

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

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CALLED SESSION.
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CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, February 28th, 1876—4 o'clock P. M. }

The Common Council met pursuant to the following call :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 26, 1876.

To the Honorable Mayor of the City of Indianapolis:

The undersigned, members of the City Council, request a special meeting of the Common Council on Monday afternoon, February 28th, at 4 P. M., for the transaction of business.

F. SCHMIDT,
J. C. ADAMS,
HARRY CRAFT,
THOMAS MADDEN,
F. M. HOOK,
ENOS B. REED,
I. W. STRATFORD.

INDIANAPOLIS, February 26, 1876.

To the Members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—In compliance with the request of several members of the Council, a special meeting of the Council will be held February 28, 1876, at 4 P. M., at which meeting your attendance is respectfully requested.

JOHN CAVEN,

Mayor.

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, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—24.

Absent—Councilmen Laughlin and McGill—2.

The proceedings of the regular session held February 21st, 1876, were read and approved.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, February 28, 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 February 21st, 1876, providing for the construction of a brick sewer in and along Madison avenue, from the south side of Yeizer street to and connecting with the Ray street sewer, report that the following parties submitted proposals as follows, to-wit :

O. W. Kelly, sewer, \$4.15 per lineal foot ; catch-basins, \$75.00 each for 15 inch pipe, \$80.00 each for 24 inch pipe ; manholes, \$30.00 each.

The above work to be completed within sixty days from the letting of the contract.

W. J. Lampard, Sr., sewer, \$4.45 per lineal foot run ; catch-basins, \$75.00 each complete ; manholes, \$35.00 each complete ; house connections, \$1.00 each complete.

G. Sindlinger and Dennis Keating, sewer, \$4.50 per foot run ; catch-basins, \$90.00 manholes, \$40.00 ; house connections, 75 cents.

O. W. Kelly being the lowest and best bidder, your Committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted.

LEON KAHN,
P. H. CURBAN,
Committee on Contracts.

Which report was concurred in and contract awarded.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 28, 1876.

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

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

A fourth 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 South street sewer—

1522.3 lineal feet at \$4.25	\$6,469 77
9 manholes at \$35.00	315 00
2 catch-basins at \$85.00	170 00
2555 sheeting at \$2.50 per 100.....	63 87
26 house connections at \$1.00 each.....	26 00
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	\$7,044 64
Less 6 manhole tops furnished by city	70 08
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	\$6,974 56
Less ten per cent.....	697 56
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	\$6,277 00
Less former payments	5,193 00
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Present payment.....	\$1,084 00

Also, a first and final estimate allowed Frank Eppert, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Deloss street, between Dillon and Leota streets—

1560.36 lineal feet at 15 cents.....-202 84

Also, a second and final estimate allowed O. W. Kelly, for building a public cistern at the corner of Meridian and Seventh streets—

1288.4 barrels at 64 cents	\$824 58
Less former payment.....	577 23
Present payment.....	\$247 35

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing fourth 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 South street sewer, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Madden, Reasner, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—18.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Frank Eppert, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Deloss street, 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, Albershardt, Bollman, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Madden, Reasner, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—18.

Negative—None.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 28, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—Some time ago contracts were awarded to certain parties, and afterwards placed in the hands of the Committee on Gas, where the matter still remains.

We have no contract with the present lamp lighters from the fact that we expected from day to day that the new contractors for lighting would be permitted to file their bond and take charge of their respective districts.

Under the present state of affairs, the street lamps are greatly neglected, as the lamp lighters now in charge expect to be removed at any moment, and consequently they take no interest or care to see that their lamps are properly attended to. I would recommend that the new lamp lighters be notified to file their bonds and take charge of their respective districts immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas Light.

The City Clerk submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 28, 1876.

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

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

Frederick Gansberg vs. Julia H. Fitzgerald for.....	\$26 10
Frederick Gansberg vs. Barroughs R. Hall for.....	26 10
Frederick Gansberg vs. Isaac D. Morton for....	34 80
Frederick Gansberg vs. Margaret F. Dollman for.....	23 20
Frederick Gansberg vs. D. F. Richardson (Christian name unknown) for.....	23 20

And respectfully recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,
City Clerk.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Craft,

Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Mad-den, Reasner, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—20.

Negative—None.

Dr. Hook introduced special ordinance No. 15, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling with good river or creek gravel, Ramsey street and sidewalks from Brookside avenue to first street south.

Which was read the first time.

ROLL CALL.

Mr. Adams offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be and he is hereby directed to prepare a plat of the proposed change in Fall Creek and the ground adjacent thereto, and present the same at the next Council meeting.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That Samuel Strong be and is hereby granted ninety days in which to complete his contract for the improvement of Ninth street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Albershardt offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Street Commissioner be and he is hereby instructed to fill the chuck holes on North Noble street between Washington and New York streets.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the City Street Commissioner be and he is hereby instructed to repair the crossings of Vermont street and Spring street, as the same are now impassable.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby ordered to take up and relay the gutters on Massachusetts avenue, between Pennsylvania and Alabama streets, where it is required, in order to run the water into the sewer recently built on said avenue.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Darnell offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby ordered to lay a stone crossing across North Illinois street on the north side of Tinker street, thence south across Tinker street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Diffley offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Engineer be and is hereby instructed to remove the lamp post on south side of South street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets, about forty feet west to the corner of Eddy streets.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Geiger presented the following claim :

City of Indianapolis, Dr. to Fr. Goepper.

To 10 feet of sewer on vacated alley on lot 3, in Butsch & Goepper's sub-division, at \$1.50.....	\$15 00
To 15 feet of sewer on vacated alley on lot 2, in Butsch & Goepper's sub-division, at \$1.50.....	22 50
	\$37 50

Which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims.

Mr. Kahn offered the following motion :

Moved, That Frederick Gansberg have thirty more days to complete his contract for the improvement of Olive street from Prospect street to Lexington avenue.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Schmidt offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to put down a double stone foot crossing on the east side of Pennsylvania street at the crossing of Ohio street and Massachusetts avenue.

Which was laid on the table.

Mr. Stuckmeyer presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 31, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—In 1874 there was a mistake of \$1,000.00 in adding up the different items of my personal property on the assessment list, thus making me pay \$11.00 more taxes for 1874 than I should have done. I have paid my taxes for 1874 and 1875, as shown by the tax duplicate—1874 No. 699, and 1875 No. 834—and respectfully ask that said \$11.00 be refunded.

WILL. F. A. BERNHAMER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this January 31, 1876.

JOHN L. F. STEEG, Notary Public.

Which was referred to Committee on Accounts and Claims and City Assessor.

Also, offered the following motion :

Moved, That Wm. Sonnefield have thirty days longer time to gravel the alley between Water and East street, running from McCarty to Stevens street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, February 28, 1876.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Camp street, between First street and St. Clair street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of the street and sidewalks from First to St. Clair streets, with good, coarse, river or creek gravel.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Elizabeth Bailey, Jonathan Hollingsworth, Amos Clifford, John F. Bickton, H. T. Milton, William McClarthy, Dennis Sullivan, Nellie Wheatley, John Casey.

Which was received.

Mr. Thalman introduced special ordinance No. 16, 1876, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for the grading and graveling of Camp street and sidewalks between First and St Clair streets.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Ward presented the following remonstrance:

INDIANAPOLIS, February 17, 1876.

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

Gentlemen:—We the undersigned, property owners fronting on the west sidewalk on Railroad street, between North and St. Clair streets, would respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance now pending, for grading and paving said sidewalk between the above named points.

Chauncey Aldrich, 160 ft.; Nicholas Kline, 81 ft.;
Desiree Landormi, 80 ft.; A Hart, 40 ft.; Gotlieb
Osivald, 40 ft. Total, 401 ft.

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

Mr. Madden offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Marshal be and he is hereby instructed to notify Mr. Scott to remove the gravel rubbish from in front of his property on South Meridian street at the corner of Phipps street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Curran offered the following motion :

Moved, That wooden culverts be constructed on both sides of Cedar street, between Fletcher avenue and Dillon street.

Which, on motion of Dr. Stratford, was amended so as to include "the east side of English avenue from Dillon to Cedar streets, and the Street Commissioner directed to do said work."

The motion as amended was then referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Ransdell, by consent, introduced special ordinance No. 17, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and bouldering the gutters on Vermont street between Illinois and Tennessee streets.

Which was read the first time.

Also, offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to put down stone flag crossings at the following points: On Market street, north side, at crossing on Illinois street; on west side of Indiana avenue, across New York street; also, across Indiana avenue from Moody's drug store to Ryan's block.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Dr. Hook moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of taking up special ordinance No. 4, 1876, having the same read the

second time, engrossed, read the third time and put upon its passage.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

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.

Was taken up, read the second time, engrossed, 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, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—24.

Negative—None.

Mr. Bollman moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of taking up general ordinance No. 7, 1875, having the same read the third time and put upon its passage.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

General ordinance No. 7, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to repeal an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to provide for a railroad track across Alabama street and sidewalks, between Louisiana street and South street," passed June 25, 1866.

Was taken up, 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, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—24.

Negative—None.

On motion, the Council adjourned until Monday, March 6th, 1876, at 7 o'clock P. M.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest :

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.