

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, }
Monday, February 4th, 1878—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, Bugbee, Byram, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—21.

Absent—Councilmen Bagby, Case, Sindlinger, and Watts—4.

The proceedings of the regular session, held January 21st, 1878, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, the reading of the same was dispensed with.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

The Committee on Contracts submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and the contract duly awarded, as recommended:

Indianapolis, February 4, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen :—The Committee on Contracts and City Civil Engineer, to whom were referred certain proposals, presented to Council Monday evening, January 21st, 1878, for taking down and storing the S. Delaware street viaduct, under the directions of the City Civil Engineer and according to specifications on file in his office, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows, to wit :

J. S. Neal, for the sum of.....	\$1,235 00
Chas. Doherty & Co., for the sum of.....	1,149 00
James Hopkins, " "	1,050 00
E. B. Elliott, " "	1,000 00
Peter Routier, " "	1,090 00
Chas. Haltmeyer, " "	975 00
Jas. W. Hudson, " "	950 00
C. S. Roney, " "	950 00
T. H. S. Peck & Co., " "	895 00
J. A. Whitsit & Co., " "	820 00
J. A. Buchanan, " "	790 00
H. C. Roney, " "	720 00
John Knight, " "	675 00
Jacob Coffman, " "	625 00
Jas. Parker, " "	545 00
Peter Ivory, " "	494 00

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

M. L. BROWN,
T. C. READING,
Committee on Contracts.

The contract and bond of Peter Ivory, for above described work (penalty of bond, \$2,000; bondsmen, James Mahoney and James Renihan) was submitted; and said contract was concurred in, and the bond duly approved.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was duly approved:

Indianapolis, February 4, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen :—I herewith report a first and partial estimate, allowed William L. Roney, for grading, and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Fletcher ave-

nue, between Dillon and Linden streets, except in front of lots 130, 131, and 132, in Spann & Co.'s Woodlawn Addition—

905 lineal feet, at 29 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents..... \$269 23

Also, in compliance with orders from the Council and Board of Aldermen, I report a second, corrected, and final estimate, allowed John Greene, for grading and graveling Wisconsin street and sidewalks, from Mississippi street to Meridian street—

1706 lineal feet, at 87 cents \$1,484 22

1214 lineal feet, at \$1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1,365 75

862 cubic yards excavation, at 30 cents..... 258 60

Total..... \$3,108 57

Former estimate 3,108 57

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DEITZ, City Civil Engineer.

By R. M. PATTERSON, Asst. City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was then offered :

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and partial estimate, allowed William L. Roney, for grading, and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Fletcher avenue, between Dillon and Linden streets, except in front of lots 130, 131, and 132, in Spann & Co.'s Woodlawn Addition, 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, Cochran, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Reading, Reed, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Wood, and W. G. Wright—16.

Negative—None.

The following estimate resolution was also offered :

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing second, corrected, and final estimate, allowed John Greene, for grading and graveling Wisconsin street and sidewalks, from Mississippi street to Meridian street, 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, Cochran, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Reading, Reed, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Wood, and W. G. Wright—16.

Negative—None.

The same officer submitted the following report; which was duly referred to the Committee on Gas-Light :

Indianapolis, February 4, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen :—I was directed to discontinue the lighting the lamps on the S. Delaware street viaduct. I notified the Indianapolis Gas-Light & Coke Company to discontinue lighting the lamps aforesaid, but the said company refuse to comply with the order and I report the matter for your consideration.

There was a motion passed the Council and Board of Aldermen, ordering the erection of two lamp-posts on West street, on the north and south sides of the railroad tracks. I find there are no mains on West street; and as the cost of connecting said posts with the nearest mains will be considerable, I would respectfully ask if I shall order the work done ?

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD H. DEITZ, City Civil Engineer.

By R. M. PATTERSON, Asst. City Civil Engineer.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was duly received :

Indianapolis, February 4, 1878.

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

Gentlemen :—I respectfully report that I, this day, transmitted to the City Commissioners, petition of R. Browning and others, in the matter of the vacation of Market and Wabash streets, between Mississippi and Tennessee streets, and of Huron street, between Ohio and Market streets, together with resolutions of your honorable body and Board of Aldermen concerning the same, and that I issued notice to the said Commissioners, according to law, and also to the owners of property.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk

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

Indianapolis, February 4, 1878.

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 January, 1878:

NATURE OF CLAIM.	AMOUNT.
City Assessor's Assistants	\$ 65 00
City Civil Engineer's Department	215 25
City Hospital and Branch.....	994 61
Costs	116 95
Damages	334 49
Fire Department.....	6,413 20
Gas	7,122 00
Ice.....	3 83
Incidentals.. .. .	243 95
Insurance	93 75
Nuisances.....	175 00
Office Fixtures.....	521 70
Parks.....	31 00
Police.....	3,964 50
Posting Bills	7 00
Printing, Stationery, and Advertising.....	384 29
Rent.....	500 00
Salary	4,090 75
Station Houses	545 57
Street Improvements	49 21
Street Repairs.....	1,815 69
Taxes refunded.....	323 68
Total.....	\$28,011 42

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

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

Report of Wm. M. Wiles, City Treasurer, from January 1st to January 31st, 1878, inclusive:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand as per last report, December 31st, 1877.....	\$211,447 30
From current taxes.....	6,444 19
From delinquent taxes.....	12,601 93
From benefits.....	15 00
From auction licenses.....	10 00

From dog licenses.....	\$ 1 50
From dray licenses	5 00
From express licenses.....	34 00
From hack licenses.....	34 00
From peddlers' licenses	45 00
From show licenses.....	25 00
From fines and fees (City Court).....	68 50
From tapping sewers	10 00
From promiscuous	42 60
Total receipts.....	\$ <u>230,784 02</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Fire Department.....	\$ 6,510 71
For Police.....	5,870 28
For street repairs.....	1,981 44
For City Hospital and Branch.....	1,010 15
For Civil Engineer's Department.....	215 85
For assisting City Assessor.....	65 00
For cisterns	44 51
For costs.....	126 05
For damages.....	334 49
For elections.....	6 50
For gas.....	7,122 00
For ice.....	3 83
For incidentals.....	261 08
For insurance.....	93 75
For nuisances	175 00
For office fixtures	519 10
For parks.....	31 00
For posting bills.....	7 00
For printing, stationery, and advertising.....	333 29
For rent.....	500 00
For salary	3,968 25
For Station Houses.....	881 71
For street improvements.....	49 21
For taxes refunded.....	323 68
Balance on hand	200,350 14
	\$ <u>230,784 02</u>

TOMLINSON ESTATE.

Balance on hand as per last report, December 31st, 1877.....	\$14,858 71
From rents.....	189 00
	\$15,047 71
Balance on hand	<u>15,047 71</u>

Balance on hand, general fund.....	\$200,350 14
Balance on hand, Tomlinson estate.....	15,047 71
Total balance on hand	<u>\$215,397 85</u>

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. WILES, City Treasurer.

To BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The City Attorney submitted the following report; which was received:

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the contract between the city and the gas company. It has been executed by the company; and, if it meets your approval, I would recommend that the Mayor be instructed to execute the same, on behalf of the city.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS, City Attorney.

On motion, the City Clerk was ordered to print the agreement in the proceedings of present session, and said officer was also instructed to send copies of such document to each Councilman as promptly as possible after the same shall be printed.

Aforesaid agreement is as follows:

THIS AGREEMENT, made this fourth day of February, 1878, between THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS and THE INDIANAPOLIS GAS-LIGHT AND COKE COMPANY,

Witnesseth, That, whereas, there is now existing a contract between said two parties, bearing date of the twenty-second day of July, 1876, concerning which, and the performance of the stipulations of which on the part both of said company and said city, disputes have arisen;

Now, Therefore, In settlement and compromise of all matters in dispute between the parties,

It is hereby agreed, That the City of Indianapolis shall pay to said company the sum of \$7,063.75, being the amount due from said city to said company for gas furnished during the month of February, 1877, and that the suit now pending in the Johnson Circuit Court shall be dismissed, by agreement, at the costs of said city; and that the stipulation in said contract, which provides for the payment, by the said company, of fifteen cents for each and every night for each and every post that is not lighted, and kept lighted, during the time required by the time-tables, be modified so as to apply only to cases where the failure to so light and keep lighted is not caused by frost, over which said company has no control, but said company agrees to use the

utmost reasonable dispatch in thawing out such posts—this modification to extend only to April 1st, 1878.

The said company also agrees to allow a deduction of ten thousand dollars from the bills under said contract of July 22d, 1876, for the months of April and May, 1878, being \$5,000 for each of said months.

Nothing herein shall be construed as changing, modifying, or in any way affecting the legal rights of either party under contracts heretofore made and existing between said parties, except as herein particularly specified.

THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,

By _____

THE INDIANAPOLIS GAS-LIGHT & COKE CO.,

By S. A. FLETCHER, JR., President.

Attest:

[L. s.] H. WETZEL, Sec'y.

The Street Commissioner submitted the following report; which was duly received:

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

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit the following report of work done in my Department, for the month of January, 1878:

Filled, with gravel, chuck-hole; on N. West street. Filled, with gravel, chuck-holes on Winston street. Filled, with gravel, chuck-holes on S. Noble street, between South street and high bridge.

Cinder crossings on different streets, 20.

Repaired bowldered street, as follows: Delaware street, between Pogue's Run and South street.

Repaired stone walks at McCarty and Delaware streets.

Put down one culvert on Tennessee street, at West Market.

Bridges repaired, 21.

2 new foot-bridges on east side of Winston and Michigan streets; 2 new foot-bridges on east side of Illinois and Herbert streets; 2 new foot-bridges on south side of Market and Winston streets; 2 new foot-bridges on south side of Washington and Cady streets; 1 new foot-bridge on southeast corner of New York and Winston streets; 1 new foot-bridge on south side of St. Clair and Broadway streets; 1 new foot-bridge on northwest corner of Broadway and St. Clair streets; 1 new foot-bridge on northeast corner of Alabama and St. Joseph streets; 1 new foot-bridge on northeast corner of Alabama and Walnut streets; 1 new foot-bridge on northwest corner of Alabama and St. Joseph streets.

364 feet of fencing on river bank, in Indianola.

Pay Rolls for the month.....	\$1,789 69
P. Routier, oak lumber.....	3 20
Ike King, smithing.....	7 00

Indianapolis Manufacturers' and Carpenters' Union, lumber.....	\$ 10 16
Samuel Patterson, gravel	95 00
James Hudson, curbing	27 56
James Malloy, stone crossing.....	8 00
Indianapolis Rolling-Mill Company, cinders.....	40 00
Clemens Vonnegut, hardware.....	31 62
McDonough & Townsend, coal and pipe.....	3 65
G. H. Shover, smithing	9 85
James W. Brown, re-paving pavement	8 00
Capital City Planing-Mill, oak lumber	36 36
L. Logsdon, oak lumber... ..	16 50
Louis Kolb, circular table-top	2 50
Hartman & Dreier, smithing.....	5 60
George T. Breunig, affidavits	15 75
Hildebrand & King, smithing.....	18 40
Ike King, smithing	4 35
G. H. Shover, smithing	8 40
Clemens Vonnegut, hardware.....	16 75
Hillman & Son, smithing	5 25
Total	\$2,163 53

Respectfully submitted,

LEE A. FULMER, Street Commissioner.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Board of Health submitted the following report; which was approved:

Indianapolis, February 4, 1878.

To the Common Council, City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—Agreeably to your request, we have visited and investigated the rendering establishment of Jacob Smith, in its present location north of the Belt Railroad bridge.

We would respectfully report that there are no offensive or injurious odors or gases arising from it, at this season of the year; and, further, that it is completely isolated, being removed fully three-fourths of a mile from any other habitation. During the warm season, if operated, it might possibly become a nuisance, but can not recommend its removal at this season.

Respectfully submitted,

T. N. BRYAN, Pres. B. of H
HENRY JAMESON, Sec'y.
WM. WANDS.

The Hospital Board, through Councilman Izor, submitted the following report; which was approved:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Hospital Board beg leave to make the following report concerning the Monthly Report of Expenditures of the City Hospital for the month of November, 1877, submitted to this Council by W. H. Davis, Superintendent—that we have examined the report, and find it correct.

T. E. CHANDLER,
ALBERT IZOR,
M. STEINHAUER,
Hospital Board.

Also, the following reports from the Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch; which were received:

The following report of the City Hospital and Branch, for the month ending January 31st, 1878, 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.....	45	46	42	41	46	.....
Number of Patients at last report—infants	5	7	4	3	4	.....
Received New Patients—adults.....	14	11	10	13	4	52
Births, or Received—infants.....	3	.....	.....	1	1	5
Discharged—adults.....	12	14	10	8	.....	44
Discharged—infants.....	1	3	1	.....	.....	5
Died—adults.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	3
Died—infants .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Number of Patients remaining—adults.....	46	42	41	46	50	.....
Number of Patients remaining—infants.. ..	7	4	3	4	5	.....
Number of Patients in Branch—adults.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Number of Patients in Branch—infants.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Aggregate No. days of Patients in Hospital—adults.....	336	334	308	323	149	1450
Aggregate No. of days Patients in Hospital—infants.....	42	37	23	25	13	140

Total Expenditures for month..... \$969 80
 Expended on account of permanent improvements, 120 19
 Net Expenditures for subsistence, etc., during month..... 840 44
 Aggregate number of days subsistence furnished..... 2137
 Average expense per capita per diem of patients and employes... .39.3 cts

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

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman Byram, submitted the following report; which was approved:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned having been elected at the last Joint Convention of your honorable bodies, under the provisions of an ordinance, lately passed, creating a Board of Public Improvements, members of said Board, have the honor to report that, under the provisions of said ordinance, they met at the office of the Street Commissioner, in said City of Indianapolis, on Friday evening, January 25th, 1878, and organized by the election of Councilman N. S. Byram as president, and of Henry Coburn as secretary, and are now ready for business.

N. S. BYRAM,
T. C. READING,
H. COBURN,

Members-elect of the Board of Public Improvements.

Also, the following report; the first clause of which was approved, and the second and third clauses were duly concurred in:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, Board of Public Improvements, to whom were referred sundry papers, have given the several matters referred to them special attention, and beg leave to report as follows:

FIRST. Was special ordinance No. 2, 1878, for the improvement of Morris street and sidewalks, from Chestnut street to Madison avenue.

We find, on examination, that the improvement of this street is of public utility and much needed, it being the only public thoroughfare between the streets named, within several squares, either north or south of the proposed improvement, and, in its present state, almost impassable. We would, therefore, recommend the passage of said ordinance, and that the work be completed at as early a day as possible.

SECOND. Is a motion of Councilman Tucker, that the City Civil Engineer be instructed to advertise for proposals to erect a foot-bridge over the Union Railway tracks, on Virginia avenue.

We are of the opinion that a bridge of the kind contemplated in the motion might be a great convenience to the citizens of the South Side, and of public utility. We would, therefore, recommend that the City Civil Engineer prepare plans and specifications, and advertise for proposals for the erection of said bridge—the same to connect the east sidewalk of Alabama street with the east sidewalk of Virginia avenue.

THIRD. Is a motion of Councilman Walker, to have a double-stone crossing placed across Market street, from the northeast corner of Pennsylvania and Market streets to the southeast corner of said streets.

We find that the point named is a much-traveled thoroughfare, and that the crossing is badly needed. We would, therefore, recommend the passage of said motion.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,
T. C. READING,
H. COBURN,

Board of Public Improvements.

Indianapolis, February 4th, 1878.

REPORTS ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, through Councilman Walker, presented the following reports; which were severally received :

Report of City Dispensary for January, 1878.

Number of visits made to families in North District.....	116
Number of visits made to families in South District.....	90
Number of visits made to Station House.....	38
Number of patients prescribed for at Dispensary.....	316
Number of prescriptions filled at Dispensary.....	691
Number of surgical cases.....	28
Number of vaccinations.....	7
Number of extractions of teeth.....	12
Number of midwifery cases attended.....	6
Number of prescriptions filled on order of city physicians.....	78

TABLE OF DISEASES TREATED FOR THE MONTH.

4 Anemia.	5 Dyspepsia.	1 Nephritis (acute).
2 Anasarca.	2 Erythema.	10 Phthisis.
25 Bronchitis.	1 Erysipelas.	2 Pharyngitis.
1 Change of Life.	4 Epilepsy.	1 Pleurisy.
1 Cancarum Orris.	4 Endometritis.	4 Pneumonia.
1 Congestion Brain.	7 Gonorrhœa.	6 Remittent fever.
4 Constipation.	3 Herpies.	2 Rheumatism.
1 Convulsions.	41 Intermittent fever.	1 Sciatica.
2 Cancer.	2 Heart disease.	8 Scrofula.
1 Cervical hypertrophy	1 Leucorrhœa.	35 Syphilis.
4 Debility.	1 Menstruation (pain-ful).	1 Tuberculosis.
4 Dropsy (hepatic).		1 Tonsilitis.
1 " (renal).	5 Neuralgia.	4 Typhoid fever.
2 Diarrhœa.	1 Lumbago.	1 Whooping-cough.

SURGICAL CASES.

1 Inguinal hernia.	1 Fractured thumb.	1 Fracture ribs.
1 Vaginal fistula.	2 Frozen hands.	1 Felon.
4 Varicose ulcers.	1 " fingers.	1 Fracture radius.
1 Stricture urethra.	1 Scald wounds.	1 Burned hand.
1 Gunshot wound.	2 Frozen feet.	5 Abscess.
1 Crushed hand.	1 Fracture tibia.	1 Amputation leg.

Respectfully submitted,

OTTO E. MUELLER, Dispensary Clerk.

W. B. FLETCHER, Superintendent.

The Committee on Bridges and Assistant City Civil Engineer, through Councilman Morse, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

Indianapolis, February 4, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your committee, to whom was referred the motion regarding the bridge over Pogue's Run on Winston street, would respectfully report, as follows, thereon:

We have examined the bridge, and find it in need of repair, and would recommend that the Street Commissioner be instructed to extend the bent in centre of bridge to the full width of the bridge.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. MORSE,
MARTIN MCGINTY,
WM. M. COCHRAN,
Committee on Bridges.
R. M. PATTERSON,
Asst. C. C. Engineer.

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

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

Gentlemen:—Your Judiciary Committee and City Attorney, to whom was referred the petition of John R. Nickum, asking for the reduction of the appraisement of certain real estate, have examined the matter, and would report that, while the appraisement of the property may be high and more than it is worth, your committee have no power to go behind the acts of the Board of Equalization, which was the proper place for the petitioner to have

applied for relief, if he felt aggrieved in the appraisement of the property. We would also infer from the petition, that the petitioner, as he says, had recently become the owner of said property, and long since the appraisement for the taxation had been made, and that he had due notice before the purchase of the same; therefore, he has no right to complain, nor is he in any way damaged by said appraisement.

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

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,

J. W. BUGBEE,

Committee on Judiciary.

R. O. HAWKINS, City Attorney.

The Committee on Public Buildings, through Councilman Cochran, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Public Buildings, to whom was referred a motion, reciting the inadequate condition of the Janitor's Department, would respectfully report, that, in our opinion, the Janitor should be authorized to employ additional help, at a cost not exceeding six dollars per week.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. COCHRAN,

N. S. BYRAM,

J. B. DILL,

Committee on Public Buildings.

The Committee on Sewers and City Attorney, through Councilman Brown, submitted the following report; which was approved:

Indianapolis, February 4, 1878.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Sewers and City Attorney, to whom was referred the ordinance providing for a sewer from the Central Station House to the Virginia avenue sewer, would report that we have examined the same, and find that it does not provide for the assessment of the benefits against the property owners, in such a manner as to enable them to be collected.

We have prepared a new ordinance upon the subject, and recommend that it be substituted for the one referred to us, and that the same be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. BROWN,

Committee on Sewers.

R. O. HAWKINS, City Attorney.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Layman, submitted the following report; which was concurred in :

Indianapolis, February 4, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred a petition from H. B. McCune and others, asking the city to lay down a flag-stone foot-crossing over Washington street, on line with east side of the alley between New Jersey and East streets, would report adversely to granting the prayer of said petitioners.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. E. WATTS,
JAMES T. LAYMAN,
GEO. P. WOOD,

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Councilman Reed, chairman of the select committee appointed under his certain resolution, offered at last regular session of the Common Council [see page 696, *ante*], relative to the rumored consolidation of the Indianapolis Gas-Light and Coke Company and the Citizens' Gas-Light and Coke Company, asked further time for investigation; which request was duly granted.

MESSAGE FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message from the Board of Aldermen was duly received :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen:—At a regular session of the Board of Aldermen, held Tuesday evening, January 22d, 1878, the following reports were concurred in, and the motion adopted :

- 1st. Report from Aldermanic Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals.
- 2d. Report from Aldermanic Committee on Opening and Laying Out Streets and Alleys.
- 3d. Report from Aldermanic Committee on Sellers' Farm.
- 4th. Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. BREUNIG,
Clerk of Board of Aldermen.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN—ACTION UPON.

Report from Aldermanic Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, recommending the appropriation of five hundred dollars, to be equally divided between the Indianapolis Benevolent Society and the Ladies' Relief Society [see Aldermanic Proceedings, page 308], was read, and, on motion, the Common Council refused to concur in aforesaid recommendation.

Report from Aldermanic Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys, recommending a change in the line of Dillon street, as proposed to be opened, from Meek street to intersection of Washington street and the Michigan Road [see Aldermanic Proceedings, page 309], was read, and the action of the Board of Aldermen, in concurring in the change recommended by their committee, was duly approved.

Report from Aldermanic Committee on Sellers' Farm, recommending non-concurrence in Council's approval of the sale of the cottonwood trees on the "Sellers' Farm" for the sum of two hundred dollars [see Aldermanic Proceedings, page 311], was read, and, on motion, the Common Council receded from its former action, and approved of the proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Motion, requiring "the members of this Board, the Mayor, and members of the Common Council, each instruct the City Treasurer to retain, out of the next quarter's salary due them, the sum of \$13.89," "thus equaling the appropriation made by the Board of Aldermen and Common Council, on November 2d, 1877" [see Aldermanic Proceedings, page 309], was read.

Councilman Tucker offered the following amendment; which was adopted:

Amend, by leaving out the words "Mayor" and "Members of the Common Council," and by making the amount "fifty dollars for each member of the Board of Aldermen."

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

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

Ap. O. 6, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department.

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

Ap. O. 7, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch.

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

Ap. O. 8, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses.

The Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, through Councilman Walker, introduced the following ordinance; which was read the first time:

Ap. O. 9, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money on account of the City Dispensary.

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

Ap. O. 10, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

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

Ap. O. 11, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, and Advertising.

Appropriation ordinance No. 6, 1878, was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Walker, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—20.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 7, 1878, was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Walker, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—20.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 8, 1878, was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilman Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Walker, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—20.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 9, 1878, was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Walker, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—20.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 10, 1878, was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Walker, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—20.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 11, 1878, was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Walker, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—20.

Negative—None.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The following ordinance, which had been made a special order for this evening [see page 704, *ante*], was now called up; read the second time; ordered to be engrossed; and then read the third time :

S. O. 41, 1877—An ordinance to provide for the construction of a brick sewer, from the east line of the Central Station House, in and along Pearl street, to the first alley east of Delaware street; thence, south, in and along said alley, to Maryland street; thence, west, in and along Maryland street, to and connecting with the Virginia avenue sewer; and assessing the benefits of the same upon the property benefitted thereby;

And was passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed,

Steinhauer, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—20.

Negative—None.

Unanimous consent was given Councilman Steinhauer to call up the following ordinance; and it was read the second time; ordered to be engrossed; and then read the third time:

S. O. 2, 1878—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Morris street and sidewalks, from Chesnut street to Madison avenue;

And was passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—20.

Negative—None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

Councilman Layman introduced the following ordinance; which was read the first time; and then, on his motion, referred to the Committee on Gas-Light:

S. O. 4, 1878—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete to burn gas, except the service-pipes, on Walnut street, between New Jersey and East streets.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Bugbee offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That J. W. Davis have permission to move a frame house, from the corner of Peru and Seventh streets, to the corner of Ninth and Greenwood streets.

Councilman Brown offered the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the petition of M. Criqui, Fred. Richter, et al., praying for the laying out and widening of Shelby street, to a width of sixty feet, from Prospect street to the south corporation line, be referred to the Commissioners, with instructions to assess benefits and damages, and to make due report; and that for the purposes of laying out and widening such street, as aforesaid, the Common Council and Board of Aldermen do propose to appropriate such real estate and property as may be necessary therefor. The said Commissioners are instructed to return, as part of their report, all petitions and notices. The City Clerk is hereby directed to issue, and the City Marshal to serve, the proper notices upon the Commissioners and property owners.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer,³Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—21.

Negative—None.

Councilman Byram offered the following motion; which was adopted :

Moved, That the Committee on Gas-Light be instructed to put in repair the pipes and burners in the tunnel, and that they obtain proposals for lighting the same, by the year, and report the same to this Council.

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

Indianapolis, January 17, 1878.

To his Honor, the Mayor, and Members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—Your petitioner would respectfully represent that, on the 17th day of February, 1877, he paid the city taxes on the following described property (paid by receipt No. 1,732, a copy of which is herewith submitted); McK. & P.'s sub. 16 8-12x90 ft. s.e. cor., lot 30, out-lot 126; McK. & P.'s sub. 13 4-12x90 ft. s.w. cor., lot 31, out-lot 126; Sharpe's Add, lot 2; and on personal property, \$25; amounting to \$19.95, paid in the name of Timothy Foley.

The name of Timothy Foley appears on the duplicate three different times; and your petitioner erroneously paid on so much of the within copy of the receipt as refers to parts of lots 30 and 31, in McK. & P.'s sub. of out-lot 126—they being the property of another Timothy Foley.

Your petitioner would respectfully represent that the city taxes for 1876, on the above described parts of lots 30 and 31, McK. & P.'s sub. out-lot 126, were \$8.40; and this amount, \$8.40, was paid in the receipt given. Your petitioner would request that the above amount, \$8.40, be refunded to him, or be made to apply on the tax of 1876 on lot 26, in I. & C. R. R. Co.'s sub. out-lot 90 (the lot which intended to pay on), and have the credit erased from the lots on which he erroneously paid.

And, as in duty bound, your petitioner will ever pray,

TIMOTHY FOLEY.

Councilman Cochran offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to fill the chuck-holes in Central avenue, between Tenth street and the corporation line north.

Councilman Izor offered the following motion; which, on Councilman A. L. Wright's motion, was referred to the City Civil Engineer, with instructions to prepare the proper special ordinances to provide for the erection of public gas-lamps at the points named:

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to have the gas-lights now on the Delaware street bridge, placed on Michigan street—one at the corner of Leon street, on the north side of Michigan; one at the corner of Cincinnati and Michigan streets; and two at the alleys on the south side of Michigan street, between Noble and East streets.

Councilman Layman offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That Michael Sells be permitted to lay a brick sidewalk in front of his property on Walnut street, between New Jersey and East streets—the same to be done at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

The same gentleman offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill, with gravel, the chuck-holes, and level up the low places, in St. Mary street, between Delaware street and Fort Wayne avenue.

Councilman McGinty offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

Moved, That the Board of Public Improvements be directed to authorize the Street Commissioner to fill the chuck-holes in Kentucky avenue. (This motion being adopted about two months ago, it was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, and they reported in favor of it, and named the amount of thirty dollars to be sufficient to complete the same.)

Councilman Pouder presented the following communication; which was referred to City Attorney, with power to act:

Indianapolis, February 4, 1878.

To the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The lessees of the Sellers' Farm objects to a tank and boiling establishment, for the purpose of rendering dead animals, inside the corporation limits, while the lessees of Sellers' Farm have a long haul over bad roads and compelled to haul their stock some two miles from the city—compelled to haul the distance by an ordinance passed this Council.

I would recommend that the City Marshal be instructed to remove the rendering establishment in question, at once.

W. G. WRIGHT,
MILTON POUDEK,
M. L. BROWN.

Councilman Reading offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That Howard Barnes have permission to erect a lamp-post on the northwest corner of Pearl street and the first alley east of Illinois street, at his own expense—the gas to be furnish from his own meter.

Councilman Reed presented the following petition; and the prayer of the same was duly granted:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, citizens of Indianapolis, partners trading under the name and style of Bledsoe & Coombs, respectfully petition your honorable bodies to grant them an "auctioneers' license," authorizing them to sell, at public auction, merchandise, at their place of business, No. 96 E. Washington street, in said city, for and during the term of one year from February 1st, 1878, with the privilege of taking out license for three months at a time.

N. H. BLEDSOE,
C. C. COOMBS.

The same gentleman presented the following petition; which was received:

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

The undersigned, knowing as they do, from practical experience, that a pure and highly illuminating gas, free from smoke and offensive odors, can be furnished at a less price than is now charged, and at the same time afford a reasonable compensation to the manufacturer, respectfully petition your honors that an ordinance be passed, granting to your orators, their associates and assigns, permission and authority to lay gas mains and pipes under and along the streets, alleys, sidewalks, and other public grounds in the City of Indianapolis, and to maintain and keep the same in repair, for the term of thirty years from and after the date of said ordinance.

Your orators further represent—

1. That they will erect their works, lay ten miles of mains and pipes, and furnish gas to consumers, within eighteen months from the date of the passage of the ordinance.

2. That they will in no instance charge more than one dollar and sixty cents per thousand cubic feet of gas.

3. That the gas shall not be of less than sixteen candle capacity, and free from impurities and offensive odors.

4. That the streets, alleys, sidewalks, and public grounds shall be left in as good condition as before trenches are opened for the purpose of laying the mains and pipes.

5. That they will, after the first eighteen months, extend their mains and pipes not less than ten miles in each year, until those portions of the city which are now piped, shall be laid with their pipes.

6. That they should not be required to lay mains or pipes on streets not now supplied with gas pipes, unless there shall be at least two consumers for each one hundred feet of mains or pipes so required to be laid.

7. That the gas should be inspected and tested at such times as the Common Council may determine, and by an expert inspector appointed for that purpose.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

THE CAPITOL GAS IMPROVEMENT & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

By its President, duly authorized, THOS. S. SPRAGUE, Detroit, Mich.

On Councilman Steinhauer's motion, it was ordered that the above document be referred to a select committee of two Aldermen and three Councilmen.

The Chair, thereupon, appointed Councilmen Reed, A. L. Wright, and Layman as the Council members of aforesaid select committee.

Councilman Steinhauer presented the following remonstrance against the passage of special ordinance No. 3, 1878; and said document, together with the ordinance and the petition for the introduction of the same, were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, with instructions to such committee to recommend that the ordinance be not passed:

Indianapolis, January 25, 1878.

To the Honorable Mayor, Aldermen, and Councilmen of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, property holders on Russell avenue and S Illinois street, having heard that, in the City Council, an ordinance was introduced, providing for the grading and graveling of the alley between Russell avenue and Illinois street, running from W. McCarty street not further up than to the first alley below Norwood street (about 190 feet long), respectfully remonstrate against the passing of this ordinance, for this alley is closed up at the northern end by Harting's brewery buildings, and is of no use to any body, except to the adjoining inhabitants. And besides, it is too hard on us to pay for the proposed improvement these needy times, when we hardly make our living, and have to restrain all expenses as much as possible. We are willing to repair this alley ourselves, and keep it passable and clean. And thinking this sufficient, at the present time, we pray that your honorable boards will not consent to pass aforesaid ordinance.

Respectfully,

Henry Poehler, owning 48 feet on said alley;
Henry Harting, Engel Harting; Mary Oehler,
owning 96 feet on said alley; H. Fredrick Kott-
hoff, 24 feet on said alley; John J. Vondersaar,
48 feet on said alley; John Collins, 24 feet on
said alley; Charles E. Hall, 48 feet on the said
alley.

Councilman Stoner offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be authorized to fill the chuck-holes in North street, from East to Winston streets.

Councilman Tucker offered the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the matter of laying out, opening, and extending Dillon street, in a width of sixty (60) feet, from its present northern terminus to the intersection of Washington street and Michigan Road, on a line as adopted by

the Common Council at its meeting held January 7th, 1878, and amended by the Board of Aldermen, at its meeting held January 22d, 1878, be referred to the Commissioners, with instructions to assess benefits and damages, and to make due report; and that for the purposes of such laying out, opening and extending such street, as aforesaid, the Common Council and Board of Aldermen do propose to appropriate such real estate and property as may be necessary therefor. The said Commissioners are instructed to return, as part of their report, all petitions and notices. The City Clerk is hereby directed to issue, and the City Marshal to serve, the proper notices upon the Commissioners and property owners.

Which was passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Wood, and W. G. Wright—18.

Negative—Councilman A. L. Wright—1.

Councilman Reed was granted leave of absence for the balance of this session.

At request of Councilman Izor, the courtesies of the Council were extended to — McMullen, of Washington, D. C., and the latter gentleman explained the merits of the Parisen Concrete Pavement.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest :

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.