

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
Monday, November 15th, 1875—7 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, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—25.

Absent—Councilman Schmidt—1.

The proceedings of the regular session, held November 8th, 1875, were read and approved.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, November 15, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Contracts and Civil Engineer, to whom were referred the bids for lighting, cleaning and repairing the city gas lamps, report that we have examined the same and find them to be as follows, to wit :

FIRST.

For lighting, cleaning and repairing lamps in the west sections, the following proposals were presented :

- Charles Ott, 22 cents per lamp and post per month.
- O. D. Needham, 20 cents per lamp and post per month.
- C. Stokes, 21 cents per lamp and post per month.
- Mart Anderson, 21½ cents per lamp and post per month.
- Tim Shehan, 20 cents per lamp and post per month.
- David Rinkle, 19½ cents per lamp and post per month.

David Rinkle being the lowest and best bidder, your Committee recommend that he be awarded the contracts.

SECOND.

For lighting, cleaning and repairing the gas lamps in the northeast section, the following proposals were presented :

- Jos. Raible, 22 cents per lamp and post per month.
- Thos. H. Sullivan, 22 cents per lamp and post per month.
- Mart Anderson, 21½ cents per lamp and post per month.
- C. Stokes, 21 cents per lamp and post per month.
- Geo. Hughes, 20 cents per lamp and post per month.
- P. B. Stokes, 20 cents per lamp and post per month.
- John Langsdale, 20 cents per lamp and post per month.
- M. T. O. Bannon, 20 cents per lamp and post per month.
- John A. Vinnedge, 19½ cents per lamp and post per month.
- David Rinkle, 19½ cents per lamp and post per month.

David Rinkle being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

THIRD.

For lighting, cleaning and repairing the gas lamps in the southeast section, the following proposals were presented :

- J. R. Neal, 22 cents per lamp and post per month.
- Mart Anderson, 21½ cents per lamp and post per month.
- C. Stokes, 21 cents per lamp and post per month.
- J. A. Vinnedge, 21 cents per lamp and post per month.
- J. Daniels, 20 cents per lamp and post per month.
- W. H. Kunkle, 20 cents per lamp and post per month.
- Robert Langsdale, 20 cents per lamp and post per month.
- David Rinkle, 19½ cents per lamp and post per month.
- J. H. Lehr, 18½ cents per lamp and post per month.

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

Respectfully submitted,

LEON KAHN,
ROBT. C. MCGILL,
Committee on Contracts.

Mr. Albershardt offered the following resolution :

Whereas, Our present system of lighting and extinguishing our public street lamps has proved to be inadequate ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That our City Civil Engineer be and he is hereby authorized to appoint twenty-six (26) men upon the recommendation of Councilmen from their respective Wards, whose duty shall be to light and extinguish the lamps in our public streets under the direction of said Engineer, at a compensation not to exceed fifteen dollars (\$15.00) a month each ; also, said Engineer shall appoint two (2) men upon the recommendation of the Committee on Gas, whose duty shall be to keep said lamps clean and in repair at a compensation not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) a week each ; all those men are to be paid once a month the same as the Civil Engineer's help is now paid. Furthermore, the said Civil Engineer shall have power to discharge them at any time if they do not perform their duty as required by him or this Council.

Which resolution with the above report was referred to the Committee on Gas Light and City Civil Engineer, with instructions to report next Monday night.

Mr. Kahn also submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 15, 1875.

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

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

FIRST.

For grading and graveling Ninth street and sidewalks, from Central avenue to Hill avenue, the following bids were presented, viz :

John L. Hanna, \$1.45 on each side between Central avenue and Peru Railroad track, and \$1.25 on each side between Peru Railroad track and Hill avenue.

J. J. Palmer, \$1.14 per lineal foot front on each side.

R. H. Patterson, \$1.09 per lineal foot front on each side.

James Muse & Co., \$1.07 per lineal foot front on each side.

Richard Carr, \$1.00 per lineal foot front on each side where 60 feet wide, and 90 cents per lineal foot front each side where 50 feet wide.

Patterson & Dunning, 99 cents per lineal foot front each side.

Sol. Devenish, 99 cents per lineal foot front each side.

James Mahoney, 99 cents per lineal foot front each side.

Martin L. Coyner, 98 cents per lineal foot front each side.

John Greene, 93 cents per lineal foot front each side.

Bernard Hammill, 87 cents per lineal foot front each side.

Joseph Hanna, 87 cents per lineal foot front each side between Central avenue and Peru Railroad, and 94 cents per lineal foot each side between Peru Railroad and Hill avenue.

Samuel C. Hanna, 85 cents per lineal foot on each side.

Henry Clay, 88 cents per lineal foot each side when 60 feet wide, and 85 cents per lineal foot each side where 50 feet wide.

Samuel P. Strong, 77 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Samuel P. Strong being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

SECOND.

For grading and graveling the first alley west of Oriental street, running north and south from Washington street to the Michigan Road, the following proposals were presented, viz :

Wm. Sonnefield, 27 cents per lineal foot each side.

Sol. Devenish, 25 cents per lineal foot each side.

F. M. Eppert, 19 cents per lineal foot each side.

James Mahoney, 18 cents per lineal foot each side.

English & Smith, $17\frac{1}{2}$ cents per lineal foot each side.

C. A. Webb, $13\frac{3}{4}$ cents per lineal foot each side.

C. A. Webb being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

THIRD.

For grading and graveling the first alley east of Wright street, running north and south from Buchanan to Douglass street, the following proposals were presented, viz:

Sol. Devenish, 30 cents per lineal foot on each side.

James Mahoney, 20 cents per lineal foot on each side.

Wm. Sonnefield, 18 cents per lineal foot on each side.

E. S. Wells, 18 cents per lineal foot on each side.

F. M. Eppert, 17 cents per lineal foot on each side.

C. A. Webb $16\frac{3}{4}$ cents per lineal foot on each side.

C. A. Webb being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

FOURTH.

For erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on Tennessee street, from Tinker or Seventh to Twelfth street, the following proposals were presented, viz :

D. Root & Co., \$20.00 per lamp and post complete.

E. M. Bodine, \$19.20 per lamp and post complete.

John Knight, \$19.00 per lamp and post complete.

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

Respectfully submitted,

LEON KAHN,
ROBT. C. MCGILL,

Committee on Contracts.

Which was concurred in and the contracts awarded.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 15, 1875

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

Gentlemen :—In compliance with your orders, I have located 26 new lamps on the following streets, to wit :

On Sixth street between Tennessee street and Central Canal.....	14
On Rohampton street between Seventh and Ninth streets.....	11
On Fifth street, between Illinois street and Central Canal.....	1

The same have been erected and finished, and I would respectfully ask an order to light said lamps from and after the 15th inst.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in and the lamps ordered lighted.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 15, 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 D. Root & Co., for erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on Sixth street, between Tennessee street and Central Canal—

14 lamp posts, lamps and fixtures at \$22.44..... \$314 16

Also, a first and final estimate allowed Joseph Hanna, for grading and graveling the alley running east and west from Japan street to Madison avenue, and between Yeizer and Donney street—

2490 lineal feet at 20 cents.....\$498 00

Also, a fourth and final estimate allowed James Muse & Co., for constructing a levee near the crossing of the Indianapolis and Peru Railroad and Fall Creed—

15,584 cubic yards at 39½ cents ... \$6,155 68
Less former payments 3,710 00

Present payment.....\$2,445 68

Also, a first and partial estimate allowed C. S. Roney, for building a cistern at the corner of College avenue and Tenth streets—

719.97 barrels at 58 cents.....	\$417 58
Less 30 per cent.....	125 58
	\$292 00
Present payment.....	\$292 00

Also, a first and partial estimate allowed John Schier, for paving the north sidewalk on Washington street between Noble street and the corporation line east, except where already paved—

866.5 lineal feet paving at 74½ cents.....	\$645 54
20 lineal feet curbing reset at 15 cents.....	3 00
	\$648 54
Total payment.....	\$648 54

Also, a first and final estimate allowed D. Root & Co., for erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on Rohampton street, between Seventh and Ninth streets—

11 lamp posts, lamps and fixtures at \$22.44	\$246 84
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Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and partial estimate allowed John Schier, for paving the north sidewalk of Washington street, between Noble street and the corporation line east, except where already paved, 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, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reed, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman 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 the alley running east and west from Japan street to Madison avenue, and between Yeiser and Downey 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, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reed, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimates allowed D. Root & Co., for erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on the following streets, to wit : On Sixth street, between Tennessee street and Central Canal ; and on Rohampton street, between Seventh and Ninth street, be and the same are hereby adopted as the estimates 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, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reed, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Also, the following report

INDIANAPOLIS, November 15, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—I would respectfully report for your approval the following contracts and bonds, viz :

Contract and bond of Wm. Sonnefield, for grading and graveling the alley between Waters and Greer street, and running from McCarty street to the first alley south of Stevens street.

Contract and bond of Henry Sellers, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Plum street, between Vine and Cherry street.

Contract and bond of Frank Eppert, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Deloss street, between Dillon and Leota street.

Contract and bond of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Charles street, from St. Clair to John street ; also, the first alley north of St. Clair street from Charles street to the first described alley.

Contract and bond of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling Arsenal avenue and west sidewalk, and paving the east sidewalk thereof, from Washington street to the track of the Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad.

Contract and bond of Samuel P. Strong, for grading and graveling Ninth street and sidewalks, from Central avenue to Hill avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in and the bonds approved.

The City Attorney submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 15, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Since your last meeting the following entitled cause has been determined : J. Adkinson vs. City of Indianapolis et al.—In Superior Court of Marion county. Suit for services as special policeman. Judgment in favor of city.

Respectfully submitted,

CAS. BYFIELD,

City Attorney.

Which was concurred in.

The City Clerk submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 15, 1875.

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

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

Anderson & Devenish vs. Caroline Donehey for\$32 00

And respectfully recommend that you order the precept to issue.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,

City Clerk.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reed, Stuckmeyer, Thalman and Webster—20.

Negative—None.

The Committee Clerk submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 15, 1875,

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

Gentlemen :—I would respectfully report that James A. Garner has failed to file his contract and bond for the contract awarded him November 1st, 1875, for grading and graveling Walnut street and sidewalks from Mississippi to Missouri street. Bids on said street run from 48 to 95 cents per foot on each side, and James Mahoney is the next lowest bidder at 58 cents per lineal foot on each side.

Respectfully,

CHARLES P. FANT,

Committee Clerk.

Which was received, and the City Civil Engineer directed to readvertise for proposals for doing such work.

The Board of Health submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 15, 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 6th day of November, to 6 o'clock P. M. on the 13th day of November, 1875.

Under 1 year.....	5
1 to 2 years.....	1
2 to 3 ".....	0
3 to 4 ".....	1
4 to 5 ".....	0
5 to 10 ".....	1
10 to 20 ".....	5
20 to 30 ".....	1
30 to 40 ".....	4
40 to 50 ".....	3
50 to 60 ".....	1
60 to 70 ".....	1
70 to 80 ".....	0
80 to 90 ".....	0
90 to 100 ".....	0
Above 100 ".....	0
Unknown ".....	0
Total.....	26

C. E. WRIGHT, M. D.,

President Board of Health.

A. STRATFORD, M. D.,

Secretary Board of Health.

Which was received.

The Mayor presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 15, 1875.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen :—On the 25th day of July, 1864, Stoughton A. Fletcher, Sr., and wife conveyed to the city of Indianapolis the following described real estate situated in Marion county Indiana, to-wit : lots numbered 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71 and 72, being part of Wm. Y. Wiley's subdivision of 25 acres off of the north end of the east half of the north east quarter of section twenty-three, township 15, range three east, upon the following conditions, to wit: The same to be held in trust for the use and erection thereon of a House of Refuge and Reform for Abandoned Females, both prostitutes and those given to intoxication.

The city, in pursuance of said trust, proceeded to the partial erection of the building contemplated in the trust, but afterwards the Council, by resolution of October 27, 1869, and October 27, 1870, ordered the Mayor and City Attorney to re-convey said real estate to said Fletcher, upon the condition "that suitable buildings for the purpose contemplated in the original donation should be erected within a reasonable time thereon, and as such House of Refuge and Reform be forever maintained, into which should be taken free of charge one half of all proper applicants for admission," and providing further that "should said Fletcher convey said real estate to other parties, the foregoing stipulation must be embraced in said conveyance, and executed in spirit and good faith."

By deed of date January 21, 1871, the city re-conveyed said real estate to said Fletcher.

Said Fletcher, on the 25th day of March, 1871, conveyed said real estate to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, of Louisville, Kentucky, to be held in trust for the use and erection thereon of a House of Refuge and Reform for Abandoned Females, both prostitutes and those given to intoxication, and also for friendless women and girls greatly exposed to temptation, "and upon the further express condition, trustees shall, within a reasonable time, erect upon such grounds suitable buildings for the purpose above contemplated, and as such Home of Refuge and Reform be forever maintained, and into which shall be received and cared for free of charge one-half of the number of all proper applicants for admission, and said building to be erected and forever maintained, and the inmates cared for by and at the expense of said trustees.

March 11, 1867, the Legislature passed an act providing "that when any city or private corporation or other person who shall have established in this State a Home for Friendless Women upon principles of protection and reformation of abandoned or erring women, which, in the opinion of the Board of County Commissioners of the county in which such home is situated, duly recorded, after examination, is in a condition to provide for and restrain of liberty any one committed to their charge on conviction of any woman or girl of any crime or misdemeanor, or violation of any city ordinance in any of the superior or inferior courts of the State or of any city therein, the punishment whereof shall be imprisonment at hard labor or otherwise the court may, in its discretion and with the consent of the trustees or acting authorities of such Home for Friendless Women, and with a view to reformation as well as punishment, order the imprisonment to be made and done in such Home for Friendless Women, and such imprisonment shall be held as legal and rightful as if made in any State's prison, in any county or city jail in the State, and the Mayor or City Judge of any incorporated city may sentence and commit such persons on conviction to such Home for the same period of time that a Circuit or Common Pleas Court could do for a like offense."

On the 26th day of February, 1873, the Legislature passed an act providing that certain forfeitures collected in the city court should be paid over to the Board of Trustees of the Home for Friendless Women, where there is such incorporated Home in any city.

The Supreme Court have decided that the Home for Friendless Women in the northern part of the city is entitled to this fund.

Some time ago Father Bessonies handed me the exhibit marked "A." On the 9th day of October the Board of Managers handed me exhibit "B," and the Board of Trustees handed me exhibit "C." And the County Auditor, on the 20th day of October, delivered me the certificate marked exhibit "D."

The result of all of which is that the Home of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd and the Home for Friendless Women are places to which women and girls violating city ordinances may be legally imprisoned. Perhaps the matter should be referred to the Committee on Benevolence to arrange details with these Homes.

The short time for which females may be imprisoned is very much in the way of good results. It is very doubtful if a female can, under any circumstances, be imprisoned longer than thirty days.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CAVEN,

Mayor.

EXHIBIT "A."

To the Hon. J. Caven, Mayor of the City of Indianapolis, and Members of the City Council :

Gentlemen :—We the undersigned, the officers of the Society of the Good Shepherd, have the honor to report to your honorable body that we are ready to comply with the terms of the donation made to us years ago by the City Council of Indianapolis, and take one half of the female prisoners gratis.

Very respectfully,

SISTER MARY OF ST. ANSELM, President.

SISTER MARY OF ST. VRSULE, Secretary.

AUG. BESSONIES, Treasurer.

EXHIBIT "B."

At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Home for Friendless Women, held Monday morning, August 8th, the following resolution was adopted, viz

Resolved, That the consent of said board be and is hereby given to the use of said home and a part of the building belonging thereto, for the purpose mentioned in and contemplated by an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana; approved March 11th, 1867, entitled, "an act concerning the punishment of women and girls convicted of crimes, misdemeanors or violations of any city ordinance."

ELIZA J. NEWMAN, President.

SARAH R. KAPPES, Secretary.

EXHIBIT "C."

INDIANAPOLIS, August 9th, 1875.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Indianapolis Home for Friendless Women, the following resolution was presented by Conrad Baker, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Indianapolis Home for Friendless Women, That the consent of said Board be and it is hereby given to the use of said Home and a part of the building belonging thereto, for the purposes mentioned and contemplated by an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 11th, 1867, entitled "an act concerning the punishment of women and girls convicted of crimes, misdemeanors or violations of any city ordinance.

The above is a true copy from the minutes of the record of the Board of Trustees.

Attest—

S. MERRILL, Secretary.

J. H. KAPPES, Vice President Board of Trustees.

EXHIBIT "D."

State of Indiana, Marion County, ss :

COMMISSIONER'S COURT, OCTOBER TERM, 1875.

The Board having examined the Home of Friendless Women, the building for which is situated on North Tennessee street in the city of Indianapolis, Marion county Indiana, are of opinion that said Institution is in a condition to provide for and restrain of liberty any women committed to its charge for punishment and for protection and reformation.

The Board having also examined the institution known as the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, the buildings of which are situated on or near the Bluff Road, in Wiley's addition to the City of Indianapolis, in Center township in said county and State, and are of opinion that they are in a condition to provide for and restrain of liberty such women as may be committed to their charge for punishment and for protection and reformation.

The County Auditor is directed to furnish Mayor Caven with a certified copy of the above entry.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the entry of the Board of Commissioners of said county in said matter.

Witness my hand and official seal October 20, 1875.

[SEAL.]

F. W. HAMILTON,

Auditor Marion County.

Which was referred to the Committee on Benevolence.

Also, the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 15, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—An ordinance has passed your honorable body to grade, gravel and boulder and likewise curb Market street from Alabama street to Noble street, when Market street from Alabama to New Jersey street has been graded and graveled by a previous ordinance which passed your honorable body some years since.

The inequality of the ordinance in reference to the grading, graveled, bouldering and curbing East Market street from Alabama to Noble street is apparent when the property holders from Alabama to New Jersey streets are compelled to pay more than their just dues, from the fact that the contractor will not be required to use more than two inches of gravel on said square, and no grading in the center of the street between the two streets above named. I therefore pray that your honorable body will appoint a committee to look into our grievance and report the tenor of our claim at your next regular meeting.

[Signed,]

ANDREW WALLACE.

By the request of all the property holders between Alabama and New Jersey streets.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

Mr. Adams introduced special ordinance No. 221, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveled the second alley south of St. Clair street, running east and west between Noble and Spring streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. McGill introduced special ordinance No. 222, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveled Garden street and sidewalks from Tennessee to Illinois streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thalman introduced special ordinance No. 223, 1875, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for repealing special ordinance No. 132, 1875, entitled: "An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk on Washington street (or National Road) to a width of 10 feet, and bouldering the street and alley crossings from White River bridge to west side of Ray street," passed September 27, 1875.

Which was read the first time.

The following special orders were then taken up:

Dr. Stratford, from the Committee on Sewers, submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, November 15, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred the petition, ordinance and remonstrance for the construction of a sewer in and along Virginia avenue from the first alley north of McCarty street to Shelby street, where it shall connect with the Shelby street sewer, desire to make the following report.

That we have examined the matter carefully, and recommend that, owing to the extreme tightness of money matters, and the near approach of winter, that the ordinance be postponed until the 1st Monday in March, 1876, at which time the ordinance shall be taken up and acted upon.

We believe said sewer to be an absolute necessity, both for the health and comfort of the locality.

Respectfully submitted,

I. W. STRATFORD,
WM. BUEHRIG,
Committee on Sewers.

Which was concurred in.

By consent, Mr. Geiger presented the following remonstrance:

INDIANAPOLIS, November 15, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, citizens owning real estate fronting on Virginia avenue, between the southern terminus and the first alley north of McCarty street,

do respectfully but most earnestly remonstrate against the building of the proposed sewer on that part of Virginia avenue above described, for the following reasons:

1. We believe the same to be entirely unnecessary, as the present drainage of the territory to be affected by said sewer is amply sufficient.
2. We believe that it would be impossible for many of the property owners along said route to pay the assessment without sacrificing their property.

Roselrick & Ellrich, 84 ft.; Fred. Wil. Roselrick, 80 ft.; Henry Arnholter, 40 ft.; John Vandersaar, 100 ft.; John Brennan, 120 ft.; Charles Lohman, 120 ft.; George Lutz, 40 ft.; C. Pachler, 36 ft.; Christian Kruger, 94 ft.; Thomas R. Plumridge, 52 ft.; C. Bisser, 40 ft.; Michael Welsh, 40 ft.; James Carras, 40 ft., William Muntz, 20 ft.; James Muntz, 20 ft.; August Stuckmeyer, 40 ft.; Henry Basse, 85 ft.; Jasper Finney, 40 ft.; C. W. Birket, 40 ft.; John G. Ward, 40 ft.; H. Mankedick, $52\frac{5}{12}$ ft.; Olivia Job, 65 ft.; T. D. Peterson, 40 ft.; David M. Snider, 80 ft.; Charles D. Snider, 40 ft.; Mrs. White, 40 ft.; W. H. Snider, 40 ft.; Patrick Brennan, 75 ft.; Conrad Hill, 45 ft.; James Bannon, $98\frac{1}{2}$ ft.; C. A. Frason, 40 ft., Alfred F. Sloan, $82\frac{7}{12}$ ft.; James Gogen, 40 ft.; C. C. Glass, 47 ft.

- 1st. We don't need it. 2d. Not able to pay for it now.

Joseph Moore, 23 ft.; Thomas Curran, 40 ft.; Sylvanius Dippel, $105\frac{1}{2}$ ft.; John Wolsner, $18\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Whole number of feet, 2,159.

Which was received and ordered filed with the ordinance.

By consent, Dr. Ward offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report of the City Commissioners, fixing the benefits and damages by reason of opening Plum street in said city, from Arch street to the first alley north of Arch street, be and the same is hereby accepted, and the real estate necessary for the same be and the same is hereby appropriated for that purpose; and the City Clerk is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of said assessment of benefits and damages to the City Treasurer, and the City Treasurer is hereby ordered to tender to the several parties the damages assessed as shown by said report.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig,

Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—25.

Negative—None.

General ordinance No. 81, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for the abolishment of the office of Committee Clerk.

Was taken up and read the third time.

Mr. Reed moved to postpone the further consideration of the ordinance until next Monday night.

Mr. Laughlin moved to lay Mr. Reed's motion on the table.

Which motion to lay on the table was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilman Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Diffley, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—13.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Craft, Darnell, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Ransdell, Reed, Thalman, Ward and Webster—12.

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

Mr. Hall moved to lay Mr. Buehrig's motion on the table.

Mr. Hall's motion failed to pass by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Craft, Darnell, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Ransdell, Reed, Thalman, Ward and Webster—12.

Negative—Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Diffley, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—13.

On motion by Mr. Gimber, the previous question was ordered.

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

Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Diffley, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—13.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Councilmen Adams, Craft, Darnell, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Ransdell, Reed, Thalman, Ward and Webster—12.

So Mr. Buehrig's motion was adopted.

Mr. Stuckmeyer moved to reconsider the vote just had.

On motion by Mr. Madden, Mr. Stuckmeyer's motion to reconsider was laid on the table by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Diffley, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—13.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Craft, Darnell, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Ransdell, Reed, Thalman, Ward and Webster—12.

By consent, Mr. Reed, from the Committee on Revision of Ordinances, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 15, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Revision of Ordinances, to whom was referred the motion "directing them in their discretion to report an ordinance for building a sewer in and along Clifford avenue and Archer street, from Malotte avenue to Pogues Run," report that we have examined the line of the proposed sewer, and in

our opinion believe that a sewer should be built immediately, but that the expense of such sewer, should not be entailed upon the property bordering on the above line of such sewer, as their mode of drainage in general is good, and this sewer is for the purpose of draining the land northeast of the proposed line.

We therefore recommend that the Civil Engineer advertise for proposals for such sewer in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in his office.

Respectfully submitted,

ENOS B. REED,
F. M. HOOK,
G. W. GEIGER,

Committee on Revision of Ordinances.

Which was concurred in.

By consent, Mr. Hall, from Special Committee, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 15, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the claim of Maloney & Marshall, would respectfully report that we have carefully examined the said claim, and report against the allowance of the same.

M. E. HALL,
GEO. W. GEIGER,
H. F. ALBERSHARDT.

Which was concurred in.

By consent, Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Marshal, under direction of the City Attorney, immediately notify the National Plank Road Company and their agent, to stop the collecting of toll within the corporate limits, and if said order is not complied with, the City Attorney is hereby directed to at once bring suit against said company for violating their contract with the city, and collecting toll contrary to agreement within the corporate limits.

Which was referred to the City Attorney to report next Monday night.

General ordinance No. 87, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance authorizing the erection and maintenance of buildings to be located on the grounds of the city known as the South Park, to be called the City Work House.

Was taken up.

Mr. Ransdall moved to refer the ordinance to the Committee on Revision of Ordinances and City Attorney.

Which motion failed to pass by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Craft, Darnell, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Ransdell, Reed, Ward and Webster—10.

Negative—Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Diffley, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Reasner, Stratford, Stuckmeyer and Thalman—13.

Mr. Gimber moved that the ordinance be read and acted upon by sections.

Which motion was adopted.

The first section was then read.

Mr. Adams moved to amend by inserting \$10,000 the cost of the building instead of \$5,000.

Which amendment was adopted.

Dr. Stratford offered the following amendment :

Moved to amend by inserting after the South Park "lying west of the J., M. & I. Railroad."

Which was adopted.

Mr. Reed moved to amend by striking out the words "shall be of wood."

Which amendment was adopted.

Section one was then adopted.

Section two was then read.

Mr. Geiger offered the following amendment :

SECTION 2. There shall be elected by the Common Council four members of the Board of Managers of the City Work House, one of whom shall be elected to serve for one year, one for two years, one for three years and one for four years, and annually thereafter one shall be elected for four years. Such Board of managers shall be elected from the districts named, of which they shall be residents, respectively, viz.: One from District Number One, which shall be all of that part of the city lying east of Pennsylvania street and north of Washington street; one from District Number Two, which shall be all that part of the city lying north of Washington street and west of Pennsylvania street; one from District Number Three, which shall be all that part of the city west of Pennsylvania street and south of Washington street; and one from District Number Four, which shall be all that part of the city east of Pennsylvania street and south of Washington street. At the first election the member chosen for District Number One shall be declared to be elected to serve for one year; the member chosen for District Number Two shall be declared elected for two years; the member chosen for District Number Three shall be declared elected for three years; and the member chosen for District Number Four shall be declared to be elected for four years; the Mayor shall also be a member of the Board, and thereafter their successors shall each be elected to serve for four years. They shall serve without compensation and shall have the entire control and management of such City Work House, and shall hold regular meetings at least twice in each month. They shall prepare and submit for the approval of the Common Council such needful rules and regulations for the government of such Work House, and, when so approved, such rules and regulations shall have the same force and effect as ordinances of the Common Council of said city.

Dr. Stratford moved to lay the amendment on the table.

Which motion failed to pass by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Diffley, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Reed, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—11.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Craft, Darnell, Geiger, Hall, Hook, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Thalman, Ward and Webster—13.

Mr. Craft offered the following amendment as substitute to Mr. Geiger's amendment.

SECTION 2. There shall be elected by the Common Council three members of the Board of Managers of the City Work House, one of whom shall be elected to

serve for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and annually thereafter one shall be elected for three years, who, together with the Mayor of the city, shall constitute the Board of Managers.

Which was adopted.

The second section was then adopted.

The third section was read and adopted.

The fourth section was then read.

Mr. Craft moved to strike out the fourth section.

Mr. Thalman offered the following amendment as substitute to Mr. Craft's motion :

SECTION 4. On the completion and ready for occupancy of such buildings, the Common Council shall appoint a keeper of the City Work House. The keeper shall provide all the provisions and other articles necessary for the furnishing of good, plain food for all inmates of such work House, under the orders of the Committee on Supplies. The Common Council shall provide suitable furniture and fixtures, including apparatus for cooking, washing and ironing, fuel, bed clothes, tools and all materials to be used in the work shop or upon the ground.

Which substitute was adopted.

The fourth section was then adopted.

The fifth section was then read.

Mr. Thalman offered the following as a substitute :

SECTION 5. The officer in charge shall, under the direction of the Park Commissioner, have supervision of the improvements upon the grounds of the public parks, and for that purpose may use the labor of any of the inmates of such Work House, or he may use such labor in transferring any broken stone from the work shops to the public streets. The Street Commissioner shall be entitled to the use of all broken stone at any time on hand in such workshops, for the purpose of repairing or improving any street or alley or public park.

Which was adopted.

Section six was read and adopted.

On motion, the ordinance as amended was referred to the Committee on Revision of Ordinances and City Attorney, with instructions to report the same back in two weeks.

As a question of privilege, Mr. Ransdell offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Committee on Public Buildings be instructed to report at once the bids that were referred to the Committee for furnishing coal for city offices.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Madden arose to a question of privilege, and offered the following resolution :

Whereas, In obedience to the instructions of the Common Council, by resolution adopted on Monday, November 8th, 1875, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Fire Department, the Chief Fire Engineer has entered into contract with C. Ahrens & Co. for the purchase of two steam fire engines ;

And, Whereas, The Common Council was led to order such contract by reason of misrepresentations contained in the report of the Committee on Fire Department, representing that the proposition of said Ahrens & Co. was "the cheapest and best," the other propositions being suppressed ;

And, Whereas, It now appears that there was before such committee a proposition to sell two steam fire engines at a price \$2,000 less than that reported by them as "the cheapest and best;" therefore,

Resolved, That such contract, having been obtained by misrepresentation, the same is hereby set aside and declared null and void.

Mr. Thalman moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Craft, Darnell, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Ransdell, Reed, Thalman, Ward and Webster—13.

Negative—Councilmen Buehrig Curran, Gimber, Laughlin, Madden, Stratford and Stuckmeyer.—7.

Messrs. Geiger and Kenzel were excused from voting.

On motion by Mr. Geiger, the session of the Council was extended 15 minutes.

Mr. Stuckmeyer, from the Committee on Public Buildings, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 15, 1875.

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

Gentlemen.:—Your Committee on Public Buildings, to whom was referred the motion directing the Committee to contract with responsible parties for furnishing the city with coal, respectfully report that we have received numerous figures for the various kinds of coal, and find after examination that Stewart & Miller are the lowest and best bidders. We therefore recommend that the contract be awarded Stewart & Miller.

We hereby submit their contract and bond.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN STUCKMEYER,

J. LAUGHLIN,

Committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. Stuckmeyer also submitted contract and bond of Stewart & Miller.

Mr. Kahn moved to reject the report and the contract and bond.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Craft, Darnell, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Ransdell, Reed, Thalman, Ward and Webster—12.

Negative—Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Curran, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—10.

Mr. Darnell moved that the contract be awarded to M. A. Johnson for furnishing coal at the rates designated in his bid made to Council September 27th, 1875.

On motion, the previous question was ordered.

Mr. Darnell's motion was then adopted and the contract awarded to said M. A. Johnson.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest :

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.