

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, December 6th, 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, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—26.

Absent—None.

The proceedings of the regular session, held November 29th, 1875, were read and approved.

Sealed proposals for constructing a brick sewer in and along Clifford avenue and Archer street from Malotte Avenue to Pogues Run, were received, opened, read and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 6, 1875.

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

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

On Tennessee street between Seventh and Twelfth streets..... 20
 On Michigan street between Delaware and Alabama streets..... 2

The same have been erected and finished, and I would respectfully ask an order to light said lamps from and after this date.

SECOND.

The bridge over Pogues Run on Morris street is completed and as the approaches to said bridge must be filled up and graded and graveled, before the same can be used, I would recommend that the Street Commissioner be ordered to do said work.

THIRD.

In compliance with your orders I herewith report an estimate of the cost for constructing a brick sewer in and along Michigan street from the east side of Randolph street to Pogues Run, and also an estimate of the cost for building the wooden bridges, with stone abutments, which will be required should Crooked Creek remain in its present channel; together with the cost of temporarily repairing the wooden drain in the south side of Michigan street between Randolph and State streets.

I also herewith report the amount total to be collected from the property owners who are to be benefitted by the building of said sewer, a list of which, with the amounts set opposite their names respectively, is now on file in my office.

COST OF SEWERS.

1,400. lineal feet of 7 foot sewer at \$12.50.....	\$17,500 00
1,900. lineal feet of 6½ foot sewer at \$11.50.....	21,850 00
Total cost.....	<u>\$39,350 00</u>

Cost of building common wooden bridges with stone abutments:

On Camp street 84 feet at \$21.00.....	\$1,764
On alley between Archer and Bell streets 17 feet at \$21.00..	357
On Bell street 50 feet at \$21.00.....	1,050
On alley between Bell and Hanna streets 13 feet at \$21.00.....	273
On Hanna street 84 feet at \$21.00.....	1,764
On Michigan street 84 feet at \$21.00.....	1,764
On alley between Maryland street and Arsenal avenue 17 feet at \$21.00..	357
On Arsenal avenue 64 feet at \$21.00.....	1,344
On State street 191 feet at \$21.00.....	4,011
On Randolph street 84 feet at \$21.00.....	1,764
Total.....	\$14,448 00

Cost of temporary culvert in Michigan street between Randolph and State streets, which must be done at once:

5,280 cubic yards excavation at 35 cents.....	\$1,848 00
600 cubic yards regraveling at \$1.00.....	600,00
712 lineal feet culvert at \$3.00.....	2,136 00
Total.....	\$4,584 00

Total cost of bridges and culverts..	\$19,032 00
Amount of benefits to be collected from property owners.....	\$6,627 38

Grand total.....	\$25,659 38
Net cost of sewers.....	\$13,690 62

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

The first and second clauses were concurred in, and the third clause was received.

Also, the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, December 6, 1875.

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

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

A second and final estimate allowed J. J. Palmer, for repairing and filling up

that portion of West Michigan street washed away between Mill Race and White River bridge—

5350 cubic yards of filling at 50 cents.....	\$2,675 00
949 cubic yards of gravel at 60 cents.....	569 40
323 lineal feet rip-rap at \$1.00	323 00
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	\$3,567 40
Less former payment.....	1,423 00
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Present payment.....	\$2,144 40

Also, a first and final estimate allowed H. J. Brattain, for grading and graveling the first alley north of English avenue, between Dillon and Leota streets—

1560.3 lineal feet at 10 cents. \$156 03

Also, a first and final estimate allowed Dodd & McKinney, for grading and paving with what is known as Lefler paving stone and curbing with stone the north sidewalk on Washington street, from Mississippi to Tennessee street, under an assignment of the contract for said work, from John T. Macauley to said Dodd & McKinney—

8932 square feet paving at 34½ cents.	\$3,081 71
450 lineal feet curbing at 52 cents.....	234 00
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Total payment.....	\$3,315 71

Also, a first and final estimate allowed Henry C. Roney, for grading, graveling, paving and curbing the first alley east of East street, running from North to Michigan street—

919.75 lineal feet grading and graveling at 30 cents.....	\$275 92
846.15 lineal feet paving at 35 cents.....	296 15
807.85 lineal feet curbing at 48 cents.....	435 76
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Total payment.....	\$1,007 83

Also, a first and final estimate allowed John W. Dodd & Co., for grading and paving with what is known as Lefler Paving stone the north sidewalk of North street between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets—

4,447.6 square feet at 35 cents..... \$1,556 66

Also, a first and final estimate allowed John Knight for erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe on Tennessee street between Seventh and Twelfth streets--

20 lamp posts, lamps and fixtures at \$19.00..... \$380 00

Also, a first and final estimate allowed John Green for grading and graveling William street and sidewalks between Illinois and Tennessee streets—

1,192 lineal feet at 43 cents.....\$512 56

Also, a first and final estimate allowed Charles Dougherty for erecting lamp posts lamps and fixtures on Michigan street between Delaware and Alabama streets—

2 lamp posts, lamps and fixtures at \$21.75..... \$43.50

Also, a first and final estimate allowed Canton Wrought Iron Bridge Co., for building an iron bridge over Pogues Run at the crossing of Morris street—

47 lineal feet at \$42.00.....\$1,974 00

Also, a first and final estimate allowed J. W. Smith for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk on Illinois street between South and Merrill streets—

574.2 lineal feet paving at 59 cents..... \$338 78

13.6 lineal feet curbing at 50 cents..... 6 80

Total payment..... \$345 58

Also, a first and partial estimate allowed Lampard & Sindlinger for building a brick sewer three feet in diameter in and along Illinois street from Maryland street to and connecting with the South street sewer—

485 lineal feet at \$4.25.....\$2,061 25

2 manholes at \$35.00..... 70 00

\$2,131 25

Less 15 per cent. 320 25

Present payment.....\$1,811 00

Also, a second and final estimate allowed Helm & Co., for removing old masonry and building stone abutments for an iron bridge over Pogues Run on Morris street—

367 cubic yards old masonry removed at \$1.25 \$458 75

558 cubic yards excavation at 35 cents..... 195 30

100.3 cubic yards excavation under water at \$1.50..... 150 45

361 cubic yards refilling at 25 cents 90 25

223.35 cubic yards new masonry at \$3.50..... 781 72

\$1,676 47

Less former payment..... 1,357 00

Present payment..... \$319 47

Also, a first and final estimate allowed Defrees, Morris & Co., for building a wooden bridge over the State Ditch on College avenue—

45.1 cubic yards excavation under water at \$1.50.....	\$67 65
109.4 cubic yards dry excavation at 25 cents.....	27 35
144 cubic yards refilling at 25 cents.....	36 00
2934 feet oak flooring at \$36.00 per M.....	105 62
6030 feet pine lumber at \$30.00 per M.....	180 90
432 feet old lumber at \$1.00 per 100.....	4 32
Removing old bridge.....	6 75
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Total payment	\$428 59

Also, a first and partial estimate allowed Samuel P. Strong, for grading and graveling Ninth street and sidewalks, from Central avenue to Hill avenue—

1133 lineal feet at 77 cents.....	\$872 41
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Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimates allowed H. J. Brattain for grading and graveling the first alley north of English avenue between Dillon and Leota 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,⁵ Albershardt, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—22.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Dodd & McKinney for grading and paving with what is known as Lefler's paving stone, and curbing

with stone the north sidewalk on Washington street from Mississippi to Tennessee streets, under an assignment of the contract for said work from John T. Macauley to said Dodd & McKinney, 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, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—22.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Henry C. Roney for grading, graveling, paving and curbing the first alley east of East street running from North to Michigan 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 their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed John W. Dodd & Co., for grading and paving with what is known as Lefler's paving stone, the north sidewalk of North street between Meridian and Pennsylvania 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, Buehrig, Craft,

Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—22.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed John Knight for erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe on Tennessee street, between Seventh and Twelfth 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, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—22.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed John Greene for grading and graveling William street and sidewalks between Illinois and Tennessee 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, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—22.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Charles Dougherty for erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures, on Michigan street between Delaware and Alabama 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, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—22.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed J. W. Smith, for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk on Illinois street, between South and Merrill 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, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—22.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and partial estimate allowed Samuel P. Strong for grading and graveling Ninth street and sidewalks from Central avenue to Hill 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, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—22.

Negative—None.

The City Treasurer submitted the following report :

REPORT showing the receipts and disbursements of the City Treasury of the city of Indianapolis for the month of November, 1875 :

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand November 1st, 1875.....	\$164,247 14
From taxes collected.....	19,890 90
From licenses and all other sources.....	463 90
Total receipts	\$166,601 94

DISBURSEMENTS.

Assisting City Assessor.....	\$87 71
Assisting City Clerk.....	102 75
Assisting City Civil Engineer.....	424 73
Bridges	1,603 95
Bonds and interest.....	100,328 50
Costs	226 35
Damages.....	11,526 58
Elections.....	5 06
Fountains	97 36
Fire Department	1,901 46
Hospital.....	63 40
Incidental	6 57
Lighting and extinguishing lamps.....	268 22
Markets.....	161 99
Office fixtures.....	85 30
Police.....	2,991 89

Printing.....	\$643 82
Parks.....	12 44
Street repairs.....	4,178 36
Station House.....	74 85
Street improvements.....	78 70
Salary.....	429 91
Balance on hand Dec. 1st, 1875	41,302 03
Total.....	\$166,601 94

The above balance consists of the following—

Balance due School Board.....	\$9,388 34
Semi-annual annuity to Tomlinson estate.....	3,500 00
Appropriated by Council to payment interest January 1st, 1876.....	28,413 69
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	\$41,302 03

All orders redeemed were received in payment of taxes, except in cases of bonds and interest and damages, appropriated and paid in cash by order of Council.

HENRY W. TUTEWILER,

INDIANAPOLIS, December 6th, 1875.

City Treasurer.

To BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The City Clerk submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 6, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—I respectfully report that on the 30th day of November, 1875, I transmitted to the City Commissions petition of James M. King, et al. in the matter of laying out and opening John street from its present terminus at Peru avenue to Massachusetts avenue, 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 approved.

The Board of Health submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 6, 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 27th day of November, to 6 o'clock P. M. on the 4th day of December, 1875.

Under 1 year.....	8
1 to 2 years.....	0
2 to 3 ".....	4
3 to 4 ".....	0
4 to 5 ".....	0
5 to 10 ".....	1
10 to 20 ".....	0
20 to 30 ".....	5
30 to 40 ".....	3
40 to 50 ".....	1
50 to 60 ".....	3
60 to 70 ".....	1
70 to 80 ".....	1
80 to 90 ".....	1
90 to 100 ".....	0
Above 100 ".....	0
Unknown ".....	0
Total.....	28

C. E. WRIGHT, M. D.,

President Board of Health.

A. STRATFORD, M. D.,

Secretary Board of Health.

Which was received.

The Chief Fire Engineer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 6, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—I beg leave to submit the following report in regard to the condition of the hose of this department. I have now on hand 1,000 feet of hose in good condition; 5,400 feet of hose in fair condition, 2,100 feet of hose in bad condition, and 1,000 feet of condemned hose. At the burning of the I. B. & W. R. R. Co.'s round-house in Indianola, on last Tuesday morning, we had in use 5,000 feet of hose for at least four hours; leaving but about 1,500 feet of hose of any service for the protection of the whole city.

Believing it to be my duty to keep your honorable body informed of the wants and needs of my department, I respectfully ask that some immediate action be taken to supply this very useful and necessary article.

Respectfully submitted,

M. G. FITCHEY,
Chief Engineer Fire Department.

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, December 6, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred the motion of Mr. Craft, directing the Committee Clerk to turn over all papers in his office to the Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney, and they to distribute and assign the same between the City Clerk and the City Civil Engineer, would report as follows :

All matters pertaining to street improvement, estimates and advertising, and the comparison of all ordinances, bids and papers, to see if they are in accordance with existing ordinances to go to the City Civil Engineer.

The examination of all papers and records, when required to do so, as well as all matters pertaining to opening and vacating streets and alleys to go to the City Clerk.

All reports of Committees, motions and resolutions to be written by the members of the Council.

The drawing of all contracts and bonds to go to the City Attorney's office.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. ADAMS,
H. F. ALBERSHARD,
JOHN J. DIFFLEY,
Committee on Judiciary.
CAS. BYFIELD,
City Attorney.

Which was concurred in.

The ex-Committee Clerk submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 6, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—I respectfully report that I have distributed matters and things pertaining to the office of Committee Clerk, as set forth in the foregoing report of the Judiciary Committee, and herewith file receipts therefor.

CHAS. P. FANT.

Received of Chas. P. Fant, Committee Clerk, the following books, papers and blanks, viz :

Three (3) estimate books (street improvement).
 One (1) estimate book (gas).
 One (1) contract record.
 Estimate blanks, large.
 Estimate blanks, small.
 Contract and bond blanks.
 Original contracts and bonds.
 Original bids.
 Original estimates (uncalled for).

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
 City Civil Engineer.

INDIANAPOLIS, December 3d, 1875.

Received of Chas P. Fant the following blanks :

Blank Improvement ordinances.
 Blank gas ordinances.
 Blank appropriation ordinances.
 Blank remonstrances.
 Blank petitions.
 Blank resolutions.
 Blank police certificates.
 Oaths of office, Police.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,
 City Clerk.

December 4th, 1875.

Received of Charles P. Fant, stationary and office fixtures, consisting of legal cap paper, envelopes large and small, blotters, letter paper, ink, pens, pencils, rubber erasers, rubber bands and paper fasteners, stand lamp, duster, etc.

STEPHEN MATTLER,
 Street Commissioner.

December 6th, 1875.

Which was concurred in.

The Superintendent of the City Hospital submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 6, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—I submit for your consideration the following report for the month of November, 1875, to wit :

Number of patients from last month.....	84
Number of patients admitted during the month.....	82
Number of births during the month.....	5
Number of patients discharged during the month.....	69
Number of deaths during the month.....	6
Number remaining in the Hospital.....	96
Average daily attendance of patients.....	81
Average daily attendance of officers and employees.....	22
Total average daily attendance.....	103
Total number of days for which subsistence was furnished.....	3,090
Total expenses for the month.....	\$1,610.60
Average expenses per capita per diem.....	52
Amount received from pay patients.....	\$91.00

Respectfully, submitted.

WM. B. McDONALD,

Superintendent.

Which was received.

The Superintendent of Bobbs' Dispensary submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 6, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—We submit the following report of the City Dispensary for the month of November, 1875 :

No. of visits to patients north of Washington street.....	105
No. of visits to patients south of Washington street.....	168
No. of visits to County Jail.....	30
No. of visits to Station House.....	26
Total number of visits.....	329
No. of patients prescribed for at the Dispensary.....	404
No. of prescriptions filled for the Jail and Station House.....	105
Whole number prescriptions filled.....	910

No. of cases of Eye and Ear disease treated.....	65
No. of Vaccinations.....	17
No. of Deaths.....	3
No. of Births.....	1

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. A. GALE, M. D.

Resident Physician.

HARRY D. MARTIN,

Clerk.

Which was received.

Mr. McGill offered the following motion :

Whereas, The awarding of the Madison avenue sewer to Lampard & Sindlinger was a clerical error, therefore,

Moved, To reconsider the vote by which the contract was awarded to Lampard & Sindlinger on Madison avenue, and that said contract for Madison avenue sewer be awarded to Joseph Hanna he being the lowest bidder.

Mr. Thalman moved as a substitute to reconsider the vote by which the contracts were awarded to Lampard & Sindlinger, for building the Madison avenue and Georgia street sewers at the last meeting of the Council.

Which motion to reconsider was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Craft, Darnell, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—17.

Negative—Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig Curran, Difflay, Gimber, Kenzel and McGill—8.

Mr. Geiger offered the following motion :

Moved, That the whole matter be referred to the Committee on Contracts.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Stuckmeyer, from the Committee on Public Buildings, submitted a report on the coal question, which report being signed by

only one member (Mr. Stuckmeyer), was ruled out of order by the chair.

Mr. Gimber offered the following motion :

Moved, That the motion awarding the contract for furnishing the city with coal to M. A. Johnson, and all other matters pertaining to the subject, be and the same is hereby rescinded, and that the Clerk be directed to readvertise for sealed proposals for furnishing the said city with coal ; bids to be received next Monday night.

Mr. Schmidt moved to lay the motion on the table.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Craft, Darnell, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, Ward and Webster—14.

Negative—Councilmen Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Diffley, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—12.

Dr. Hook, as a question of privilege, offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Indianapolis Bridge Company have thirty days more time to complete their contract for building an iron bridge on Clifford avenue over Pogues Run, provided, the company furnish a new bond.

Which was adopted.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING.

Mr. Albershardt introduced special ordinance No. 228, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on Wabash street, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets.

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Gas Light, with instructions to report next Monday night.

Mr. Kenzel presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS December 6, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owner of the real estate fronting on the alley west of West street, between Kingan and Cherry streets, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for grading and graveling said alley.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

MARTIN H. POHLSTDR.

Which was received.

Also, special ordinance No. 229, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of West street from Kingan to Cherry streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Schmidt introduced special ordinance No. 230, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading, graveling, curbing, bouldering and flagging Ohio street between Meridian and Noble street, and bouldering the alley crossings.

Which was read the first time.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

Mr. Reasner introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 57, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to appropriate money to pay sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis for the month of November, 1875.

Which was read the first time.

By consent, Mr. Reasner, from the Committee on Accounts and Claims, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 6, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your attention is respectfully called to the unusually large bill of the Indiana Cement Pipe Co., of which the sum of \$1,728.25 was used in making the drain at the intersection of Arsenal avenue and Market street.

Your Committee would respectfully recommend that the members of the Council in the future carefully estimate the cost of such drain sewers before ordering the same.

SECON D.

Also, the bill of damages on account of street opening.

Your committee recommend that no more such appropriations be made at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. REASNER,
GEO. W. GEIGER,
GEO. C. WEBSTER,

Committee on Accounts and Claims.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Geiger offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That hereafter when a resolution or motion, with power to act, is referred to a committee requiring the expenditure of money, exceeding in amount one hundred dollars, the committee shall report back to this Council, an approximate or actual estimate of the cost before such action shall have effect.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershrädt, Bollman. Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—26.

Negative—None.

Mr. Reed introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 58, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money on account of Station House for the month of November, 1875.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Ward introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 59, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money on account of City Hospital and branch for month of November, 1875.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. McGill introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 60, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money on account of printing, stationery, etc., for the month of November, 1875.

Which was read the first time.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 57, 1875, was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 58, 1875, was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 59, 1875, was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 60, 1875, was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 57, 1875, was read the third time and passed 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, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—26.

Negative—None.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 58, 1875, was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—Councilmen Darnell—1.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 59, 1875, was read the third time and passed 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, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—26.

Negative—None.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 60, 1875, was read the third time and passed 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, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—26.

Negative—None.

By consent, the following papers were offered :

Dr. Stratford offered the following motion :

Whereas, Prospect street between Reid street and corporation line east, is in very bad condition, almost impassable, and whereas, said portion of the street is not likely to be properly graded and graveled soon ; and

Whereas, the manufacturers of brick who have to haul over the road, propose to gravel said street in good condition under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, provided, the city will pay for the gravel necessary for said work ; therefore,

Moved, That said manufacturers, Wm. Stulty, Fred. Saunders, ——— Neymeyer, Ray McDougal and others, be allowed to repair said street between the points named, and that the city agree to pay for gravel at a price not to exceed fifteen cents per load, and the whole cost not to exceed seventy-five dollars.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

Moved, That Michael McBride be and is hereby granted permission to pave with brick in front of his new block on the corner of Massachusetts avenue, Walnut and Chatham streets ; the same to be done at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, who is hereby ordered to set the grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Geiger presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 6, 1875.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen.—The undersigned, would most respectfully petition your honorable body for permission to grade and gravel the west alley between Mississippi and Tennessee streets, running from North street to first alley north.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

JOHN G. BLAKE, H.

Which was received.

Mr. Geiger offered the following motion :

Moved, That the prayer of the petition of Jno. G. Blake be granted and that the City Civil Engineer set the proper grade stakes.]

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That Messrs. Griffith & New, owners of grounds on Nos. 82 and 74 north Illinois street, have permission to pave with brick the sidewalk to the full width of same, in front of said property ; the same to be done at their own expense, to be done in thirty days and the City Civil Engineer is hereby instructed to set the proper stakes.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That George Webb be and is hereby granted a license to do auction business at 61 south Meridian street.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby instructed to repair the alley north of Washington street between Meridian and Illinois streets.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Diffley offered the following motion :

Whereas, The contractors for the sewer on Illinois street cannot proceed further with said sewer on account of the street railroad tracks ; therefore,

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby ordered to notify said Street Railroad Company to remove said track immediately.

Which was adopted.

The following special order was taken up :

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. Madden offered the following amendment :

Strike out the word " Work House" in the 8th line of section 4 the words "under the orders of the Committee on Supplies of the Common Council," and insert the following: " But all such provisions and other articles necessary for furnishing of good plain food for such inmates shall only be purchased in pursuance of contracts, made on sealed proposals to the Board of Managers, and awarded to the lowest and best bidder by such Board, and approved by the Common Council; which contract shall be made once a year, and all accounts for such provisions, and other necessary articles for the purpose aforesaid, shall be certified to by the keeper of the Work House, endorsed with the approval of the Board of Managers and presented to the Common Council for allowance."

Which was adopted.

Also, the following amendment :

Amend section 4 by adding at the end thereof the following: But all such articles shall be purchased only in pursuance of contracts, to be awarded to the lowest and best bidder on sealed proposals, to be received by the Common Council from time to time, as occasion may require.

Which was adopted.

The ordinance as amended was ordered engrossed, and read the third time and passed 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, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—26.

Negative—None.

Mr. Reed moved to take up the vagrant ordinance and place the same on its passage.

Which motion was adopted.

General ordinance No. 90, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance declaring who are vagrants, and fixing the penalty for being a vagrant.

Was read the second time and engrossed, and read the third time and passed 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, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—26.

Negative—None.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, December 6, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Public Building respectfully report that only two bids were received by your committee for supplying the city with coal, viz :

G. R. Root and M. A. Johnson.

M. A. Johnson's bid was the lowest, but your committee deemed him an irresponsible bidder, therefore rejected the bid.

The bids have since become mislaid and we are unable to produce them.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN STUCKMEYER,

J. C. LAUGHLIN,

Committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. Adams moved not to concur in the report.

Mr. Thalman moved to receive the report.

Which motion to receive the report was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Diffley, Gimber, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Reed, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman and Webster—17.

□ Negative—Councilmen Adams, Craft, Darnell, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Ransdell, Schmidt and Ward—8.

The contract and bond of M. A. Johnson, for furnishing coal to the city, was presented.

Mr. Darnell moved to insert in the contract the figures as set forth in the following communication:

INDIANAPOLIS, December 6, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—As per my proposition of September last, I will furnish the amount of fuel required:

Block Coal, standard, 16 $\frac{8}{10}$ cents per bushel, 70 pounds.

Gas Coke, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per bushel 70 pounds.

Pittsburgh and Youghaney, 2d pool, 17 cents per bushel, 70 pounds.

Anthracite, \$9.50 per ton 2,000 pounds.

Respectfully,

M. A. JOHNSON.

Which was adopted.

The contract was then concurred in and the bond approved.

Mr. Darnell offered the following motion:

Moved, That the following named places be and are hereby designated for M. A. Johnson to furnish with coal for one year from this date, to-wit: City Building, Central Station and the Sixth Street Station House.

Which, on motion of Mr. Reed, was laid on the table by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran,

Diffley, Gimber, Kenzel, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Reed, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman and Webster—15.

Negative—Councilmen Craft, Darnell, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Laughlin, Ransdell, Schmidt and Ward—10.

ROLL CALL.

Mr. Adams presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 6, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—That James O. Woodruff was the contractor for improving Michigan street between the east line of U. S. Arsenal grounds and the east line of Woodruff Place, and that the undersigned was the surety on the bond of said Woodruff. That the contractor, James O. Woodruff, being, because of pecuniary embarrassments, unable to go on with said contract, devolved the performance thereof upon his surety.

That the undersigned entered upon the performance of said contract, was ready, willing and able to perform the same, that he did do part of said work.

That after part of said work had been done, your honorable body on the 9th day of November, 1874, passed an order requiring the contractor to postpone work ; that the committee to whom the matter was referred, reported on the 14th day of December, 1874; that no final action in the matter until February, 1875, and in May, 1875, a report was made to put in two sewer pipes, but this report was not approved, and instead of the pipes, the Council ordered box sewers put in, and it was not until after this was done that the undersigned was suffered or allowed to proceed with his contract.

That by reason of the delay caused by order of your honorable body, the contractor was compelled to leave such work in such condition, as that the floods of June and July did carry off and destroy grading and work to the amount of \$800.

That the cost of gravel did greatly advance during the time of such delay, and that the difference between the cost thereof had the work not been stopped, was \$991.25, and that the delay compelled the undersigned to pay that increase in price.

That such delay occasioned an increase in the cost of grading in the sum of \$1,632.39.

Your petitioner respectfully asks your honorable body to allow him said sums, and that he is justly and legally entitled thereto.

Respectfully,

THOMAS O. N. MORRIS.

Which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims and City Attorney.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to notify the contractor that improved Broadway street between Home avenue and Lincoln street to immediately remove the stumps left by the said contractor in Broadway street above Lincoln avenue, and on his failure to comply with the above motion, within ten days, the Street Commissioner is hereby directed to remove the stumps and collect the expense of the same from said contractor.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to grade and fill the approaches to the bridge over the State Ditch on College avenue.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Albershardt offered the following motion :

Moved, That all property holders on Liberty street between Ohio and New York streets, have permission to curb with stone the sidewalk in front of their property at their own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Difley asked to be excused.

Which request was granted.

Mr. Buehrig offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be ordered to notify the Gas Company to repair the sidewalk in front of No. 234, south Delaware street.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Police Board be ordered to report next Monday night in regard to the motion referred to them for equipping the Police Force with belts and maces.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to place an iron crossing over the gutters at the south-west corner of Michigan and Pennsylvania streets.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Curran offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to pave Washington street at the crossing of Noble street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Darnell offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Police Board be and are hereby ordered to discharge James B. Dickey, the Southern Park policeman.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Hook offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to place wooden culvert on the east side of Columba avenue, at the crossing of Home avenue.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the street Commissioner be directed to fill with gravel the hole at the intersection of Lawrence street and Hill avenue.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to gravel or place cinders across Malott avenue.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kenzel offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair the gutter sewer pipe at or near the bridge over White river on Morris street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Laughlin offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be and is hereby empowered to contract with some responsible person to curvvert the west gutter on New Jersey street from Washington street south to the first railroad track.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Madden presented the following charges and specifications :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 6, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, a member of the Common Council of said City hereby prefer charges, with the accompanying specifications, against Marshal E. Hall, Councilman from the Eleventh Ward, and ask that the Common Council take the steps provided by ordinance for investigation and trial of said Hall.

CHARGE FIRST.

That said Marshal E. Hall, while Councilman as aforesaid, and while serving as a member of its committee, was guilty of malfeasance and usurpation in office, assuming powers as a receiver of public money, that he had no authority to exercise and becoming indirectly interested in contracts for work done for said city, and by making improper use of, for his own benefit, of property and money belonging to said city, all of which is in violation of the laws of the State of Indiana, and ordinances of said city.

SPECIFICATION FIRST.

That said Marshal E. Hall, while Councilman as aforesaid, and while acting as one of the Committee of the Common Council on Markets, did, on or about the — day of June, 1875, become indirectly interested with one Francis Jean, in a contract made by said Committee for building an addition to, and making sundry repairs upon, the East Market House, whereby said Hall did receive a portion of the money paid by said city for said work.

SPECIFICATION SECOND.

That said Marshal E. Hall, while Councilman as aforesaid and a member of the Committee on Markets, did, on or about the — day of June, 1875, receive a certain sum of money from one George Woodfill, which money was paid to said Hall by said Woodfill in consideration of the alleged influence of said Hall in obtaining a certain contract for paving with brick a certain portion of, and making repairs at the East Market in said city.

SPECIFICATION THIRD.

That said Marshal E. Hall, while Councilman as aforesaid and member of the Committee on Markets, did, on or about the — day of June, 1875, make an unlawful demand of one Erastus NanEaton, for a sum of money as his share in a certain contract for weather boarding and making certain other repairs on the East Market in said city.

SPECIFICATION FOURTH.

That said Marshal E. Hall, while Councilman as aforesaid, and member of the Committee on Markets, did, on or about the — day of June, 1875, remove to his own house, with a team furnished by the Street Commissioner, at his demand, from the East Market space, a quantity of good paving brick which had been delivered on said Market space for the use of the city, and for which said city subsequently paid for, the value of which property has never been paid into the City Treasury by said Hall, or any one in his behalf, the use of said team being obtained for the purpose of removing rubbish from the East Market space.

SPECIFICATION FIFTH.

That said Marshal E. Hall, while acting as Councilman of said city and a member of the Committee on Steam Road Roller, did, on or about the — day of ———, 1875, contract with one George Woodfill to build a wooden shed over said Steam Road Roller, and upon the completion of said work, did certify as correct, an account in favor of said Woodfill against said city to the amount of thirty dollars; that afterwards the said Hall did certify another account for the same work, in favor of the same contractor against said city to the amount of forty dollars; which last named account was presented for allowance and payment by the said Common Council by said Hall, and certified to by him as correct, with the request that it be substituted for the first named account; that both of said accounts were not allowed by the Committee on Accounts and Claims, but destroyed; subsequently thereto an allowance was made for a less amount than that charged in either of said accounts.

SPECIFICATION SIXTH.

The said Marshal E. Hall, while a member of the Council aforesaid, and Chairman of the Committee on Sellars Farm, did make an unauthorized and unlawful

demand of certain renters of ground on said Farm, from the amount of rent due from them to said city, but that said demand was not acceded to by such renters, but who made payment of said rent directly into the City Treasury.

SPECIFICATION SEVENTH.

That said Marshal E. Hall, while as Councilman as aforesaid, and as Chairman of the Committee on Sellers Farm, did, on the 14th day of August, 1875, make an unauthorized and illegal demand of Charles G. Morris, Secretary of the Indiana Fertilizing Company, for the rent due to the said city of Indianapolis from said company for ground upon said Farm, said Hall claiming to be the authorized agent of the city to receive said rent money, whereupon the said Chas. G. Morris, as Secretary of said company, did deliver to said M. E. Hall his check upon the First National Bank of Indianapolis for the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, which check was made payable to M. E. Hall for rent of Sellers Farm, and which said check was presented to said bank by said Hall and the money thereon paid to him, which money has never been paid over by said Hall to the City Treasurer, and which illegal collection of money said Hall, at the time he made the same, knew that he was unauthorized to make.

SPECIFICATION EIGHTH.

That said Marshal E. Hall, while as Councilman, aforesaid, and as Chairman of the Committee on Sellers Farm, did, on the 8th day of November, 1875, make an unauthorized and illegal demand of Chas. G. Morris, Secretary of the Indiana Fertilizing Company for the rent due to the said city of Indianapolis, from said company for ground upon said farm; said Hall claiming to be the authorized agent of the city to receive the said rent money, whereupon the said Chas. G. Morris, as secretary of said company did deliver to said M. E. Hall, his check upon the First National Bank, of Indianapolis, for the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, which check was made payable to M. E. Hall, for rent of Sellers Farm; and which said check was presented to said bank by said Hall, and the money thereon paid to him, which money has never been paid over by said Hall to the City Treasurer, and which illegal collection at the time he made the same knew that he was unauthorized to make. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

ROBT. C. MCGILD,
THOMAS MADDEN,

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That said charges and specifications presented against Marshal E. Hall, Councilman from the Eleventh Ward, be referred to a Special Committee of three, appointed by the chair, with instructions to inquire whether the matters as charged

therein are sufficient to justify a trial of said Hall by the Common Council, and that said committee make report thereon at the next regular meeting.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

The Chair appointed as such Committee Councilmen Madden, Darnell and Adams.

Mr. Madden moved to add the City Attorney to the Committee as an advisory member.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilman Albershardt, Buehrig, Curran, Geiger, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—12.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Craft, Darnell, Hook, Kahn, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, Ward and Webster—11.

Mr. Hall having been excused from voting.

Mr. Ransdell offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair Washington street, where the same is needed, between Meridian and Illinois streets. Also, that he be directed to repair Illinois street between Washington and Market streets.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Reasner presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 6, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, your petitioners, respectfully pray your honorable

body to cause to be laid out and opened, a public alley twelve (12) feet wide, beginning on first alley east of East street, in out-lot 93, in Jones' sub-division of said city; running thence east to the west line of out-lot 92; the center of said alley to be 148 feet, 4 inches, from the south line of said out-lots.

And your said petitioners would further show that one Wm. Garner and Eliza Garner his wife, being the owners in fee of the south-west part of out-lot 92, above named, have already dedicated to said city an alley fifteen feet wide, for the use of the public, running from the west to the east line of the first alley west of Noble street, and 148 feet 4 inches, from the south line of said out-lot 92, and that the rights and titles of the adjoining property holders and proprietors have been acquired with reference to said dedication, and that said adjoining proprietors have accepted said dedication and have, together with the general public entered on the use of the same and claim the easement therein as aforesaid.

Wherefore, your petitioners pray your honorable body to accept said dedication and they file herewith a plat of said out lots and said proposed alley, and make the same a part of this petition.

D. D. LONG,
A. H. BAKER,
PETER SPITZFADEN,
FRED. HARTMAN,
and 6 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Opening and Laying Out Streets and Alleys.

Also, the following motion :

Whereas, The alley opening on Washington street, between the Michigan Road and the first alley east of the Michigan road, is a private alley; and

Whereas, The said alley crossing is in a bad and inconvenient condition for travel; therefore,

Moved, That the Street Commissioner notify the owners of said alley to boulder and flag said alley crossing, and on their failure so to do within ten days after such notice, the Street Commissioner is hereby ordered to do said work at the cost and expense of the owners of said alley.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner place in proper repair for the convenience of travel, the east sidewalk of Leota street, at the intersection of Michigan Road.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner boulder the Williams street crossing on South Arsenal avenue.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Whereas, Charges have been published in the city public newspapers against C. Butterfield, a former Clerk of the city, alledging that there is due the city from said former officer and his bondsmen large sums of money ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and City Attorney are hereby ordered to investigate such charges and report to this Council at its next regular meeting.

Dr. Stratford offered the following as a substitute to Mr. Reasner's:

Whereas, It has been repeatedly charged by some of the city papers that Cyrus S. Butterfield, while Clerk of the city of Indianapolis, from 1863 to 1867, was a defaulter in a large sum of money, and that there were irregularities in the adjustment of the city's claim against said Butterfield and his sureties, in this that the sureties gave their notes for the amount or a portion thereof, and that said notes have never been paid ; therefore,

Moved, That a Special Committee of three members of Council be appointed, who shall investigate this matter thoroughly and report the facts to this Council.

Which was accepted by Mr. Reasner.

The substitute was then adopted.

The Chair appointed as Special Committee Councilmen Stratford, Gimber and Craft.

Mr. Reed offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Committee on Gas Light be and are hereby instructed to consult with the Gas Company and receive their lowest possible figures for providing the street lamps of the city with gas every night in the year, without reference to the light given by the moon.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Schmidt offered the following motion :

Whereas, The Indianapolis Gas Company has constructed a sewer, which sewer connects with the South street sewer ; and

Whereas, Mr. Bussard, the sewer cleaner undertook to go into said South street sewer to clean the same, and came very near losing his life thereby on account of gas confined in said South street sewer, which was conveyed into said South street sewer from the sewer so constructed by the said Gas Company ; therefore, be it

Moved, That the foregoing matter be referred to the Board of Health and the City Civil Engineer with instructions to report on same to this Council on next Monday night.

Which was adopted.

Mr. McGill asked to be excused.

Which request was granted.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to put down a flag stone crossing from the No. 1 Engine House across Indiana avenue.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissionaner put in wooden culverts or cement pipe at the crossing of Michigan and Douglas streets, and Patterson and Michigan street, also at the crossing of Blake and North streets.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That permission be and is hereby granted G. C. VanCamp & Son, to grade and pave with brick and curb with stone the sidewalks in front of their property on the corner of Michigan and Missouri streets, also to boulder the gutters ; the work to be done within sixty days, at their own expense, all to be done under the direction and supervision of the City Civil Engineer, who is hereby directed to set the grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Ward offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to fill with gravel the ruts and chuck holes on Plum street between Massachusetts avenue and Cherry street.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 6, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—We, the undersigned, owning property on the second alley south of St. Clair street between Liberty and Noble streets, would respectfully remonstrate against an ordinance now pending for the improvement of the said alley between the points above named, for the reason that the said alley has, for the greater part of its length, been recently filled with dirt to the depth of from three to four feet and is not sufficiently settled for graveling.

And your remonstrants will ever pray, etc.

HENRY LEPPER, 165 ft.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys with the ordinance.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest :

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk