

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.
REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, January 22d, 1877—7 o'clock P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

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

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

Absent—Councilmen Adams, Craft, Laughlin and McGill—4.

The proceedings of the regular session, held January 15th, 1877, were read and approved.

On motion, by Mr. Darnell, Mr. Adams was excused.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, January 22, 1877.

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

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

A final and corrected estimate allowed John Green for grading and graveling Wisconsin street and sidewalks, from Mississippi to Meridian streets:—

1706 lineal feet at 87 cents.....	\$1484 12
1214 lineal feet at \$1.12½ cents.....	1365 75
862 cubic yards excavation for water outlet at 30 cents.....	258 60
Total.....	\$3108 57
Former payment.....	3108 57

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing final and corrected estimate allowed John Greene for grading and graveling Wisconsin street and sidewalks from Mississippi to Meridian street, be, and the same is, hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Darnell, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGinty, Reasener, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalmann, Thomas, Webster, and Wright, Arthur L.—15.

Negative—None.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, January 22, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—In the matter of the claim of John Greene, contractor, for work done at the crossing of Wisconsin and Missouri streets, we would report that the claim of Mr. Greene is based upon work done by him in improving Wisconsin street where the same crosses the old bed of the Canal. It is not upon the line of Missouri street, and Missouri street has never been opened down to Wisconsin street. There is no street opened at the point where it is claimed the city ought to pay for the work. The city is only liable to pay for work upon the crossings of streets and alleys.

We would, therefore, recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS,

City Attorney.

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

The City Attorney submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, January 22, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—In the matter of the petition of The Brown Rotary Shuttle Sewing Machine Company and Rockwood & Caven asking to be relieved from certain taxes assessed against their real estate, for the reason that the same is not legally within the city; we would report that we have examined into the matter, and find that the legal question involved is now pending in the Superior Court in another case; that there is some doubt as to the rights of the parties in the matter, and would therefore recommend that the Treasurer be instructed not to proceed to sue or collect the said taxes until the cases now pending shall have been decided by the courts.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS,

City Attorney.

WILLIAM HADLEY,

City Assessor.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, January 22, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—At the last meeting of the Council I was directed to report what number of public hydrants the city is legally bound to pay the Water Works Company for, and what price she is legally bound to pay for each. This is a matter of some importance to the city, and also to the Water Works Company, and I have not yet had time to investigate it enough to make a report. I would therefore ask that further time be allowed me in which to report.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS,

City Attorney.

Which was concurred in, and further time granted.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, January 22, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—Special ordinance No. 139, 1876, being an ordinance to grade and pave with brick the east sidewalk of Pendleton Pike, was referred to me with instructions to report whether or no the city had the power to pass such an ordinance, the said pike not being owned by the city. I would report that I have examined the matter, and am of the opinion that the city has the right to order the sidewalks along such a gravel road improved when the same is within the city limits, but the city would not have the right to improve the street or change the grade of the road. The gravel road company only control the roadway, and not the sidewalks in front of the lots.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS,

City Attorney.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, January 22, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—In the matter of the mortgage of the school fund of Marion county against the Massachusetts avenue Engine House property, I would

report that I have investigated the matter, and find that the County Auditor made a mistake in reporting to me that the mortgage was upon the property of the city, said mortgage being upon another and different property.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS,
City Attorney.

Which was approved.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, January 22, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—Since the last meeting of the Council the case of Conrad Gardner vs. The City has been tried in the Superior Court, and resulted in a verdict against the city for \$500. This was an action for damages by reason of the plaintiff's horse running away and over the bank of White River, near the intersection of Ray street and the old Lafayette Gravel Road. I would call the attention of the Council to the fact that at the point where this accident occurred, and for some 200 feet above it, the bank has washed away until the street is very narrow and dangerous; and I would recommend that the Street Commissioner be instructed to build a substantial fence along the bank at that point.

I would also report that the court has overruled the defendant's demurrer to the plaintiff's complaint in the case of Vonnegut vs. The City. This is a case where suit is brought upon a City Warrant on account of non-payment. I would recommend that the case be appealed to the Supreme Court.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS,
City Attorney.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, January 22, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—In the matter of the lease of Cottrell & Knight to the city of the City Hall, that was referred to me to report what action is necessary on the part of the Council to cancel the same, I would report that the lease is for all the rooms in the second and third stories of the building, and is for a term of ten years from ———, ———, and provides that the city may cancel the same by giving one year's notice at any time. There is one room in the

southwest corner of the second story of the building that Cottrell & Knight have never furnished to the city, but has been used by other tenants. The city, under the lease, is entitled to the use of this room. The city can terminate the lease by giving Cottrell & Knight one year's notice, but before seeking to take any advantage of this failure to furnish the room above referred to, a formal demand should be made upon them for it; and should they then refuse, I am of the opinion that the city might cancel the lease at once, unless there has been some action upon the part of the Council in the matter that would be a waiver of the right to demand all of the second story of the building.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS,

City Attorney.

Which was received, and referred to special committee on procuring offices in Court House.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, January 22, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—I herewith report an ordinance for the better protection of the public water hydrants, as directed by you on the 8th instant. I would also recommend that the Clerk be instructed to make whatever changes are necessary in building permits in order to make the same consistent with this ordinance when the same shall be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS,

City Attorney.

Which was concurred in.

The City Attorney submitted general ordinance No. 3, 1877, entitled :

An ordinance for the better protection of the public water hydrants in the city of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time.

The Board of Health submitted the following report:

Also the following petition:

Indianapolis, January 13, 1877.

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 13th day of January, to 6 o'clock P. M., on the 20th day of January, 1877.

Under 1 year	9
1 to 2 years.....	5
2 to 3 "	4
3 to 4 "	1
4 to 5 "	1
5 to 10 "	0
10 to 20 "	1
20 to 30 "	2
30 to 40 "	0
40 to 50 "	1
50 to 60 "	3
60 to 70 "	1
70 to 80 "	1
80 to 90 "	0
90 to 100 "	0
Above 100 "	0
Unknown.....	1
Total.....	30

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. HOOK, M. D.,

J. W. MARSEE,

President Board of Health.

Secretary Board of Health, pro tem.

Which was received.

ROLL CALL.

Mr. Buehrig offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Chief Fire Engineer be instructed to examine the first building south of the Grand Hotel office on South Illinois street, and report to this Council next Monday night whether it is in a safe condition or not.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following petition :

Indianapolis, January 22, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned would respectfully petition your honorable body for the erection of a lamp post on Chesapeake alley, in front of the School House of St. Marys Church, for the safety and convenience of the members of the several Societies who are meeting there in the evening, and for the benefit of the neighbors and public generally.

Yours respectfully,

Rev. Anthony Sheideler, Henry Gentry, Ignata Hurrle, Frank J. Geis, A. H. Mueller, Peter Gramling, Louis Kolb, George Knarzer, George Schmitt, John Geis, E. G. Shartle, Theo. Meyer, John Knight, Wm. Langsenkamp, and John T. Dickson.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas Lights.

Mr. Bugbee presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, January 22, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—The undrsigned respectfully shows to your honorable body that he is the owner of part of lot No. 12, in square No. 66, in the city of Indianapolis. That the improvements on same are assessed for taxation by the City Assessor at \$14,000, and the undersigned paid taxes on same at that assessment for the year 1875. That the said assessment was and is at least \$4,000 above the true amount it should have been assessed at. That said improvements cost the undersigned only \$10,000 twenty-two years ago, when the same were made, and no addition has been since made to enhance the value, and no more than necessary repairs. That the excess paid by him for taxes on all over \$10,000 ought to be refunded to him; and he respectfully asks that you direct the sum of sixty dollars to be refunded to him, as being in excess of the true rate of assessment and levy on said improvements.

The undersigned shows that a like mistake was made in the assessment for state and county purposes for said year 1875; and the Board of Commissioners of Marion county, Indiana, at their last session, made the correction, re-

reducing said assessment to \$10,000, and refunded the amount paid on the assessment over that sum.

C. A. ELLIOTT.

August 21, 1876.

Which was referred to the City Assessor and City Attorney.

Mr. Case presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, January 22, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—Your petitioner would respectfully represent that she is a widow, and entitled to the exemption of \$500 from the taxable property of each of the years 1873, 1874, and 1875, on which I have paid respectively:

For the year 1873.....	\$11 55
For the year 1874.....	12 10
For the year 1875.....	15 75
Total.....	<u>\$39 40</u>

I respectfully ask your honorable body to deduct—

For the year 1873.....	\$5 50
For the year 1874.....	5 50
For the year 1875.....	7 50
Deductions.....	<u>\$18 50</u>

This is a deduction of \$500 on each year, which I have fully paid without knowing that I was entitled to said deduction, which I ask your honorable body to refund to me. For which I would ever pray.

MRS. KATIE E. SMALL.

Which was referred to the City Attorney and Assessor.

Mr. Darnell presented the following communication :

Indianapolis, January 22, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—The Board of Commissioners of Marion county propose to allow the officers of the city of Indianapolis to occupy rooms in the new Court House, in said county, to-wit: Rooms for the Mayor's Court, City Clerk, City Treasurer, City Engineer, Street Commissioners, and City Assessor, in the basement of the building; and for the City Council Chamber and Committee

rooms in the Mansard story; the city authorities to select the rooms, and the City Council to pay for the use of the said rooms one-third of the expense of heating the whole building, and of gas and water used in the same, and one-third of the expenses of Janitor needed to take care and clean the building; to be paid quarterly on demand of the County Treasurer: and to pay as additional compensation for the use of said rooms \$250.00 per quarter. The Commissioners are not to furnish any furniture for the rooms.

Which was referred to the special committee on procuring rooms in the Court House, with instructions to obtain proposition from the County as to what rent they would charge the city, the county to furnish the rooms and pay the running expenses.

Mr. Schmidt offered the following motion:

Moved, That the Chief Fire Engineer be and is hereby directed to examine all the fire cisterns within the city limits, and report to this Council as soon as possible, and state the condition they are in.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Schmidt presented the claim of John C. Treter for \$3.84.

Which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims.

Mr. Steinhauer presented certain claims against the city in favor of D. Root & Co.

Which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner notify the I. B. & W. R. R. Co. to plank between, and two feet on each side, (as is required by ordinance) of their railroad track and side-tracks, crossing Wright street, in west Indianapolis. Also, that the City Marshall notify said company not to obstruct the crossing of said Wright street, by allowing cars to stand on their side-tracks.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Civil Engineer be authorized to procure drafts of the various city buildings.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following petition and motion :

Indianapolis, January 20, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—I was awarded a contract for improving Japan or East street in November last; and, owing to the weather, was unable to do any work on said street. The time granted me has expired, and I would respectfully petition your honorable body for an extension of ninety days time on my contract.

Respectfully,

FRED. GANSBERG,

Contractor.

Moved, That Frederick Gansberg be granted ninety days further time for improving Japan or East street; he filing a new bond.

Which petition was received, and the motion adopted.

Mr. Thalman presented the following communication :

Indianapolis, January 22, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—I herewith tender you my resignation as a member of your honorable body; the same to take effect from and after the acceptance of this.

With my well wishes to all, and hatred toward none, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

J. C. LAUGHLIN.

Which was received, and the resignation accepted.

Mr. Schmidt offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is, hereby directed to place all the reflectors which were taken from the Tunnel in the hands of the janitor.

Which was adopted.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Reasener, from the Committee on Accounts and Claims, submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, January 22, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—We have examined the petitions of the parties herein named, and praying for exemption on account of being widows, and entitled to an exemption of \$500; being worth less than \$1,000.

Mrs. John Shea, tax.....	\$7 50
Mrs. Daniel Shea, tax.....	3 70
Mrs. Mike Casey, tax.....	7 50
Mrs. Sarah Sullivan, tax.....	7 50

We recommend the allowance of the above amounts in the next appropriation ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. C. WEBSTER,

W. G. WRIGHT,

W. F. REASENER,

Committee on Accounts and Claims.

WM. HADLEY,

City Assessor.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. A. L. Wright, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, January 22, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Finance, and City Attorney, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Reniken, asking to be relieved from certain

benefits assessed against him by the Commissioners in the opening of Winston street, would report that we have examined the matter, and find that the Commissioners, in the opening of said street, changed the same so as to make it connect in a straight line with that part of Winston street extending south of it; that in order to do that they were compelled to take and condemn parts of the lots lying west of the street, as it was originally laid out, and to vacate part of the old street, which would thereby become part of Mr. Reniken's property or lot, because it adjoined the vacant ground upon the east. As to whether the Commissioners placed Mr. Reniken's benefits higher than they should is not for your committee to decide; for, had he desired to test that matter, he could have appealed to the courts as the law provides. We are of the opinion that the Commissioners did not exceed their authority in the matter, and would therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. WRIGHT,

N. S. BYRAM,

J. THOMAS,

Com. on Finance.

R. O. HAWKINS,

City Attorney.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Ransdell, from Committee on Water Works, submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, January 22, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—The Committee on Water Works, to whom was referred a resolution, offered by Councilmen A. L. Wright, instructing the committee, together with the City Civil Engineer, to report the number of fire plugs or hydrants now being paid for by the city, and what number are less than 1,000 feet apart on any one street, and how many have been erected by direct order of the City Council, and whether, or not, the city should demand a re-adjustment of water rates for city and citizens, would report that we have had the matter under consideration, and find :

First. That there are 552 fire-plugs or hydrants erected, and now being used by the city.

Second. That all of said fire-plugs are less than 1,000 feet apart.

Third. They have all been erected by direct order of the City Council.

Fourth. We find, upon examination, that the city is paying for each and every one of said fire-plugs the maximum price named in the charter, viz: fifty dollars; believing that the price being paid is too high, especially under the stringency of the present hard times, and the pressing demand of tax-payers that every part of the city's expense should be reduced where it is possible to do so. We would therefore recommend that the City Council demand a re-adjustment of water rates, as provided for by the charter, and granted by the City Council to the Water Works Company.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. RANSELL,

J. J. DIFFLEY,

Committee on Water Works.

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was referred to the City Attorney.

Mr. Darnell moved to reconsider the vote by which Mr. Schmidt's motion was adopted, "directing the Street Commissioner to deliver the reflectors, now in his possession, to the City Janitor."

Which motion to reconsider was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—21.

Negative—Councilman Schmidt—1.

Mr. Darnell moved to amend the motion by instructing the Street Commissioner to deliver the said reflectors to the City Civil Engineer, and that the said Engineer be directed to enumerate the same in his inventory.

Which amendment was adopted.

The motion, as amended, was then adopted.

By consent, Mr. Buehrig offered the following motion :

Moved, That David S. Benson be granted license (for three months, subject to renewal) to actioneer at No. 85 East Washington street; said license to be issued under the provisions of an ordinance regulating such matters.

Which motion was adopted.

Dr. Stratford moved that the Committee on Supplies be empowered to authorize the purchase of coal for City Building until a contract could be entered into.

Which motion was adopted.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following report :

Indianapolis, January 22, 1876.

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

*Gentlemen :—*In accordance with the provisions of an act of the legislature approved February 25, 1873, securing certain fines to be paid into the treasury of the Board of Trustees of the Home for Friendless Women, the following report is respectfully submitted :

The direct management of the affairs of the Home is under the control of a Board of Managers, consisting of prominent christian ladies of the city certain number of whom visit the institution at least once in every week, and examine carefully into all its internal arrangements. The whole Board of Managers meet once in every month, and discuss all important measures which shall be carried into effect, and provide, at the same time, for all those contingencies which are continually arising in such an institution. The officers of the Home are selected and controled by this Board of Managers, and these officers are always chosen with direct reference to their intellectual, moral, and religious power. Every inmate of the Home comes in direct contact with the officers, and thereby receives the full benefit of the reformatory influence. The number provided for in the Home proper, during the last year, is 403; most of these have been industrious, working-girls, for whom homes have been provided, and they are now doing well. Some have been unfortunate, and have had children to be cared for. A number have been received from houses of ill-fame, and thus rescued from destruction. The labor of the Home is performed by the inmates, and they are all instructed in sewing and other domestic work. They are sedulously and carefully

taught in the principles of the christian religion, and many have been brought to see their sinfulness and have forsaken their evil ways. Occasionally young persons have come to the Home who were formerly under good influence; but, having fallen into sin, they find here there old associations renewed, and are willing to commence leading better and purer lives.

The number of prisoners committed to the Home is 108. A large proportion of these were unable to read or write. Most of the cases were exceedingly hardened and vicious. The term of commitment, being only thirty days, allows but small opportunity for reformatory influences to take effect. Notwithstanding this, a number of the prisoners were induced to remain in the Home after their term had expired. These are now doing well, and earning an honest living. The cause of degradation in the case of prisoners, is usually the use of whisky, bad mothers, bad husbands and vicious surroundings. Some of them went back into crime and were recommitted; others again were sent out of the city to their friends.

The general work of the Home is unlike that of any other benevolent institution. It provides for an unfortunate class of persons, who are without homes and need temporary shelter until they can be provided with some means to obtain an honest livelihood. *Without* the provisions this Home affords, such persons are almost compelled to live a life of sin and shame; *with* it they are made respectable members of society, are honest and self-supporting.

Accompanying this we present herewith a copy of the financial report of Mr. William S. Hubbard, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, and that of Mrs. M. M. Todd, Treasurer of the Board of Managers, for your examination. We have the necessary vouchers for all the funds expended, and invite your invitation.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. H. SHARPE,
JOHN H. VAJEN,
CHAS. N. TODD,
J. H. KAPPES,

Ex. Com. Board Trustees Home for Friendless Women.

Which was received.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, January 22, 1877.

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

Financial report of Wm. S. Hubbard, Treasurer Board of Trustees of Home for Friendless Women, ending December 31, 1876:

DEBIT.

January 20, 1876—	To amount on hand at last report.....	\$206 95
March 22;	“ To City Warrant, \$792.75—interest \$7.92.....	800 67
April 21,	“ To City Warrant... ..	844 15
August 9,	“ To City Warrant.....	704 65
November 18,	“ To City Warrant.....	260 25
	To balance.....	26 55
		\$2843 22

CREDIT.

January —, 1876—	By J. H. Myers, repairing gutters and furnace....	\$28 60
“ “ “	By John Knight, steam fitting.....	17 48
February 11, “	By Chas. Dogherty, for plumbing, etc.....	155 00
“ 11, “	By Akron sewer pipe for house sewer.....	6 42
March 22, “	By M. M. Todd, Treasurer.. ..	500 00
“ “	By M. Hartman, for plastering... ..	25 00
“ 24, “	By D. E. Snyder & Co., insurance.....	75 00
“ “	By McGilliard & Field, “	42 75
“ “	By John Green, for grading lot.....	10 00
“ “	By “ for grading and graveling street... ..	68 80
April 24, “	By Hildebrand & Fugate.... ..	33 05
“ “	By Haugh & Co., iron gratings and cell.....	161 00
“ “	By J. H. Vajen, for trees	3 00
“ “	By C. Dougherty, for laying sewer.....	24 00
“ “	By J. H. Vajen, for labor paid... ..	5 00
“ “	By S. C. Cook, for digging sink and trenches.....	14 00
“ “	By M. M. Todd, Treasurer... ..	400 00
“ “	By A. J. Crabb, carpenter work.....	7 84
July 8, “	By M. M. Todd, Treasurer	300 00
August —, “	By “ “ “	70 65
“ “	By McGilliard & Field, insurance	6 25
November 8, “	By Snyder & Co., insurance.....	30 00
“ “	By M. M. Todd, Treasurer.....	224 38
		\$2843 22
	Balance due Wm. S. Hubbard.....	26 55

I have examined the above account, and the vouchers produced, and believe all correct.

D. E. SNYDER,
Auditor.

Which was received.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, January 22, 1877.

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

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Managers of "The Indianapolis Home for Friendless Women," from January 1, 1876, to January 1, 1877 :

DEBIT.

To balance in Citizens National Bank, January 1, 1876	\$210 05
March 2, 1876—To check on Citizens National Bank, from Wm. S. Hubbard, Treasurer.....	500 00
May 22, 1876—To check on Citizens National Bank, from Wm. S. Hubbard, Treasurer.....	400 00
July 10, 1876—To check on Citizens National Bank, from Wm. S. Hubbard, Treasurer.....	300 00
Aug. 9, 1876—To check on Citizens National Bank, from Wm. S. Hubbard, Treasurer....	704 65
Nov. 23, 1876—To check on Citizens National Bank, from Wm. S. Hubbard, Treasurer.....	224 38
To membership fees for 1876.....	85 00
To funds received for work done at The Home, 1876.....	350 00
To balance on a bill, and error in last bill.....	1 35
Total.....	<u>\$2,775 43</u>

CREDIT.

By January current expenses of The Home.....	\$203 13
By February " " " "	234 39
By March " " " "	285 51
By April " " " "	274 80
By May " " " "	223 86
By June " " " "	257 81
By July " " " "	230 49
By August " " " "	256 32
By September " " " "	286 73
By October " " " "	238 78
By November " " " "	200 41
By December " " " "	206 78
By bills for groceries.....	60 00
By bills for dry goods	32 67

By check for Wm. Burford's bill, Register for Home.....	12 00
By cash paid for printing and stationery for suits against Home....	50 00
By cash for bill of "The News" for printing notices.....	1 75
By cash for bill of "The Sentinel" for printing cards.....	3 00
By cash for bill of McQuat, Faote & Co., stoves and range fixtures...	25 35
By cash for bill of Caas. Dougherty for plumbing.....	25 55
By cash for photograph of The Home for Centennial.....	16 55
By cash for bills for fuel.....	56 50
Total.....	<u>\$3,167 38</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Expenditures.....	\$3,167 38
Receipts.....	<u>2,775 43</u>
Unpaid bills.....	\$391 95

For all of the above we have bills and vouchers.

M. M. TODD, Treasurer,
 E. A. ROACHE, Auditor,
 Board of Managers I. H. F. W.

Which was received.

On motion, the Fitchey Investigation Committee was granted another week's time.

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

Indianapolis, January 22, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred bids for coal for City Offices and Council Chamber, would report, that inasmuch as there was but one bid, your committee would recommend that the City Clerk readvertise for bids to furnish coal; said advertisement to be published every other day for two weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BUGBEE,
 D. M. RANSDELL,
 Committee on Contracts.

Which was concurred in.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

 S. Caren Mayor.

Attest :

 Benj. C. Wright City Clerk.