

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

ADJOURNED SESSION—APRIL 14, 1890.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, April 14th, A. D. 1890, at 7:30 o'clock, in adjourned session.

PRESENT—Hon. Thomas L. Sullivan, Mayor, and *ex officio* President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 25 members, viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Coy, Davis, Dunn, Gaspér. Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan. Olsen, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Stechhan, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

ABSENT—None.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session held April 7th, and the adjourned session held April 10th, 1890, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

Under this order of business the following entitled ordinance was introduced :

By Councilman Markey. Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance :

A. O. 25, 1890—An ordinance appropriating the sum of Three Thousand Dollars for the improvement of Garfield Park, and directing the manner of its expenditure.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business the following entitled ordinances were introduced :

By Councilman Rassman. Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Railroads :

G. O. 20, 1890—An ordinance authorizing Russie, Latham & Burgess to lay and maintain a switch track across east Michigan street, along the east side of the main track of the O., I. & W. Railroad.

By Councilman Stechhan. Read the first time :

G. O. 21, 1890—An ordinance providing for planting and maintaining shade trees along the streets and sidewalks in the City of Indianapolis.

By Councilman Yontz. Read the first time :

G. O. 22, 1890—An ordinance to amend Sections two, three and four, of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance providing the manner in which certain claims against the city shall be audited and paid, and prescribing the duties of city officers in relation thereto;" ordained and established May 29, 1867.

On motion by Councilman Yontz, the Rules were suspended for the purpose of placing the above entitled ordinance on its final passage, by the following vote :

AYES, 20—viz: Councilmen Austin, Cooper, Coy, Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS, 3—viz: Councilmen Hicklin, Markey, and Olsen.

G. O. 22, 1890, was then read the second time, ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed, by the following vote :

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Austin, Cooper, Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS—None.

By Councilman Martindale. Read the first time :

S. O. 91, 1890—An ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the roadway of Wabash street, and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof, from Delaware street to Pennsylvania street, and the costs thereof.

By Councilman Murphy. Read the first time :

S. O. 92, 1890—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the roadway of Bismarck street, and paving with brick the south sidewalk thereof, from Virginia avenue to Sullivan street.

By Councilman Myers. Read the first time :

S. O. 93, 1890—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the west gutter of Ruckle street, and paving with brick the sidewalk thereof, from Tenth street to Eleventh street, and the costs thereof.

S. O. 94, 1890—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the second alley north of Eighth street, from Central avenue to Delaware street, and the costs thereof.

S. O. 95, 1890—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Ash street, from Ninth street to Tenth street, and the costs thereof.

S. O. 96, 1890—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes,) on Pennsylvania street, between Houston, or Ninth street, and Twelfth street.

S. O. 97, 1890—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes,) on Bellefontaine avenue, between Ninth and Eleventh streets.

By Councilman Sweetland. Read the first time :

S. O. 98, 1890—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of Fourth street, from Illinois street to Howard street, and the costs thereof.

By Councilman Yontz. Read the first time :

S. O. 99, 1890—An ordinance to provide for re-grading, improving with broken stone the roadway, placing a gutter-stone in the gutters, and re set the curb where necessary, of Pine street, from North street to Peru avenue, and the costs thereof.

By consent, Councilman Burns was excused for the remainder of the session.

DECLARATORY RESOLUTIONS.

Councilman Cooper offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, Ind., That it is deemed necessary to improve Washington street, from the east line of Mississippi street to the east line of Missouri street, by paving the roadway with Standard Trinidad Asphalt Sheet Pavement upon a six (6) inch hydraulic concrete base, in accordance with profile and specifications on file in the office of the City Civil Engineer. The total cost of said improvement shall be assessed per lineal front foot upon the real estate abutting on said Washington street, (except the portion thereof occupied by street and alley crossings, which shall be assessed against the City of Indianapolis, and except such proportion thereof as eighteen (18) feet bears to the whole width of the roadway, which proportion is to be charged to the Citizens' Street Railroad Company); said assessments, if deferred, to be paid in ten annual installments. A bond or bonds shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of said assessments, unless the property owners pay said assessments before said bond or bonds are issued; all as provided for in an Act of the General Assembly of Indiana, approved March 8th, 1889.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Austin, Cooper, Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Coy offered the following resolutions :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, Ind., That it is deemed necessary to improve the roadway of Delaware street, from Merrill street to Madison avenue, by re-grading and improving with broken stone, and bowldering between the rails of the tracks of the Citizens' Street Railroad, and requiring the Citizens' Street Railroad Company to pay its proportion of the costs thereof, as provided for in General Ordinance No. 4, 1884, in accordance with profile and specifications on file in the office of the City Civil Engineer. The total cost of said improvement shall be assessed per lineal front foot upon the real estate abutting upon said Delaware street, between Merrill street and Madison avenue, (except that proportion to be assessed and collected from the Citizens' Street Railroad Company, and except the proportion thereof occupied by street and alley crossings, which shall be assessed against the City of Indianapolis); said assessments, if deferred, to be paid in ten annual installments. A bond or bonds shall be issued in anticipation

of the collection of said assessments, unless the property owners pay said assessments before the said bond or bonds are issued; all as provided for in an Act of the General Assembly of Indiana, approved March 8, 1889.

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, Ind., That it is deemed necessary to improve the roadway of Delaware street, from South street to the south curb line of Merrill street, by re-grading and improving with broken stone, and bowldering between the rails of the tracks of the Citizens' Street Railroad, and requiring the Citizens' Street Railroad Company to pay its proportion of the cost thereof, as provided for in General Ordinance No. 4, 1884; in accordance with profile and specifications on file in the office of the City Civil Engineer. The total cost of said improvement shall be assessed per lineal front foot upon the real estate abutting on said Delaware street, between South and Merrill streets, (except that proportion to be assessed and collected from the Citizens' Street Railroad Company, and except the proportion thereof occupied by street and alley crossings, which shall be assessed against the City of Indianapolis); said assessments, if deferred, to be paid in ten annual installments. A bond or bonds shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of said assessments, unless the property owners pay said assessments before said bond or bonds are issued; all as provided for in an Act of the General Assembly of Indiana, approved March 8, 1889.

And they were adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Austin, Cooper, Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olson, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Markey offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, Ind., That it is deemed necessary to improve the roadway of Coburn street, from East street to Madison avenue, by re-grading and improving with broken stone the roadway, placing a gutter stone in the gutters thereof, and curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks, in accordance with profile and specifications on file in the office of the City Civil Engineer. The total cost of said improvement shall be assessed per lineal front foot upon the real estate abutting on said Coburn street, between East street and Madison avenue, (except the proportion thereof occupied by street and alley crossings, which shall be assessed against the City of Indianapolis); said assessments, if deferred, to be paid in ten annual installments. A bond or bonds shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of said assessments, unless the property owners pay said assessments before said bond or bonds are issued; all as provided for in an Act of the General Assembly of Indiana, approved March 8, 1889.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Austin, Cooper, Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olson, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Martindale offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, Ind., That it is deemed necessary to improve the roadway of New York street, from the east line of Illinois street to the west line of Delaware street, by re-grading and improving the roadway with Standard Trinidad Asphalt Sheet Pavement, to a width of forty (40) feet, widening the sidewalks thereof, re-setting the curb where necessary, and curbing where not already properly done, in accordance with profile

and specifications on file in the office of the City Civil Engineer. The total cost of said improvement shall be assessed per lineal front foot upon the real estate abutting on said New York street, (except the proportion thereof occupied by street and alley crossings, which shall be assessed against the City of Indianapolis); said assessments, if deferred, to be paid in ten annual installments. A bond or bonds shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of said assessments, unless the property owners pay said assessments before said bond or bonds are issued; all as provided for in an Act of the General Assembly of Indiana, approved March 8, 1889.

And it was adopted by the following vote

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Austin, Cooper, Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Myers offered the following resolutions:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, Ind., That it is deemed necessary to improve Dougherty street, from Virginia avenue to East street, by grading and improving the roadway with broken stone, placing a gutter stone in the gutters, curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks thereof with double walk-stone, with the necessary bowldering at the crossings of all streets and alleys, in accordance with the profile and specifications on file in the office of the City Civil Engineer. The total cost of said improvement shall be assessed per lineal front foot upon the real estate abutting on said Dougherty street, between Virginia avenue and East street, (except the proportion thereof occupied by street and alley crossings, which shall be assessed against the City of Indianapolis); said assessments, if deferred, to be paid in ten annual installments. A bond or bonds shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of said assessments, unless the property owners pay said assessments before said bond or bonds are issued; all as provided for in an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 8th, 1889.

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, Ind., That it is deemed necessary to improve the roadway of Coburn street, from East street to Virginia avenue, by re-grading and improving the roadway with broken stone, placing a gutter-stone in the gutters, and widening the sidewalks thereof, leaving the roadway thirty (30) feet in width from curb to curb, and curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks thereof, in accordance with profile and specifications on file in the office of the City Civil Engineer. The total cost of said improvement shall be assessed per lineal front foot upon the real estate abutting on said Coburn street, between East street and Virginia avenue, (except the proportion thereof occupied by street and alley crossings, which shall be assessed against the City of Indianapolis); said assessments, if deferred, to be paid in ten annual installments. A bond or bonds shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of said assessments, unless the property owners pay said assessments before said bond or bonds are issued; all as provided for in an Act of the General Assembly of Indiana, approved March 3d, 1889.

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, Ind., That it is deemed necessary to improve Buchanan street, from Virginia avenue to East street, by grading and improving the roadway with broken stone, placing a gutter-stone in the gutters, curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks thereof, and double walk stone, with the necessary bowldering at all street and alley crossings, in accordance with profile and specifications on file in the office of the City Civil Engineer. The total cost of said improvement shall be assessed per lineal front foot upon the real estate abutting on said Buchanan street, between Virginia avenue and East street, (except the proportion thereof occupied by street and alley crossings, which shall be assessed against the City of Indianapolis); said

assessments, if deferred, to be paid in ten annual installments. A bond or bonds shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of said assessments, unless the property owners pay said assessments before said bond or bonds are issued; all as provided for in an Act of the General Assembly of Indiana, approved March 8, 1889.

And they were adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Austin, Cooper, Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Nolan offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, Ind., That it is deemed necessary to improve Meikel street and sidewalks, from McCarty street to Ray street, by grading and graveling the roadway and sidewalks, in accordance with profile and specifications on file in the office of the City Civil Engineer. The total cost of said improvement shall be assessed per lineal front foot upon the real estate abutting on said Meikel street, between McCarty and Ray streets, except the proportion thereof occupied by street and alley crossings, which shall be assessed against the City of Indianapolis; said assessments, if deferred, to be paid in ten annual installments. A bond or bonds shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of said assessments, unless the property owners pay said assessments before said bond or bonds are issued; all as provided for in an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 8, 1889.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Austin, Cooper, Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olson, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Sweetland offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, Ind., That it is deemed necessary to improve Tennessee street, from the north line of Seventh street to the south line of Twelfth street, by grading, paving with Standard Trinidad Sheet Asphalt, the roadway, widening the sidewalks thereof, re-setting the curb and curbing where not already properly done, in accordance with profile and specifications on file in the office of the City Civil Engineer. The total cost of said improvement shall be assessed per lineal front foot upon the real estate abutting on said Tennessee street, between Seventh and Twelfth streets, (except the proportion thereof occupied by street and alley crossings, which shall be assessed against the City of Indianapolis); said assessments, if deferred, to be paid in ten annual installments. A bond or bonds shall be issued to the contractor in payment of said work, unless the property owners pay said assessments before said bond or bonds are issued; all as provided for in an Act of the General Assembly of Indiana, approved March 8, 1889.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Austin, Cooper, Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS—None.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Austin offered the following resolution ; which was referred to the Committee on Water :

Be it Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the Indianapolis Water Company be, and are hereby, directed to lay water mains in and along Dillon street, from Georgia to Meek streets, and to locate fire hydrants under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer ; also, in and along Pine street, from Georgia to Meek street, and to locate fire hydrants under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer ; and the City Clerk be directed to notify the Indianapolis Water Company of the adoption of this resolution.

Councilman Cooper presented the following petition ; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, interested property owners in the vicinity of the alley running from Tennessee street to Indiana avenue, between Lots 3 and 4, in Square 28, would most respectfully petition your honorable bodies to cause said alley to be vacated. Said alley is only nine feet in width, and is of no public benefit. A plat of said alley and surroundings is herewith filed, and made a part of this petition, and is marked "Exhibit A."

MARGARET D. GORDON.

CLAYTON S. HILDEBRAND.

D. A. LEMON.

Councilman Coy presented the following communication ; which was read, and the motion adopted :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—The undersigned herewith proposes to properly paint the south side of the wooden bridge over White River, at the old National Road, at his own expense, for the privilege of putting business advertisements on the same.

JNO. SPRINGSTINE.

Moved, That the above proposition be accepted.

Councilman Burns offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Committee on City Improvements :

That the Street Commission be, and is hereby, authorized to lay a double walk-stone crossing on Kentucky avenue, from the southwest corner to the northwest corner of West street.

Councilman Markey offered the following resolution ; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads :

Resolved, That the Citizens' Street Railroad Company be ordered to extend its line of tracks from Madison avenue down Nebraska street to East street ; thence south on East street to Raymond street.

Councilman Markey offered the following resolution ; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light :

Resolved, That the Sun Vapor Light Company be directed to place twelve sun vapor lights on East street, from Lincoln Lane to Raymond street.

Councilman Markey offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the Common Council, That Rule 20 of the Rules and Regulations for the government of the Common Council, as appears in the printing of Rules and Regulations governing the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, published in 1884, and subsequently and successively adopted, be amended to read as follows:

RULE 20. No one not a member of the Common Council, shall be permitted to address the same: *Provided, however,* that any officer may, when called upon, make a report.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz: Councilmen Austin, Cooper, Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Guass, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Sweetland, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS, 1—viz: Councilman Trusler.

■ Councilman Markey presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

Indianapolis, March 3d, 1890.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen, City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Kennington street, between Yeiser and Morris streets, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the vacation of Kennington street, from Yeiser street north to the first alley, except twelve feet in the center thereof, for an alley—the same being between Yeiser and Morris streets. A diagram of the ground is filed herewith, and made part of this petition; all in pursuance to an Act of the General Assembly of Indiana, in force March 14, 1867, and all acts amendatory and supplemental, and for which your petitioners will ever pray.

JACOB BARON.
LOUIS MAAS.

Councilman Murphy offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner notify the parties obstructing Burkmeyer and Edgewood avenues, to remove said obstructions; and if not done in five days, to remove the same and collect the costs.

Councilman Myers offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke Company be, and they are hereby, directed to extend their mains in and along Pennsylvania street, from Houston, or Ninth street, to the north line of Fifteenth street.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Austin, Cooper, Coy, Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Myers offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

That the City Civil Engineer be ordered and directed to advertise in the American Contractor and in some of the Indianapolis papers, for bids for the construction of a pavement on Broadway extending from the north side of St. Clair street to Seventh street; said bids to include either brick, stone, cement or asphalt. Each bidder to furnish plans and specifications in detail for the construction of said pavement, showing the kind and amount of material used, composition of the same, the

manner of putting it down, and the cost of the same per square yard. Each bidder to furnish a sample of material used, and to furnish a bond or certified check in the sum of \$1,000 as a guarantee that he will construct said pavement according to plans and specifications furnished, and for the price named.

Councilman Myers offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke Company be, and they are hereby, directed to extend its mains in and along Bellefontaine street, from Ninth street to Eleventh street.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 21—viz: Councilmen Austin, Cooper, Coy, Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS, 1—viz: Councilman McGill.

Councilman Myers offered the following motions; which were adopted :

That the City Civil Engineer be ordered to advertise in the American Contractor and the Indianapolis Daily Sun for bids for the pavement of Central avenue roadway with brick; such advertisement to invite bids for putting down a brick pavement on all or part of said Central avenue, from the north side of St. Mary (First street) to the north side of Fifteenth street. Each bidder to furnish plans and specifications in detail for constructing said improvement, showing of what material foundation is made, whether of gravel and sand, broken stone, concrete, of what concrete is made, manner of placing materials, whether one or two courses of brick, size and kind of brick, and cost for completed pavement per square yard. Sample of brick to be furnished, and bidder to give bond or certified check for the sum of \$1,000 00 as a guarantee that he will construct said pavement according to plans and specifications furnished, and for the price named.

That Eugenia S. Eddy, Charles Aneshaensel and J. H. McAlpine and others, be, and the same are hereby, granted the privilege of laying a line of sewer pipe in and along Lincoln avenue, from Central avenue to and connecting with the sewer on Broadway, at their own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Myers offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on City Improvements :

That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, directed to place a stone crossing on Meridian street, at the crossing of Eleventh street.

Councilman Myers presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary :

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—Your petitioner, Horace B. Holloway, would represent that he is the owner of Lot 56, in Gibson's subdivision of Lot 23 in Johnson's heirs' addition to the City of Indianapolis; That on, to-wit, March 11th, 1875, the city opened Hampton street, in front of said lot, and assessed benefits to said lot at \$36.00, while the said lot was owned by one John B. Hann; That it appears of record that a demand for said amount of damages was made upon Frank D. Everts and Peyton Johnson May 23, 1876; That said Everts and Johnson were not the owners of the property in question, but that John B. Hann had acquired the title to the same prior to the making of such demand, and was not served with a written notice as required by law; That no such notice has been served upon any of the legal owners of said property since May 23, 1875, but the assessment still remains uncanceled of

record. Your petitioner says there is a question as to the legality of said assessment as heretofore made. And as your honorable body has heretofore relieved other persons by cancelling their assessments upon their property for the opening of said street, when applications therefor have been made; now, therefore, for the purpose of having the above-mentioned assessment cancelled as against his said lot, your petitioner offers to pay to said city the sum of five dollars as a compromise and full satisfaction of said demand aforesaid. And he prays that if said offer of compromise is accepted, your honorable body will authorize and direct the Clerk to enter full cancellation and satisfaction of said assessment upon the proper records of said city.

HORACE B. HOLLOWAY.

Councilman Myers offered the following resolution :

WEHEREAS, By the passage of the street improvement act of 1889, known as the Barrett Law, a large amount of additional work has been cast on William C. Phipps, Committee Clerk; therefore

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen. That said William C. Phipps be allowed \$200.00 per annum for such additional work in addition to the compensation now paid to him, his present compensation being \$1,000 per annum; and that the City Clerk be instructed to add such additional sum, in monthly installments, to the present salary of said Phipps.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 18—viz: Councilmen Cooper, Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Markey, Martindale, Myers, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS, 5—viz: Councilmen Austin, Coy, Hicklin, Murphy, and McGill.

Councilman Nolan offered the following motions; which were referred to the Committee on City Improvements :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to lay a single stone crossing over Meridian street, opposite the south sidewalk of Palmer street.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to lay a double stone full square crossing at McCarty and Tennessee streets.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to clean the gutters of the following named streets: West street, from Merrill to Morris; Missouri, from Merrill to Ray; Chadwick, from Catharine to Ray; Tennessee, from Merrill to Morris; Illinois from Merrill to Morris; Kansas, from Meridian to Tennessee; Wisconsin, from Meridian to the Canal; Ray street, from West to Meridian; Morris street, from Meridian to the T. H. & I. R. R. tracks; McCarty street, from Illinois to the west end of the same; Maple, from McCarty to Morris; south half of Merrill, from Illinois to its western terminus, and the west half of Meridian from Morris; Palmer and Eddy streets, from Norwood to Merrill.

Councilman Nolan presented the following petition; which was ordered filed with the ordinance :

Indianapolis, Ind., March 15, 1890.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Meikel street, between McCarty and Ray streets, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of Meikel street.

Antney McAndrews, 35 feet; Patrick Caugany, 30 feet;
Masthie Ullroy, 20 feet—and 8 others.

Councilman Nolan offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light :

That the Brush Electric Light & Power Company be, and are hereby, instructed to erect and maintain an electric light on Kansas and Tennessee streets ; also, to erect and maintain an electric light on Wisconsin and Illinois streets.

Councilman Nolan offered the following resolution :

Indianapolis, April 7th, 1890.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen.—As a sanitary measure, the City Board of Health recommend the passage of the following resolution :

Resolved, That all manure boxes, slop barrels, ashes, garbage, and obstructions of all kinds, be removed from all public alleys in the city within ten days from the passage of this resolution ; and that the Sanitary officer and Metropolitan Police be instructed to prosecute all persons not complying with the same.

J. H. WOODBURN,
Sec'y. City Board of Health.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 21—viz: Councilmen Austin, Cooper, Coy, Davis, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Nolan offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to notify the property owners to clean the first alley west of Illinois street, from Norwood street to Merrill street.

On motion by Councilman Rassman, it was amended by inserting the words "property owners" in lieu of the words "Street Commissioner."

The motion, as amended, was then adopted.

Councilman Olsen offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to clean and remove all dirt in the alley between Virginia avenue and Elm street, from Pine street to Dillon street ; also, to fill up all chuck-holes on Fletcher avenue to Dillon street ; also, on English avenue, from Pine to Dillon street.

Councilman Olsen offered the following resolution ; which was referred to the Committee on Finance :

Resolved, That the salary of the Mayor of the City of Indianapolis be increased to the sum of five thousand dollars a year (\$5,000.00), to commence just as soon as this resolution has passed the Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

Councilman Rassman offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Indianapolis Water Company be, and is hereby, directed to extend its mains in Market street, from Noble street to Arsenal avenue, and to locate fire hydrants according to contract, under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 21—viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Coy, Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, Nolan, Olsen, Rassman, Sherer, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, and Yontz.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Rassman presented the following petition ; which was read and the prayer of the petitioners granted :

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—The Postal Telegraph Cable Company respectfully petitions and shows, that petitioner is now extending its lines southward from Indianapolis to Louisville, Kentucky, and finds it necessary in so doing to erect and maintain its line over and upon the following streets and alleys of said city, namely: From the present main line of poles at Tennessee and Morris streets east on Morris street to the alley between Union and Chestnut streets; thence south through this alley to Palmer street; thence east on Palmer street one square to Madison avenue; thence south on Madison avenue to the corporate limits of the city.

Wherefore petitioner prays that authority be granted by your honorable bodies for the erection and maintenance of such line upon the streets and alleys above named, the petitioner hereby stipulating to erect and maintain the same in conformity in all respects with the statutes and ordinances in such cases made and provided. And your petitioner will ever pray.

Indianapolis, March 31, 1890.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH CABLE CO.,
F. W. SAMUELS, Manager.

Councilman Rassman offered a resolution annexing certain lots and parcels of land east of the Eighth Ward; which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Councilman Sherer offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Committee on City Improvements :

That the Street Commissioner be ordered to lay double walk-stones across West street at St. Clair street, and also at First street.

Councilman Stechhan offered the following motion :

WHEREAS, The Committee appointed by His Honor, the Mayor, some seven weeks ago, consisting of Councilmen Austin, Yontz and Stechhan, to investigate certain charges preferred against the Street Commissioner, DeRuiter, having to this day not met to consider the matter intrusted to them, and believing that this long delay is imposing an injustice on a city officer, by having a suspicion rest on him longer than necessary, without giving him the opportunity to defend himself, and there being no prospect in the near future of having this matter attended to, owing to the frequent absence from the city of the several members of this Committee; therefore, be it

Moved, That the committee referred to above, be discharged.

On motion by Councilman Yontz, it was referred to the Special Committee, with instructions to proceed with the investigation, by the following vote :

AYES, 15—viz: Councilmen Austin, Cooper, Coy, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Rassman, Sherer, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS, 7—viz: Councilmen Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Myers, Pearson, Sweetland, and Trusler.

Councilman Trusler moved to recall the following resolution from the Committee on Natural Gas (see page 66 *ante*); which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Consumers' Gas Trust Company has been ordered to extend its mains in and along certain streets of the city, and has not complied with the order of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, but has laid mains in other streets of the city where not ordered;

Resolved, That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to prevent the opening or tearing up of any streets by said Trust Company for the purpose of laying gas mains, unless on some street ordered by law, and until all such orders shall have been complied with.

On motion by Councilman Trusler, the resolution was then adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz: Councilmen Austin, Cooper, Coy, Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Sherer, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, and Woollen.

NAYS, 3—viz: Councilmen Myers, Rassman, and Yontz.

Councilman Weber presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

Indianapolis, Ind., March 21, 1890.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, Ind:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Catharine street and vicinity, respectfully petition for the passage of a resolution providing for the opening and extension of Catharine street, from Fern Way to Lawrence street, by condemning Lots No. 23 and 42, DeWolf's subdivision of A. E. and I. Fletcher's Oak Hill addition. A plat of said proposed opening and extension of said Catharine street is herewith filed, marked "Exhibit A," and made a part of this petition.

Frank Lackey, C. A. Greenleaf, O. Baker, W. T. Steele.

Councilman Weber offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Citizens' Street Railroad Company be ordered to repair Home avenue between College avenue and Peru street where the same was torn up by said company; said work to be done within ten days from date of service of notice to do said work. If the same is not done within that time, the Street Commissioner is hereby ordered to do said work, and collect the cost thereof from the said company. The City Clerk is hereby ordered to serve a copy of this motion on said company.

Councilman Weber presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—In recent subdivision of property belonging to the Fletcher estate, there are some lots which are peculiarly adapted for a Park. Before offering them for general sale, I have been urged to give the city an opportunity to purchase them for public use. The lots lie along and include Pogue's Run for a distance of more than half a mile. The natural beauty and attractiveness of the ground can not be surpassed within reasonable distance of the city, and these lots are far inside of the corporate limits, and of easy access. There is a tract of ground containing some three or four acres adjoining these lots which has been given to the city for a Park. I can sell the ground I have, to-wit: Lot 52 in Park Place Addition, and Lots 144, 145, 146, 147 and 148 in Brook Park Addition, for their appraised value, to-wit, \$1,335.00.

In connection with the adjoining ground now owned by the city, these lots, with little expense, will make a park of ten or more acres of great value, and one which the city needs.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. MILLIGAN, Trustee.

Councilman Davis presented the following communication; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and City Attorney:

Indianapolis, April 5, 1890.

To the Honorable, the Mayor, Common Council, and

Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—Your attention is respectfully asked to the present impaired condition of the levee along the south bank of Fall Creek, from Maxwell street to White River. The levee was constructed by the city in pursuance of a certain contract with Samuel J. Patterson, which contract is to be found on page 349 of the Proceedings of the Common Council on July 10, 1876, by the terms of which the city agreed to maintain said levee. On behalf of the owners of the land lying adjacent to and south of said levee, notice is given that the city will be called upon to pay whatever damages may be sustained by reason of its neglect to maintain said levee.

Very respectfully,

O. B. JAMESON,

Attorney for owners.

REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES.

Councilman Woollen, on behalf of the Committee appointed to investigate certain charges, submitted the following report; which was adopted:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, a Special Committee appointed by the Council at its meeting held March 3, 1890, to investigate the purchases of hose and the rumors of bribery in connection therewith, respectfully beg leave to report that they met at Headquarters of the Fire Department on the 5th day of March, and commenced said investigation, and adjourned from time to time until the same was completed. They examined many witnesses, all under oath, and after duly considering the evidence adduced, do find as follows, to-wit:

That there was no evidence before them in any way tending to implicate the Fire Committee of the Council, or any member of it, of bribery or corruption. That the testimony touching the attempted bribery of the Fire Chief, was so conflicting that your Committee is unable to come to any definite conclusion upon it. That since Chief Dougherty has been at the head of the Fire Department, he has bought 1000 feet of Eureka hose, to-wit: at one time 300 feet; at another time 300 feet, and at another time 400 feet—aggregating 1000 feet as aforesaid. That said purchases were made without asking for bids, and at 90 cents per foot. That he had personally made application to the Council for permission to purchase 2000 feet of Eureka hose, which was favorably acted upon by the Council, but was tied up by the Board of Aldermen. That the only guarantee he has for the hose purchase, is one for three years for a blank number of feet, which is attached to a proposition to sell blank number of feet of hose to the city. That the present Fire Committee, at its first meeting, determined that in future hose should be bought on bids, and instructed the Fire Chief to ask for bids. That in pursuance of these instructions, Chief Dougherty did write to different manufacturers asking for bids. That the Fire Committee was to meet on the 31st day of January, and Councilmen Olsen and Cooper did so meet, but that Councilman Hicklin was absent. The testimony given your Committee as to the number of bids shown the committeemen present, is conflicting. One witness testified that there was but one bid; another that there were three, and another that there were five—which he afterwards corrected to four. No bid was opened at this meeting on account of the absence of Mr. Hicklin, the Chairman of the Fire Committee.

That on the 17th day of February, 1890, Messrs. Hicklin and Olsen signed a contract with the Agent of the Baker Fabric Hose Company for the purchase of 2000

feet of said hose, at 90 cents per foot, with 2 per cent. off, if paid for in sixty days, with a guarantee of 48 months, to be made good by a resident bondsman. That at the time this contract was signed, it was understood and agreed between said Councilmen and said Agent, that the contract was not to be binding until approved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen. It was also in evidence that at the time Councilman Hicklin signed this contract, he did not know that there were bids for the sale of hose filed with the Fire Chief. That there has been a section of Baker Fabric Hose in use in the Fire Department since May 26, 1886. That it has been in regular use from then till now; that it has been used in its turn at the plug, where the pressure is strongest; that it bursted once at a place where it was supposed to have been injured by the cork of a hose-shoe, and three feet of it was cut off and the coupling set back.

It was in evidence before your Committee that a good deal of hose had been burned since Chief Dougherty came into office, and that some had been sold, and some was in the repair shop. All of which is respectfully submitted.

William Wesley Woollen,
Chas. A. Gauss,
John R. Pearson.

Indianapolis, April 14, 1890.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Councilman Yontz, on behalf of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee to whom was referred the communication of H. C. Campbell, wherein he asks the Council to take such action as will compel the Union Railway Company to place a foot walk across their tracks on the west side of Illinois street, would recommend that the Street Commissioner be instructed to open said foot-way, according to plans and specifications now on file in the office of the City Civil Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. Yontz,
William Wesley Woollen,
J. L. Gasper.

PENDING ORDINANCES.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and then read the third time:

G. O. 17, 1890—An ordinance authorizing the Consolidated Coal and Lime Company to lay and maintain a switch track across Market street and sidewalks, between Fulton and Davidson streets.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz: Councilmen Cooper, Coy, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

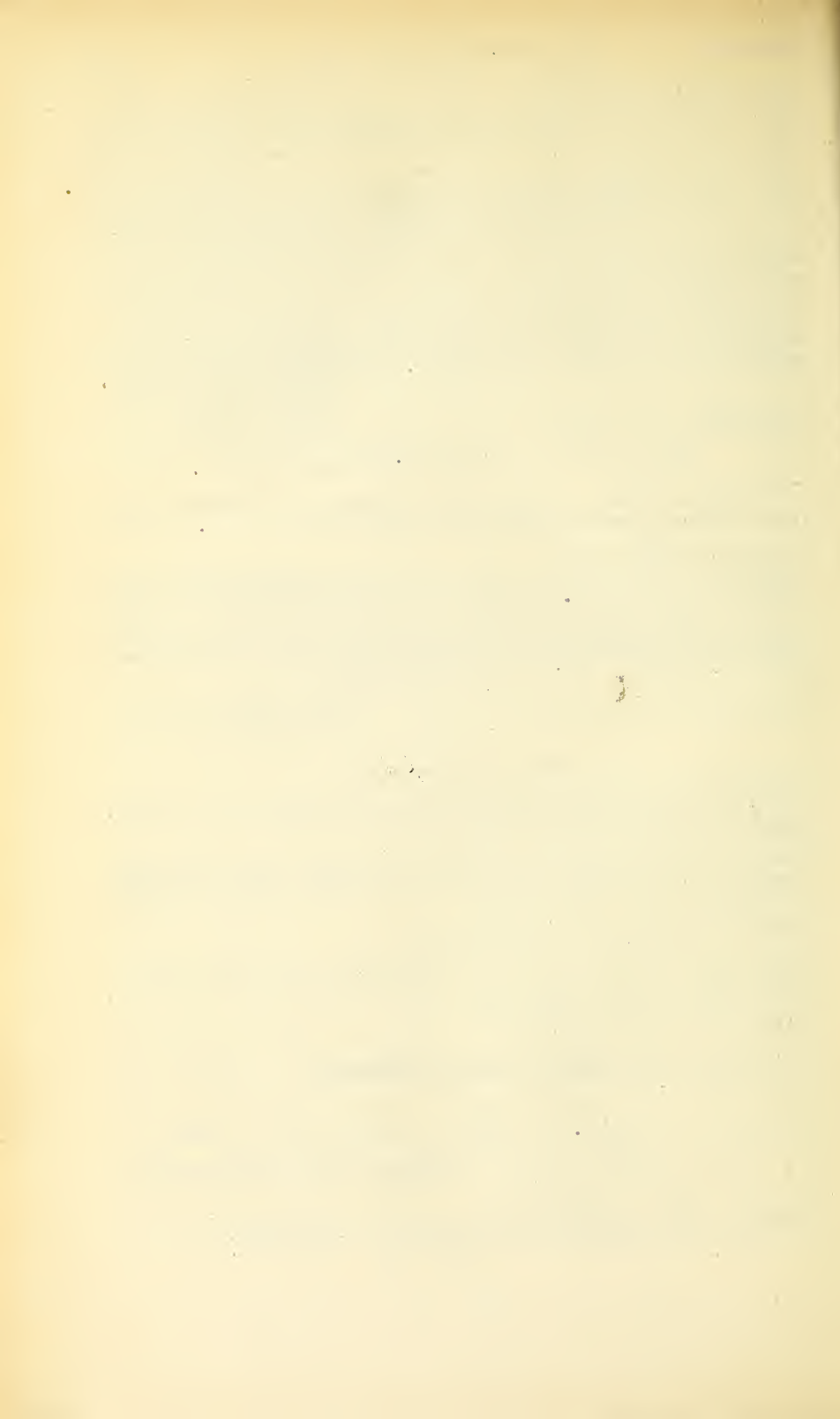
NAYS, 1—viz: Councilman McGill.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

J. L. Sullivan, Mayor,

President of the Common Council.

Attest: *R. B. Swigg*, City Clerk.



PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—APRIL 14, 1890.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, April 14th, A. D. 1890, at 7:30 o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Alderman Laut, Vice President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen Blackwell, Farrell, Reilly, and Reinecke—5.

ABSENT, 5—viz: Aldermen Breunig, Reynolds, Smith, Smither, and President Thalman.

A quorum not being present, on motion, the Board of Aldermen adjourned.

W. Laut, Vice President.

Attest: A. Perrott, Clerk.