarty street to the first alley south of Buchanan street, there were no proposals presented; we recommend that said work be readvertised.

SEVENTH.

For grading and graveling the alley running east and west between Buchanan and Dougherty streets, from Wright's street to Virginia avenue, the following proposals were presented, viz:

S. Heveling & Co., 37 cents per lineal foot on each side.

John Low, 35 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Joseph Hanna, 24 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

M. A. Huffington, 20½ cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Martin F. Foley, 21 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

John Hennessey, 18¾ cents per lineal foot front on each side.

F. M. Eppert, 18 cents per lineal foot on each side.

Fred. Gansberg, 18 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

C. A. Webb, 17½ cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Wm. Sonnefield, 17 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Wm. Sonnefield being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

EIGHTH.

For grading and graveling the first alley east of East street, running from North to Michigan streets, the following proposals were presented, viz:

S. Heveling & Co., \$1.45 cents per lineal foot on each side for grading, graveling, curbing and paving.

S. C. Hanna, for grading and graveling, 45 cents per front foot on each side; curbing 50 cents per front foot on each side; paving 45 cents per front foot on each side.

James Mahoney, grading and graveling, 40 cents per front foot on each side; curbing, 50 cents per front foot on each side; paving, 33 cents per front foot on each side.

Henry Clay, \$1.19 per lineal foot front on each side for grading, graveling, curbing and paving.

Joseph Hanna, grading and graveling 36 cents per front foot on each side; curbing 46 cents per front foot on each side; paving 37 cents per front foot on each side.

John L. Hsanna, grading and graveling 33 cents per front foot on each side ; curbing 50 cents per front foot on each side ; paving 35 cents per front foot on each side.

E. H. Roney, grading and graveling 38 cents per front foot on each side ; curbing 37 cents per front foot on each side ; paving 34 cents per front foot on each side.

Elliott & Morrison, 95 cents per lineal foot front on each side for the whole work.

Elliott & Morrison being the lowest and best bidders, we recommend that they be awarded the contract.

NINTH.

For grading, graveling, curbing, paving and bouldering the gutters on Market street from Alabama to Noble streets, the following proposals were presented, viz:

James Mahoney, grading and graveling \$1.15 per cubic yard ; curbing 50 cents per lineal foot on each side ; bouldering 9 feet wide, 70 cents per lineal foot on each side ; bouldering 7 feet wide, 55 cents per lineal foot on each side ; paving 64 cents per square yard ; bouldering crossings, 70 cents per square yard.

Joseph Hanna, bouldering 9 feet wide, 79 cents per square yard ; curbing 45 cents per lineal foot on each side ; paving 59 cents per lineal foot on each side ; grading and graveling \$1.20 per cubic yard ; sand 8 cents per lineal foot on each side.

Seibert & Carr, graveling \$1.15 per cubic yard ; sand 70 cents per cubic yard ; bouldering 9 feet wide 70 cents per lineal foot each side ; bouldering 7 feet wide 55 cents per lineal foot each side ; curbing 50 cents per lineal foot front on each side ; paving 60 cents per lineal foot front on each side ; scraping dirt 20 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James W. Hudson, graveling \$1.10 per cubic yard ; curbing 48 cents per lineal foot each side ; bouldering 9 feet wide 75 cents per lineal foot each side ; bouldering 7 feet wide 56 cents per lineal foot each side ; paving 15 feet wide \$1.05 per lineal foot each side ; paving 6 feet wide 42 cents per lineal foot each side ; crossings 70 cents per square yard.

Bernard Hammill, graveling 90 cents per square yard ; sand 25 cents per square yard ; bouldering 9 feet wide 70 cents per lineal foot each side ; bouldering 7 feet wide 56 cents per lineal foot each side ; curbing 48 cents per lineal foot each side.

Michael Faust, graveling \$1.25 per cubic yard ; sand 75 cents per cubic yard ; curbing 45 cents per lineal foot each side ; bouldering 9 feet wide 68 cents per lineal foot each side ; bouldering 7 feet wide 55 cents per lineal foot each side ; bouldering crossings 68 cents per square yard ; paving 7 cents per square foot.

Patterson & Dunning, graveling \$1.25 per cubic yard ; bouldering 9 feet 71 cents per front foot each side ; bouldering 7 feet 55 cents per front foot each side ; curbing 49 cents per front foot each side ; paving 7 cents per square foot ; grading wide part 21 cents per front foot each side ; grading narrow part 18 cents per front foot each side.

Anderson & Devenish, graveling 99 cents per square yard ; sand 95 cents per square yard ; bouldering 9 feet 67 cents per lineal foot each side ; bouldering 7 feet 52 cents per lineal foot each side ; curbing 47 cents per lineal foot each side ; paving 7 cents per square foot.

O. W. Kelley, graveling \$1.35 per cubic yard ; bouldering 9 feet wide 70 cents bouldering 7 feet wide 57 cents per lineal foot each side ; curbing 53 cents per lineal foot each side ; bouldering crossing \$1.00 per lineal foot each side ; paving sidewalk 70 cents per lineal foot each side.

E. H. Roney, graveling, \$1.15 per cubic yard ; sand 20 cents per front foot each side ; bouldering 9 feet wide 68 cents per front foot each side ; bouldering 7 feet wide 60 cents per front foot each side ; curbing 46½ cents per front foot each side ; paving 59 cents per front foot each side.

English & Smith, curbing 48 cents per lineal foot each side ; bouldering 9 feet wide 73 cents per lineal foot each side ; bouldering 7 feet wide 59 cents per lineal foot each side ; paving 95 cents per lineal foot each side ; graveling \$1.05 per cubic yard.

E. H. Roney being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

TENTH

For building a thousand barrel cistern at corner of Patterson and Michigan street, the following proposals were presented, viz :

E. H. Roney, 59 cents per barrel.

John Schier, 58 cents per barrel.

C. S. Roney, 57 cents per barrel.

Anderson & Devenish, 55 cents per barrel.

Anderson & Devenish being the lowest and best bidders, we recommend that they be award the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON KAHN,
ROBT. C. MCGILL,
P. H. CURRAN,

Committee on Contracts.

Which was concurred in and contracts awarded.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 13, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Contracts to whom was referred sundry proposals for the erection of an iron bridge over Pogues Run, at the crossing of Clifford avenue report that we have examined the same and find them to be as follows, viz :

Cincinnati Iron Bridge Co., \$2335.00 as per specification filed ; \$2235.00 for channel bars, in lieu of Phoenix columns as per specifications.

Defrees, Morris & Co., Indianapolis, Ind., \$1950.50 as per specifications filed.

Indianapolis Bridge Roof, and Bolt Co., \$1678.18 as per specifications filed.

Keystone Bridge Co., Chicago, Ills. \$63.00 per lineal foot as per specifications filed.

Wrought Iron Bridge Co., Canton, O., \$38.00 per lineal foot as per plan No. 1 ; \$40.00 per lineal foot as per plan No. 2.

Indianapolis Bridge Co., \$35.50 per foot as per plan No. 1 ; \$33.60 per foot as per plan No. 2 ; \$31.00 per foot as per plan No. 3.

Your Committee on Contracts recommend that the contract be awarded to the Indianapolis Bridge Co., for plan No. 1, as per report of the City Civil Engineer herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON KAHN,

ROBT. C. MCGILL,

P. H. CURRAN.

Committee on Contracts.

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

To the Committee on Contracts :

Gentlemen :—I find that plan No. 1, of the Indianapolis Bridge Company is the cheapest and best bridge for Clifford avenue, and I would recommend that they be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DEITZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in and the contract awarded.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 13, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Contracts to whom was referred sundry proposals for building an iron bridge over Pognes Run, at the crossing of Morris street, report that we have examined the same and find them to be as follows, to-wit:

Cincinnati Iron Bridge Co., \$2668.00 as per specifications filed; \$2568.00 for channel bars in lieu of column bars named in specifications.

Defrees, Morris & Co., Indianapolis, Ind.: \$2500.00 as per specifications filed; \$2300.00 as per specifications filed.

Indianapolis Bridge, Roof and Bolt Co.: \$2.245.97 as per specifications filed.

Keystone Bridge Co., Chicago, Ills. \$64.50 per foot as per specifications filed.

Wrought Iron Bridge Co., Canton, O., \$40.00 per lineal foot as per plan No. 1; \$42.00 per lineal foot as per plan No. 2.

Indianapolis Bridge Co.: \$35.00 per lineal foot as per plan No. 1; \$33.25 per lineal foot as per plan No. 2; \$30.50 per lineal foot as per plan No. 3.

Your Committee on Contracts recommend that the contract be awarded to the Wrought Iron Bridge Co., of Canton, O., for bridge as per plan No. 2, as per report of the City Civil Engineer herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON KAHN,
ROBT. C. MCGILL,
P. H. CURRAN.
Committee on Contracts.

INDIANAPOLIS, September 18, 1875.

To the Committee on Contracts:

Gentlemen :—I find that plan No. 2, of the Wrought Iron Bridge Company, of Canton, Ohio, will be the best and cheapest bridge for Morris street, and recommend that they be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted.

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in and contract awarded.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 13, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—I have examined the proposals and plans submitted for an iron bridge on Meridian street.

The specifications for said bridge required that it should bear 120 pounds to the square foot without its own weight, and the height of the beams to be not over one foot ten inches, as the top of the arch under the depot is but one and seventh-tenths feet below the grade of the street, and in consequence, a lower beam cannot be used to advantage.

The bridge submitted by W. W. Curry is not according to specifications, as beams are too high.

One of the two bridges submitted by Snead & Co. is not desirable on account of wooden floor beams being used in same, as said beams are soon apt to decay. The other bridge meets with all the requirements and is well constructed.

The bridge of the Indianapolis Bridge Company is not according to specifications and beams are too high.

The Wrought Iron Bridge Company submitted plans for five different bridges, but they are not adapted for Meridian street on account of wooden floor beams.

The Keystone Bridge Company submitted plans, in which are used getter and wooden floor beams, which are not desirable.

The Cincinnati Bridge Company submitted plans for a bridge which meets with all the requirements and is well constructed.

Snead & Co. submit the best bridge, and they propose to erect the same for \$5,025.

The Cincinnati bridge Company submits the next best, and they propose to erect the same for the sum of \$4,000. This bridge will be just as durable as the other and is as well constructed, and I would recommend that said bridge be erected on Meridian street.

Nothing but a first class bridge should be built on said street, as it is traveled over constantly, and is located in one of the most dangerous places in the city.

I have also examined the plans for the bridge on Illinois street. The specifications required that said bridge bear 120 pounds to the square foot without its own weight.

The bridge submitted by the Indianapolis Bridge Co. is not strong enough.

The bridge submitted by the Indianapolis Bridge, Roof and Bolt Co. is amply strong, but the beams are six inches higher than what is required.

The bridge submitted by Defrees, Morris & Co. is amply strong, but the centre beams are too high.

The bridge submitted by the Keystone Bridge Co. has the requisite strength, but they use wooden floor beams in same.

The bridge submitted by the Wrought Iron Bridge Co. will be strong enough, but they also use wooden floor beams.

The best bridge is that one submitted by the Cincinnati Bridge Company, and meets all the requirements, and I would recommend that the contract of said bridge be awarded them for the sum of \$4,100.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was received.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Contracts to whom was referred the proposals for building an iron bridge over Pogues Run on Meridian street, report that we have examined the same and find them to be as follows, to-wit :

W. W. Curry, the sum of \$7320.00, plans and specifications filed.

Snead & Co., the sum of \$4160.00, oak flooring ; the sum of \$5025.00, iron flooring plan and specifications filed.

Cincinnati Iron Bridge Co., the sum of \$4000.00 ; plans and specifications filed.

Indianapolis Bridge Co., the sum of \$2200.00 ; plans and specifications filed,

The Wrought Iron Bridge Co.: the sum of \$2397.00, as per specification No. 1 ; the sum of \$2497.00, as per specification No. 2 ; the sum of \$1997.00, as per specification No. 3 ; the sum of \$2072.00, as per specification No. 4 ; plans and specifications filed.

Keystone Bridge Co.: the sum of \$70.20 per lineal foot, plan and specification filed.

Your Committee would recommend that the contract for the building of the bridge be given to the Cincinnati Bridge Co., although not the lowest bidders, but according to the report of the City Civil Engineer, the best bridge at the price that should be constructed at this point.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON KAHN,
ROBT. C. MCGILL,
P. H. CURRAN,

Committee on Contracts.

Which was concurred in and contract awarded.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 13, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Contracts to whom was referred sundry proposals for the erection of an iron bridge over Pogues Run on Illinois street, report that we have examined the same and find them to be as follows, viz :

Cincinnati Iron Bridge Co.: \$4100.00 as per specification filed.

Indianapolis Bridge, Roof and Bolt Co.: \$3411.83, as per specifications filed.

Indianapolis Bridge Co.: \$1750.00 as per specifications No. 1; \$1400.00 as per specification No. 2.

Defrees, Morris & Co., Indianapolis, Ind.: \$3100.00 as per specifications filed.

Keystone Bridge Co., Chicago, Ills.: \$72.50 per lineal foot as per specification filed.

Wrought Iron Bridge Co., Canton, O.: \$63.50 per lineal foot as per plan No. 1; \$56.00 per lineal foot as per plan No. 2.

Your Committee would also recommend that the contract for the building of this bridge be awarded to the Cincinnati Bridge Co., as per recommendation of the City Civil Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON KAHN,

ROBT. C. MCGILL,

P. H. CURRAN,

Committee on Contracts.

Which was concurred in and contract awarded.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—The City Civil Engineer respectfully reports to Council for approval the following contracts and bonds, viz :

Contract and bond of John C. Ballard for lighting and extinguishing the public lamps of the city of Indianapolis.

Contract and bond of John W. Dodd & Co., for grading and paving the sidewalk and bouldering the gutter on the north side of Michigan street, from the west line of the U. S. Arsenal grounds to the east line of Woodruff Place.

Contract and bond of Henry Clay for grading and graveling Fayette steet and sidewalks from First to Third streets.

Contract and bond of E. H. Roney for grading and paving the south sidewalk of Fourth street between Illinois and Tennessee street.

Contract and bond of J. J. Robinson for repairing the road leading to Sellers Farm.

Contract and bond of John Greene for grading and graveling Williams street and sidewalks, between Illinois and Tennessee street.

Contract and bond of Wm. Sonnefield for grading and graveling the alley running east and west between Buchanan and Dougherty street, from Wright street to Virginia avenue.

Contract and bond of Fred Gansberg for grading and graveling Pleasant street and sidewalks from Dillen to Linden street.

Contract and bond of Anderson & Devenish for building a one thousand barrel cistern at corner of Michigan and Patterson street.

Respectfully submitted.

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in and the bonds approved.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—I hereby report the following estimates for work done :

A first and final estimate allowed Frederick Gansberg, for grading and graveling the first alley east of High street, running from Bicking street to the first alley south of Bicking street—

1,092 lineal feet at 20 cents.....\$218 40

Also, a first and partial estimate allowed Murphy & Good, for grading and paving the sidewalks of Clifford avenue, from Massachusetts avenue on the north side to

line of Ingram Fletcher's property ; on the south side from Massachusetts avenue to the west line of the Woodruff Place—

1,120 lineal feet, south side, at 65 cents.....	\$728 00
3,042.9 lineal feet, north side, at 59 cents.....	1,795 31
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Total.....	\$2,523 31

Also, a first and final estimate allowed James Mahoney, for grading and graveling Smithton street and sidewalks, from Laurel to Spruce street—

764 lineal feet at 38 cents.....	\$290 32
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Also, a first and final estimate allowed Thomas H. S. Peck & Co., for erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete, to burn gas, except the service pipe on Plum street, from Massachusetts avenue to Christian avenue—

8 lamp posts, lamps and fixtures at \$22.00.....	\$176 00
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Also, a first and final estimate allowed Thomas H. S. Peck & Co., for erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete, to burn gas except the service pipe on Arch street, between Parke avenue and Plum street—

4 lamp posts, lamps and fixtures at \$22.00.....	\$88 00
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Also, a first and final estimate allowed Joseph Hanna, for grading and graveling Gatling street and sidewalks, from Beecher to Raymond street—

3,100 lineal feet at 47 cents.....	\$1,457 00
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Also, a first and final estimate allowed Heveling and Co., for grading and bouldering the gutters on Alabama street, between Tinker street and the State ditch—

1,059.2 lineal feet at 44 cents.....	\$466 04
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Also, a second and final estimate allowed John Scheier, for building a cistern at the corner of Mississippi and Garden streets—

1,067.7 barrels at 48½ cents.....	\$517 84
Less former payment.....	362 49
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Present payment.....	\$155 35

Also, a first and partial estimate allowed C. S. Roney, for building a thousand barrel cistern at the corner of Tennessee and Herbert streets—

854.3 barrels at 58 cents.....	\$495 48
Less 30 per cent.....	148 00
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Present payment.....	\$347 49

Also, a first and partial estimate allowed C. S. Roney, for building a thousand barrel cistern at the corner of Central avenue and Sevedth or Tinker street—

726.62 barrels at 58 cents.....	\$421 44
Less 30 per cent.....	126 00
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Present payment.....	\$295 44

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Frederick Gansberg, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Heigh street, running from Bicking street to the first alley north of Bicking 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, Albershardt, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden,^s McGill, Ransdell, Reed, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and partial estimate allowed Murphy & Good for grading and paving the sidewalks of Clifford avenue, from Massachusetts avenue on the north side to the line of Ingram Fletcher's property, on the south side from Massachusetts avenue to the west line of the Woodruff Place, 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, Albershardt, Buehrig, Craft, Curran,^s Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel,

Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reed, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed James Mahoney for grading and graveling Smithton street and sidewalks from Laurel to Spruce 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, Albershardt, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reed, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Thomas H. S. Peck for erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe on Plum street, from Massachusetts avenue to Christian avenue, 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, Albershardt, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reed, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Thomas H. S. Peck for erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on Arch street between Park avenue and Plum 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, Albershardt, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reed, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Joseph Hanna, for grading and graveling Gatling street and sidewalks from Beecher street to Raymond 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, Albershardt, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reed, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Heveling & Co., for grading and bouldering the gutters on Alabama street between Tinker street and the State Ditch, 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, Albershardt, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reed, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—In compliance with your orders, I have located twelve new lamps on the following streets, to-wit :

On Arch street between Park avenue and Plum street.....	.4
On Plum street between Massachusetts avenue and Christian avenue,.....	8

The same have been erected and finished, and would respectfully ask an order to light said lamps.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in and lamps ordered lighted.

The City Clerk submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—The City Clerk respectfully reports the following affidavits on file in his office for the collection of street assessments by precept, to-wit :

Frank Eppert vs. R. J. Bridgeford (christian name unknown) for.....	\$17 70
James O. Woodruff vs. Jonathan M. Ridenour for.....	330 60
James O. Woodruff vs. Jonathan M. Ridenour for.....	330 60

And respectfully recommend that you order the precept to issue.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,
City Clerk.

Which was concurred in and the precepts ordered to issue by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reed, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster —21.

Negative—None.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—I respectfully report that I have this day transmitted to the City Commissioners petition of J. F. Mick, et. al. in the matter of opening and widening Alabama street to a width of 80 feet, from Fort Wayne avenue to Morrison street, and resolution of your honorable body concerning the same, and that I issued notice to the said Commissioner according to law, and also to the owners of property.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,
City Clerk.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—I respectfully report that I have this day transmitted to the City Commissioners petition of Nicholas Rossel, et. al. in the matter of laying out and opening Camp street of the width of 50 feet, from First street to intersection of Nebraska street, and resolution of your honorable body concerning the same, and that I issued notice to the said Commissioners according to law, and also to the owners of property.

Respectfully submitted.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,
City Clerk.

Which was concurred in.

The City Attorney submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—I beg leave to report that the securities on the bond of Alexander M. Robinson have paid into my hands the sum of seventy-five dollars, in settlement of the matter in controversy in the suit instituted against said Robinson in the Marion Superior Court, as ordered by the Council some time since, and I herewith file the receipt of the City Treasurer, showing that said money has been paid to him.

Respectfully submitted,

CAS. BYFIELD,
City Attorney.

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

Received of Cass Byfield the sum of seventy-five dollars; money collected on settlement of suit vs. Alexander M. Robinson, et. al., in Marion Superior Court.

HENRY W. TUTEWILER,
City Treasurer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—In reference to widening that part of the State 'Ditch within the city limits, I report, that after a careful examination of the records, I am unable to find any record of the condemnation of the land for the purposes of the ditch; but upon enquiry, I think it can be established by parol, that the condemnation was made and that the records are lost or destroyed.

1. The original width condemned for the ditch, from the best information I can get, was forty feet. If the original condemnation was for this width, the city would have the right to open and widen the same to this width without being liable in damages to the adjoining property holders.

2. The ditch has been opened and used for drainage purposes for more than twenty years, and the right of the city to clean out and deepen the same, so that it will carry off the water originally carried into and through it, can not be questioned, and this, without being liable to adjoining property holders.

Respectfully submitted,

CAS. BYFIELD,
City Attorney.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—In reference to the petition of J. M. Ridenour to annex certain territory to the city, I suggest that the tract of land desired to be annexed has never been platted, and that the owner of the ground does not consent to its annexation.

The matter will have to be referred to the County Commissioners for annexation. In case the Council desire to annex the same, I herewith report a form of resolution and petition to be presented to County Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

CAS. BYFIELD,
City Attorney.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following petition and resolution :

COMMISSIONER'S COURT, DECEMBER TERM, 1875.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of and for the County of Marion, in the State of Indiana :

Whereas, The City of Indianapolis, through the Common Council thereof, desire to annex to said city certain territory contiguous thereto and in the county of Marion, and State of Indiana ; which said territory is not laid off in lots or platted, through which it is desired to open, extend and improve streets.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, members of the Common Council of the city of Indianapolis, present this, our petition to the Board of Commissioners of said Marion county, praying that that the following described territory contiguous to said city, and situate in the county of Marion and State of Indiana, be annexed to and made part of the territory of said city, and that the limits and jurisdictions of said city be extended over the same, to-wit :

Beginning on State avenue at the south-west corner of Jonathan M. Ridenour's Highland Home sub-division to the city of Indianapolis, thence east along the street forming the south line of said sub-division, and that of Pettibone & Rickard's sub-division to east side of Randolph street, thence south with said street to north side of Washington street, thence west with Washington street to State avenue, thence north to place of beginning ; which will more fully appear by a plat of said land hereunto attached and made part of this petition and marked plat " A."

Your petitioners ask that said territory be annexed to said city for the following reasons, to-wit :

1. That nearly the whole of the territory immediately contiguous to that above described has been annexed to the city, and owing to the increase of population adjacent to said land, it is a public necessity to have streets and alleys opened and improved through it.

Respectfully submitted,

Witness our hands this 20th day of September, 1875.

Leon Kahn, W. H. Craft, Geo. C Webster, B. Ward,
D. M. Ransdell, Geo. W. Geiger, Enos B. Reed,
Isaac Thalman, Jno. J. Diffley, Robt. C. McGill,
Geo. Kenzel, John Stuckmeyer, J. C. Laughlin,
Thomas Madden, I. W. Stratford, J. C. Adams,
F. M. Hook, Fred. Schmidt, H. F. Albershardt,
P. H. Curran, Wm. Buehrig, C. F. Darnell.

Whereas, a petition having been presented to this Council by Jonathan M. Ridenour and others to have certain contiguous territory annexed to the city: and

Whereas, it is desired by said Council and is a public necessity to have said territory annexed to said city; therefore, be it

Resolved by this Council, That the members thereof sign a proper petition, and that the City Attorney be directed to present the same, together with a certified copy of these proceedings, to the Commissioners of Marion County, Indiana, at their December term for 1875, and move said Commissioners to annex the following described territory to said city, to-wit: Beginning on State avenue at the southwest corner of Jonathan M. Ridenour's Highland Home subdivision to the city of Indianapolis, thence east along the street forming the south line of said subdivision and that of Pettibone & Rickard's subdivision to east side of Randolph street, thence south with said street to north side of Washington street, thence west with Washington street to State avenue, thence north to place of beginning. And the City Clerk is hereby ordered to give notice according to law, of said petition.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley; Geiger, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reed, Thalman, Ward and Webster—18.

Negative—Councilmen Gimber, McGill and Stuckmeyer—3.

The City Commissioners submitted the following report .

INDIANAPOLIS, September 17, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned respectfully show to your honorable body—

1st. That they were duly appointed by the Civil Circuit Court to act as Commissioners to assess damages and benefits, accruing to the owners of lands and lots

through which any street is proposed to be constructed or altered, or any building appropriated or through which any creek or other water course is proposed to be straightened or of which the course is proposed to be altered.

2d. That they did, as required by law, take and subscribe the oath and affirmation by law required.

3d. That they were and are duly qualified to act as such Commissioners, and do possess lawful authority to assess benefits and damages.

SECOND.

Your Commissioners do further report :

1st. That on the 26th day of August, 1875, they met at City Council Chamber pursuant to the notice hereto annexed, marked exhibit "A."

2d. That they did, at the time and place aforesaid, enter upon the consideration of the matter of opening an alley from first alley east of East street to first alley west of Noble street, more fully described in the petition to us referred, and hereto annexed, marked exhibit "B."

3d. That they did inquire into the matter of the service of notices upon property owners, and do herewith report said notices with the Marshal's endorsement of service thereon.

4th. That the following named persons appeared in answer to said notices, viz: David D. Long, Conrad Golmier, John Schnider, A. H. Baker, John Dougherty, Fred Hartman, Ervin J. Briggs, Chauncy Van Duzan, Girard Ittenbaugh and Henry Witthoft.

THIRD.

The said Commissioners do further report :

That they did, at the time aforesaid, examine the real estate proposed to be appropriated, and did at the time and place indicated in said notice, hear evidence touching the questions before them, and did also view the premises, and that they did estimate.

1st. The value of the land and property to be appropriated for said improvement.

2d. What part thereof, if any, ought to be borne by the city.

3. What real estate, if any, would be benefitted by the improvement.

FOURTH.

Your Commissioners do further report :

1st. The value of the land to be appropriated is, in the aggregate, two hundred and twenty-eight dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$228.88).

2d. That we do assess benefits as follows upon the following described real estate of—

Ella Turner, lot 1, Landis' sub.....	\$5 00
Wm. Hillman, lot 2, Landis' sub.....	5 00
Theresa Banze, lot 3, Landis' sub.....	5 00
John Schneider, lot 4, Landis' sub.....	5 00
Conrad Galmier, lot 1, Jones' sub.....	5 30
Conrad Galmier, lot 2, Jones' sub.....	5 00
Henry Witthoft, lot 3, Jones' sub.....	5 00
Jas. H. Russell, lot 4, Jones' sub.....	5 00
Fred. Hartman, lot 5, Jones' sub.....	5 00
Henry Grumman, lot 6, Jones' sub.....	5 00
Wm. Maisel, lot 7, Jones' sub.....	5 00
J. and A. Banze, lot 8, Jones' sub.....	5 00
Geo. Johnson, lot 9, Jones' sub.....	5 00
Geo. Johnson, lot 10, Jones's sub.....	5 00
Abbie Sullivan, lot 11, Jones' sub.....	5 00
Fred. Gansberg, lot 12, Jones' sub.....	5 00
Fred. Gansberg, lot 13, Jones' sub.....	5 00
Girard Ittenbach, 40x143 feet, south east corner out-lot 92.....	12 00
Chancy VanDugan, 37½x143 feet, west of 40 feet east end south third out-lot 92	16 50
Thomas H. Spann, 40x143 feet west of 77½ feet east end south third out-lot 92	18 50
Mary Miller, 40x143 feet west of 117½ feet east end south third out-lot 92.....	18 50
Irene J. Briggs, 33x143 feet west of 157½ feet east end south third out-lot 92..	15 20
Wm. H. Henshen, 27x143 feet west end south third out-lot 92.....	12 50
Wm. H. Henshen, 59x143 feet south-east corner out-lot 93.....	10 00
Peter Spitzfadden, 35x143 feet west of 59 feet east end south third out-lot 93.	6 68
Wm. H. Henshen, 46x143 feet west of 94 feet east end south third out-lot 93	8 00
A. H. Baker, 65x143 feet, west of 140 feet east end south third out-lot 93.....	11 00
John Daugherty, 30x143 feet, west of 205 feet east end south third out-lot 93	5 00
D. D. Long, 50x143 feet west of 235 feet east end south third out-lot 93.....	10 00

That we do assess damages as follows, to wit. upon a parcel of ground owned by David D. Long, and described as follows :

Lot 5 Landis sub., and which is of the value of.....	\$100 00
Wm Henshen, 83 ft. on Rockwood street by 116 feet west end middle third out-lot 92.....	48 00
Melzar Dunbar, 28 feet on Rockwood street by 116 feet, west of 107 feet east end, middle third out-lot 92.....	16 25
Henry Kiel, 33½ feet Rockwood street by 116 feet west of 73½ feet, east end middle third out lot 92.....	19 50
Anton Banke, 33½ feet on Rockwood street by 116 feet, west of 40 feet east end middle third out-lot 92.....	19 50
Henry Witthoft, 40 feet on Rockwood street by 116 feet, east end middle third out-lot 92.....	25 68
The sum of two hundred and twenty-eight dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$228.88).	

That the benefits aforesaid are such as each person would receive.

That the damages assessed are such as each of said persons to whom damages are awarded would sustain.

The persons whose benefits exceed damages, and the amounts of the excess, are shown in table "A," and those whose damages exceed benefits are shown in table "B," showing in the one table the benefits in excess of the damages, and in the other the excess of the damages over and above the benefits.

Your Commissioners do therefore recommend that the said alley heretofore described be opened as prayed, and that damages and benefits assessed be paid and collected according to law.

TABLE A.

Benefits to be collected.

Ella Turner	\$5 00
Wm. Hillman	5 00
Theresa Banze.....	5 00
John Schneider	5 00
Conrad Golmier.....	5 00
Conrad Golmier.....	5 00
Henry Witthoft.....	5 00
Jas. H. Russell.....	5 00
Fred Hartman.....	5 00
Henry Grumman.....	5 00
Wm. Maisel.....	5 00
J. and A. Banze.....	5 00
Geo. Johnson	5 00
Geo. Johnson	5 00
Abbie Sullivan.....	5 00
Fred Gansberg.....	5 00
Fred Gansberg.....	5 00
Girard Ittenbach	12 00
Chauncy VanDuzan.....	16 50
Thomas H. Spann.....	18 50
Mary Miller	18 50
Irene J. Briggs.....	15 20
Wm. H. Henshen.....	12 50
Wm. H. Henshen.....	10 00
Peter Fitzfadden.....	6 68
Wm. H. Henshen.....	8 00
A. H. Baker.....	11 00
John Daugherty.....	5 00
D. D. Long.....	10 00

\$228 88

TABLE B.

Dámages to be paid.

David D. Long.....	\$100 00
Wm. Henshen.....	48 00
Melzar Dunbar	16 25
Henry Kiel.....	19 50
Anton Banke.....	19 50
Henry Witthoft.....	25 63
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	\$228 88

Respectfully,

JOHN L. AVERY,
 WILLIAM MANSUR,
 GEO. W. HILL,
 J. S. HILDERBRAND,
 City Commissioners.

Which was received.

His Honor, the Mayor, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—I herewith submit an itemized account of the fines collected by me during the month of August, 1875, showing a total of \$609.17, of which the sum of \$49.50 should be credited to the City Treasury, and \$559.67 to the Home for Friendless Women :

TO THE CITY TREASURY.

Docket 25, No. 836.....	5 00
Docket 25, No. 839.....	75
Docket 25, No. 843	1 00
Docket 25, No. 858.....	3 00
Docket 25, No. 867.....	1 00
Docket 25, No. 871.....	1 00
Docket 25, No. 873.....	1 00
Docket 25, No. 897.....	60
Docket 25, No. 902	2 00
Docket 25, No. 909.....	4 70
Docket 25, No. 921.....	1 00
Docket 25, No. 934.....	3 00

Docket 25, No. 936.....	\$3 00
Docket 25, No. 947.....	2 10
Docket 25, No. 962.....	1 00
Docket 25, No. 939.....	1 00
Docket 25, No. 971.....	1 00
Docket 25, No. 973.....	11 60
Docket 25, No. 982.....	1 75
Docket 25, No. 987.....	1 00
Docket 25, No. 993.....	3 00
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	\$49 50

TO THE HOME FOR FRIENDLESS WOMEN.

Docket 25, No. 106.....	3 25
Docket 25, No. 538.....	1 75
Docket 25, No. 573.....	3 25
Docket 25, No. 757.....	25 00
Docket 25, No. 795.....	3 00
Docket 25, No. 800.....	2 75
Docket 25, No. 804.....	5 00
Docket 25, No. 805.....	3 00
Docket 25, No. 806.....	3 00
Docket 25, No. 808.....	3 00
Docket 25, No. 809.....	5 00
Docket 25, No. 813.....	5 00
Docket 25, No. 817.....	3 00
Docket 25, No. 823.....	5 00
Docket 25, No. 824.....	2 25
Docket 25, No. 825.....	3 00
Docket 25, No. 829.....	25 00
Docket 25, No. 830.....	3 00
Docket 25, No. 831.....	5 00
Docket 25, No. 832.....	3 00
Docket 25, No. 834.....	3 00
Docket 25, No. 835.....	80
Docket 25, No. 837.....	3 00
Docket 25, No. 938.....	5 00
Docket 25, No. 842.....	3 00
Docket 25, No. 844.....	1 00
Docket 25, No. 845.....	2 75
Docket 25, No. 848.....	3 00
Docket 25, No. 856.....	5 00
Docket 25, No. 860.....	15 00
Docket 25, No. 863.....	3 00
Docket 25, No. 864.....	3 00
Docket 25, No. 869.....	1 00
Docket 25, No. 874.....	4 50

Docket 25, No. 875.....	\$50 00
Docket 25, No. 879.....	50 00
Docket 25, No. 880.....	30 00
Docket 25, No. 881.....	50 00
Docket 25, No. 882.....	20 00
Docket 25, No. 883.....	3 00
Docket 25, No. 884.....	60
Docket 25, No. 895.....	5 00
Docket 25, No. 898.....	5 00
Docket 25, No. 900.....	5 00
Docket 25, No. 901.....	5 00
Docket 25, No. 904.....	23 60
Docket 25, No. 906.....	2 25
Docket 25, No. 914.....	3 00
Docket 25, No. 915.....	50
Docket 25, No. 917.....	1 00
Docket 25, No. 922.....	10 00
Docket 25, No. 923.....	10 00
Docket 25, No. 924.....	3 00
Docket 25, No. 928.....	2 10
Docket 25, No. 930.....	2 25
Docket 25, No. 931.....	50 00
Docket 25, No. 932.....	30 00
Docket 25, No. 933.....	2 60
Docket 25, No. 935.....	3 00
Docket 25, No. 942.....	2 62
Docket 25, No. 943.....	2 75
Docket 25, No. 944.....	2 75
Docket 25, No. 952.....	2 35
Docket 25, No. 958.....	1 00
Docket 25, No. 961.....	3 00
Docket 25, No. 974.....	10 00
Docket 25, No. 997.....	3 00
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	\$559 67

Herewith find Treasurer's duplicate receipt for amount.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CAVEN,

Mayor.

Which was approved.

Also, the following communication :

CLEVELAND, O., September 11th, 1875.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis

Gentlemen :—You are hereby respectfully requested and invited to appoint a committee to come at our expense to our city and inspect our Wood Preserving Works

and examine streets paved with native wood (elm), treated by our process two years ago, as well as railroad ties made of white beech, soft and hard maple, white wood, cucumber and hemlock, which have been laid in March, 1871, in the track of the Cleveland & Pittsburgh railroad, and have been in constant use ever since and are now. You may add, if you choose, your City Civil Engineer.

Very respectfully yours,

A. GENDER,
Secretary A. W. Pr. Co.

Which was received.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING.

Mr. Adams presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—The subscribers respectfully petition your honorable body that an ordinance be passed for the grading, graveling, paving and curbing of Broadway, between Lincoln and Seventh (Tinker) streets, in a manner uniform with Broadway between Home avenue and Lincoln streets.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

S, Merrill, 73 ft.; C. Merrill per S. Merrill, 73 ft.; J.
D. Moores per S. Merrill, 146 ft.

Which was received.

Mr. Adams introduced special ordinance No. 195, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading, graveling, paving and curbing Broadway street and sidewalks, between Lincoln avenue and Seventh street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Craft introduced special ordinance No. 196, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on East Michigan street, from Arsenal avenue to the east line of the U. S. Arsenal grounds.

Which was read the first time.

Also, general ordinance No. 74, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance granting the Central Elevator Company permission to lay down and use a switch track across West St. Clair street, between Mississippi street and Central Canal.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Darnell introduced special ordinance No. 197, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Ninth street and sidewalks, from Illinois to Tennessee streets.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Hook introduced special ordinance No. 198, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on Bellefontaine street, between Home avenue and Seventh streets.

Which was read the first time.

The following special orders were then taken up.

Mr. Albershardt submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Common Council :

Gentlemen :—We, the undersigned, to whom was referred special ordinance No. 189, 1875, with petition and remonstrance, to improve Ohio street, to grade and curb the sidewalks, and parking the same and paving the center of said street with cedar block pavement, from the west side of Meridian street to the east side of Noble street, would respectfully report that nearly two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the property holders on said line of improvement remonstrate against the cedar block pavement, and only a few petitioning for said improvement.

Therefore, your Committee would recommend that said ordinance be stricken from the files.

Respectfully submitted.

H. F. ALBERSHARDT,

Select Committee.

Mr. Schmidt submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, to whom was referred the matter of cedar block pavement on Ohio street from Meridian street to Noble street, report that the number of feet represented by the remonstrants is 3,510½ feet, and the number of feet represented by the city is 7,980 feet, leaving a majority of 4,464 feet in favor of the city.

I would respectfully recommend that the ordinance for said improvement be passed.

Respectfully submitted.

F. SCHMIDT,
Special Committee.

Which reports were rejected.

On motion by Mr. Thalman, the Committee were discharged and the ordinance placed on the files.

Mr. Geiger moved to strike the ordinance from the files.

Which motion was laid on the table.

The subject of the removal of city offices to the County Court House was taken up.

Mr. Ransdell offered the following motion :

Moved, That the subject of the removal of the City Offices and Council Chamber to the County Court House be indefinitely postponed.

Which was adopted.

On motion, the Committee on Streets and Alleys and City Attorney were granted further time to report on the petition of James O. Woodruff, presented to Council Sept. 13, 1875.

The consideration of general ordinance No. 66 was postponed until after call of committees.

On motion by Mr. Darnell, the rules were suspended by consent for the purpose of placing special ordinance No. 125, 1875, on its passage.

Special ordinance No. 125, 1875, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on North Tennessee street, between Seventh and Twelfth streets.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—20.

Negative—None.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Geiger, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Finance returns herewith the report of the City Treasurer on the Tomlinson estate, submitted to the Council, August 16, 1875, and the statement of the receipts and disbursements, from May 13, 1875, to August 31, 1875, inclusive, presented to the Council Sept. 6, 1875, which were referred to us and have been carefully examined and found correct.

The communication of the Treasurer accompanying his statement, was also referred to us; so far as we have had time to examine into the matter, we find his explanations satisfactory, and believe he was correct in his assertion, that the Council had not expected nor required these reports. After conferring with the Treasurer on the subject, we feel warranted in saying, that these reports will be furnished in the future for the information of the Council.

At this time they will be of little importance, from the fact that the funds in his hands are already appropriated by ordinance, with the exception of the amount set apart for the payment of the January, 1876, interest, viz: twenty-nine

thousand, one hundred and fifty-eight dollars and sixty-five cents, which amount your committee have directed him to retain for that purpose.

The amount of cash to be collected on taxes, and from other sources, between now and the first day of January, 1876, will probably be small, and it may be necessary to use the City's credit at that time to raise an amount sufficient for the payment of the semi-annual interest.

Your Committee feel justified in this course, from the fact, that it would be injurious to the credit of the city to be unable to meet her obligations at maturity.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. GEIGER,
D. M. RANSELL,
ENOS B. REED,
LEON KAHN,
I. W. STRATFORD,
Committee on Finance.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Geiger moved to refer the proposition of Samuel J. Patterson, referred to Finance Committee Sept. 13, 1875, to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Adams, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your committee to whom was referred the communication of E. B. Martindale in reference to compromising his suits against the city, beg leave to report, that after a careful examination into the matter, and after having had a consultation with Mr. Martindale in reference thereto, they have unanimously come to the conclusion that it would be to the best interest of the city to accept the proposition to compromise which Mr. Martindale has made to the Committee since the matter has been referred to them, which is as follows :

1. The city to pay seven thousand and five hundred dollars and costs, not already paid, in full satisfaction of the judgment of Mr. Martindale against the city, or damages for opening the street through his property.

2. The city to relieve Mr. Martindale from all liability by reason of the damages to Dr. Gaston, that the city may be compelled to pay.
3. The city to release Mr. Martindale its claims to the ground mentioned in his proposition on Illinois street.
4. Mr. Martindale to dismiss his suit for damages for obstruction of Pennsylvania street at his own cost, and this settlement to be in full payment for such damages.
5. The payment of Martindale's judgment above named to be in the bonds of the city, bearing seven and three one hundredth per cent. interest, and the date of their maturity to be fixed by the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. ADAMS,
JOHN J. DIFFLEY,
H. F. ALBERSHARDT,
Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Moved, That the report be referred back to the committee with instructions to offer a compromise to Judge Martindale to pay him the amount he proposes to take for damages in opening the street, but not to release him from his liability in the Gaston case.

Mr. Geiger moved as a substitute to receive the report but not concur in it.

The question being on Mr. Geiger's motion, those who voted in the affirmative were :

Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Curran, Geiger, Hook, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Schmidt, Ward and Webster—11.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Councilmen Buehrig, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Gimber, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Reed, Stuckmeyer and Thalman—11.

There being a tie vote, His Honor, the Mayor, voted in the negative.

So Mr. Geiger's motion was not adopted.

Mr. Thalman's motion was then adopted.

Mr. Adams submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred sundry papers, would offer the following report :

B. F. Schmidt in a communication to the Council of August 9, represents that his son Adolph, eight years of age, on July 4, 1875, while crossing New Jersey street just south of Washington street, during one of the recent heavy rains, stepped off the end of a wooden crossing into the gutter, and by the force of current was carried under and through the culvert to the south end, and when taken out was lifeless, and was with difficulty resuscitated. And for the loss of time and medical service rendered his son, he claims damages in the sum of five hundred dollars.

Your Committee, after investigating the above case and the circumstances attending the same, are of the opinion the city is in no wise liable, and recommend that the claim be not allowed.

SECOND.

Mary A. Walker petitions the Council to refund the sum of \$384.01, the amount assessed against her property and paid by her, for building the Illinois street sewer, alleging that as but a small proportion of the remaining property owners on said street have paid their assessment, claiming that sewer tax should not be exacted from her, while the balance refuse pay.

Your Committee recommend that no action be taken on the above claim until the suits now pending between the property holders on north Illinois street and the city is decided.

THIRD.

Messrs. Roll & Morris in a communication of July 26, set forth that they have been damaged in the amount of \$715.80 by back water being forced into their cellar from the Illinois street sewer, through their water closets and connection with said sewer, and asks your honorable body to pay them the above amount.

In a former suit of a similar character against the city by the same parties, the Courts decided the city was not liable. As an appeal was taken and the case not yet been heard, the decision of which will settle the liability of the city for the above damages, your committee would recommend the claim be not allowed.

FOURTH.

Henry Voght represents that he is the owner of lots 9 and 10, in square 10, in the city of Indianapolis. That in 1870, the Council ordered the improvement of sidewalks in front of said property, and that he paid the sum of \$53.39 for said improvement.

That in 1874, the Council ordered the improvement of the sidewalks of said street where not already improved. That the City Civil Engineer changed the grade on said street, making it necessary to take up and relay all the sidewalks for which he was assessed and paid the sum of \$83.50. He asks the city to refund him the amount of \$53.39.

Your committee are of the opinion that the city is not liable for loss to the property owner of work or material. When the grade of any street or sidewalk is required to be changed to conform with other or established grades. We recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. ADAMS,
H. S. ALBERSHARDT,
J. J. DIFFLEY,

Committee on Judiciary.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Albershardt, from the Committee on Water Works, submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Water Works, to whom was referred the petition of W. R. Holloway et al., asking Council to remove the drinking fountain now located at the post office corner to a point 35 feet east from the west line of the post office building.

Your Committee recommend that the City Civil Engineer contract with some responsible plumber to do said work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. ALBERSHARDT,
JOHN J. DIFFLEY,
F. M. HOOK,

Committee on Water Works.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Water Works, to whom was referred a motion introduced by Councilman Reed, that the entire subject of sprinkling streets leading

to the Exposition, providing that no street south of Tinker street be sprinkled, and the cost not to exceed \$324.00, would respectfully report that we awarded said sprinkling to Meyer & Fuehring for \$224.00, and herewith submit their contract and bond for your approval.

Respectfully submitted.

H. F. ALBERSHARDT,
F. M. HOOK,
JOHN J. DIFFLEY,
Committee on Water Works.

Which was concurred in and the bond approved.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen.—Your Committee on Water Works, to whom was referred sundry papers, beg leave to submit the following report :

FIRST.

A petition signed by E. T. Keightley and 21 others, asking for drinking fountain at the northeast corner of Arsenal avenue and Washington street, was referred to your Committee.

We report in favor of said petition, but recommend that the matter be postponed until spring.

SECOND.

A petition signed by C. A. Rush and 16 others, asking for a drinking fountain at or near the corner of Delaware and South streets, was also referred to your Committee, and we report in favor of said petition, but recommend that the matter be postponed until spring.

THIRD.

A motion was offered by Councilman Adams and referred to your Committee directing the City Clerk to advertise for a drinking fountain at the corner of College avenue and Tinker street.

Your Committee report in favor of a drinking fountain being erected at said point, but recommend that it lay over until spring.

FOURTH.

A motion was offered by Councilman Stuckmeyer and referred to your committee directing the City Clerk to advertise for a drinking fountain on Shelby street at the intersection of Virginia avenue and Dillon street.

Your Committee report in favor of a drinking fountain being located at said point, but recommend that it be postponed until spring.

FIFTH.

A motion was offered by Councilman Geiger, and referred to your Committee, directing the City Clerk to advertise for a drinking fountain at the corner of Mississippi and Seventh street.

Your Committee report against the passage of said motion, for the reason there is a fountain located within two squares of said point.

SIXTH.

A motion was offered by Councilman Thalman and referred to your Committee, directing the City Civil Engineer to advertise for the erection of a drinking fountain at the corner of New York and Blake street.

Your Committee report in favor of erecting a fountain at said point, but also recommend that it be postponed until spring.

SEVENTH.

A motion was offered by Councilman Buehrig and referred to your committee, granting permission to I. Rumbold to build a boat house on the east bank of White river near the wooden bridge, and agreeing to pay rental of \$12.00 per annum for said ground.

Your Committee report back said motion for action by the Council, the party having already erected his house.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. ALBERSHARDT

JOHN J. DIFFLEY,

F. M. HOOK.

Committee on Water Works.

Which was concurred in except the fifth paragraph, which was referred back to the Committee.

By consent, Mr. Geiger offered the following motion ;

Moved, That the Chief Fire Engineer be granted leave of absence for the term of three weeks to attend the convention of the Chief Fire Engineers of the United States to be held at New York.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—The Exposition Board of Managers respectfully request that a fire alarm be placed near the exposition building in place of the one removed since last season. Owing to the heavy risk of valuable goods, owned principally by your citizens, it is hoped this request may be granted and receive immediate attention.

Most respectfully,

WM. CRIM,
President.

ALEX. HERON
Secretary.

Which was received.

Also, the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

To the Honorable Board of Agriculture :

Gentlemen :—Your petitioners and exhibitors of goods, merchandize, etc., in the Indianapolis exposition building, most respectfully and earnestly ask your honorable board to cause to be located a fire alarm box at the exposition hall.

The Chief of Fire Department states that he will make the proper connection with said fire alarm box.

For which we will ever pray.

BECKER & SCHWINGE,
C. DICKSON & CO.,
J. C. WOOD,
A. T. NICHOLS,

and 24 others.

Which was received.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the Chief Fire Engineer be and is hereby authorized to locate a fire alarm box at the exposition hall.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Darnell, from the Committee on Gas Light, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Gas to whom was referred sundry papers, respectfully submit the following report :

FIRST.

An ordinance was referred to us providing for gas on Stevens street between Virginia avenue and East street.

We recommend that said ordinance be placed upon its passage.

SECOND.

An ordinance was to us referred providing for gas on Meridian street between Kansas and Hanway street.

We recommend that this ordinance be stricken from the files.

THIRD.

An ordinance and petition was to us referred providing for gas on Court street between Alabama and New Jersey streets.

We recommend the passage of said ordinance.

FOURTH.

An ordinance and petition was to us referred providing for gas on Tennessee street between Seventh and Twelfth street.

We recommend the passage of the ordinance.

FIFTH.

An ordinance and petition was to us referred providing for gas on College avenue between Reagan and Bruce streets.

We recommend the passage of this ordinance.

SIXTH.

A motion was referred to us offered by Councilman Schmidt, directing the City Civil Engineer to remove the lamp post on the east side of Noble street, opposite Vermont street, to a point on the north side of the alley a few feet north of its present location.

We recommend that the City Civil Engineer carry out the provision of this motion at once.

SEVENTH.

A report of the City Civil Engineer of June 7, 1875, was to us referred, reporting sundry lamp posts broken down, etc.

Your Committee recommend that the City Civil Engineer be directed to locate new lamps at said points named in his report.

EIGHTH.

Also, a communication of the City Civil Engineer, inquiring as to whether it was his duty to inspect and badge meters, as prescribed in an ordinance concerning the duties of Gas Inspector, and if such are to be his duties, the Council will please furnish him a badge.

Your Committee recommend that the City Civil Engineer perform the work referred to.

NINTH.

Also, a communication from the City Civil Engineer concerning the location of lamps, and recommending certain matters concerning the same.

Your committee herewith submit an ordinance embodying the recommendations contained in the report of the City Civil Engineer.

C. F. DARNELL,
P. H. CURRAN,
JOHN J. DIFFLEY,
Committee on Gas.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Gas, to whom was referred the report of the City Civil Engineer, asking for an order to light with gas the lamps on Clifford avenue, respectfully report that the City Civil Engineer be ordered to light the lamps on said Clifford avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. DARNELL,

P. H. CURRAN,

JOHN J. DIFFLEY,

Committee on Gas.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Craft, from the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred sundry papers, would report as follows, to-wit :

FIRST.

A motion introduced by Mr. Hall, ordering the removal of the switch that now crosses the first alley north of Fifth street, between Mississippi and Howard, on the line of the I., C. & L. railroad, laid down for the accommodation of Ebbert & Owen, was referred to us.

Upon examination, we find that the said alley is unimproved, that the said switch is located directly alongside of the main track of said Company, and in our opinion, no one can possibly be damaged by said switch. We would therefore report adversely to the motion, and recommend that it do not pass.

SECOND.

A remonstrance, signed by Louis Scholemeyer and others, against the granting of permission to Ebbert & Owen, or any other parties, to lay down a switch alongside of the I., C. & L. Railroad track, from Third to Sixth streets.

We find that no such switch is asked for, nor in contemplation, and if such switch was prayed for, we would certainly report against the granting of permission to lay it down.

THIRD.

General ordinance No. 69, granting permission to Wonderly & Co. to lay down and operate a switch across Leota street, so as to connect their lumber yard with the P., C. & St. L. Railroad tracks.

We would report the ordinance back and recommend its passage.

FOURTH.

A report of the City Attorney, asserting the power of the Council to regulate the railroad crossings over Pogues Run, so as not to obstruct the flow of water therein, and recommending the Council to pass a resolution ordering the removal of the same.

We would recommend the reference of the whole matter to the City Civil Engineer and City Attorney, with instructions to locate the obstructions, if any be found, and report the proper resolution to this Council in order to carry out the terms of the report.

FIFTH.

A communication of J. F. Mick and others, in regard to the condition of North Alabama street, between Tinker street and Exposition avenue.

We find the street to be in bad condition, but as the gutters are being bouldered, the flow of water will be secured, which will relieve the trouble of standing water. We would recommend that in addition to this, that the Street Commissioner be directed to fill up the street to the highth of the street railway tracks.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. CRAFT,

J. C. LAUGHLIN

JOHN STUCKMEYER,

Committee on Railroads.

Which was concurred in except the third paragraph, which was referred back to the Committee.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, members of the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the motion introduced by Mr. Ransdell, granting permission to the Central Elevator Company lay down and use a switch across west St. Clair street, and to

connect with the Miley switch along side of the I. C. & L. R. R. tracks, would report that we have examined the matter, and as we are in favor of granting the said permit, and as it cannot be done by motion, we herewith report an ordinance and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CRAFT,

JOHN STUCKMEYER,

J. C. LAUGHLIN.

Committee on Railroads.

Which was concurred in.

On motion by Mr. Craft, the rules were suspended by consent, for the purpose of placing the above ordinance on its passage.

General ordinance No. 74, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance granting the Central Elevator Company permission to lay down and use a switch track across West St. Clair street, between Mississippi street and Central Canal.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Dr. Hook from the Committee on opening Streets and Alleys, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

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

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Opening of Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of James E. Twiname, et al., asking for the opening and extension

of Rohampton street to a width of 50 feet, running from Seventh street in a southerly direction to Lincoln avenue, report that we have examined said petition and plat, and recommend the opening and extension as prayed for.

We herewith report the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. HOOK,
I. W. STRATFORD,
ROBT. C. MCGILL.

Committee on Opening Streets and Alleys.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the petition of James E. Twiname and others, praying for the laying out, opening and extension of Rohampton street in width of fifty (50) feet running from south street in a southerly direction to Lincoln avenue, be referred to the Commissioners, with instructions to assess benefits and damages, and to make due report; and that for the purpose of such laying out, opening and extension of said street, the Common Council do propose to appropriate such real estate and property as may be necessary therefor.

The Commissioners are instructed to return, as part of their report, all petitions and notices.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to issue, and the City Marshal to serve the proper notices upon the Commissioners and property owners

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—22.

Negative—None.

Mr. Ransdell, from the Special Investigation Committee, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 20, 1875.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—Your special committee appointed to investigate certain charges recently made public by the affidavit of Councilman M. E. Hall, implicating Chas. P. Fant, Committee Clerk, and Stephen Mattler, Street Commissioner, in an attempt

to influence the said Councilman M. E. Hall to absent himself from the Common Council during the pendency of the question of Public Printing, would report that the committee met and heard the sworn testimony of the within named parties, as well as numerous other witnesses, and after carefully weighing all the evidence, find that the charges contained in said affidavit effecting said Fant and Mattler are not sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. RANSELL,
P. H. CURRAN,
JNO. J. DIFFLEY,
Committee.

Which was concurred in.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest :

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.