

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
Monday, January 17th, 1876—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, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—25.

Absent—Councilman Darnell—1.

The proceedings of the regular session held January 10th, 1876, were read and approved.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, January 17, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Contracts, to which was referred the proposals submitted to Council January 10th, 1876, for covering with cinders the unprotected portion of the Kentucky avenue sewer at White River, report that the following proposals were submitted, viz ;

C. S. Roney, \$1.15 per cubic yard.

Fred, Gansberg, 95 cents per cubic yard.

Michael Faust, 95 cents per cubic yard.

Henry Clay, 82 cents per cubic yard.

Henry Clay 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 contract awarded.

Mr. Thalman moved to reconsider the vote by which the third section of the report of the Committee on Contracts, made to Council at last meeting, was recommitted with instructions to report in favor of a brick sewer in Potomac street.

Which motion to reconsider was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—Councilman Schmidt—1.

Mr. Thalman moved to concur in the third section of the report of the Committee on Contracts, and that the contract be awarded as recommended by said Committee in their report January 10, 1876.

On motion by Mr. Curran, the subject was referred to the Committee on Sewers.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 17, 1876.

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 Bruner & Riner, for building a well at the corner of Columbia avenue and Pendleton Road—

	\$700 00
Less former payment.....	490 00
	\$210 00
Present payment.....	\$210 00

Also, a second and partial estimate allowed Bruner & Riner, for constructing a brick sewer in and along Pennsylvania street from Home avenue to Second street, thence west in and along Second street to and connecting with sewer in said Second street at intersection of Meridian street—

1312.41 lineal feet at \$3.70.....	\$4,855 92
7 man-holes at \$23.00.....	161 00
6 catch basins at \$70.00.....	420 00
	\$5,436 92
Less 5 per cent.....	271 92
	\$5,165 00
Less former payment.....	1,789 00
	\$3,376 00
Present payment.....	\$3,376 00

Also, a third, corrected and final estimate allowed John Schier, for paving the north sidewalk of Washington street between Noble street and the corporation line east, except where already paved—

900.5 lineal feet at 74½ cents.....	\$670 87
20 lineal feet curbing reset at 15 cents.....	3 00
	\$673 87
Less former payment.....	673 87
	0 00
Present payment.....	0 00

Also, a third and final estimate allowed James W. Hudson, for grading and paving with brick and curbing with stone on Winston street, from Market street to the first alley south of St. Clair street—

5958.18 lineal feet curbing at 50 cents.....	\$2,979 09
5102.70 lineal feet paving at 35 cents.....	1,785 95
533.46 square yards bouldering at 65 cents.....	346 75
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	\$5,111 79
Less former payment	4,765 04
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Present payment.....	\$346 75

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Bruner & Riner, for constructing a brick sewer in and along Pennsylvania street from Home avenue to Second street, thence west in and along Second street to and connecting with sewer in said Second street at intersection of Meridian street, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing third, corrected and final 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, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—24.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing third and final estimate allowed James W. Hudson for grading and paving with brick and curbing with stone on Winston street from Market street to the first alley south of St. Clair street be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 17, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—I was directed to make a plat for the opening of the alley between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets, from Second street north. Would report that I have made said plat, and the same is now on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was received.

Mr. Adams moved that the petition and plat be referred to the Committee on Opening and Laying Out Streets and Alleys.

Which motion was adopted.

The City Clerk submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 17, 1876.

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

Gentlemen:—I respectfully report the following affidavits now on file in my office for the collection of street assessments by precept, to-wit :

Frederick Gansburg vs. James H. Fuller for.....	\$26 10
John Schier vs. T. M. Robbins (Christian name unknown) for.....	124 60
John Schier vs. John Larimore for.....	20 52
John Schier vs. John Larimore for.....	20 52
John Schier vs. Samuel Fisher for.....	20 52
John Schier vs. Samuel Fisher for.....	20 52
John Schier vs. Joshua Eliason for.....	21 60
John Schier vs. Joshua Eliason for.....	21 60
John Schier vs. Joshua Eliason for.....	21 60

And respectfully recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,

City Clerk.

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

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

Negative—None.

The City Clerk presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 17, 1876.

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

Gentlemen:—I am desirous of introducing into your city my concrete pavement, and to induce your honorable body to give the same a fair and impartial trial, I am

willing to put down said pavement on the crossing of Washington and Delaware streets, at which point it will be in constant use. I propose to lay the same the full width of the sidewalk, and shall ask no pay until your honorable body are satisfied as to its durability and wear; on the other hand, if it meets with your approval and entire satisfaction, the city shall pay me for the same the sum of thirty-three (33) cents per square foot.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS NEWBY.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The City Attorney submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, January 17, 1876.

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

Gentlemen:—We herewith return the petition of A. F. Shortridge, referred to us for an opinion.

We report that the bond given by Mr. Shortridge, to indemnify the city for supposed deficiencies in his account as Treasurer for the city for the year 1858, ought to be released and satisfied of record in the Recorder's office of Marion county. We are satisfied the city has no recourse on the bond against Mr. Shortridge, and we suggest that the Council order the Clerk to enter satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

CAS. BYFIELD,
City Attorney.
J. CAVEN,
Mayor

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, January 17, 1876.

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

Gentlemen:—In reference to the proceedings of the City Commissioners in assessing benefits and damages for opening Court street, referred to me at your last meeting, I beg leave to report that in my opinion the proceedings are so irregular for want of proper notice, and improper description of the property assessed, that it would be unsafe to attempt to enforce the collection of the same. I suggest that the Council

rescind the proceedings heretofore had, and refer the matter *de novo* to the City Commissioners, and in case the Council desire to do this it will be necessary to pass the resolutions accompanying this report.

Respectfully submitted,

CAS. BYFIELD,
City Attorney.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution heretofore passed by this Council on the 27th day of December, 1875, adopting and approving the report of the City Commissioners in assessing benefits and damages by reason of opening Court street to a breadth of 28 feet, from East street to Noble street, be and the same is hereby rescinded, and all proceedings heretofore had and done therein be annulled.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the matter of opening Court street from East street to Noble street, to a width of 28 feet, as petitioned for by William H. English and others, together with the plat of the same, be referred to the Committee on Opening Streets and Alleys.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

The Street Commissioner submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS January 17, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—I have put in and tried the patent catch-basin trap of Nice, Wonder & O'Brien, of Columbus, Ohio, and they have given good satisfaction. They are designed to prevent the foul air and gas from escaping from the sewers.

I would recommend that the Committee on Sewers be instructed to correspond with the above mentioned parties in reference to the price of said catch-basin trap, with a view to purchasing the same.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN MATTLER,
Street Commissioner.

Which was concurred in.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 17, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—I hereby report the following contracts and bonds for your approval :

Contract and bond of Bruner & Riner, for constructing a brick sewer in and along Georgia street, from the Illinois street sewer to the first alley east of Meridian street.

Contract and bond of Bruner & Riner, for constructing a brick sewer in and along Madison avenue, from the south side of Yeizer street to and connecting with the Ray street sewer.

Respectfully submitted.

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was received, contracts concurred in and bonds approved.

The Superintendent of the City Hospital submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 17, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The annual report of the Superintendent of the City Hospital and Pest House is herewith presented you.

THEOPHILUS PARVIN,
President of Board of Trustees.

CITY HOSPITAL, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

To the Honorable Board of Trustees :

Gentlemen :—I herewith submit the following report of the condition of the City Hospital and Branch for the year ending December 31st, 1875 :

No. of patients in Hospital December 31st, 1874.....	71
No. of patients admitted during the year.....	874
No. of births during the year.....	63
Total.....	937
No. of patients treated during the year.....	1008
No. of patients discharged.....	826
No. of patients died.....	95
No. of patients remaining Dec. 31st, 1875.....	87
Average days of residence in hospital.....	31½
Daily average number of patients.....	87½
No. of days for which subsistence was furnished.....	39,285
Total of expenses.....	\$21,616 48
Less amount received from pay patients.....	672 76
Leaving balance of.....	\$21 043 73
Expenses per capita per diem.....	53½ cents.

The following tables will show the details of operations for the year:

• TABLE No. 1.

Showing number of days for which subsistence was furnished.

1875.	Patients.	Officers and Employes.
January.....	2,622	651
February.....	2,656	616
March.....	2,622	651
April.....	2,803	470
May.....	2,622	651
June.....	2,623	660
July.....	2,591	682
August.....	2,633	620
September.....	2,703	570
October.....	2,622	651
November.....	2,622	651
December.....	2,622	651
	31,761	7,524

TABLE No. 2.

Showing expenses per month.

January	\$1,737 34
February	1,542 21
March.....	1,705 08
April.....	1,656 52
May.....	1,964 90
June	1,546 16
July.....	1,596 34
August.....	1,661 50
September.....	2,039 87
October.....	2,271 66
November.....	1,610 90
December.....	2,281 99
 Total.....	<hr/> \$21,616 49

TABLE No. 3.

Name.	Age.	Cause of Death.	Date of Death
James Rocky	36 years...	Mania a Potu.....	Jan. 1, 1875
James J. Watts	24 " ..	Peritonitis.....	2,
Frederick Elsor.....	22 " ..	Phthisis Pulmonalis.....	3,
Jeremiah Leary.....	34 " ..	" " ..	5,
Jeremiah O'Conner.....	27 " ..	" " ..	6,
Jno. Stewart.....	22 " ..	" " ..	7,
Sarah Soloman.....	49 " ..	Pneumonia.....	13,
Lewis Beckman.....	20 " ..	" ..	16,
Lizzie Clark.....	39 " ..	Phthisis Pulmon.....	16,
Infant Hinesley.....	21 days...	Capillary Bronchitis.....	16,
Carrie McFarland.....	2 years...	Croup	30,
Frank Robinson.....	39 " ..	Pneumonia	30,
Jno. Scott.....	35 " ..	" ..	Feb. 4,
Charles Bolckhardt.....	40 " ..	Cirrhosis of Liver.....	8,
Infant Kendall.....	4 days...	Pulminory collapse.....	20,
Charles D. Kruger.....	31 years...	Phthisis Pulmon.....	20,
Jno. Miller.....	59 " ..	Variola.....	22,
Geo. Lockwood	24 " ..	" ..	27,
Infant Petty.....	36 days...	Capillary Bronchitis.....	27,
Infant Boone.....	11 " ..	Variola.....	28,
Jno. Dailey	33 years...	" ..	Mar. 3,
Albert Hughes.....	8 " ..	" ..	5,
Infant Vincent.....	2 days...	Inanition.....	6,
Infant Robbins	" ..	Still-born at term.....	16,

Name.	Age.	Cause of Death.	Date of Death
Joseph McCarthy	35 years...	Variola.....	Mar. 21, 1875
Jacob Miller.....	60 " ..	" ..	22,
Eliz. Hillard.....	62 " ..	" ..	23,
Henry Cotton.....	16 " ..	Eudocarditis.....	27,
Cynthia Owens.....	19 " ..	Pneumonia	April 3,
Caroline Wray.....	21 " ..	" ..	7,
Charles McCabe.....	17 " ..	Congestion of Lungs.....	7,
Leonard Wisbread.....	73 " ..	Vesical Hemorrhage	13,
Melissa Rosa.....	39 " ..	Variola	19,
Laura Speese.....	12 " ..	Phthisis Pulmon	20,
Maggie Myrick.....	19 " ..	Puerperal Peritonitis.....	20,
Infant Moore.....	33 days...	Inanition.....	24,
Infant Kellar	4 " ..	Pulmonary Collapse.....	25,
Andrew J. Austin	50 years...	Chronic Pneumonia	26,
Robert Templeton.....	23 " ..	Phthisis Pulmon.....	26,
Infant Wilson.....	3 days...	Inanition.....	26,
Daniel McGrimes.....	43 years...	Carcinonia of face.....	May 4,
Sarah Isenhour.....	71 " ..	Pneumonia.....	5,
Jno. C. Pfremer.....	17 " ..	Variola.....	7,
Mary A. Coulter.....	65 " ..	Necrosis of fenuir	7,
Bridget McNalty	14 " ..	Morbus Coxarius.....	7,
Samuel Johnson.....	35 " ..	Vesical Calculus	9,
William H. Francis.....	33 " ..	Mania a Potu.....	10,
Lucius Barnard.....	16 " ..	Variola.....	10,
Lucy Hansbury	22 " ..	Variola and Pregnancy.....	12,
Jennie Swartz.....	19 " ..	Typhoid Fever.....	13,
James Tracey	16 " ..	Phthisis Pulmonalis.....	14,
Jno. Page.....	65 " ..	Acute Pleuritis	20,
John Allen.....	20 " ..	Phthisis Pulmonalis.....	20,
Infant Compton	21 days...	Inanition.....	June 1,
John Richards.....	24 years...	Phthisis Pulmon.....	4,
Nancy Spaulding.....	21 " ..	Variola.....	16,
Martha Eaglin.....	37 " ..	Gastro-enteritis.....	July 7,
Rose Williams.....	16 " ..	Phthisis Pulmonolis.....	14,
Christiana Kerstenyer.....	20 " ..	Bum of lower extremities.....	17,
Franklin Anderson	33 " ..	Rheumatism.....	18,
Jno. Rewishew.....	31 " ..	Traumatic Erysipelas.....	26,
Infant Knott.....	10 days...	Inanition.....	27,
Ebenezer Morgan.....	Mania a Potu.....	Aug. 8,
Jno. Irwine.....	64 years...	Valvular disease of heart.....	16,
James F. Miller.....	25 " ..	Chronic Dysentery.....	22,
Henry Kling.....	45 " ..	Chronic Pneumonia.....	24,
Laura Ford.....	36 " ..	Phthisis Pulmonalis.....	Sept. 11,
Michael Cifut.....	62 " ..	Mania a Potu.....	18,
Joseph B. Montgomery.....	37 " ..	Phthisis Pulmonalis.....	21,
James Furn.....	28 " ..	" ..	25,

Name.	Age.	Cause of Death.	Date of Death
Herman Taylor	38 "	...Pneumonia	Oct. 2, 1875
Name unknown.....		Congestive Chill.....	2,
Jno. Dale.....	45 years	Mania a Potu..	7,
Eliz. Hutchison	66 "	...Chronic Dysentery.....	17,
Newman Asher	30 "	...Epilepsy	18,
Duncan McDonald	36 "	...Pneumonia	29,
Jno. Williams	54 "	...Phthisis Pulmon.....	Nov. 4,
Lewis Grimm	21 "	...Typho Malarial fever.....	14,
Infant Brown		Still-born at term.....	23,
Daniel Moriarty.....	55 years	...Pneumonia	24,
Thomas J. Taylor... ..	43 "	...Atrophy of Gastric tubules ..	26,
Infant Link.....	2 days	...Epilepsy.....	28,
Julia A. Smith.....	88 years	...Carcinoma of Vagina.....	30,
Joseph Lewis.....	29 "	...Typhoid Fever.....	Dec. 5,
Michael Kinney.....	45 "	...Erysipelas.....	6,
Infant Mason.....	6 days	...Syphilis.....	6,
Infant Wehr.....	2 "	...Euteritis.....	7,
Thomas Leonard.....	22 years	...Erysipelas.....	9,
Christie Wehr.....	19 "	...Puerperal Peritonitis.....	13,
James Lynch	50 "	...Pneumonia	19,
Ella Kirby	17 "	...Tansy poisoning.....	25,
Charles Roberts.....	45 "	...Pleuro Pneumonia.....	26,
Richard Jago	24 "	...Syphilis.....	28,
Maggie Walderman.....	33 "	...Puerperal Peritonitis.....	29,
Michael Hartman.....	23 "	...Fracture of Skull.....	31,

TABLE No. 4.

Showing amount received from sale of tickets for Library Fund.

Amount on hand January 1st, 1875.....	\$350 00
Received during the year.....	140 00
Total.....	\$490 00
Expended for books.....	\$256 80
Expended for book case.....	70 00
Expended for express on books.....	7 20
Expended for N. Y. Exchange.....	20
Expended for printing.....	3 00
Total.....	\$337 20
Leaving balance on hand.....	\$158 80

The hospital has, during the past year, received for treatment more patients than in any year preceding. There is an urgent demand for a larger hospital, the ratio of increase per year since the hospital was established having been from 25 to 40 per cent.

I again call your attention to some of the necessities of the Hospital—

1st. The one thing most needed is some manner of sewerage, in order that the waste, slop and other refuse material may be carried away. There is nothing of the kind here. There is no reason why the present location should not be as healthy as any other part of the city, but the present method of disposing of the contents of the night vessels is to carry them to the water closet.

I would urge upon the board that they take some steps at once to have an eighteen inch cement pipe sewer laid from the hospital to Fall Creek, having its outlet where it could be carried away. This could be done at a cost of about \$1.10 per foot, the distance being something over seven hundred feet.

During the year there has been treated in the Branch Hospital (Pest House) thirty-three patients, thirteen of whom died. Most of these were persons that were broken down in health, as can be seen by reference to the table giving the name, age, cause of death, etc.

In conclusion, I wish to return thanks to the members of the Hospital staff for the attention and kindness shown the Hospital during the past year. They have all shown a disposition to attend, either day or night, as the necessities of the cases required; the result has been that the patients have received thorough attention at the hands of some of the best medical and surgical talent in the city. I wish also to thank his Honor, the Mayor, and the Council for their courtesy to the Board of Trustees and myself, and hereby extend to all of you an invitation to come and visit the Hospital.

Respectfully, submitted.

WM. B. McDONALD,

Superintendent.

Which was received.

The Board of Health submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 17, 1876.

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 8th day of January, to 6 o'clock P. M. on the 15th day of January, 1876. ■

Under 1 year.....	14
1 to 2 years.....	0
2 to 3 ".....	1

3 to 4 years.....	0
4 to 5 ".....	0
5 to 10 ".....	1
10 to 20 ".....	4
20 to 30 ".....	5
30 to 40 ".....	1
40 to 50 ".....	1
50 to 60 ".....	2
60 to 70 ".....	2
70 to 80 ".....	1
80 to 90 ".....	1
90 to 100 ".....	0
Above 100 ".....	0
Unknown ".....	0
	—
Total.....	33

C. E. WRIGHT, M. D.,

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

President Board of Health.

Which was received.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

Mr. Albershardt introduced special ordinance No. 2, 1876, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for improving Ohio street from the east line of Meridian street to the east line of East street, and all street and alley intersections between the points named.

Which was read the first time.

Also, special ordinance No. 3, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for improving Ohio street between the east line of East street and the east line of Noble street, and all street and alley intersections between the same points.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Geiger introduced general ordinance No. 2, 1876, entitled :
An ordinance appropriating money for the use of the Chief Fire Engineer.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Gimber introduced general ordinance No. 3, 1876, entitled :
An ordinance appropriating money for the use of the Street Commissioner.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Geiger moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of placing the above entitled ordinances on their passage.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

Negative—None.

General ordinance No. 2, 1876, entitled :

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

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, Duffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—24.

Negative—None.

General ordinance No. 3, 1876, entitled :

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

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, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—24.

Negative—None.

Dr. Hook presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 16, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Peru street, between Seventh street and Lincoln avenue, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling and paving the sidewalks of said Peru street between the above named points, with river or creek gravel.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

J. M. Hutchison, John Bugbee, Wm. G. Rubush, S. L. Rowan, Stephen Crome, P. E. Hoss.

Which was received.

Dr. Hook introduced special ordinance No. 4, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Peru street, and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof, from Lincoln avenue to Seventh or Tinker street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Madden introduced general ordinance No. 4, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance fixing the fees of Mayor, Marshal, Witnesses and Jurors in certain cases, and providing the manner of taxing and collecting such fees.

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

Mr. Adams introduced general ordinance No. 5, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to prevent railroad companies from allowing cars containing bodies of dead animals or offal to remain on any tracks or switches within the city limits for a longer period of time than one hour.

Which was read the first time.

Mr Adams moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of placing the above entitled ordinance on its passage.

Which motion was adopted 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—None.

General ordinance No. 5, 1876, was read the second time.

Mr. Reed moved to amend by inserting the words "two hours" in lieu of "one hour."

Which amendment 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, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—25.

Negative—None.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Gimber, from the Committee on Streets and Alleys, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 17, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred sundry papers, beg leave to submit the following report :

FIRST.

An ordinance and remonstrance against the same, providing for grading and graveling the second alley south of St. Clair street, running east and west between Noble and Spring street, was to us referred.

Your Committee report against the passage of the ordinance and in favor of the remonstrance.

SECOND.

A remonstrance against improvement of Ohio street between Meridian and Noble street was also referred.

Your Committee report in favor of the remonstrance, and recommend that said ordinance be stricken from the files.

THIRD.

A motion offered by Councilman Thalman, "directing the Street Commissioner to fix the west gutter on Blackford street, at Washington street," was referred to us.

Your Committee report in favor of the passage of said motion.

FOURTH.

A motion offered by Councilman Hook, "directing Street Commissioner to place wooden culvert on the ditch on Malotte avenue, at first alley east of Yandes street," was to us referred.

Your Committee report in favor of the passage of said motion.

FIFTH.

A motion offered by Councilman Thalman, "directing Street Commissioner to

place a pipe drain across the ditch on north side of Michigan street; at crossing of California street, was also referred to us.

Your Committee believe said work should be done; therefore report in favor of the passage of said motion.

SIXTH.

A motion offered by Councilman Ward, "directing the Street Commissioner to place a wooden culvert over the gutters at the intersection of Massachusetts avenue and Plum street," was referred to us, and finding said work necessary, we report in favor of said work being done.

SEVENTH.

A motion was offered by Councilman Hook, "directing Street Commissioner to place a wooden culvert over the ditch on Columbia avenue, at the intersection of Seventh street, and at the intersection of Rohampton and Seventh street," was referred to us.

Your Committee report in favor of the passage of said motion.

EIGHTH.

There are two motions referred to us asking for stone crossings, one by Councilman Thalman for stone crossing on Indiana avenue at No. 1 Engine House, and one by Councilman Albershardt for crossings on West side of Pennsylvania street crossing Ohio street.

Your Committee respectfully report against the passage of motions ordering stone crossings.

NINTH.

A motion offered by Councilman Hook, "directing the Street Commissioner to fill the hole at the corner of Hill avenue and Lawrence street," was referred to us, and we recommend that said motion be referred to the Street Commissioner for his inspection.

TENTH

Also, a motion offered by Councilman Laughlin, "directing Civil Engineer to contract with some parties to build a culvert over the west gutter on New Jersey strent from Washington street to Railroad.

Your Committee report against said motion.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY GIMBER,

W. F. REASNER,

ISAAC THALMAN,

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Which report was concurred in, action having been taken on each

clause. The eighth paragraph was concurred in by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—14.

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

Mr. McGill moved that the Committee on Finance be instructed to make a report at next meeting of Council on the Thomas Wren petition.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Madden moved to reconsider the vote by which the bond of Bruner & Riner, for building sewer in and along Madison avenue from the south side of Yeizer street to and connecting with the Ray street sewer, was approved.

Which motion was adopted 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—None.

Mr. Adams moved to refer the bond back to the City Civil Engineer.

Mr. Madden moved as a substitute to reject the bond.

On motion by Mr. Buehrig, the main question was ordered.

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

Councilmen Albershardt, Buehrig, Curran, Diffley, Geiger, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—12.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Councilmen Adams, Bollman, Craft, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, Ward and Webster—13.

So Mr. Madden's substitute was not adopted.

Mr. Adams' motion to refer back to the City Civil Engineer was then adopted.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, January 17, 1876.

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

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

The American Meter Company presents a claim for the sum of one hundred and fifty-seven dollars, for one meter prover, claiming never to have received the pay for same.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the City is not indebted to the American Meter, as the same has been once paid the amount of this bill, the receipt for the same now being on file in City Treasurer's office. We therefore recommend the claim be not allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. ADAMS,

H. F. ALBERSHARDT,

J. J. DIFFLEY,

Committee on Judiciary.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 17, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred the communication of Powell Howland and others, asking the Council to appoint a special committee to confer with the authorities of the Fall Creek Gravel Road with a view to the change of the channel of Fall Creek. A portion of the ground owned by the city and known as the North Park is affected by the proposed change.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the whole matter be referred to the Committee on Parks for them to investigate and report.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Albershardt submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 10, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Water Works and Fire Department, and Chief Fire Engineer and City Civil Engineer, to whom was referred a communication from John R. Elder, President of the Indianapolis Water Works Co, per which this Council was notified that said Water Works Co. had laid the 20 miles of water pipe as agreed upon with this Council June, 1874. Furthermore that 41 more fire plugs^s were to be located under the same agreement, as they were ready to put them in.

After a careful examination, your Committee instructed the Chief Fire Engineer to locate said 41 fire plugs at once.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. GEIGER,
G. KENZEL,
W. H. CRAFT,
Committee on Fire Department.
M. G. FITCHEY,
Chief Engineer Fire Department.

H. F. ALBERSHARDT,
JOHN J. DIFFLEY,
F. M. HOOK,
Committee on Water Works.
BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Dr. Ward, from the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 17, 1876.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee, to whom was referred the annual report of the Superintendent of the City Dispensary (formerly Bobb's Dispensary), would respectfully report that on examining the same and comparing with former reports, we find the medical service rendered the poor is largely in excess of former years, the causes for which are set forth in said report. In our opinion, the work has been well done, and the Superintendent and his assistants are to be commended for the faithful manner in which they have discharged their duties.

We are in receipt of a communication from Dr. Fletcher, the Superintendent, (which is herewith submitted as a part of this report) proposing to continue the work for a donation of eight hundred dollars per quarter from the city.

Your Committee believe the Dispensary should be continued another quarter or until other satisfactory means are provided for supplying medical aid to this unfortunate class. We would therefore recommend that eight hundred dollars be appropriated for the use of the Dispensary for the quarter ending March 31, 1876.

Your Committee would also recommend the adoption of the following motion.

Respectfully submitted,

B. WARD,

H. F. ALBERSHARDT,

ROBT. C. MCGILL,

Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 17, 1875,

To the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals :

Sir:—There being urgent demand for the continuance of the work of the City Dispensary, a single day of its suspension causing much suffering and annoyance to the poor, we pray your Committee to continue the city donation, at least for the first quarter, until, if you see fit, some other plan for this relief be devised.

1st. We will continue, as heretofore, to visit all worthy poor in the city of Indianapolis who are unable to come to the Dispensary.

2d. We will examine and prescribe for all who apply at the Dispensary.

3d. We will attend the Station House daily, and furnish medicines to the same.

4th. We will attend all cases of small pox that are a charge to the city, until they be removed to the Pest House.

5th. We will vaccinate all who apply for that purpose. All this without further expense to the city than quarterly donation of eight hundred dollars.

W. B. FLETCHER,
Supt. City Dispensary.

Which was received.

Dr. Ward offered the following motion :

Moved, That while the present arrangement with Dr. Fletcher continues, the Board of Health be and are hereby instructed to contract no bills for medical treatment to the poor, to be paid by the city, until they have first applied to Dr. Fletcher and he has failed or refused to furnish such treatment.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Ward introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 6, 1876, entitled :

As ordinance appropriating money on account of City Dispensary.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Ward moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of placing the above entitled ordinance on its passage.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 6, 1876,

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig,

Craft, Curran, Duffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—24.

Negative—None.

The Committee on Opening and Laying Out Streets and Alleys were granted permission to make report next Monday night.

By consent, Mr. Gimber presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 17, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, citizens residing and doing business on Louisiana street between Illinois and Meridian street, respectfully ask your honorable body to pass an ordinance preventing hotel-runners and solicitors from pursuing their calling on Louisiana street between the aforesaid points.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

CHAS. GROBE,
MARTIN KEPPEL,
JOHN BACH,
CONRAD WESTENFIELD,
And 16 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Revision of Ordinances, with instructions to report an ordinance.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Craft moved to take up general ordinance No. 92, 1875.

Which was adopted.

General ordinance No. 92, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to amend an ordinance, entitled "An ordinance prescribing rules and regulations for the government of the City Council, its officers and officers connected with the city government," passed January 2d, 1875.

Was read the second time.

Dr. Stratford offered the following amendment :

Amend section 6 by striking out the proviso and insert the following in lieu thereof: The Committee on Fire Department shall report to the Council at least quarterly, what amount of money will be required for the purchase of horses, for harness and food for the horses of the Department, for fuel and supplies for the Department, including the alarm telegraph apparatus, wires, boxes and gongs, and for repairs of every nature, together with an ordinance making appropriations for the payment of all claims duly allowed for articles purchased in pursuance of contracts for the use of the Fire Department, and no purchases shall be made by such Committee or by any officer or member of the Fire Department except in pursuance of contracts made by, or by order of the Common Council; and section 9 of an ordinance for the government of the Fire Department of the city of Indianapolis, passed September 12, 1870, and so much of section 1 of an ordinance reorganizing the Fire Department, passed May 18th, 1874, as authorizes the Chief Fire Engineer to order all necessary repairs at a cost not exceeding five hundred dollars, unless by consent of the Common Council, be and the same are hereby repealed. That the Board of Police shall be authorized to provide furniture, provisions, fuel and other necessary supplies for the Station Houses, but shall make no purchases unless authorized by the Common Council; they shall report at least quarterly to the Common Council what amount of money will be required for the purchase of the supplies for the Station Houses, together with an ordinance making appropriations for the payment of all claims, duly allowed, for articles purchased in pursuance of contracts, for the use of the Station Houses. No Committee of the Common Council shall have any power whatever to make any contract or purchases, except in obedience to the instruction of the Common Council, and all bids submitted to any Committee shall, before any award is made, be presented to the Common Council for its action.

Mr. Thalman moved that the ordinance be printed in the minutes and the ordinance and amendment be made special order for next Monday night.

Which motion was adopted.

General ordinance No. 92, 1875, reads as follows, viz :

An ordinance to amend an ordinance, entitled "An ordinance prescribing rules and regulations for the government of the City Council, its officers and officers connected with the city government," passed January 2d, 1875.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That sections 5 and 6 of the above entitled ordinance shall be amended to read as follows:*

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Printing and Stationery to determine what matter shall be printed or advertised at the expense of the city, fix

the number of copies of circulars, blanks or blank books, or number of insertions of advertisements, when not otherwise fixed by law. The said Committee shall report at least quarterly all accounts allowed for printing and stationery, together with ordinances making appropriations for their payment, and no contracts shall be made unless ordered by Council.

Sec. 6. The Committee on Public Buildings shall report to the Council from time to time what office furniture, fixtures or fuel is necessary for the use of the city officers and Council Chamber, but no contracts shall be entered into by said Committee unless it shall first be ordered by the Council; *Provided*, The Station Houses shall be under like management and superintendence of the Board of Police.

Sec. 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances coming in conflict with this ordinance be and the same aae hereby repealed, and this ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

Mr. Kahn asked to be excused.

Which request was granted.

General ordinance No. 88, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance concernaing privies and privy vaults.

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney, with instructions to report in two weeks.

Mr. Gimber moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of calling the roll for the introduction of new business.

Which motion failed to pass by thefollowing vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Albershardt, Craft, Curran, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman and Ward.—17.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Diffley, Hook, McGill and Webster.—5.

Mr. Geiger, as a question of privilege, presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 17, 1876.

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

Gentlemen!—On behalf and by authority of the Indiana State Board of Agriculture, you are hereby notified that the action of the city of Indianapolis in entering upon the property of said board, commonly called the State Fair Grounds, and widening and deepening the ditch commonly called the State Ditch, running through the same, is and will be resisted by said board as a trespass on its rights.

The work now going on is a serious injury to said property, and as said board is advised by counsel, without legal authority, and the board will hold the city responsible for the injury already done, and resist its further prosecution. That if the public interest requires that any property of the board should be taken for the public use, such appropriation should be accomplished either through negotiations between the parties or by virtue of proper judicial proceedings.

Respectfully yours,

ALEX. HERON,

Secretary.

Which was received.

Also, the following resolution :

Whereas, The Indiana State Board of Agriculture have notified the Council that they will resist the city in deepening and widening the State Ditch through their grounds; therefore,

Resolved, That the contractor for said work be allowed to suspend work on said ditch until the further order of this Council, and the Marshal be directed to notify the contractor of the passage of this resolution.

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

Which motion failed to pass by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Craft, Hall, Hook, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, Ward and Webster—10.

Negative—Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—14.

Mr. Gimber moved to adopt the resolution.

Mr. Adams moved as a substitute to refer to the City Attorney.

Which substitute failed to pass by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Craft, Hall, Hook, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, Ward and Webster—10.

Negative—Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Duffley, Geiger, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—14.

Mr. Gimber's motion to adopt the resolution then failed to pass by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Duffley, Geiger, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden and Stratford—11.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Craft, Hall, Hook, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—13.

The resolution was then referred to the City Attorney.

Dr. Stratford moved that the Marshal be instructed to request the contractor to cease work.

Which motion was not adopted.

Mr. Craft, as a question of privilege, offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Board of Health be and is hereby directed to find out, if possible the source of the horrible stench which daily and nightly pervades our city, and recommend to this Council what steps are necessary to abate the nuisance.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Adams moved to adjourn.

Which motion failed to pass by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Craft, Curran, Diffley, Hall, Hook, McGill, Reed and Ward—9.

Negative—Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Geiger, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer and Thalman—14.

Mr. McGill moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of going into the election of three Work House Commissioners.

Which motion failed to pass by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—14.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Craft, Hall, Hook, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, Ward and Webster—10.

Mr. McGill moved to adjourn.

Which motion failed to pass by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Craft, Diffley, Hall, Hook, McGill, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, Ward and Webster—11.

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

Mr. Geiger. moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of calling roll for introduction of new business.

Which motion failed to pass by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Geiger,

Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—12.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Craft, Curran, Diffley, Hall, Hook, McGill, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, Ward and Webster—12.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest :

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.