

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, June 12th, 1876—7½ o'clock P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair, and the following members:

Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, Thomas.—24.

Absent—Councilmen Kenzel and McGill.—2.

The proceedings of the regular session, held June 5th, 1876, were read and approved.

Sealed proposals for grading and graveling Ninth street and sidewalks from Illinois to Tennessee streets; also, for grading and graveling the alley between Washington and Market streets, running from Arsenal avenue west to the east line of J. M. Ridenour's homestead, thence north to Market street, were received, opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 12, 1876.

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

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

A sixth and final estimate allowed Samuel P. Strong, for grading and graveling Ninth street and sidewalks from Central to Hill avenues—

9,658.29 lineal feet at 77 cents.....	\$7,436.88
5 cubic yards gravel at 65 cents.....	3.25
Repairing gutter at Park avenue.....	.80
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Total....	\$7,440.93
Less former payments..	4,854.46
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Present payment.....	\$2,586.47

Also, a first and final estimate allowed Jesse T. Murphy, for grading and graveling the alley between Park avenue and East street, running north from Gregg street to the first alley running west—

344 lineal feet at 20 cents.....	\$68.80
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Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following estimate resolutions :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Jesse T. Mur-

phy, for grading and graveling the alley between Park avenue and East street, running north from Gregg street to the first alley running west, 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, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Stienhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—21.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing sixth and final estimate allowed Samuel P. Strong, for grading and graveling Ninth street and sidewalks, from Central to Hill avenues, 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, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Stienhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—21.

Negative—None.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, June 12, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—I am directed to advertise for sealed proposals to improve the first alley south of Fletcher avenue, from Dillon to Laurel streets.

I would respectfully report that the above named alley was improved from Dillon to Laurel street under ordinance No. 200, 1875, providing for the grading and graveling of alley between Hoyt and Fletcher avenues, running from Dillon to Linden street.

SECOND.

I was also directed to examine the ditch running along the property of J. M. Sindlinger on the east side of Sheldon street, between Montana and Eighth street, and see what can be done to relieve the property from said ditch, and report the same.

The ditch should be removed about twenty feet further west, so as to bring it into the east gutter of Sheldon street, thence in and along Sheldon to Eighth streets, from which point it may be carried into the old line of ditch. The ditch will be about 400 feet long, by eight feet wide, and will cost, including change of culvert at Eighth street, about \$75.

This work can be done by the Street Commissioner, and I would recommend that he be instructed to do the same.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concured in.

The City Clerk submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, June 12, 1876.

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

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

John L. Hanna vs. Isaac M. Shideler for....	\$55 28
Sam'l J. Smock vs. F. W. Morse (christian name unknown).....	134 59
John Greene vs. Willis W. Wright for.	17 40

And respectfully recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,
City Clerk.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Stienhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—21.

Negative—None.

The Street Commissioner submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, June 12, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—I respectfully report that all the street cleaning will be completed by the middle of this week, and it will be impossible to continue the increased force ordered by your honorable body longer than that time, unless I am ordered to repair the bouldered streets and fill the chuck holes on the different streets in the city.

Respectfully submitted,

LEANDER A. FULMER,
Street Commissioner.

Which was concurred in.

By consent Mr. Ransdell offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill the chuck-holes with gravel on Illinois streets, from Washington to First streets.

Which was adopted.

The Street Commissioner submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, June 12, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—I have already expended in the construction of the Market and Ohio street sewer the sum of \$501.35, and have paid the same out of the

Street Repair Fund. It will require about \$600 additional to pay for the labor necessary to lay the balance of the cement pipe. I respectfully request that an appropriation be made to cover this amount, and that the same be charged to the sewer account.

Respectfully submitted,

LEANDER A. FULLER,
Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Board of Health submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, June 10, 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 3d day of June, to 6 o'clock P. M., on the 10th day of June, 1876.

Under 1 year	4
1 to 2 years.....	2
2 to 3 "	1
3 to 4 "	1
4 to 5 "	0
5 to 10 "	1
10 to 20 "	2
20 to 30 "	2
30 to 40 "	2
40 to 50 "	3
50 to 60 "	1
60 to 70 "	0
70 to 80 "	2
80 to 90 "	0
90 "100 "	0
Above 100 "	0
Unknown	0
 Total.....	<hr/> 21

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. HOOK, M. D.,
President Board of Health.

J. W. MARSEE,
Secretary Board of Health, pro tem.

Which was received.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, June 12, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The Board of Health recommends that the Council take immediate steps to cause to be filled up, a pond covering lots 109 and 110 in Dougherty's sub. of out-lot 99. Said lots are on the south-east corner of Dougherty and Wright streets, and are the property of the Schofield heirs, believed to be non-residents.

Also, that the Police Board be instructed to allow sanitary officer, George Broich, in addition to his regular pay, such compensation as they may deem proper, for making entries in mortality record from December 2, 1875, to May 2, 1876. This work was done in addition to his regular duty at the request of the board.

Also, at the request of the Police Board we have examined the Central Station House, and make the following report :

The building is unfit for the purpose for which it is used, because

1st. The entire building is too small. It was built when the population of the city was 48,000. The population has since doubled. It was calculated to hold about fifty, but within the last two weeks has been made to contain one hundred.

2d. What room the building affords has been so cut up by partitions and cross partitions, that much of it is not available. What are called the "big rooms" are about twenty foot square with twelve foot ceilings. In the lower one of these, on more than one occasion, have been crowded fifty or more men, all filthy, many drunk, and often several afflicted with some loathsome disease. One member of this board was for a year or more at one time, the attending physician at the station. He has often seen there men with gonorrhœa or venereal ulcers, who slept with other prisoners, washed in the same basin, and used the same towels. Of these fifty men, about twenty could sit or lie on the bench which runs around the wall of the room; the rest must either stand or lie on the floor, in tobacco spit, the contents of drunken stomachs, and vermin of all kinds.

3d. It is poorly lighted and almost entirely without ventilation. This important element has been, it seems, entirely overlooked in its construction. Feeble efforts have been made from time to time to remedy the defect, but without success. The rooms are in constant use, the floors are always wet and the air becomes so heavy with watery and filthy vapors that it will not rise. It is the opinion of this board that unless some radical change is made in the construction of the building, no ordinary system of ventilation will give satisfaction.

4th. The floors are of wood, which absorbs and retains impurities.

5th. The water closet accommodations are insufficient, and often, from over work, out of repair.

In making this report, we in no way reflect on the Police Board, Jailor or Turnkeys. It is not their fault that the building is so poorly adapted to the purpose, being neither healthy, convenient, of sufficient size, nor secure.

It is the opinion of this board that the only adequate remedy is the building of an addition, and suggest that the present building be extended one story in height, to the end of the lot. Said addition to consist of but one room, which shall contain an iron cage about eight feet or more in height, floored with stone, leaving room for a passage entirely around it. In this way light, warmth and pure air can be secured, and the prisoners be constantly in view. We believe this, or some equivalent relief to be indispensable.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. HOOK,

S. A. ELBERT,

J. W. MARSEE,

Board of Health.

The first clause of the report was received.

The second clause was referred to the Board of Police.

The third clause was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. Byram presented the following communication :

Indianapolis, June 9, 1876.

To the Police Board of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—I would respectfully call your attention to the condition of the Central Station House in regard to ventilation. At no time is there any air moving through the large rooms. The impure air, mingled with that from the water closets, is breathed over and over again, enfeebling those who entered healthy. In the present condition of the rooms it is almost folly to administer remedies, as they, without pure air, will accomplish but little. Unless something is done it will be necessary to remove some of the prisoners to the City Hospital. My daily visits enable me to make very close ob-

servations, and as a sanitary measure I trust and believe you will give the matter your earliest attention. It will be economy in the end, and it is the least that can be done in justice to the thirty to fifty men and women confined there daily. Hoping that you will succeed in accomplishing all that is essential to thorough ventilation, I remain,

Very respectfully,

W. M. BULLARD, M. D.,

Visiting Physician City Dispensary.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

Mr. Darnell presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, June 9, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on the first alley west of Noble street, between Ohio and Miami streets, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of said alley between the points named with good river or creek gravel. And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Victor Plogsterth, 66 ft.; Ella Thomas,
25 ft.; Alfred Poole, 25 ft.; Charles
F. Ostermeyer, 96 ft.

Which was received.

Mr. Darnell introduced special ordinance No. 55, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Noble street, and between Ohio and Miami streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Reasener introduced special ordinance No. 56, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the alley between South and Rockwood streets, running from East street to the first alley east.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Webster moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of permitting the introduction of an appropriation ordinance.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Stienhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—21.

Negative—None.

Mr. Webster introduced appropriation ordinance No. 30, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money for the benefit of M. M. Burns.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Webster moved that the rules be suspended, and the above entitled ordinance be placed upon its passage.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Stienhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—21.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 30, 1876, was read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Stienhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—21.

Negative—none.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The proposition of the Indianapolis Gas-light and Coke Company, submitted to the Council, April 3d, 1876, having been made the special order for this evening, was taken up.

Mr. Ransdell offered the following motion :

Moved, That a special committee of three be appointed, consisting of Messrs. Byram, Thomas and Diffley, to confer with the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company, with the view of securing a contract for furnishing gas to the city and its inhabitants, more favorable than has thus far been presented.

On motion the Committee was increased to five, and Councilmen A. L. Wright and I. W. Stratford were added to such Committee.

The motion was then adopted, and the Committee instructed to report next Monday.

On motion the above proposition was postponed until next Monday night.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Clerk report to this Council, next Monday night, whether or not the new Gas Company have complied with the ordinance re-

quiring them to file a bond by resident citizens as liquidated damages in case they fail to carry out certain provisions of said ordinance.

Which was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Reed, Thos. H. Sharpe, Esq., President of the Citizens' Relief Committee, was granted permission to address the Council on the subject of affording relief to the needy poor of the city.

Mr. Thalman moved that two citizens be added to the special committee of the Council, to confer with S. J. Patterson, Esq., with a view of purchasing eleven acres of land to build embankments and straighten the channel of Fall Creek, etc.

Which motion was adopted, and Thos. H. Sharpe, Esq., and Hon. Wm. H. English, were appointed.

Mr. Darnell moved that when the Council adjourns, it adjourn to meet next Friday evening, June 16, 1876, for the purpose of acting upon the subject above mentioned.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman moved that a special committee be appointed, to be known as the "Sellers Farm Committee."

Which was adopted.

Mr. Reasener moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of taking up special ordinances read the second and third times, and place them on their final passage.

Mr. Schmidt moved to amend by permitting him to introduce an appropriation ordinance and that the same be placed on its passage.

Which amendment was adopted.

Mr. Reasener's motion was then adopted, and the rules suspended by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Stienhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Mr. Schmidt introduced appropriation ordinance No. 31, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money for the use of the Street Commissioner for completing the East Market street sewer.

Which was read the first time.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Special ordinance No. 138, 1874, entitled :

An ordinance to grade and gravel Plum street in West Indianapolis.

Was taken up and stricken from the files.

Special ordinance No. 39, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to grade and gravel Twelfth street and sidewalks between Meridian and Illinois streets.

Was read the second time, and stricken from the files.

Special ordinance No. 42, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to grade, pave and curb the north sidewalk and boulder the the north gutter of St. Clair street, from Illinois to Tennessee streets

Was taken up and referred to the Councilmen from the Eleventh Ward.

Special ordinance No. 94, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to grade and gravel New Jersey street, curb the sidewalks and flag the gutters thereof, from Washington to New York streets.

Was taken up and stricken from the files.

Special ordinance No. 120, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on Linden street from Prospect street to Orange street.

Was read the second time.

Mr. Byram moved to strike from the files.

Dr. Stratford moved to lay Mr. Byram's motion on the table.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Case, Diffley, Laughlin, McGinty, Pouder, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, and Wright, William G.—12.

Negative—Councilman Bugbee, Byram, Darnell, Izor, Morse, Ransdell, Stienhauer, Thomas, Webster and Wright, Arthur L.—10.

Mr. Ransdell moved to indefinitely postpone all gas ordinances.

Which motion was laid on the table by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Mc-

Ginty, Pouder, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, Thomas and Wright, William G.—12.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Morse, Ransdell, Stienhauer, Stratford, Webster, Wright, Arthur L.—11.

Dr. Stratford moved to reconsider the vote by which Mr. Ransdel's motion was laid on the table.

Mr. Adams moved as a substitute to postpone all gas ordinances until the first meeting in October, 1876.

Which substitute was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Darnell, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reed, Stienhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—15.

Negative—Councilmen Buehrig, Case, Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Reasener, Schmidt and Stratford.—8.

By consent Mr. Schmidt offered the following motion :

Resolved, That the report of the City Commissioners in the matter of opening Court street, be and the same is hereby accepted and adopted, and the City Clerk is hereby ordered to deliver a certified copy of the same so far as it assesses damages and benefits upon real estate to the City Treasurer, and the City Treasurer is hereby ordered to proceed to collect said benefits and pay said damages as set forth in said report and as required by law.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Stienhauer, Stratford, Thalman,

Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—23.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 180, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to grade, pave and curb the north sidewalk on First street from Tennessee to Mississippi streets.

Was taken up and stricken from the files.

Special ordinance No. 192, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to grade, pave and boulder the north sidewalk and gutter on Massachusetts avenue from Pennsylvania to Delaware streets.

Was taken up and stricken from the files.

Special ordinance No. 208, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to grade and gravel Miami street between Liberty and Noble streets.

Was taken up and stricken from the files.

Special ordinance No. 10, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to grade and boulder New Jersey street from Washington street to the first railroad track south of said Washington street.

Was read the second time.

Mr. Stienhauer offered the following motion :

Moved, That inasmuch as the west gutter on South New Jersey street from

Washington street to the railroad tracks is in a terrible condition, being three feet deep by about fifteen feet wide, and which during an overflow is a dangerous point, and in dry weather a common nuisance, the City Civil Engineer is hereby directed to report to the Council the best plan for putting the said gutter in proper shape, and probable cost of the same.

Which was adopted.

On motion the above ordinance was stricken from the files.

Special ordinance No. 21, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to grade and gravel Vermont street and sidewalks between Agnes street and Geisendorff's mill race.

Was read the second time.

Mr. Morse presented the following remonstrance :

Indianapolis, June 10, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, resident property holders along the line of West Vermont street, between Agnes street and the mill race, respectfully remonstrate against the grading and graveling of said street at the present time, for the following reasons, viz: That we are nearly all depending on our daily labor for our living, and at present the demand for our work is so scarce and wages so low that it would be next to impossible for us to pay for said improvement. Also, that there is no necessity for said improvement until Vermont street is opened through to Agnes street, there being scarcely ever a wagon seen between Agnes street and the race. By postponing the ordinance for the above you will confer a favor on the undersigned.

Who will ever pray, etc.

Mrs. L. McArthur, A. C. Shafer, George Morgan, Mrs. Ellen Gallagher, Mr. H. Bailie, Mrs. D. Harris, Mark McGraw, Dominick Holl, James Fitzpatrick, Robert Gardner, M. Quinn, Martin Collins, B. R. Lafaber.

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

Special ordinance No. 25, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and bouldering the gutters to a width of seven (7) feet, and curbing the outside edges of the south sidewalk of Clifford avenue between the west line of the U. S. arsenal and Woodruff Place.

Was read the second time.

Mr. Adams moved to amend by striking out the word "gutters," and insert in lieu thereof "the south gutter."

Which amendment was adopted, and the ordinance as amended was ordered engrossed.

The following ordinances was read the second time, and ordered engrossed.

Appropriation ordinance No. 31, 1876.

Special ordinance No. 218, 1875.

"	"	223, 1875.
"	"	23, 1876.
"	"	27, 1876.
"	"	28, 1876.
"	"	29, 1876.
"	"	31, 1876.
"	"	34, 1876.
"	"	35, 1876.
"	"	40, 1876.
"	"	41, 1876.
"	"	44, 1876.
"	"	45, 1876.
"	"	48, 1876.

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

Appropriation ordinance No. 31, 1876:

An ordinance appropriating money for the use of the Street Commissioner for completing the East Market street sewer.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Duffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Stienhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 218, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley north of South street from the first alley west of Noble street to the first alley east of East street.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Duffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Stienhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 223, 1875, entitled :

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

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Stienhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 23, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and bouldering the gutters of Park avenue between Home and Lincoln avenues.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 25, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and bouldering the south gutter to a width of seven (7) feet, and curbing the outside edge of the south sidewalk of Clifford avenue between the west line of the U. S. Arsenal grounds and Woodruff Place.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 27, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Blake street, running from North to Elizabeth streets.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 28, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Linden street and sidewalks between Huron and Prospect streets.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 29, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and paving the west sidewalk of Linden street from Orange street to the south line of lot No. 19.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reas-

ener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 31, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for the re-bouldering of Potomac alley between Meridian and Illinois streets.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 34, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Thomas street and sidewalks with river or creek gravel, between West and Dacota streets.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 35, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the west side of Missouri street, between Vermont street and Indiana avenue.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 40, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for curbing with stone the south side of Merrill street between East and New Jersey streets.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 41, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the alley running east and west from Dillon to Linden streets, between English to Spann avenues.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 44, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the alley running north from North street through the centre of square No. 1, in out-lot No. 157, to Elizabeth street.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 45, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with boulders, Oriental street between Washington street and Michigan road.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 48, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the alley between Lexington avenue and Pleasant street, running east and west from Dillon to Linden streets.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell,

Diffley, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

ROLL CALL.

Mr. Adams offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to regrade and boulder the east gutter on Pennsylvania street between Ohio and New York streets, so as to make it conform with the grade of the adjoining streets.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Bugbee offered the following motion :

Moved, That S. A. Lee and Joseph Long have permission to pave with brick the sidewalk along their property on the south side of Butler street between Park and Central avenues, according to stakes to be set by the City Civil Engineer, said paving to be done within ninety days from date, and without expense to the city.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That John Hitchens have permission to pave with brick the sidewalk in front of his property, No. 28 Gregg street, according to stakes to be set by the City Civil Engineer; said paving to be done without expense to the city.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Darnell offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be and is hereby instructed to report to the Council next Monday night, contracts and bonds for lighting the street lamps. Said bonds to be of an amount fixed by the City Civil Engineer.

Which was laid on the table.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby ordered to drain a small pond of water on the corner of Second street and Michigan road, as the same is causing sickness.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby ordered to take up and reset the curb stone on the west end of Eighth and Ninth streets, where it intersects Tennessee street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Izor offered the following motion :

Moved, That James Stewart and Jacob Kayler be granted permission to grade and gravel the second alley north of Michigan street, between Spring and Railroad street, at their own expense, and that the City Civil Engineer be and is hereby instructed to set the grade stakes for the same. Work to be done in sixty days.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That Mr. J. Hays be granted permission to grade and pave with brick, the sidewalk in front of his property at the intersection of Clifford avenue and Pendleton pike, in front of lots 7, 8, 9 and 10 sub-division of out-lot 1 and 2 in A. E. Fletcher's first addition. And the City Civil Engineer is

hereby directed to set the stakes for the above work, and the pavement to be completed in ninety days, and at no expense to the city.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Pouder offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Marshall notify Hammell, owner of lot north-east corner of new York and Liberty streets, to move his fence in ten inches off the sidewalk, so as sidewalk can be repaired that is now being improved.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Ransdell offered the following motion :

Moved, That A. H. Pettit have permission to connect with the North Illinois street sewer along the alley running east and west through out-lot 171, between Pratt and St. Joseph streets.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be directed to advertise for stone abutments for a bridge over the canal at Walnut street.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Case, Craft, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Stienhauer, Stratford, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—13.

Negative—Councilmen Byram, Darnell, Izor, Laughlin, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt and Thalman.—9.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to cause to be repaired Tennessee street from New York to First street, by taking up blocks that are rotten and replacing them with those that are sound.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, with instructions to report in two weeks.

Also, the following communication :

Indianapolis, June 12, 1876.

D. M. Ransdell, W. H. Craft, and J. J. Difley, Committee on Water Works :

Gentlemen :—You may announce to the City Council, and the public, that this company will make a public display of their works on the Fourth of July next, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, on the corner of Washington and Tennessee streets.

We propose to throw a three inch stream, and a three and a half inch stream, both vertical and horizontal, and we believe we can throw them 250 feet high. If your City Engineer has the proper instruments he is competent to measure the height of the stream, and I have no doubt will do it if you request him.

We will also, after the above display, discharge water through a six inch opening, to show the amount of water that can be discharged through that size pipe.

Afterwards, if your committee or the Council desire it, you can put on our main lines, at such points as the Chief Fire Engineer and the Engineer of the company may select for the best display, not to exceed twenty-five streams.

Believing that the display of the power of our new machinery will add to the interest of the proceedings arranged by the committee for celebrating the Centennial Fourth, and draw a number from a distance to see it, and hoping it will meet the approval of the Council, I am, gentlemen,

Yours, very respectfully,

JOHN R. ELDER,
Prest. Water Works Co.

Which was received.

Mr. Reasener offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to imme-

diately order three car loads of scrap limestone, and have them broke up fine and repair and fill up the chuck-holes and low places on East Washington street between Highland and Summit streets.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to extend the cement drain pipe along the I. P. & C. Railroad tracks from Summit street to State street, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers, with instructions to report next Monday night.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That Thim King be allowed permission to curb and boulder the gutter in front of his property, No. 209 Meek street, between Dillon and Cady streets at his own expense, and the City Civil Engineer be directed to set the grade stakes; such work to be done within sixty days.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That Messrs. Smith & Ittenbauch, Rootter and others be allowed permission to grade and gravel the alley in the rear of their property from Benton to Cady street, between Washington and Meek streets, at their own expense; and the City Civil Engineer is hereby directed to set the grade stakes for the same; such work to be done within sixty days.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Reed offered the following motion :

Moved, That Conrad Lehritter have the privilege of paving the sidewalk in

front of his building, No. 624 North Mississippi street, at his own expense, within the next sixty days; the stakes to be set by the City Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby instructed to fill up the holes along Indiana avenue from West street to Fall Creek, with coarse gravel, rendering the said avenue in as good condition thereby as possible.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Adams moved to reconsider the vote by which the above motion was adopted.

Which motion to reconsider failed to pass by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Craft, Darnell, McGinty and Pouder—6.

Negative—Councilmen Byram, Case, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—16.

Mr. Reed presented the following petition:

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

Gentlemen.—Praying that your honorable body would take some action as would cause the water to run off the alley from Buchanan street to Dougherty street, between Wright and McKernan streets, as the water lodges in the alley and soaks into my sellar. Said alley was graded last winter.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.,

OLIVER HEALEY.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Commissioner improve the grade of the alley alluded to in the above petition of Oliver Healey, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Which were referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Schmidt offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner is hereby directed to complete the sewer on East Market street, and this to be done at once.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the City Clerk advertise for plans and specifications for building an engine house on the lot purchased for that purpose, in the Ninth Ward.

Which was referred to the Fire Board.

Mr. Steinhauer offered the following motion :

Moved, The Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to repair boulders on East street from South to Morris streets.

Mr. Thalman moved to refer to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Dr. Stratford moved to amend by adding "with power to act."

Which amendment failed to pass by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Laughlin, McGinty, Reasener, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas and Wright, William G.—9.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Morse, Pouder, Reed, Webster and Wright, Arthur L.—12.

The motion to refer was then adopted.

Mr. Steinhauer offered the following motion :

Moved, That Mr. Wm. H. Sherer be and is hereby granted permission to boulder the sidewalk in front of his place of business, at 351 and 353 Madison avenue, instead of paving the same with brick ; the expense to be borne by him.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Stratford offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the owners of the following described real estate to-wit : Lot No. 110 in Dougherty's sub-division of out-lot 99, also lots 78 and 79 in Bradshaw's sub-division of out-lot 99 of the city of Indianapolis, be, and they are hereby required to fill or drain the same, as, in the opinion of this Council, there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant or noxious as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and the inhabitants thereof, and that the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby required to notify the owners thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 28, 1866, entitled, " An ordinance providing for the drainage and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same," and in case of the failure of the owners thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to fill or drain the said hole or excavation as provided in said ordinance ; provided that the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the value of the aforesaid real estate, as assessed upon the tax duplicate or city purposes.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reas-

ener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Mr. Thalman offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the owners of the following described real estate to-wit: Nos. 31, 32 and 33 in N. B. Palmer's addition to the city of Indianapolis, fronting on South Meridian street or Bluff Road, and laying immediately south of Palmer street, of the city of Indianapolis, be, and they are hereby required to fill or drain the same, as, in the opinion of the Council, there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant or noxious as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and of the inhabitants thereof, and that the street commissioner be, and he is hereby required to notify the owners thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 28, 1866, entitled: "An ordinance providing for the drainage and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same," and that in case of the failure of the owners thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to fill or drain the said hole or excavation as provided in said ordinance; provided that the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the value of the aforesaid real estate as assessed upon the tax duplicate for city purposes.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Poudler, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Mr. W. G. Wright offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the owners of the following described real estate to-wit: Lot No. 186 Huron street, in out-lot 96, of the city of Indianapolis, be, and

they are hereby required to fill or drain the same, as in the opinion of this Council, there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and of the inhabitants thereof, and that the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby required to notify the owners thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 28, 1866, entitled, "An ordinance providing for the drainage and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same," and that in case of the failure of owners thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to fill or drain the said hole or excavation as provided in said ordinance, provided that the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the value of the aforesaid real estate as assessed upon the tax duplicates for city purposes.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the owners of the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot No. 347 Hosbrook street, in out-lot'96, of the city of Indianapolis, be, and they are hereby required to fill or drain the same, as in the opinion of this Council, there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant or noxious as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and the inhabitants thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 28, 1866, entitled, "An ordinance providing for the draining and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same," and that in case of the failure of the owners thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to fill or drain the said excavation as provided in said ordinance; provided, that the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the value of the aforesaid real estate as assessed upon the tax duplicate for city purposes.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Poudet, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Dr. Stratford offered the following motion :

Moved, That a committee composed of His Honor, the Mayor, and three members of the Common Council, and a committee of three citizens composed of E. M. Churchman, Wm. H. English and J. George Stiliz, be appointed to confer with the I. C. & L Railroad Company, with a view to the removal of their tracks so as to come into the city on the Union tracks.

Which was adopted.

The Chair appointed as such committee Councilmen Stratford, Craft and Case.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to widen the culvert at the junction of St. Clair street and Indiana avenue.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Commissioner of Military Park be directed to procure, and place in said park some cheap seats or benches.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer notify parties now lighting the street

lamps that they must file a bond, properly secured, for the performance of their contract during the time the city may continue them, and that they give a guarantee to pay their hands employed to do said work.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to open a ditch to run off a pond of stagnant water near Maus' brewery.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to raise the boulders on Washington street between Meridian and Illinois streets, (south side).

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. W. G. Wright offered the following motion :

Moved, That I. W. Stratford be allowed to construct a platform over the gutter in front of his residence, 313 Virginia avenue.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Adams offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby directed to haul his surplus dirt from the streets in the north-east section of the city to the corner of Peru railroad and Lincoln street, and fill up the low place at said point.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be directed to postpone the order of this Council in which he was ordered to purchase twenty-five catch basin traps, until further orders from this Council.

Which was adopted.

By consent, Mr. Reed, from the Committee on Printing, etc., submitted the following report:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on printing would beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the bids for the stationery of the city, and find that Mr. Burford is the lowest and the best bidder, and would therefore recommend that said Burford be awarded the contract therefor.

Your committee would also report that in their opinion the Journal Printing Company is the lowest and best bidder for the city's printing, and would recommend that said Company be awarded the contract therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

ENOS B. REED,

J. C. ADAMS,

Committee.

Which was concurred in and the contracts awarded,

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

Indianapolis, June 5, 1876.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Accounts and Claims, to whom was referred the communication and claim from the Indiana State Board of Agriculture for rebuilding the bridge over State ditch at exposition grounds, respectfully report the same back to Council, and recommend that the claim be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also, claim of "Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce," for damage by rioters to Chamber of Commerce building, May 2, 1876, to-wit: Plate glass

broken, room 3, \$17; your committee recommends that the above claim be referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. C. WEBSTER,

W. F. REASENER,

W. G. WRIGHT,

Committee on Accounts and Claims.

Which was concurred in.

On motion the Council adjourned.

J. Bowen Mayor.

Attest:

Benz Wright City Clerk.