

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, }
Monday, November 5th, 1877—7 o'clock P. M. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in regular session.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair, and the following members: Councilmen Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Morse, Poudier, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—19.

Absent—Councilmen Bagby, Bugbee, Marsee, McGinty, Reed, and Walker—6.

The proceedings of the regular session, held October 15th, 1877, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, the reading of the same was dispensed with.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Finance, the City Attorney, and the City Assessor:

To the Honorable, the Members of the City Council and Board of Aldermen
of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana :

Your petitioner, John Conway, would respectfully represent that, heretofore, to-wit, on the second day of March, A. D. 1874, at a public sale of lots and lands in the City of Indianapolis, for delinquent taxes due said city, lot No. 5, in out-lot 127, of the donation of lands in the City of Indianapolis, the said lot was offered for sale for taxes delinquent thereon, and was purchased by your petitioner. John Conway, for \$25, that being the amount due thereon, which he paid, and a certificate of sale was issued and delivered to him therefor; and on the 14th day of March, A. D. 1876, said lot not having been redeemed, a deed was executed and delivered to him therefor.

That afterwards, to-wit, on the 14th day of February, A. D. 1876, said lot was again sold at public sale, by the Treasurer of said City of Indianapolis, for other delinquent taxes due thereon, and was sold to and purchased by your petitioner for the sum of \$24.84, the amount delinquent, which he paid.

Your petitioner would further represent that said above described lot was sold as the property of Job Powell, for taxes delinquent in 1872 and 1873, when, in truth and in fact, said Job Powell had departed this life in the year 1864 (consequently no taxes could have been assessed against him a number of years after his death), and left a widow and some three or four minor children, his only heirs him surviving. That under our statute, the said property was exempt from taxation, and, hence, the assessment and sale was *erroneous*, and null and void.

Petitioner further represents that, by virtue of an action brought against this petitioner by the widow and minor heirs of said Powell, commenced and determined in the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana, the honorable Court found for the said widow and children and against your petitioner. [See cause No. 19077].

Your petitioner further says that, by virtue of said several certificates of purchase, and relying wholly on them, he made valuable and lasting improvements on said above described real estate, to wit, to the amount of \$250.

That, by virtue of the said several premises, your petitioner asks that your honorable body refund to him the said several sums by him expended for the purchase of said property and improvements on said property, together with the interest thereon and the penalty attached to the same.

And he will ever pray, etc.

JOHN CONWAY.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer presented the following communication; which was received, and the suggestions therein contained were duly approved:

Indianapolis, November 5, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen :—I desire to call your attention to the condition of our streets, along the line of the gas and water mains. These companies are, of course, responsible for repairs where they have made excavation. But, in many cases, repairs are neglected, and, after a time, it is impossible to locate the responsibility; hence, the city not only incurs the expense of such repairs, but risks liability for any damage that may occur by reason of the condition of the streets.

The city should be provided with a correct plat of all gas and water mains, including all private connections, in order that each company could be made responsible for all its own repairs. To this end, I would recommend that the Council, through its Marshal, notify the two Gas Companies (the Water-Works Company having furnished a plat) to file a plat of their mains with the City Civil Engineer, and, in all cases of excavation, whether for street-mains or private connections, due notice be required of said companies of their intention to excavate, and locality thereof.

BERNHARD H. DIETZ, City Civil Engineer.

The same officer submitted the following report; which was approved :

Indianapolis, November 5, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council :

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

A first and final estimate, allowed John Greene, for grading and graveling Maryland street and sidewalks, from Helen street, west, to White River—

1100 lineal feet at 19 cents.....\$209 00

A first and final estimate, allowed J. J. McKnight, for grading and graveling Sixth street and sidewalks, between Delaware and Alabama streets—

840.33 lineal feet at 34 cents\$285 71

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was then offered :

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed John Greene, for grading and graveling Maryland street and sidewalks, from Helen street, west, to White River, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, 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 Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Izor, Layman, Morse, Pouder, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Watts, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—17.

Negative—None.

The following estimate resolution was also offered :

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed J. J. McKnight, for grading and graveling Sixth street and sidewalks, between Delaware and Alabama streets, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, 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 Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Izor, Layman, Morse, Pouder, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Watts, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—17.

Negative—None.

The City Treasurer submitted the following report ; which was received, and duly concurred in :

Indianapolis, October 24, 1877.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Common Council, City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—I have the honor to respectfully report that I have this day received of Messrs. Enos B. Reed, Dan. M. Ransdell, and John Caven, Trustees, three hundred bonds, made by the "Union Railroad Transfer and Stock-Yard Company," of the denomination of one thousand dollars each, and numbered from one (1) to three hundred (300), both inclusive—in total three hundred thousand dollars—payable in twenty years after date of December 1st, 1876, bearing six per cent. interest, payable semi-annually, said bonds being denuded of coupon No. 1, for the first six months' interest, said bonds having been received by said Trustees in exchange for a like amount of bonds of the city, in pursuance of the provision of general ordinance No. 51, ordained by the Common Council, October 16th, 1876.

I have also received of said Trustees, coupons No. 1 for \$30.00—in total, 300 in number and \$9,000 in amount—taken from city bonds No. 1 to 300, both inclusive, dated January 1st, 1877, and by said Trustees delivered to said Railroad Co., in exchange for the bonds first above mentioned, in pursuance of the provision of said ordinance No. 51.

I respectfully recommend to your honorable body that the Financial Committee be directed to examine the coupons referred to, and, if found as reported, authorize and direct them to destroy the same.

Very respectfully,

WM. M. WILES,
City Treasurer.

The City Clerk submitted the following report from the City Treasurer; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Report of Wm. M. Wiles, City Treasurer, from October 1st to October 31st, 1877, inclusive:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand as per last report, September 30, 1877.....	\$152,696 06
From delinquent taxes.....	7,860 43
From benefits.....	21 00
From auction licenses.....	10 00
From dog licenses.....	12 75
From dray licenses.....	5 00
From express licenses.....	28 00
From fines and fees.....	465 10
From hack licenses.....	24 00
From market rents.....	65 25
From peddlers' licenses.....	56 00
From promiscuous.....	530 00
From show licenses.....	100 00
From tapping sewers.....	20 00
From loan (S. A. Fletcher & Co.).....	48,494 00
	<u>\$210,387 59</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

For Fire Department.....	\$5,442 58
For Police.....	3,856 50
For street repairs.....	2,591 19
For City Hospital and Branch.....	794 04
For Civil Engineer's Department.....	263 95
For assisting City Assessor.....	62 50
For cisterns.....	151 52
For elections.....	6 50
For gas.....	6,970 05
For ice.....	10 97
For incidental.....	506 00
For markets.....	34 38
For nuisances.....	175 00
For office fixtures.....	40 72

For parks	\$ 82 18
For posting bills.....	11 50
For printing, stationery, and advertising.....	461 45
For salary	3,785 00
For Station Houses.....	569 55
For street improvements.....	732 69
For taxes refunded.....	25 55
For transfers	191 30
Balance on hand	183,622 47
	<u>\$210,387 59</u>

TOMLINSON ESTATE.

Balance on hand as per last report, September 30, 1877.....	\$14,727 57
From rents.....	114 00
	<u>\$14,841 57</u>
For repairs	164 51
Balance on hand	14,677 06
	<u>\$14,841 57</u>
Balance on hand, general fund.....	\$183,622 47
Balance on hand, Tomlinson estate.....	14,677 06
	<u>\$198,299 53</u>

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. WILES, City Treasurer.

To BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The same officer submitted the following report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Indianapolis, November 5, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit an itemized statement of the amount of orders issued on the City Treasurer, during the month of October, 1877:

NATURE OF CLAIM.	AMOUNT.
City Assessor's Assistants	\$62 50
City Civil Engineer's Department	266 90
City Hospital and Branch.....	798 44
Cisterns.....	222 09
Costs	13 15
Fire Department.....	5,432 24
Gas	6,970 05
Ice.....	10 97
Incidentals.. .. .	506 75

Markets	\$	34	38
Nuisances		175	00
Office Fixtures		40	72
Parks		82	18
Percentage, City Treasurer		3,248	27
Police		3,884	50
Posting Bills		11	50
Printing, Stationery, and Advertising		486	28
Salary		4,088	75
Station Houses		541	24
Street Improvements		731	49
Street Repairs		2,478	22
Taxes Refunded		35	00
Transfers		191	30
Tomlinson Estate Repairs		190	11
Total	\$	30,502	03

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The same officer submitted the following report; which was concurred in :

Indianapolis, November 5, 1877.

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

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

John Greene vs. Indianapolis Water-Works Company, for	\$144	00
John Greene vs. Indianapolis Water Works Company, for	118	00
Henry C. Roney vs. Richard Coulter, for	18	75

And would respectfully recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The precepts were ordered to be issued by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Izor, Layman, Morse, Pouder, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Watts, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—17.

Negative—None.

The City Attorney submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and said officer was instructed to bring suit against Robinson's bondsmen, as recommended:

Indianapolis, November 5, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—The case of the American Meter Company vs. The City, in the Superior Court, has been tried since the last meeting of the Council, and resulted in judgment against the city for the sum of \$182.12.

In December, 1874, the Council ordered Aleck Robinson, then City Gas Inspector, to purchase a ten-foot Meter-Prover of the American Meter Company, for the sum of \$157; which he did. The bill for the same was sent to him, and presented to the Committee on Accounts and Claims, and by them allowed, and the amount was appropriated by the Council to pay it. Mr. Robinson drew the order at the Clerk's office, but never remitted the same to the Meter Company, but sold the order, and appropriated the money to his own use.

I am of the opinion that Mr. Robinson's bondsmen are liable to the city for the amount, when she shall have paid it. I would, therefore, recommend that the judgment be paid, and that Mr. Robinson's bondsmen be required to reimburse the city.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS, City Attorney.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM BOARDS.

The Board of Police, through Councilman Brown, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

Indianapolis, November 5, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The motion for the abolition of the office of Clerk, at the Station House, which was referred to this Board, with instructions to report upon its merits, and also to report the number of employes at the Station Houses, has had our attention.

We report, first, that there is no such office as clerk at the Station House, but that there is an officer detailed for various duties. That of clerk has been sometimes performed by him; he, also, calls the roll, and keeps the time of the men; he attends the Mayor's Court each morning in charge of the prisoners; he answers calls for the immediate services of an officer, and, in case of the absence of the Chief and Captains, he has general supervision of the Station, under instructions from the Chief, until his return—in short, he is there to act under directions from the Chief, in any emergency that may arise. Well knowing the necessity for economy, the Board and Chief have frequently, heretofore, discussed the propriety of dispensing with this detail, but each time have arrived at the conclusion that it was a necessity

the matter of answering calls for immediate help, alone, would seem to justify it, as it would be an utter impossibility for the Chief, in the absence of the man on regular duty, to answer all the calls, in person, thus made upon him. For these reasons, we think that the motion should not pass.

In the second clause we report, that those employed at the Central Station House are as follows: One cook, one janitor, one day turnkey, one night turnkey, and one officer detailed for special duty; and one turnkey at the Sixth street Station. All of these employes we consider indispensable.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. WILES,
M. L. BROWN,
J. W. BUGBEE,
Board of Police.

The Hospital Board, through Councilman Izor, presented the following reports from the Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch; which were received:

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

The following report of the City Hospital and Branch, for the month ending October 31st, 1877, is respectfully submitted:

NO. OF BEDS IN HOSPITAL—100.	First Week.	Second Week.	Third Week.	Fourth Week.	Three Days.	Total.
Number of Patients at last report—adults.....	33	33	28	31	28	.....
Number of Patients at last report—infants.....	3	4	3	4	3	.....
Received New Patients—adults.....	7	6	12	12	4	41
Births, or Received—infants.....	2	.....	2	2	.....	6
Discharged—adults.....	10	11	9	5	6	41
Discharged—infants.....	1	1	1	1	.....	4
Died—adults.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Died—infants.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	2
Number of Patients remaining—adults.....	33	28	31	38	36	.....
Number of Patients remaining—infants.....	4	3	4	3	3	.....
Number of Patients in Branch—adults.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Number of Patients in Branch—infants.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Aggregate No. days of Patients in Hospital—adults.....	248	222	224	247	114	1055
Aggregate No. of days Patients in Hospital—infants.....	23	24	24	26	9	106

Total Expenditures for month\$772 16

Cash collected, and paid to City Treasurer..... 15 00

Net Expenditures for the month..... 757 16

Aggregate number of days subsistence furnished.....1161

Average expense per capita per diem of patients..... .605 cts.

Average expense per capita per diem of patients, officers and employes, 42.7 cts.

W. H. DAVIS, M. D., Superintendent.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Accounts and Claims, through Councilman Layman, offered the following motion :

Moved, That the vote by which the report of the Committee on Accounts and Claims, recommending the allowance of a claim of \$20.50 in favor of M. S. Bodkin, for livery hire on account of ex-Chief of Police Dewey, be reconsidered, and that the Board of Aldermen be requested to return said account to this body, for further consideration.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Morse, Poudier, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Watts, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—18.

Negative—None.

The Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, presented the following reports from the Superintendent of the City Dispensary ; which were received :

Report of City Dispensary, for October, 1877.

Number of visits made to families in North District.....	92
Number of visits made to families in South District.....	98
Number of visits made to Station House.....	38
Number of patients prescribed for at Dispensary.....	355
Number of prescriptions filled for Station House.....	15
Number of prescriptions filled for Colored Orphan Asylum.....	13
Number of prescriptions filled from cases.....	45
Whole number of prescriptions filled at Dispensary	670
Number of surgical cases.....	45
Number of vaccinations... ..	13
Number of births.....	3
Number of deaths.	3

Respectfully submitted,

OTTO E. MUELLER, Ph. G.

Indianapolis, November 1, 1877.

The above is a correct report of the work of the City Dispensary as shown by the books and records of the visiting physicians.

W. B. FLETCHER, Superintendent.

Number of prescriptions filled at Dispensary from physicians not connected with the same, for the month of October :

Dr. Elder 21, Dr. McDonald, 16, Dr. Scheller 5, Dr. Martin 5, Dr. Wishard 7, Dr. Funkhouser 4, Dr. Waters 3, Dr. Youart 3, Dr. Fitzhugh 3, Dr. Daniels 3, Dr. A. Stratford 3, Dr. I. W. Stratford 2, Dr. Eastman 2, Dr. E. S. Gale 2, Dr. Foulds 2, Dr. Lutz 1, Dr. Walker 1, Dr. Wallace 1, Dr. Chambers 1, Dr. Henthorne 1, Dr. L. L. Todd 1. Total, 87.

Respectfully submitted,

OTTO E. MUELLER, Ph. G.

Indianapolis, November 1, 1877.

The Committee on Judiciary, through Councilman Byram, submitted the following report; which was concurred in :

Indianapolis, November 5, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred the matter of the interests of the city in the estate of Thomas D. Gregg, deceased, would report that it is necessary that an appropriation of \$250 be made by the city, for fees and expenses of the attorneys in Virginia, in prosecuting the probating of the will.

We would, therefore, recommend that said sum of \$250 be appropriated, and that the same be included in the appropriation ordinance to be passed this evening.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,

J. W. BUGBEE,

Committee on Judiciary.

The same committee also submitted the following report; which was concurred in :

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

Gentlemen:—Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Jannette Rothschild and Mose Rothschild, preferring charges against Market Master Hampton and Councilman Pouder, have had the same under consideration, and have given the matter due investigation, and are of the opinion that there is no foundation for the said charges; and, therefore, recommend that the same be dismissed.

They would further recommend that the Market Master be required to keep the space between the northeast corner of the Market House and the drive-way on the north side of said Market House, clear, as, in the opinion of your committee, the filling in of said space with a market stand is detri-

mental to the interests of parties occupying the stands on the north side of said Market House.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,
J. W. BUGBEE,
ROBT. B. BAGBY,
Committee on Judiciary.

The Committee on Parks submitted the following report; which was received;

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Parks, to whom was referred the motion of Councilman Wright, to further investigate the receipts and expenditures of moneys derived from the management of the Southern Park, respectfully report that Mr. Burns, ex-keeper of the grounds, through whose hands the money received and expended seems to have passed, has kept no definite account of his receipts and expenditures, but informs us that all the funds received have been expended on keeping up repairs on the water-gates.

Most respectfully submitted,

W. H. TUCKER,
M. STEINHAUER,
Committee on Parks.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Watts, submitted the following report; which was read, considered, and duly concurred in by clauses:

Indianapolis, November 5, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom sundry papers were referred, would report on the following:

1st. Is a remonstrance against the passage of special ordinance No. 27, 1877, providing for the grading and graveling of the first alley east of East street, running from Merrill to Valley street.

Inasmuch as the aforesaid alley is over sloping ground, and, in its unimproved condition, is made an imperfect outlet for drainage of pig-pens, privies, etc., we would respectfully and urgently report in favor of the immediate passage of the pending ordinance for its improvement.

2d. Is a motion to direct the Street Commissioner to fill the chuck-holes in West street, between Washington and New York streets.

We recommend that this work be done.

3d. Is a motion to instruct the Street Commissioner to spread gravel on Ohio street, from New Jersey street to Peru Railroad.

We recommend that above work be done in the same manner as on portions of said street which have been heretofore so repaired.

4th. Is a motion to instruct the Street Commissioner to lay down a stone crosswalk at the intersection of St. Mary street and Fort Wayne avenue.

We recommend that aforesaid crossing be laid.

5th. Is a motion to instruct the Street Commissioner to re-floor the bridge at the crossing of the State Ditch on Ash street.

This is an important and necessary repair, and we recommend that it be immediately prosecuted.

6th. Is a motion to order the Street Commissioner to fill, with gravel, the chuck-holes in Washington street, between the White River bridge and the I., B. & W. R. R. crossing.

We recommend that this work be done, at a cost not exceeding twenty dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. E. WATTS,
JAMES T. LAYMAN,
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

The Fire Board, through Councilman Case, introduced the following ordinance; which was read the first time:

Ap. O. 76, 1877—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Fire Department.

The Hospital Board, through Councilman Izor, introduced the following ordinance; which was read the first time:

Ap. O. 77, 1877—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of City Hospital and Branch.

The Board of Police; through Councilman Brown, introduced the following ordinance; which was read the first time:

Ap. O. 78, 1877—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses.

The Committee on Accounts and Claims, through Councilman Layman, introduced the following ordinance ; which was read the first time :

Ap. O. 79, 1877—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

The Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, through Councilman A. I. Wright (none of the members of said committee being in attendance), introduced the following ordinance ; which was read the first time :

Ap. O. 80, 1877—An ordinance appropriating money on account of the City Dispensary.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery, and Advertising, through Councilman Watts, introduced the following ordinance ; which was read the first time :

Ap. O. 81, 1877—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, and Advertising.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Watts, introduced the following ordinance ; which was read the first time :

Ap. O. 82, 1877—An ordinance appropriating money on account of the Street-Repair Department of the City of Indianapolis.

Appropriation ordinance No. 76, 1877, was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Morse, Pouder, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—19.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 77, 1877, was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Morse, Pouder, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—19.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 78, 1877, was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Morse, Pouder, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—19.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 79, 1877, was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Morse, Pouder, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—19.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 80, 1877, was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Morse, Pouder, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—19.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 81, 1877, was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Morse, Pouder, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—19.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 82, 1877, was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Morse, Pouder, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—19.

Negative—None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

Councilman Brown introduced the following general ordinance; which was read the first time, and then, on Councilman Byram's motion, was referred to the City Attorney:

G. O. 41, 1877—An ordinance in relation to Insurance Brokers, requiring a License from such, and prescribing penalties for the violation of the same.

Councilman Tucker introduced the following special ordinance; which was read the first time:

S. O. 36, 1877—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley north of Fletcher avenue, from Cedar street to Dillon street.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Brown offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That G. W. McLelland and C. H. Dickson be granted permission to erect a hay and grain scale, in the street at the intersection of Virginia avenue and Shelby street; that the City Civil Engineer be instructed to set the grade stakes for the same, and that the Council have the power, at any time, to order the removal of the same.

The same gentleman offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, with instructions to report an estimate of the probable cost of the repair:

Moved That the Street Commissioner be instructed to gravel Virginia avenue to the depth of six inches, and otherwise put the street in good condition, from I. C. & L. R. R. tracks to the terminus of said street.

The same gentleman offered the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney:

Resolved, That the auction license granted G. W. McCurdy is hereby revoked, and that the City Clerk be instructed to refund him the unexpired portion of said license.

The same gentleman presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and City Assessor:

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

Gentlemen:—Your petitioner would respectfully ask that you refund him the amount of \$—, being the amount paid by him for the redemption from tax-sale of the south half of lot sixteen, in square twelve, of Hubbard, Martindale & McCarty's subdivision of the Southeast Addition, he having previously paid, as he supposed, the tax on said property.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

OTTO GOLNISH.

Councilman Byram presented the following remonstrance; which was referred, with special ordinance No. 34, 1877, to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

Indianapolis, October 30, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on State avenue, between East Washington street and Michigan street, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of said street and sidewalks, between the points named, and

to provide for filling the low ground with any earth taken from said avenue in grading.

We are not prepared to pay additional assessments; our taxes are already too high and oppressive. As we represent a great majority of the frontage of real estate on State avenue, between Washington and Michigan streets, we trust you will cheerfully give our remonstrance due consideration.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

WM. WILLARD,
FRED. HERGT,
C. J. KOLLER,
ABRAM SPRINGSTEEN.

The same gentleman offered the following motion; which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Numerous rumors are in circulation in reference to cutting and removing the timber from off that property of the city known as the Southern Park, by the present lessees of the same; Therefore,

Moved, That the Park Committee be instructed to report to this Council if the lessees of the Southern Park have cut and removed any timber off the same, and, if so, by what authority; also, what amount, and the probable value of the same.

Councilman Cochran offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be directed to inspect that part of the Citizens' Street Railway located on College avenue, and establish the surface line of the street, as shown by the plats in his office, and notify said company to make its trackway conform to the grade.

Councilman Dill offered the following motions; which were severally adopted:

Moved, That O. W. Matthews be granted permission to lay a crossing over sidewalk of Ohio street, in the rear of No. 2 Indiana avenue.

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the sewer-pipe under the I., C. & L. R. R. track, at St. Clair street.

The same gentleman offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to lay a stone crossing on east side of Indiana avenue, at crossing of New York street.

The same gentleman offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Street Commissioner, with power to act :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters of New York street, between Tennessee street and the canal.

The same gentleman offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Board of Aldermen be requested to return general ordinance No. 37, 1877 ("creating the office of City Gauger," etc.), to the files of this body.

A call of the "ayes and nays" was demanded, and the foregoing motion was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilman Brown, Byram, Cochran, Dill, Layman, Morse, Reading, Thomas, Tucker, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—12.

Negative—Councilmen Case, Izor, Poudier, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, and Watts—7.

The same gentleman offered the following motion ; which failed of adoption :

Moved, That the Committee on Judiciary, with the City Attorney, be instructed to examine the charter of the Indianapolis Gas-Light and Coke Company, and the ordinances regulating the same, also their contract, "if such a thing exists," and report whether said company can, under said charter and ordinances, sell gas to citizens in one portion of the city cheaper than to those in another portion, or are they not required to furnish gas at an uniform price to all citizens. Committee to report at next regular session.

Councilman Izor offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

Moved, That the committee appointed to procure rooms in Court House be requested to report at our next meeting.

Councilman Layman offered the following motions ; which were severally adopted :

Moved, That R. R. Hammond have permission to improve the sidewalk in front of his property, on Massachusetts avenue, at the northeast corner of Massachusetts avenue and Vermont street ; said work to be done in sixty

days, and at his own expense, the City Civil Engineer to set the proper grade stakes.

Moved, That the Committee on Steam Road-Roller report, at the next regular meeting of this Council, the condition said machine is in, where located, and if out exposed to the weather, or under a lock and key in a shed or warehouse; and if in need of repair, estimate the probable cost of the same.

Moved, That a committee of three, with the City Attorney, be appointed by his Honor, the Mayor, to draft an ordinance creating a Board of Street Improvements; said Board to consist of two Councilmen and one Alderman, who shall be elected at a joint convention of both bodies, to be called by the Mayor.

The same gentleman offered the following motion; which, on Councilman A. L. Wright's motion, was referred to the Fire Board and the City Attorney:

Moved, That the City Attorney prepare an ordinance, compelling owners of buildings on the principal streets in this city, where they have stairways, to erect iron doors or gates, or to employ private watchmen, at such places as are open to tramps and thieves.

Councilman Morse offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Bridges, with instructions to said committee to report estimates of cost of constructing either a wooden or an iron bridge at the designated locality:

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to advertise for proposals to erect an iron bridge, with stone abutments, across the canal on Vermont street.

Councilman Pouder offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That John Corrigan have the privilege to lay down a crossing on south side of Court street, east of East street, so as to give him access to his lot with horse and wagon.

The same gentleman offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

Moved, That gravel be spread on Ohio street, from Alabama to New Jersey street, as it is almost impassable at present.

Councilman Reading offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

Moved, That C. A. Rush be allowed to put a wagon scale in front of his malt house on S. Delaware street, according to the grade of the street and to the satisfaction of the City Civil Engineer, at his own expense ; and that the City Council have the power to order the removal of the same at any time.

Councilman Steinhauer offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair the crossing on the south side of Merrill and New Jersey streets.

Councilman Thomas offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

Moved, That H. H. Lee and Philip Dohn be allowed to lay a stone crosswalk across Meridian street, between their stores, at their own expense and under instruction of the City Civil Engineer.

The same gentleman offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters on S. Meridian street, south of McCarty street, and fill the chuck-holes in same ; also, to fill the chuck-holes in McCarty street, from Illinois street to Delaware street.

Councilman Tucker offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to securely nail up and fasten the gates of Military Park, there being no further use for said park until spring.

The same gentleman offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to place a stone crossing on Dillon street, at the north line of Fletcher avenue.

Councilman A. L. Wright presented the following petition ; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and City Assessor :

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

Gentlemen :—Your petitioner respectfully represents that she is a widow, owning property worth less than \$1,000, and is, by law, entitled to an exemption for taxation on \$500, and respectfully asks you to refund to her \$7, being the amount of taxes paid by her on \$500 for 1876, on lot 155, Spann & Co's Woodlawn Addition to the City of Indianapolis.

Respectfully submitted,
October 27, 1877.

LARENA GRIFFITH.

The same gentleman presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, the City Assessor, and City Attorney :

Indianapolis, October 29, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable body to reduce the assessment for taxation on lots 10, 11, and 12, in square 44, in the City of Indianapolis, so that the ground will be assessed at not more than twenty thousand dollars per lot, or sixty thousand for the three lots, and the improvements at not more than forty thousand dollars—so that the whole appraisalment for taxation will not exceed one hundred thousand dollars; such reduction to be made with the distinct understanding that I will complete the hotel, ready for occupancy, inside of six months, and that this appraisalment shall stand for taxation in 1878.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. P. BISSELL, Trustee for the owners.

The same gentleman presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys :

Indianapolis, October 26, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—Your petitioners would respectfully ask the construction of a stone crossing on Washington street, from corner at Odd Fellows' Hall to the point on Pennsylvania street at Bank of Commerce building.

Your petitioners deem it unnecessary to state their reasons for such request, as they think a mere examination of the premises, together with a knowledge of the business interests on South Pennsylvania street and Virginia avenue, whose representatives are compelled to wade the mud, at this point, several times a day, or go several hundred feet around, to reach the post office, alone, will suffice.

Tousey & Wiggins, Indianapolis Gas Company,
Johnston Bros., S. A. Fletcher, Jr., F. W. Hamilton,
John H. Langdon, Baker, Hord & Hen-

dricks, Bank of Commerce, T. H. Litzenberg, W. L. Elder, John R. Elder, Sidney M. Dyer, Fred. W. Faut, H. F. Fletcher, B. W. Dakin, Dickson, Kuhn & Co., S. Domeyer, Smith & Hannaman, P. A. Lynn, L. H. Green, J. C. Hanover, E. E. Brown, D. B. Ewing, Whitehead & Jackson, Geo. T. Sullivan, Geo. L. Johnson, L. M. Sullivan, A. Wallace & Sons, Adams Packing Co., S. C. Jewell, A. Tharp, Ira W. Lake.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest:

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.