

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.
REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, September 25th, 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, Kenzel, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster and Wright, William G.—22.

Absent—Councilmen Laughlin, McGill, Reasener and Wright, Arthur L.—4.

The proceedings of the regular session, held September 18th, 1876, were read and approved.

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

Indianapolis, September 25, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred sundry proposals, presented to Council, September 18th, 1876, have examined the same and find them to be as follows, to wit :

First. For grading and graveling the first alley west of Mississippi street, from Market street to its northern terminus—

- R. H. Patterson, 16 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Patterson & Dunning, 15 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Henry Clay, 13 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Wm. Morrison, 13 cents per lineal front foot on each side.
- Richard Carr, 12½ cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- A. Verhofstad, 12 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- J. G. Sickler & Co., 11 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- James Mahoney, 10 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney being the lowest and best bidder, your committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Second. For grading and graveling the alley running north and south through square number 87, between Meridian and Illinois streets, and from Georgia street to the south end of said alley—

- Richard Carr, 27 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- James Mahoney, 20 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- A. Verhofstadt, 19½ cents per lineal front foot on each side.
- J. G. Sickler & Co., 19 cents per lineal front foot on each side.
- John Schier, 17 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- John F. Brademier, 11 cents per lineal front foot on each side.

John F. Brademier being the lowest and best bidder, your committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Third. For grading and graveling the first alley north of North street, between Massachusetts avenue and Liberty street—

E. B. Elliott, 25 cents per lineal front foot on each side, for wide part.

“ 19 cents per lineal front foot on each side, for narrow part.

Richard Carr, 25 cents per lineal front foot on each side, for wide part.

“ 18 cents per lineal front foot on each side, for narrow part.

James Mahoney, 23 cents per lineal front foot on each side, for wide part.

“ 17 cts. per lineal front foot on each side, for narrow part.

Irwin & Hanna, 21 cents per lineal front foot on each side.

J. G. Sickler & Co., 20 cents per lineal front foot on each side.

J. L. Hanna, 20 cents per lineal front foot on each side.

J. Garner & Co., 19 cents per lineal front foot on each side.

Henry Clay, 18 cents per lineal front foot on each side.

Wm. Morrison, 14 cents per lineal front foot on each side.

John F. Brademier, 13 cents per lineal front foot on each side.

John F. Brademier being the lowest and best bidder, your committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Fourth. For grading and graveling the first alley north of St. Clair street, running east and west from Illinois street to Severin alley—

Richard Carr, 30 cents per lineal front foot on each side.

J. L. Hanna, 27 cents per lineal front foot on each side.

J. G. Sickler & Co., 26 cents per lineal front foot on each side.

E. B. Elliott, 26 cents per lineal front foot on each side.

Irwin & Hanna, 24 cents per lineal front foot on each side.

J. Mahoney, 24 cents per lineal front foot on each side.

J. Garner & Co., 23 cents per lineal front foot on each side.

Patterson & Dunning, 21 cents per lineal front foot on each side.

Wm. Morrison, 17 cents per lineal front foot on each side.

Wm. Morrison being the lowest and best bidder, your committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Fifth. For grading and graveling Leland street and sidewalks, between Indiana avenue and Eutaw street—

- James Muse, 45 cents per front foot on each side.
- E. B. Elliott, 41 cents per front foot on each side.
- Wm. L. White, 40 cents per front foot on each side.
- G. W. Buchanan, 38 cents per front foot on each side.
- James Mahoney, 35 cents per front foot on each side.
- Wm. Neal, 34 cents per front foot on each side.
- R. H. Patterson, 34 cents per front foot on each side.
- Irwin & Hanna, 33 cents per front foot on each side.
- Patterson & Dunning, 33 cents per front foot on each side.
- A. Carr, 30 cents per front foot on each side.
- Henry Clay, 30 cents per front foot on each side.
- John Greene, 29 cents per front foot on each side.

John Green being the lowest and best bidder, your committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Sixth. For grading and graveling Third street and sidewalks, between the Central Canal and West street—

- Wm. L. White, 41½ cents per front foot on each side.
- Patterson & Dunning, 41 cents per front foot on each side.
- James Muse, 41 cents per front foot on each side.
- H. Clay, 41 cents per front foot on each side.
- R. H. Patterson, 39 cents per front foot on each side.
- James Mahoney, 38 cents per front foot on each side.
- Wm. Neal, 38 cents per front foot on each side.
- Richard Carr, 37 cents per front foot on each side.
- E. B. Elliott, 37 cents per front foot on each side.
- J. G. Sickler & Co., 36 cents per front foot on each side.
- John Green, 35 cents per front foot on each side.
- Irwin & Hanna, 31½ cents per front foot on each side.

Irwin & Hanna being the lowest and best bidders, your committee recommend that they be awarded the contract.

Seventh. For grading and graveling Potomac or West Court street and sidewalks, between West and California streets—

R. H. Patterson, 39 cents per front foot on each side.

Irwin & Hanna, 37 cents per front foot on each side.

Wm. L. White, 38 cents per front foot on each side.

Henry Clay, 35 cents per front foot on each side.

Wm. Neal, 35 cents per front foot on each side.

James Muse, 34 cents per front foot on each side.

A. Verhofstad, 32 cents per front foot on each side.

John Greene, 32 cents per front foot on each side.

Patterson & Dunning, 30 cents per front foot on each side.

Richard Carr, 30 cents per front foot on each side.

James Mahoney, 30 cents per front foot on each side.

J. G. Sickler & Co., 30 cents per front foot on each side.

G. W. Buchanan, 30 cents per front foot on each side.

George W. Buchanan being the lowest and best bidder, your committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Eighth. For curbing the outside edge of the sidewalks of Broadway street between Lincoln avenue and the first alley north—

H. C. Roney, 45 cents per front foot on each side.

Study & Elliott, 44 cents per front foot on each side.

James Parker, 43 cents per front foot on each side.

Jas. H. Hudson, 43 cents per front foot on each side.

John Schier, 41 cents per front foot on each side.

John Schier being the lowest and best bidder, your committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Ninth. For paving with brick the north sidewalk on Washington street, between East and Noble streets—

Wm. Morrison, 40 cents per yard.

Johnson & Christerson, \$1.10 per lineal foot front.

James Mahoney, 99 cents per lineal foot front.

Patterson & Dunning, 99 cents per lineal foot front.

H. C. Roney, 98 cents per lineal foot front.

Wm. L. White, 85 cents per lineal foot front.

Study & Elliott, 94 cents per lineal foot front, for new brick.

“ 54 cents per lineal foot front, for old brick.

John Schier, 75 cents per lineal foot front, full width, and less in proportion.

John Schier being the lowest and best bidder, your committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Tenth. For erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures, on Oriental street, from Washington street to Michigan road; also on Broadway street, between Lincoln avenue and Tinker or Seventh street—

No proposals were presented for the above work, and your committee recommend that the City Civil Engineer be directed to readvertise for proposals.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BUGBEE,

D. M. RANDELL,

Committee on Contracts.

Which was concurred in, and contracts awarded.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, September 25, 1876.

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

Gentlemen:—I was directed to examine the sewer drain in and along McCauley street, from West street to Pogue's Run, and report its condition. I have made the necessary examination and find the drain choked up, and a part of the pipe broken. I would recommend that the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean out said drain and replace the broken pipe with glazed earthenware pipe.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, September 25, 1876.

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

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

A first and partial estimate allowed A. Bruner & Co for building a brick sewer in and along Potomac or West Court street, from California street to the first alley west of West street—

193 lineal feet at \$1 40.....	\$270 20
1 man-hole at \$20.00.....	20 00
Total.....	\$290 20
Amount kept back.....	24 20
Present payment.....	\$266 00

Also, a first and partial estimate allowed John L. Hanna for building a wooden bridge over the State Ditch at Ruckle street—

9,954 feet of pine lumber at \$12.00 per thousand feet.....	\$119 44
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Also, a second and partial estimate allowed John L. Hanna for building a wooden bridge over the State Ditch at Central avenue—

10,690.4 feet pine lumber at \$14 50.....	\$155 01
2,160 feet oak lumber at \$15 00.....	32 40
296 25 cubic yards wet excavation at 70 cents.....	207 37
386 31 cubic yards dry excavation at 20 cents.....	77 26
Total.....	\$472 04
Less former payment.....	145 00
Present payment.....	\$327 04

Also, a first and final estimate allowed August Verhofstad for grading and graveling the first alley south of Prospect street, from Everson to Reed streets—

751.66 lineal feet at 10 cents.....	\$75 16
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Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and partial estimate allowed A. Bruner & Co. for building a brick sewer in and along Potomac or West Court street, from California street to the first alley west of West 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 Bugbee, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster and Wright, William G.—16.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed August Verhofstad for grading and graveling the first alley south of Prospect street, from Everson to Reed 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 Bugbee, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster and Wright, William G.—16.

Negative—None.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, September 25, 1876.

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

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

Contract and bond of James W. Hudson, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutter on the east side of Tennessee street, between Maryland and Chesapeake streets.

Contract and bond of Garner & Belcher, for grading and graveling Oak street, between Cherry street and the first alley north of Cherry street.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in, and the bonds approved.

The City Clerk submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, September 25, 1876.

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

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

James Garner & Co. vs. Jane C. Grayden, for.....	\$37 80
James Garner & Co. vs. Henry Gratenkemper, for	12 92
James W. Hudson vs. Catharine Williams, for	24 75
Geo. Wm Seibert vs. James Francis, for	82 28
Geo. Wm. Seibert vs. W. M. Johnson (christian name unknown), for..	3 90

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 Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster and Wright, William G.—17.

Negative—None.

The City Attorney submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, September 25, 1876.

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit the contract that you instructed me to prepare between the city and Mr. Burns. It has been signed by Mr. Burns, and if it meets your approval, I would suggest that the Mayor be instructed to sign the same on behalf of the city, and affix the seal of the city thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS,

City Attorney.

Which was concurred in, and the Mayor instructed to sign the contract.

The Board of Health submitted the following report:

Indianapolis, September 25, 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 16th day of September, to 6 o'clock P. M., on the 23d day of September, 1876.

Under 1 year	13
1 to 2 years.....	3
2 to 3 "	2
3 to 4 "	1
4 to 5 "	0
5 to 10 "	2
10 to 20 "	2
20 to 30 "	2
30 to 40 "	2
40 to 50 "	2
50 to 60 "	3
60 to 70 "	3
70 to 80 "	2
80 to 90 "	1
90 to 100 "	0

Above 100 years.....	0
Unknown	3
Total.....	<hr/> 42

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. HOOK, M. D.,

President Board of Health.

J. W. MARSEE,

Secretary Board of Health, pro tem.

Which was received.

His Honor, the Mayor, submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, September 25, 1876.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—The amount of fines collected by me during the month of August, 1876, is \$83.41, which amount I have paid over to the City Treasurer, as shown by his duplicate receipt presented herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CAVEN,

Mayor.

Which was approved.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

Mr. Byram introduced general ordinance No. 50, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance making a general tax levy for the year 1876, upon the taxable property within the limits of the city of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Craft presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, September 18, 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 east of Dillon street, between English and Lexington avenues, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of the same.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Thomas H. Spann, 125 feet; John S. Spann, et al.,
250 feet; John M. Spann, 125 feet; Thomas Tal-
lentire, 125 feet; John King, 125 feet; B. N.
Johnson, 125 feet.

Which was received.

Mr. Case introduced special ordinance No. 111, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of Dil-
lon street, from English to Lexington avenues.

Which was read the first time.

Also, the following petition :

Indianapolis, September 18, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on alley
between Hoyt and Lexington avenues, between Dillon and Linden streets,
respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the grad-
ing and graveling of the same.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

E. R. Eckert, 90 feet; J. H. Spann, 35 feet; J. M.
Spann, 30 feet; Dan. S. Jordan, 135 feet; Wm.
C. Corider, 30 feet; F. M. Gallahue, 30 feet; W.
S. Ford, 30 feet.

Which was received.

Also, special ordinance No. 112, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the alley between Hoyt
and Lexington avenues, from Dillon to Linden streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Stienhauer presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, September 25, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Mc-

Carty street, between New Jersey and Alabama streets, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and paving with brick, and curbing with stone the north sidewalk on McCarty street, from New Jersey to Alabama street.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

W. H. Brown, 30 feet; D. Hutchinson, 37 feet;
H. Bermann, 150 feet; C. A. Rusch, 40 feet;
H. Brandt.

Which was received.

Also, special ordinance No. 113, 1876, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, and curbing with stone, the north sidewalk on McCarty street, from Alabama to New Jersey streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thalman introduced special ordinance No. 114, 1876, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for grading the first alley west of Missouri street, between Walnut and St. Clair streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. W. G. Wright presented the following petition:

Indianapolis, August 26, 1876.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting the first alley north of Prospect street, between Dillon and Spruce streets, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of said alley between said streets, with good river or creek gravel.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

W. G. Wright, 80 feet; G. S. Bradley, 80 feet; Mr. S. Carr, 40 feet; John Robinson, 40 feet; G. W. Bryan, 40 feet; Jas. M. Sheppard, 40 feet; S. C. Bowser, 80 feet; Mary F. Bowser, 40 feet; John H. Batty, 40 feet; J. L. Thomas, 80 feet; S. McKay, 40 feet; S. C. Bowser, 40 feet.

Which was received.

Also, special ordinance No. 115, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley north of Prospect street, from Dillon to Linden streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Craft introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 51, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money on account of the construction of the No. 8 Hose Reel House.

Which was read the first time.

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

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster and Wright, William G.—18.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 51, 1876,

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster and Wright, William G.—19.

Negative—None.

Mr. Schmidt presented the contract and bond of John Schier for paving the north sidewalk on Washington street, between East and Noble streets.

Which was concurred in, and bond approved.

Mr. Webster, from Special Committee, submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, September 25, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—Your committee, to whom was referred the petition of sundry resident free-holders of the city of Indianapolis, praying the Common Council to make a donation to aid in the construction of the railroad of the Union Railroad Transfer and Stock Yard Company, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not a majority of the resident free-holders of the city had signed the same, would report that we have examined the same, and find that there are 4,333 signers to the said petition; that there are 4,854 resident free holders in said city of Indianapolis, as shown by the tax duplicate; that of that number 2,833 have signed the said petition; that 2,433 constitute a majority of the resident free-holders of said city. We would therefore report that 401 more than a majority of all the resident free-holders of said city of Indianapolis have signed said petition.

We would also report that 1,500 names upon said petition were not counted, because their names did not appear upon the duplicate, or they were not residents of the city, although they were owners of real estate, or because the real estate appeared in their wives' names.

Respectfully submitted,

I. W. STRATFORD,
WM. G. WRIGHT,
GEO. C. WEBSTER.
Committee.

WM. HADLEY,
City Assessor.

R. O. HAWKINS,
City Attorney

Which was received.

His Honor, the Mayor, submitted the following paper :

Indianapolis, September 25, 1876.

W. R. McKeen, President Union Railroad Transfer and Stock Yard Company :

Dear Sir :—Should the Belt Railroad and Stock Yards be built, as it is reasonable now to assume they will, it is a matter of interest to our citizens that the labor upon such works should be given to our own laboring men. You have been kind enough to insure me this should be done. I believe it is due to our working men that they should know how kindly you feel disposed toward them in this matter, and wish you would express on paper the same kind expressions you have made verbally to me, that I may communicate it to our Council and citizens.

Truly yours,

JOHN CAVEN,

Mayor.

Indianapolis, September 25, 1876.

To the Hon. John Caven, Mayor :

Dear Sir :—Yours of this date at hand. In reply I desire to say that as a large majority of the resident free-holders of your city have petitioned your Council to aid in the construction of the Union Railroad and Stock Yards, should their petition receive favorable consideration by your Council, it is the wish and design of this company to employ, so far as is possible, the mechanics and workmen of your city for the building and completion of said works. As the season is so far advanced we trust your Council will see the necessity of *immediate action*, that the work may proceed at once.

We are already advised that parties are anxiously awaiting the action of your Council, with a view of locating two extensive packing establishments in your city. Also, that parties controlling large shipments of live stock, and who are now shipping by other routes, are awaiting the completion of the Stock Yards in this city, that they may change their shipments so as to come through Indianapolis. I am also in receipt of information to the effect that manufacturers are already making inquiries as to the location of the road, with a view of securing suitable sites for their factories.

Taking it all in all, I am daily more fully convinced that the enterprise will be a success, and that your city will find that nothing can be more advantageous for its future prosperity than the building of the road and establishment of the stock yards.

Yours, very respectfully,

W. R. McKEEN, Prest.,

Union Railroad and Stock Yard Co.

Which were received.

By consent, Mr. Reed introduced general ordinance No. 51, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance providing for the issuing of certain bonds in aid of the Union Railroad Transfer and Stock Yard Company, and prescribing the conditions upon which such bonds are issued.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Moved, That whereas the city becomes responsible for the building of said road, the work shall be given the preference to her bona fide residents at this time, no laborers to be employed from outside the city, if they can be employed from here on the same terms; and that this proviso shall be made a part of the consideration on which the city issues her bonds.

Mr. Darnell offered the following as a substitute to the above motion :

Moved, That it shall be, and is, a condition of the guarantee asked of and proposed to be made by the city, that only *bona fide* residents of the city of Indianapolis, and who have been such for more than sixty days, shall be employed in and about the construction of said Belt Road and Stock Pens, and that this condition shall be incorporated into and made part of the guarantee.

Dr. Stratford offered the following amendment to Mr. Thalman's motion :

Provided, That the compensation for such labor shall not be less than the customary price paid for similar labor.

Which amendment was adopted.

Mr. Adams offered the following amendment :

And the Union Transfer and Stock Yards Company further agree and covenant to extend to any person or persons doing business on or along the line of said railroad, any facilities, accommodations and privileges that may be necessary to successfully operate and conduct such business, in the way

of putting down railroad switches, carrying freight, and whatever pertains to transportation, at the lowest possible rates.

Mr. Ransdell offered the following motion :

Moved, That the ordinance and proposition be referred to the Judiciary Committee, together with the City Attorney and His Honor the Mayor, which committee shall carefully examine the ordinance, and present an ordinance fully protecting the city's interests.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Craft moved that when this Council adjourns, it adjourns to meet to-morrow evening.

Which motion failed to pass by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bugbee, Craft, Izor, Kenzel, McGinty, Pouder, Steinhauer, Thomas, Webster and Wright, William G.—10.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Morse, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford and Thalman—11.

Mr. Ransdell moved that when this Council adjourns, it adjourn to meet Wednesday evening for the purpose of considering the above ordinance and amendments.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Case, Craft, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster and Wright, William G.—18.

Negative—Councilmen Byram, Darnell and Kenzel—3.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Attorney be directed to embody in the ordinance, that a committee, consisting of the Mayor and three members of the City Council, shall carefully examine the expenditures and cost, *based on actual value*, of said company, before the bonds are issued to them, and that the value and amount shall be not less than \$750,000.

All of the above motions and amendments, with the ordinance, were referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Attorney.

Mr. Byram moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of taking up and placing upon its final passage general ordinance No. 50, 1876.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reed, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster and Wright, William G.—18.

Negative—Councilmen Darnell and Diffley—2.

General ordinance No. 50, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance making a general tax levy for the year 1876, upon the taxable property within the limits of the city of Indianapolis.

Was read the second time and engrossed.

Mr. Adams moved to refer back to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to reduce the tax levy.

Which motion was not adopted.

The ordinance was then read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Duffley, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGinty, Ponder, Ransdell, Reed, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, and Wright, William G.—18.

Negative—Councilmen Adams and Stratford—2.

Mr. Thomas offered the following motion :

Moved, That Mary J. Vance be granted the right to remove the street lamp at the point of intersection of Virginia avenue and Washington street in front of her block, and in place of said lamp and two others that have been removed, she be granted the right to erect one lamp post on Washington street near the point of said streets, and one on Virginia avenue near said point of intersection; said two lamps to be erected and the connections thereto to be made by the said Mary J. Vance at her own expense.

Which was adopted.

Mr. W. G. Wright presented the following petition and motion :

Indianapolis, September 18, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—I wish to move a building from Shelby to Linden street; route on Olive to Prospect street, on Prospect to Spruce street, down Spruce half a square.

D. T. WIGGINTON.

Moved, That privilege as above asked for be granted, provided he repairs any damage done to the streets by said moving.

Which motion was adopted.

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

Indianapolis, September 25, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred a petition and ordinance relating to the improvement of the first alley west of Bellefontaine street, running south from Home avenue to the first alley

running east and west north of Christian avenue, respectfully report that the alley needs improving badly. We recommend the passage of the ordinance, and herewith return the same.

We also recommend that the motion to repair the bowldered gutter in front of the Journal office be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC THALMAN,
ALBERT IZOR,

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Steinhauer offered the following motion :

Moved, That the I. C. & L Railroad Co have permission to erect six telegraph poles on Fletcher avenue, between Dillon and Pine streets.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. McGinty offered the following motion :

Moved, That M. A. Johnson be granted permission to build a substantial wooden crossing to his scales, over the sidewalk on South West street, adjacent to the Vandalia Railroad tracks.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Morse presented the following communication :

Indianapolis, September 25, 1876.

Proposition to the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—Parks & Segner, of Piqua, Ohio, will sell to said city Reynolds' Road Machine for \$85 00 each.

PARKS & SEGNER.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Izor, from the Committee on Supplies, submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, September 25, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The Committee on Supplies have examined the City Civil Engineer's wagon, and are of the opinion that it is necessary to procure a new

one, as the old one is worn out. The probable cost of a new one will be about one hundred and fifty to one hundred and seventy-five dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT IZOR,

J. THOMAS,

MARTIN MCGINTY,

Committee.

Which was concurred in, and the Committee instructed to make the purchase.

Mr. Craft presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, September 25, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, hackmen of the City of Indianapolis, would respectfully petition your honorable body to take such action as will reduce the license fees now charged by the city on hacks and other vehicles. Our business is very much depressed, and the license (\$15.00) is higher than is exacted in any other city of the population of Indianapolis.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

G. W. Manly, R. Armstrong, Wm. H. Ryan, Eugene Curran, John W. Blake, James Bea, John Fleming, Alexander Colins, A. Rosenberg, M. S. Bodkin, Jere. Cross, Peter Smith, David F. Clary, Frank Hurley, William Hurley, Abe Adleman, Robert Thomas, Wade & Co. (2 hacks), T. W. Gifson, Henry Bailey.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Case offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby instructed to establish the grade and the west line of South Illinois street, between Kansas and Wisconsin streets, and stake the same.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Byram presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, September 25, 1876.

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

Gentlemen!—I suppose you are aware that the north side of the East Market House is occupied by cook and boarding houses. As the rents are so low, and lower than the city taxes on the same space of ground on each of the streets fronting the same, my renters are complaining that the city is renting so low to those eating stands that they can not afford to pay the rents for property on each of the streets fronting said Market. It was not the purpose of the city to rent stalls on the side of the Market House for boarding houses, to the detriment of all property holders near said market.

I pray your honorable body will appoint a committee to investigate the matter and report to Council. They have about inclosed the Market House with those boarding houses. We would pray that you rent said Market House for what it was designed, a market house for the city, not a boarding house.

Your obedient,

ANDREW WALLACE.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. Bugbee offered the following motion:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby ordered to fill up with gravel the mud-holes in the alley between Peru street and the I. P & C. R. R. track, from Home to Christian avenue.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Adams offered the following motion:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby directed to put in a sink and drain pipe at the intersection of College avenue and Seventh or Tinker street, for the purpose of draining the water from the drinking fountain at that point.

Which was adopted.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

 Mayor.

Attest:

..... City Clerk.