

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
*Monday, October 11th, 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, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—25.

Absent—Councilman Hall—1.

The proceedings of the regular session, held October 4th, 1875, were read and approved.

Sealed proposals for constructing a three foot brick sewer in Illinois street, between Maryland and South streets ; also, for erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on Tennessee street, between Tinker or Seventh and Twelfth streets, were received, opened, read and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, October 11, 1875.

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

*Gentlemen* :—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred the proposals for grading and paving the east sidewalk on Broadway street, from Christian avenue to Cherry street, report that we have examined said bids and find them to be as follows, to wit :

J. T. Murphy, 59 cents per lineal foot front.

John Schier, 49 cents per lineal foot front.

Elton B. Elliott, 48 cents per lineal foot front.

H. C. Roney, 47½ cents per lineal foot front.

J. W. Smith, 46 cents per lineal foot front.

J. W. Smith 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 contract awarded.

#### REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 11, 1875.

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

*Gentlemen* :—Herewith find Treasurer's receipt for five dollars and twenty-five cents, proceeds of sale of old iron and brass.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 11, 1875.

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

*Gentlemen* :—I was directed to enquire into the expensive use of gas in the Station House, tunnel and No. 5 Engine House, and report the same :

The gas bill of No. 5 Engine House includes the gas consumed in the northern Station House, which is connected with said engine house, and in which the gas is kept burning occasionally all night. This will account for the extra use of gas at that point.

The gas bill of the Central Station House is larger for October than it was for September by 1,600 feet. I had the meter changed at this point a short time ago, and find the consumption about the same as usual.

The consumption of gas in tunnel was 9,700 feet less in October than in September. The sidewalks of this tunnel are never used by any respectable persons, and I would recommend the closing up of the same as a useless expense in the consumption of gas.

## SECOND.

In compliance with your instructions, I notified Mr. Ballard, the contractor for lighting and extinguishing the street lamps, that unless he complied with the terms of his contract, that the Council would proceed to annul the same on Monday evening, October 11th, 1875.

Since serving the above notice a large number of the street lamps were not lighted and entirely neglected, and complaints were so numerous and constant that I felt obliged to do something to have the lamps lighted and promptly attended to until your honorable body took some action in the premises.

On last Wednesday, October 6th, with Mr. Ballard's consent and with the approval of the Chairman of the Committee on Gas, I placed Mr. Ott in charge of the west

half of the city until Tuesday, October 12th, or until some permanent arrangements were made; Mr. Ott receiving his pay from money to be deducted from Mr. Ballard's account.

Since this arrangement was made the lamps have been properly lighted and attended to with but one or two exceptions in the east portion of the city. This proves conclusively that the city should be divided into two or more sections, and separate contracts made for each, and by so doing we will have but little trouble with the lighting of the lamps, provided the contractors receive compensation sufficient to pay the boys for their labor.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,  
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 11, 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 Heverling & Co., for grading and graveling Peru avenue and east sidewalk, from the northern terminus of Charles street to Davidson street—

East side, 538.5 lineal feet at 90 cents.....	\$484 65
West side, 642.5 lineal feet at 55 cents.....	353 37
Total.....	<u>\$838 02</u>

Also, a first and partial estimate allowed the Indianapolis Bridge Co., for building an iron bridge over Pleasant Run, at the crossing of Reed street—

84 lineal feet at \$36.80 .....	\$3,091 20
Less 20 per cent.....	<u>618 20</u>
Present payment.....	\$2,473 00

The above bridge is built according to the specifications adopted by your honorable body for said bridge.

Respectfully submitted.

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,  
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in, except the estimate in favor of the Indianapolis Bridge Co., which was referred to the Committee on Bridges.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Heverling & Co., for grading and graveling Peru avenue and east sidewalk, from the northern terminus of Charles to Davidson streets, 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, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Ward and Webster—24.

Negative—None.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 11, 1875.

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

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

Contract and bond of Samuel J. Smock, for grading and graveling New Jersey street, and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof, from Ft. Wayne avenue to St. Mary street.

Contract and bond of John Schier, for paving the north sidewalk on Washington street, between Noble street and the corporation line east.

Respectfully submitted.

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in and the bonds approved.

The City Treasurer submitted the following report :

REPORT of the City Treasurer showing receipts and disbursements for the period embraced between the 13th day of May and the 30th day of September, 1875, inclusive :

## RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand May 13th, 1875 .....	\$11,681 58
Delinquent tax collected.....	26,143 39
From sale of bonds.....	251,560 00
From licenses and all other sources.....	7,764 67
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$297,149 64</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Assistant City Assessor.....	\$52 50
Assistant City Civil Engineer.....	17 00
Bridges .....	39 75
Bonds redeemed.....	136 00
Costs .....	300 90
Elections.....	90 19
Fire Department .....	2,314 81
Gas fixtures.....	119 33
Hospital.....	349 92
Incidental.....	184 48
Interest .....	37,595 50
Lighting and extinguishing lamps.. .....	31 00
Markets.....	45 22
Office fixtures.....	2 60
Police .....	1,037 36
Printing.....	50 25
Real estate.....	20 00
Sewers.....	20 45
School Board.....	5,966 05
Station House.....	30 50
Salary.....	937 31
Street repairs .....	2,354 37
Street improvements.....	338 29
Tomlinson estate.....	3,602 36
Taxes refunded.....	175 86
Balance o hand September 30th, 1875.....	241,337 64
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$297,149 64</b>

The above balance consists of the following—

Cancelled warrants paid in Boston Sept. 29th, 1875, not yet received at this office.....	\$100,000 00
For payment of warrants due Nov. 12th and 17th, 1875, in New York...	100,000 00
Semi-annual annuity, Tomlinson estate.....	3,500 00

For payment of interest on Sellers Farms bonds October 1st, 1875.....	\$840 00
Treasurer's per cent.....	653 58
To be applied to payment of interest January 1, 1876, by order of Council	36,344 06
	\$241,337 64

All orders redeemed were received in payment of taxes, except in the cases of bonds redeemed, interest, School Board, and Tomlinson estate.

HENRY W. TUTEWILER,

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., October 8th, 1875.

City Treasurer.

To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Indianapolis.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The City Clerk submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 11, 1875.

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

*Gentlemen* :—I respectfully report that I have certified to the City Treasurer the transcript of the report of the Commissioners as to the assessment of the damages and benefits in the matter of opening Second street, from Meridian street to Pennsylvania street.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,

City Clerk.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 11, 1875.

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

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

Frederick Gansberg vs Georgiana Theodore for.....	\$13 84
Frederick Gansberg vs. John H. Vajen for.....	7 80
Frederick Gansberg vs. Julian Deisler for.....	7 80
Frederick Gansberg vs. C. Frankenstein (Christian name unknown) for.....	7 28

And respectfully recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,

City Clerk.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Ward and Webster—24.

Negative—None.

The City Attorney submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, October 11, 1875.

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

*Gentlemen* :—In regard to the ordinance for the improvement of East Ohio street with cedar block pavement, referred to me at your last meeting, I am of the opinion that an ordinance providing for such improvements as are contemplated in the ordinance in question, cannot be passed without the votes of two-thirds of all the members of the Council, unless such improvement is petitioned for by two-thirds of the owners of the whole line of lots fronting on that part of the street proposed to be improved, and in case of such petition it only requires a majority vote to pass the ordinance.

Section 68 of the general charter provides that in case of such petition by two-thirds of the owners, the Council may cause the improvement to be made by a majority vote, and section 70 of the general charter provides that the Common Council may cause any of the improvements mentioned in section 68, without petition, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members thereof. The power of the Council is limited by the grants in the charter.

The improvements specified in the Ohio street ordinance cannot be made and charged to the holders of the abutting property unless petitioned by two-thirds of such holders and ordered by a majority vote of Council, or unless ordered by a two-thirds vote of all the Council.

This construction of the charter is, I think, fully sustained by a decision of the Supreme Court, in 41 Ind., page 1.

The Ohio street ordinance, not being petitioned for by two-thirds of the property holders on that street, and having secured only seventeen votes in favor of its passage, was not, in my opinion, legally passed.

Respectfully submitted,

CAS. BYFIELD,  
City Attorney.

Which was concurred in.



Mr. Adams, under a question of privilege, moved to reconsider the vote by which special ordinances No. 189 and 190, 1875, were passed at the meeting of the Council held October 4th, 1875.

Which motion was adopted and the passage of the ordinances reconsidered by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—25.

Negative—None.

On motjon by Mr. Adams, the ordinances were stricken from the files.

The City Attorney submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 11, 1875.

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

*Gentlemen* :—Since the last meeting of this Council, the following case has been tried :

William A. Ketchum vs. City of Indianapolis—in Superior Court.

Judgment against the city for the sum of two hundred dollars at the costs of Ketchum, being an increase of the Commissioner's assessment of \$175,00.

Respectfully submitted,

CAS. BYFIELD,

City Attorney.

Which was received.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 11, 1875.

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

*Gentlemen* :—In pursuance of the consent of the Committee on Accounts and Claims, I have settled the claim of H. B. Wellman against the city, for the sum of four hundred and fifty-five dollars, upon the condition that the settlement is accepted

by the Council at once, Mr. Wellman to dismiss his suit and pay his costs. I suggest that the compromise ought to be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

CAS. BYFIELD,  
City Attorney.

Which was concurred in, and the amount ordered inserted in the next appropriation ordinance by the following vote :

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

Negative—Councilman McGill—1.

The Board of Health submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 11, 1875.

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

Report of deaths in the City of Indianapolis from 6 o'clock P. M., on the 2d day of October, to 6 o'clock P. M. on the 9th day of October, 1875.

Under 1 year.....	7
1 to 2 years.....	2
2 to 3 ".....	2
3 to 4 ".....	0
4 to 5 ".....	0
5 to 10 ".....	2
10 to 20 ".....	2
20 to 30 ".....	5
30 to 40 ".....	2
40 to 50 ".....	1
50 to 60 ".....	1
60 to 70 ".....	2
70 to 80 ".....	1
80 to 90 ".....	0
90 to 100 ".....	0
Above 100 ".....	0
Unknown ".....	0
Total.....	27

C. E. WRIGHT, M. D.,  
President Board of Health.

A. STRATFORD, M. D.,  
Secretary Board of Health.

Which was received.

## ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING.

Mr. Adams presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 4, 1875.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis

*Gentlemen* :—The undersigned, petitioners and property owners along Pennsylvania street and Home avenue and Second street respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for a brick sewer in and along Pennsylvania street from Home avenue to Second street, thence east on Second street to and connecting with the sewer in Meridian street.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. DRYER,  
W. B. FLETCHER,  
ANNIE D. DAVIS,  
M. E. VINTON,  
T. C. VINTON, by M. E. V.  
C. E. JUDSON, \\  
N. M. NEELD,  
A. E. FLETCHER, per W. B. F.

Which was received.

Mr. Adams introduced general ordinance No. 78, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for the construction of a brick sewer in and along Pennsylvania street, from Home avenue to Second street; thence west in and along Second street to and connecting with the sewer laid in said Second street at the corner of Meridian street, and providing for the collection and assessment of benefits.

Which was read the first time.

By consent, Dr. Stratford offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the name of Mitchell street as now known be changed back to Linden street, as originally named and platted.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Stratford presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 11, 1875,

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

*Gentlemen* :—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Linden street, between Prospect street and Orange street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the paving of the west sidewalk to a width of six feet, and grade the same full width.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

H. F. Relsoner ; R. R. Warden, 36 Linden street  
Andrew Caldwell, 132 Linden street ; John Schley,  
50 Linden street ; G. W. Hedrick, 18 Linden street.

Which was received.

Dr. Stratford introduced special ordinance No. 209, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for paving the west sidewalk on Linden street, between Prospect and Orange streets.

Which was read the first time.

Also, the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 11, 1875.

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

*Gentlemen* :—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Lexington avenue, between Linden street and Reid Street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the graveling of Lexington avenue and sidewalks.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

P. A. B. Kennedy, C. A. Cooper, Frank Hardesty,  
John Gustin, John S. Spann et al., J. L. Dawson.

Which was received.

Also, special ordinance No. 210, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Lexington avenue and sidewalks from Linden to Reid streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thalman introduced general ordinance No. 79, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance concerning the obstruction of sidewalks.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thalman moved to suspend the rules and place the above entitled ordinance on its passage.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—24.

Negative—None.

On motion by Mr. Kahn, the blank was filled by inserting "24 hours."

Mr. Kahn offered the following amendment :

*Provided, Any person or persons once notified, who shall repeat the offence, no additional notice shall be necessary.*

Mr. Reed moved to amend the amendment by inserting after the word offense these words : "by placing the same or similar obstructions."

Which was adopted.

The amendment as amended was then adopted.

The ordinance as amended was ordered engrossed.

General ordinance No. 79, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance concerning the obstruction of sidewalks.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig,

Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Ward and Webster—24.

Negative—Councilman Stuckmeyer—1.

Mr. Thalman introduced general ordinance No. 80, 1875, entitled:

An ordinance regulating hacks, and specifying when they shall stand about the Union Depot.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Reed, Chairman of the Special Committee on Investigation, submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, October 11, 1875.

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

*Gentlemen*:—Your Committee, to whom was referred the charges of bribery and corruption on the part of the Indianapolis Bridge Company, beg leave to report that they have had two sittings and examined a considerable number of witnesses; that the evidence was conclusive as to the fact that an attempt at bribery on the part of Mr. H. Laird, the agent of the aforesaid company, had been made, that individual declaring under oath that he wrote the note introduced by Councilman Madden, to Charles P. Fant, Committee Clerk, at the latter's solicitation, said Committee Clerk having assured him that the bridges could be secured for said Company for \$200.

While evidence in some respects was conflicting, in the opinion of your Committee there is sufficient therein to warrant the Council in preferring charges against said Committee Clerk of complicity in an attempt at bribery and corruption, and would recommend that such charges be preferred by the City Attorney, and said Clerk be summoned before the bar of the Council to answer thereto at an early day, and that meanwhile he be relieved from the duties of his position, and that said duties be under the charge and direction of the City Attorney, until the guilt or innocence of said Committee Clerk is determined.

Your Committee would further recommend that the Council in future do not recognize any bids of the Indianapolis Bridge Company so long as Mr. H. Laird is in their employ, and until they have disclaimed all knowledge of or connection with this attempt at bribery and corruption.

Respectfully submitted,

ENOS B. REED,  
R. C. MCGILL,  
P. H. CURRAN,  
J. C. ADAMS,  
G. W. GEIGER.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Reed presented the following communications :

INDIANAPOLIS, October, 11, 1875.

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Common Council :

*Gentlemen* :—We herewith hand you a copy of the resignation of Mr. H. Laird. As officers and stockholders of the Indianapolis Bridge Company, we desire to express to you our utter condemnation of bribery in whatever shape, and that we wish it distinctly understood that we will leave it to other corporations to buy their way through committee clerks and the like, if that course is necessary to obtain the city's business.

Believing, however, that our Common Council is made up of honest men, we do hope by fair dealing and good cheap work, to have no discrimination made against us in our competition for bridges.

By order of the Directors and Stockholders,

R. S. DORSEY, Secretary.

INDIANAPOLIS, October 11, 1875.

To the Officers, Directors and Stockholders of the Indianapolis Bridge Company :

*Gentlemen* :—Knowing that my action with the Council Committee Clerk, although done by me in good faith and at his demand, has met with your decided disapproval, I hereby sever my connection with the Company.

I would state that no one connected with this Company, either as stockholders, directors or officers, knew of this arrangement until it was brought before the Council, and I ask you to believe that, though I have erred, I thought I was doing best under the circumstances.

Respectfully,

H. LAIRD.

A true copy:

R. S. DORSEY, Secretary.

Which were received.

Dr. Stratford offered the following motion:

*Moved*, That the Investigating Committee with the City Attorney be directed to prepare charges and specifications against Charles P. Fant, Committee Clerk, and present the same to this Council next Monday night.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Geiger offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the City Attorney be and is hereby authorized to take possession of the office of City Committee Clerk, as recommended by the report of the Investigating Committee made to night.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—25.

Negative—None.

Mr. Darnell moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of receiving and acting on report of Committee on Gas Light.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—Councilmen Bollman, Gimber and Laughlin—3.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, October 11, 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 of September 27th, 1875, submit the following, viz :

FIRST.

In reference to the first paragraph of the report, submit the following statement :

The Gas Company agree to light and furnish everything for the sum of \$35.00 per lamp and post, making the cost of 2,700 lamps and posts equal to \$94,500.00.



The present cost of the gas at this time is—

Gas.....	\$64,800
Cost of lighting, etc.....	7,128
Cost of material.....	3,000
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Total.....	\$74,928
1,200 hours additional.....	16,200
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Making total for the all night plan.....	\$91 128

The cost of the 1,200 hours additional would be \$16,200.00, and your Committee report in favor of adopting the all night plan, and recommend that the City Civil Engineer be directed to make a schedule in conformity with this recommendation.

### SECOND.

In reference to the third paragraph of said report, we would offer the following recommendation, viz:

That the north western and southwestern districts, comprising all that part of the city west of Pennsylvania street and north and south of Washington street, be awarded to Charles Ott, for lighting, extinguishing and repairing the lamps in said district, for the sum of 22 cents per lamp and post.

That the northeastern district, comprising that part of the city north of Washington street and east of Pennsylvania street, be awarded to Joseph Raible, for lighting and extinguishing the lamps in said district, for the sum of 22 cents per lamp and post.

That the southeastern district, comprising that part of said city south of Washington street and east of Pennsylvania street, be awarded to James Neal, for lighting and extinguishing the lamps in said district, for the sum of 22 cents per lamp and post.

The above awards to be temporary, and to hold until the 12th of November, and the contracts and bonds to be made in conformity with this recommendation.

We would also recommend that the City Civil Engineer advertise for bids to be received on the 15th of November, for lighting, repairing, etc., the lamps for one year, said advertisement to conform with the ordinance concerning the same.

### THIRD.

An ordinance and remonstrance against the same, "providing for gas on Michigan

street, from Arsenal avenue to the U. S. Arsenal grounds," was referred to your Committee, and we recommend that said ordinance be stricken from the files.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Also, the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, October, 4, 1875.

C. F. Darnell, Esq., Chairman of Committee on Gas Light :

*Dear Sir* :—In regard to your inquiry as to making a contract with the Gas Company to supply gas to the public lamps of the city upon a time table, increasing the number of hours burned, etc., permit me to say that we feel assured that the Gas Company would contract with the city for the unexpired time of the existing contract between the company and city, to-wit: 19th March, 1876, upon agreement as follows, viz :

1st. The city to put the lamps in good repair.

Then the Gas Company will furnish gas for them upon a time table of 3,200 hours per annum, the burner of each lamp to consume four cubic feet of gas per hour, and to be tested to that capacity under a pressure of fifteen-tenths lbs., and in addition to such supply of gas the Company will do the lighting, extinguishing and clean said lamps ; will also furnish all the necessary material at their own expense and keep in repair said lamps.

All of which the Company will furnish, do and perform for the price of thirty-five dollars per annum, payable monthly.

Very respectfully submitted.

S. VAN LANINGHAM,  
Secretary.

The first paragraph of the report was not concurred in.

The second paragraph was concurred in by the following vote :

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

Negative—Councilmen Bollman and Schmidt—7.

The third paragraph was concurred in.

Mr. Ransdell offered the following resolution :

Whereas, The present lamp lighter, J. C. Ballard, has failed to comply with his contract for lighting and extinguishing the city gas lamps ; and

Whereas, Notice as required by law has been given him ; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the contract of said J. C. Ballard be annulled.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Ward and Webster—24.

Negative—None.

By consent, Mr. Schmidt presented the following communication and resolution :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 11, 1875.

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

The last Legislature made an appropriation to the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb for the purpose of enlarging and completing the sewerage for the same. The Board of Trustees have had a survey and plat of the proposed sewers made by the City Civil Engineer, according to which it is intended to run a sewer from the intersection of Washington street and State avenue to Ohio street, and there connect with the sewer already built by the city, extending along Ohio and Market to Noble street.

The Board of Trustees instruct me to petition your honorable body for the privilege of constructing this branch of the proposed sewer along State avenue to Ohio street, and to connect with the city sewer of the last named street.

The Board propose, without cost to the city, to make a two-foot brick sewer, according to the specifications adopted by the Council, and the instructions of the City Civil Engineer, and to allow the same to be used by the property holders along the route under the same regulations that other city sewers are used.

The length of the sewer that the institution propose to make is about seven hundred (700) feet inside the city corporate limits.

The reason for the change of the present sewer is two-fold. The one in use is not large enough, and it discharges into the creek six or seven hundred feet east of State avenue, and does not, on that route, afford fall enough. Down State avenue to Ohio street a fall of nine (9) inches to the hundred feet is obtained. This is the proper

route, in the opinion of the City Civil Engineer, in which to construct the aforesaid sewer.

As the season is already far advanced and the contractors are ready to begin work on the sewer, we humbly ask that our request be granted, if possible, at the present meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. MAC INTIRE,

Superintendent.

*Resolved*, That the Trustees of the State Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb be and are hereby granted permission to lay down or build a brick sewer on and along State street, from the south side of Washington street to Ohio street, in accordance with the terms as set forth in their petition, the same to be done without cost to the city or property owners on the said line of improvement, and under the direction and to the satisfaction of the City Civil Engineer.

Which resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Duffley, Geiger, Hook, Kahn, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, Ward and Webster—16.

Negative—Councilmen Bollman, Buehrig, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden McGill and Stratford—8.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest :

BENJ C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.