

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Common Council and Board of Aldermen,

FOR THE YEAR 1878-1879.

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—MAY 20, 1878.

The members elect of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, for the year 1878-1879, convened in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, May 20th, A. D. 1878, at half-past seven o'clock.

Hon. John Caven, Mayor, and, *ex officio*, President of the Common Council, took the Chair, and directed the City Clerk to call the names of the gentlemen who had been elected and had duly qualified as Councilmen of the City of Indianapolis.

The following Councilmen elect were present at this roll-call, or made their appearance before any important proceedings were had, viz. :

Ward 1—Sheldon Morris.	Ward 13—Thos. J. Morse.
“ 2—Horace McKay.	“ 14—Frank A. Maus.
“ 3—Omer Rodibaugh.	“ 15—Chris. H. O'Brien.
“ 4—Samuel Showalter.	“ 16—Gottlieb Sindlinger.
“ 5—Matthew M. Cummings.	“ 17—Thomas C. Reading.
“ 6—James T. Layman.	“ 18—John L. Marsee.
“ 7—Jacob M. Bruner.	“ 19—William F. Reasner.
“ 8—Christian Off.	“ 20—William H. Tucker.
“ 9—George Anderson.	“ 21—Marcus L. Brown.
“ 10—Arthur L. Wright.	“ 22—John L. F. Steeg.
“ 11—Isaac C. Walker.	“ 23—Henry Bermann.
“ 12—Josiah B. Dill.	“ 24—Christian F. Wiese.
	Ward 25—Martin McGinty.

As the roll-call developed the fact that a quorum was present, the Common Council proceeded to business.

The Proceedings of the last regular session of the Common Council of 1877-1878, held May 6th, A. D. 1878, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, the reading of the same was dispensed with, and said proceedings were duly approved as published.

Sealed proposals for making the below-described improvements [under the provisions of the special ordinances noted before the several descriptions], were opened and read by the City Clerk, and were then referred to the Committee on Contracts :

- S. O. 135, 1876—Grading and graveling the alley between Olive and Linden streets, from Orange street to Willow street.
- S. O. 1, 1878—Grading and graveling Mill street and sidewalks, from Sixth street to Seventh street.
- S. O. 6, 1878—Grading and graveling the first alley west of Tennessee street, from McCarty street to the second alley south of McCarty street.
- S. O. 7, 1878—Grading, and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Pennsylvania street (where not already paved), from Union Railway tracks, or Louisiana street, to South street.
- S. O. 8, 1878—Re-graveling Ohio street, bowldering the gutters, and curbing with stone the sidewalks thereof, from Alabama street to East street.
- S. O. 11, 1878—Grading and graveling Michigan street and sidewalks, from the east line of the C., C., C. and I. Railway Company's grounds to Archer street.

[Later in the evening, a remonstrance having been presented against the prosecution of the improvement described first above, the vote referring the proposals for making same to Committee on Contracts was reconsidered, and special ordinance 135, 1876, the remonstrance, and the bids appertaining to said improvement were ordered to be transmitted to the Board of Public Improvements.]

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, Mayor Caven, submitted the following report; which was approved :

Indianapolis, May 20, 1878.

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

Gentlemen :—The amount of fines collected by me during the month of April, 1878, due the city treasury, is eight (8) dollars; which amount I have paid the City Treasurer, and file herewith his duplicate receipt for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CAVEN, Mayor.

His Honor also submitted the following message and the appended acceptance; which were each duly received:

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

Gentlemen:—I would respectfully report that, on the 29th day of April, 1878, the board of directors of the Citizens' Street Railway Company filed with me a certified copy of a resolution adopted by said board of directors, accepting the terms and conditions set forth in an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend section five (5) and six (6) of an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance authorizing the construction, extension, and operation of certain Passenger Railways in or upon the streets of the City of Indianapolis'" ; ordained by the Common Council January 18th, 1864; said amended ordinance ordained April 2d, 1878; which certified copy, with my indorsement of the time of filing with me, is herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CAVEN, Mayor.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the Honorable the General Council of the City of Indianapolis, Ind.:

We herewith hand you a copy of a resolution passed, unanimously, by the board of directors of the Citizens' Street Railway Company 29th April, 1878:

Resolved, by the board of directors of the Citizens' Street Railway Company of Indianapolis, Ind., That in compliance with, and in obedience to section three (3) of ordinance number ten (10), 1878, that we do hereby fully accept all the terms and conditions embraced in said ordinance No. 10, 1878, and do hereby bind the Citizens' Street Railway Company to comply with the requirements of said ordinance, on the terms and conditions therein contained "

We hereby Certify, That the above is a correct copy of a resolution passed, by a unanimous vote, by the board of directors of the Citizens' Street Railway Company 29th April, 1878, and recorded on page 57 of the minute-book of said company.

We do further Certify, That C. F. Johnson, Tom L. Johnson, and A. W. Johnson, directors on said road, were present, and constitute a quorum of said board of directors.

CHARLES F. JOHNSON, President.
TOM. L. JOHNSON, Secretary.
A. W. JOHNSON, Director.

I, John Caven, certify that the foregoing acceptance was filed with me April 29, 1878.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

His Honor also presented the following petition; and, on motion, the prayer of the petitioners was granted:

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

Gentlemen:—Commencing on June 9th, 1878, and continuing five days, will be held, in this city, the 23d annual convention of the "German Catholic Central Verein of North America," an association purely for benevolent purposes.

On some day during the meeting, it is intended to march through the streets in procession composed of different subordinate societies, which will be very large in numbers. To add to the interest of the occasion, it is desired to erect in the streets, at different points, triumphal arches; and your consent is respectfully asked for permission to erect the necessary posts, and dig the necessary holes, for that pur-

pose, agreeing, on our part, to restore the streets promptly, in as good a condition, under the direction of your City Civil Engineer, as they now are.

Respectfully yours, etc.,

JOHN KEEN,
STEPHEN MATTLER,
HENRY GUETIG,

Committee of Arrangements and on Arches and Decorations.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

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

Indianapolis, May 20, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report a first and partial estimate in behalf of Anderson Bruner, for constructing 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 connect with the Virginia avenue sewer—

837.3 lineal feet, at \$1.80..... \$1,088 49

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was then offered:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the foregoing first and partial estimate, allowed Anderson Bruner, for constructing 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 connect with the Virginia avenue sewer, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of said Common Council and Board of Aldermen, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Preceding resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES—Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Sindlinger, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright—25.

NAYS—None.

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

Indianapolis, May 20, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following affidavit, now on file in my office, for the collection of street assessment by precept, to-wit:

John Greene vs. William G. Randall, for..... \$38 50

And recommend that you order the precept to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The recommended precept was ordered to be issued by the following vote :

AYES—Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Siedlinger, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright—25.

NAYS—None.

The same officer submitted the following annual reports; which were severally referred to the Committee on Finance :

Amount of Orders drawn on the City Treasury, during the Fiscal Year ending May 15th, 1878 :

Board of Health.....	\$ 450 00
Bridges	930 53
City Assessor's Assistants.....	3,091 75
City Civil Engineer's Department.....	3,126 74
City Commissioners.....	240 00
City Dispensary.....	2,333 00
City Hospital and Branch.....	11,360 36
City Janitor's Assistants.....	107 30
Cisterns (public fire).....	1,398 29
Costs.....	1,241 44
Damages.....	14,011 95
Elections.....	658 50
Fire Department, salary of officers and members, repairs, supplies, feed, etc.....	73,740 49
Fountains (public).....	23 84
Fuel.....	43 56
Gas.....	80,855 72
Home for Friendless Women.....	854 60
Ice.....	89 82
Incidentals.....	2,843 43
Insurance.....	123 75
Interest on bonds.....	106,992 00
Markets.....	420 25
Nuisances.....	700 00
Office fixtures.....	1,670 07
Parks.....	781 17
Percentage, City Treasurer, balance for fiscal year ending May 15, 1877, Percentage, City Treasurer, for collecting street-opening benefits from May 15, 1876, to Sept. 1, 1877.....	292 17
Percentage, City Treasurer, from May 16 to Sept. 3, 1877.....	3,248 27
Percentage, City Treasurer, from Sept. 3, 1877, to Feb. 1, 1878.....	2,585 58
Police, salary of officers and members	48,042 00
Posting bills.....	215 00
Printing, stationery, and advertising.....	6,414 87

Public buildings.....	\$ 120 00
Rent.....	2,416 66
Salary.....	16,841 25
School Fund, from May 16 to Sept. 3, 1877..	11,902 61
Sewers.....	43 87
State Militia.....	1,773 59
Station Houses.....	6,126 86
Street improvements.....	2,232 69
Street repairs.....	34,197 65
Taxes refunded.....	1,351 33
Time warrants of 1877.....	300,000 00
Tomlinson annuity.....	7,000 00
Tomlinson estate repairs.....	306 06
Transfers.....	487 40
Tunnels.....	62 50
Water rent.....	26,745 59
Total.....	<u>\$787,288 59</u>

*Report of Wm. M. Wiles, City Treasurer, for the Fiscal Year, May 16, 1877, to
May 15, 1878 (inclusive):*

RECEIPTS.

H. W. Tutewiler, ex-City Treasurer, balance cash on hand May 15, 1877, as shown by his report.....	\$278,248 30
Total receipts, May 16 to Sept. 3, 1877, inclusive, as per report.....	262,523 13
	<u>\$540,771 43</u>
Amount received from H. W. Tutewiler, ex-City Treasurer.....	\$176,197 53
From current taxes.....	456,737 25
From delinquent taxes.....	94,491 06
From tax-sales.....	84,219 36
From loans.....	97,201 00
From benefits.....	448 40
From auction licenses.....	90 00
From interest on bonds (Belt R. R.).....	12,000 00
From dog licenses.....	48 25
From coal licenses.....	750 00
From dray licenses.....	123 00
From express licenses.....	380 00
From fines and fees.....	880 90
From hack licenses.....	316 00
From market rents.....	799 25
From peddlers' licenses.....	295 00
From printing on receipts.....	7 50
From promiscuous.....	1,760 92
From show licenses.....	285 00
From tapping sewers.....	160 00
	<u>\$927,190 42</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

H. W. Tutewiler, ex-City Treasurer, total disbursements May 16 to Sept. 3, 1877, inclusive, as shown by his report.....	\$364,573	90
Balance transferred to Wm. M. Wiles, Treasurer.....	176,197	53
	<u>\$540,771</u>	<u>43</u>
For Fire Department.....	\$ 49,486	66
For Police	32,981	14
For street repairs	23,561	03
For City Hospital and Branch.....	8,547	83
For Civil Engineer's Department.....	2,099	27
For City Assessor's Assistants.....	1,360	50
For City Janitor's Assistant.....	107	30
For Board of Health	450	00
For interest on bonds	60,092	25
For bridges.....	488	00
For Cisterns.....	287	09
For City Commissioners.....	204	00
For City Dispensary.....	1,333	00
For costs	1,063	57
For damages	12,508	15
For elections	34	04
For fountains	23	84
For fuel	43	56
For gas	65,125	04
For gas fixtures and repairs.....	40	00
For Home for Friendless Women.....	557	40
For ice.....	45	48
For incidentals.....	2,357	86
For insurance.....	123	75
For levee.....	42	00
For markets	39	33
For nuisances.....	525	00
For office fixtures	1,640	87
For parks.....	489	09
For percentage	936	39
For posting bills.....	122	00
For printing, stationery, and advertising	4,762	21
For refunding sewer assessment	97	52
For rent.....	666	66
For salary.....	13,370	88
For sewers	144	25
For State militia	1,760	49
For Station House.....	5,005	95
For street improvement.....	1,132	07
For taxes refunded	791	39
For Tomlinson annuity.....	3,500	00
For transfers	487	40
For time warrants of 1877.....	300,000	00
For tunnels.....	62	50
For water rent.....	19,494	09
Balance on hand.....	309,199	57
	<u>\$927,190</u>	<u>42</u>

TOMLINSON ESTATE.

Amount received from H. W. Tutewiler, ex-City Treasurer.....	\$ 14,633 42
From Rents.....	1,951 00
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	\$ 16,584 42
For repairs	270 06
Balance on hand	16,314 36
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	\$ 16,584 42
Balance on hand, general fund.....	\$309,199 57
Balance on hand, Tomlinson estate.....	16,384 42
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Total balance.....	\$325,583 99

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. WILES, City Treasurer.

To BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The City Attorney submitted the following legal opinion; which was concurred in:

Indianapolis, May 20, 1878.

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

Gentlemen:—The report of the Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys, in relation to the vacation of all the streets and alleys in Metcalf & Cook's Subdivision of lots 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, of W. F. H. and Almira D. Brooks's Addition to the City of Indianapolis, as petitioned for by Jacob W. Hoagland, was referred to me, with instructions to prepare the proper resolution of vacation.

I have investigated the matter, and am informed by the City Assessor that part of the real estate in the Addition is owned by other parties than the petitioner—at least some of the lots in said Addition. I would report that the vacation would not be legal under that state of facts, and would, therefore, recommend that the Council take no further steps in the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS, City Attorney.

The Street Commissioner submitted the following annual report; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

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

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit the following report of expenses in my Department, for the fiscal year ending May 15, 1878:

Pay-Rolls from May 16 to June 1, 1877.....	\$1,198 63	
Bills paid from May 16 to June 1, 1877	172 58	
	<hr/>	\$1,371 21
Pay-Rolls for the month of June, 1877	\$2,847 60	
Bills paid for the month of June, 1877	479 08	
	<hr/>	3,326 68
Pay-Rolls for the month of July, 1877	\$2,306 58	
Bills paid for the month of July, 1877	637 80	
	<hr/>	2,944 38

Pay-Rolls for the month of August, 1877	\$3,171 98	
Bills paid for the month of August, 1877	868 91	
	<hr/>	\$4,040 89
Pay-Rolls for the month of September, 1877	\$2,628 52	
Bills paid for the month of September, 1877	708 10	
	<hr/>	3,336 62
Pay-Rolls for the month of October, 1877... ..	\$2,270 50	
Bills paid for the month of October, 1877.....	207 72	
	<hr/>	2,478 22
Pay-Rolls for the month of November, 1877	\$2,282 50	
Bills paid for the month of November, 1877	743 23	
	<hr/>	3,025 73
Pay-Rolls for the month of December, 1877.....	\$1,739 01	
Bills paid for the month of December, 1877.....	466 07	
	<hr/>	2,205 08
Pay-Rolls for the month of January, 1878	\$1,789 69	
Bills paid for the month of January, 1878	373 90	
	<hr/>	2,163 59
Pay-Rolls for the month of February, 1878	\$1,128 78	
Bills paid for the month of February, 1878	163 63	
	<hr/>	1,292 41
Pay-Rolls for the month of March, 1878.....	\$2,243 71	
Bills paid for the month of March, 1878.....	394 80	
	<hr/>	2,638 51
Pay-Rolls for the month of April, 1878	\$2,407 69	
Bills paid for the month of April, 1878.....	444 09	
	<hr/>	2,851 78
Pay-Rolls for May (ending 15th), 1878	\$2,278 69	
Bills paid for May (ending 15th), 1878	243 86	
	<hr/>	2,522 55
Total expenses for the year		\$34,197 65

Respectfully submitted,

LEE A. FULMER, Street Commissioner.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman Reading, submitted the following report; which was considered by clauses, and the first clause was approved, and the recommendations made in the second and third clauses were duly concurred in:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Board of Public Improvements, to whom sundry papers and motions were referred, have given the same due consideration, and beg leave to report as follows:

FIRST. Is special ordinance No. 17, 1878, for the improvement of Butler street and sidewalks, together with a remonstrance against the passage of the same.

We find that about one-half of the property on the line of the proposed improvement is represented on the remonstrance, but no reasons are given why the improvement should not be made. We made a thorough examination of the street proposed to be improved, and find it in a very bad condition. There are several

large mud-holes, which are impassable a great portion of the time, and in which stagnant water remains a large portion of the year, and which is calculated to breed pestilence and create sickness.

Your Board are of opinion that the street should be improved, if for no other reason than as a sanitary measure. We would, therefore, recommend the passage of the ordinance, notwithstanding the remonstrance.

SECOND. *Is a petition from Frank L. Bixby, for permission to build a sink or cess-pool in the alley in the rear of No. 61 N. New Jersey street.

We are of the opinion that streets and alleys are made for a different purpose than that contemplated in the petition, and think it would be establishing a very dangerous precedent to permit the use of any of them for the purpose contemplated by the petitioner, as by so doing the city would make herself liable for any damage that might result from the carelessness or negligence of parties so occupying them. We would, therefore, recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

THIRD. Is a motion of Councilman Stoner, that John S. Duncan be permitted to build a cess-pool in front of his residence on Home avenue.

Your Board would recommend against the passage of said motion, for the reasons given in the preceding paragraph of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,
T. C. READING,
H. COBURN,
Board of Public Improvements.

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

Deaths registered during the month ending May 11, 1878:

Under 1 year	29
1 to 2 years	3
2 to 3 "	3
3 to 4 "	1
4 to 5 "	3
5 to 10 "	1
10 to 20 "	2
20 to 30 "	13
30 to 40 "	9
40 to 50 "	8
50 to 60 "	9
60 to 70 "	7
70 to 80 "	6
80 to 90 "	0
90 " 100 "	0
Above 100 "	0
Unknown	2
Total	96

T. N. BRYAN, M. D., President.
WILLIAM WANDS, M. D.
H. JAMESON, M. D., Secretary.

The Board of Public Improvements also submitted the following report; which was duly received :

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

Gentlemen.—We have the honor to submit the following report of work done in our Department, for the month of April, 1878 :

WORK DONE BY CARPENTERS :

New foot-bridges placed where none were before—8 on corners of Winston and Michigan streets; 2 on Yeiser and Franklin streets; 2 on Franklin and Downey streets; 1 on Dunlop and Franklin streets; and 2 on New York and Ellsworth streets.

4 new foot-bridges put down in place of old ones.

2 new culverts on Winston and Michigan streets; 1 on Tennessee and Louisiana streets; 1 on West and Chesapeake streets.

Repaired 16 culverts, 23 bridges, and 19 foot-bridges.

WORK DONE BY SEWERMEN :

Sewer cleaned, catch-basin repaired, and new grate put in on Wyoming and Delaware streets; sewer cleaned on Tinker street, between Meridian and Illinois streets.

Pipe washed out on corner of Ohio and Meridian streets.

1 catch-basin cemented on corner of Winston and Second streets; and 2 cemented on Archer street.

82 catch-basins cleaned.

WORK DONE BY BOWLDERMEN :

Took up and re-placed crowns on the following bowldered streets. Meridian street, between Washington street and Circle; Market street, between Illinois and Pennsylvania streets.

Raised two stone-crossings on Winston and Michigan streets.

Repaired Maryland street, between Meridian and Illinois streets.

Raised two flag-stones on corner of Meridian and Ohio streets.

WORK DONE BY GRAVEL TEAMS :

Repaired West street, near Kentucky avenue; Coburn street, near East street; Dillon street, near Fletcher avenue; Merrill street, between Union and Meridian streets; Maryland, Shelby, and Illinois streets.

Repaired the following streets with cinders: Maryland street, near river; Kentucky avenue, near river bridge; Michigan street, near river bridge; New York street, near canal; Washington street, near river bridge; and cinder and gravel on California and Helen streets

Repaired the following street-crossings and gutters with cinders: Bellefontaine and Ninth streets; Davidson and Vermont streets; North and Winston streets; Cedar street, between Huron street and Fletcher avenue; Michigan and Illinois streets; Dillon, Morris, and Harrison streets; Douglass and Michigan streets.

Repaired gutters on Market and Noble streets; Cedar street, between Fletcher and English avenues; New York street, near the canal; Elm and Grove streets.

Graveled sidewalk on W. Maryland street.

WORK DONE BY MEN CLEANING STREETS AND GUTTERS :

Indiana avenue, from Michigan street, two squares northwest; Park avenue, between St. Clair street and Lincoln avenue; Plum street, between Massachusetts

and Christian avenues; Arch street, between Park avenue and Plum street; St. Clair street, between Winston street and Indiana avenue; Christian avenue, between Central avenue and Peru Railway tracks; Massachusetts avenue, between Pennsylvania street and Clifford avenue; Cherry street, between Fort Wayne avenue and Ash street; Ash street, between Massachusetts and Home avenues; John street, between Peru avenue and Arsenal grounds; Peru avenue, between St. Clair and John streets; Dorman street, between St. Clair and Michigan streets; Oak street, between Massachusetts avenue and Cherry street; Pennsylvania street, between Georgia and South streets; Malott avenue, between Clifford and Columbia avenues; Broadway street, between St. Clair street and Christian avenue; Vine street, between Park avenue and Ash street.

Gutters on Delaware street, between Washington and Seventh streets; on Meridian street, between Circle and Seventh streets; on Illinois street, between Ohio and Seventh streets; on New Jersey street, between Massachusetts and Ft. Wayne avenues; on East street, between Washington and St. Clair streets; on Gregg street, between New Jersey and East streets; on Alabama street, between Washington and St. Clair streets; and on Central avenue, one square.

WORK DONE BY MEN GRADING GUTTERS:

On Mississippi street, between Washington and New York streets; on Market street, between Mississippi street and canal; Wabash street, from Mississippi street to canal; Alabama street, between Market and Ohio streets; Wabash street, between Alabama and Delaware streets; Winston street, between Ohio and St. Clair streets; Davidson street, from Ohio street to the Railroad.

Pay-Roll for week ending April 4, 1878	\$709 21
Pay-Roll for week ending April 11, 1878	401 66
Pay-Roll for week ending April 18, 1878	642 46
Pay-Roll for week ending April 25, 1878	654 36

Total amount of Pay-Rolls for April, 1878 \$2,407 69

John Blackwell, bowlders.....	\$1 50
Jacob Cross, bowlders	1 50
Hugh McDonald, bowlders.....	3 00
Berry Mullen, bowlders	3 00
Bish. Fletcher, bowlders	6 00
S. W. Shrum, bowlders	3 00
Charles Couchran, bowlders.....	4 50
George Hoggland, bowlders	4 50
Richard Jud, bowlders.....	3 00
Edward Swain, bowlders	10 50
Samuel Patterson, gravel and bowlders	53 00
Tim. Murphy, bowlders.....	12 00
M. B. Aldridge, bowlders.....	3 00
Tim. Crawley, bowlders.....	9 00
Henry Wishmeyer, bowlders.....	7 50
John McDonald, bowlders.....	13 50
William Huggins, bowlders.....	27 00
Thomas Wren, bowlders.....	9 00
John B. Gresh, bowlders	12 00
David Ware, bowlders.....	9 00
John H. Kenyon, bowlders.....	3 37
Jacob Miller, sand	1 60
A. A. Simmons, sand	1 20
August Bruner, sand.....	16 80

Seibert & Carr, gravel		\$27 80	
G. H. Shover, blacksmithing		11 86	
Ike King, blacksmithing		10 05	
I., B. & W. Railway Co., freight.....		28 80	
B. F. Smith, lumber		125 45	
John Bly, lumber		19 79	
McDonough & Townsend, pipe		1 87	
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Bills paid.....		\$444 09	
Pay-Rolls for month of April, 1878		2,407 69	
Total expense of April.....		<hr/>	\$2,851 78
Pay-Roll for May 2, 1878	\$1,212 28		
Pay-Roll for May 9, 1878	1,066 41		
		<hr/>	\$2,278 69

Ike King, blacksmithing.....	\$17 44		
Indianapolis Rolling Mill Co., cinders.....	40 00		
J. C. Adams, paving brick	13 00		
I., B. & W. R. R. Co., freight	24 00		
Tim Crawley, bowlders	13 50		
David Ware, bowlders	1 50		
John McDonald, bowlders	13 50		
C. F. Shepard, cement	11 25		
E. J. Hardesty, rent of two lots	42 00		
G. H. Shover, smithing	18 05		
Jacob Coleman, smithing.....	4 20		
D. Root & Co., castings	24 42		
August Bruner, sand	21 00		
		<hr/>	243 86
Total expense of May, from 1st to 15th, 1878,		<hr/>	2,522 55

Pay-Rolls for month of March, 1878	\$2,243 71		
Bills paid during month of March, 1878.....	394 80		
Total expense for March	<hr/>		2,638 51
Pay-Rolls for month of February, 1878.....	\$1,128 78		
Bills paid during month of February, 1878	163 63		
Total expense for February.....	<hr/>		1,292 41

Total expense since February 1st to May 15, 1878, is..... \$9,305 25

During the same time, they have received from the sales of dirt taken from the streets the sum of.....	\$11 80	
From stone and iron sold from the Delaware street bridge	100 00	
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Total receipts.....	\$111 80	

Which amount has been paid into the city treasury, as per receipts on file.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,
T. C. READING,
H. COBURN,
Board of Public Improvements.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Contracts, through Councilman Layman, submitted

the following report; which was concurred in, and the several contracts were duly awarded, as recommended:

Indianapolis, May 20, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred the proposals presented to Council May 6th, 1878, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows, to-wit:

First. For the erection of lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, (complete to burn gas, except the service pipe), on Ray street, West Indianapolis, from Washington street to White River—

John Knight, \$17.60 for each lamp-post, lamp, and fixtures complete.

Thos. H. S. Peck & Co, \$17.25 for each lamp-post, lamp, and fixtures complete.

Thos. H. S. Peck & Co. being the lowest and best bidders, your committee recommend that they be awarded the contract.

Second. For placing that portion of the Delaware street viaduct set apart for that purpose on the stone abutments already erected on the canal, at the crossing of Fifth street—

H. C. Roney, for the sum of \$220 00.

James Parker, for the sum of \$207.00.

J. A. Buchanan, for the sum of \$199.00.

R. P. Dunning, for the sum of \$199.00.

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

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

Later in the evening, Councilman Tucker presented the contract and bond of Thomas H. S. Peck & Co., for making the improvement described in first clause of preceding report (penalty of bond, \$500; surety, Chas. Kemper); and, on motion, said contract was concurred in and bond duly approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message from the Board of Aldermen and the report referred to therein were read; and then, on Councilman Brown's motion, the whole matter was referred to the Committee on Parks:

Indianapolis, May 20, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—At a regular session of the Board of Aldermen, held Tuesday evening, May 7, 1878, the following report, from the Aldermanic Committee on Parks, was received, and ordered to be transmitted to the Common Council, with the re-

quest that immediate measures be instituted to secure the city from any and all loss under the lease, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Indianapolis, May 6, 1878.

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Parks and City Attorney, to whom was referred the motion of Alderman Stratford, directing them to inquire into the responsibility of the parties now holding a lease of the Southern Park, would report that we have investigated the matter, and are of the opinion that the parties holding said lease are not financially responsible.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. KRUG,
W. H. SNIDER,
H. COBURN,

Committee on Parks.
R. O. HAWKINS, City Attorney.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

On roll-call had, the following ordinances were introduced, and read the first time:

Introduced by Councilman Anderson—

G. O. 15, 1878—An Ordinance fixing the amount of License to be paid by the owner of the City Garden Theatre.

Introduced by Councilman Tucker—

G. O. 16, 1878—An Ordinance amending section two (2) of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to regulate and restrain Dogs from running at large in the City of Indianapolis (passed June 7, 1862)."

Introduced by Councilman Wright—

Ap. O. 32, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating the sum of fifteen thousand dollars on account of the Fire, Police, and Street-Repair Departments of the City of Indianapolis.

Ap. O. 33, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis for expenses of trial of Gregg-will case.

On Councilman Marsee's motion, the rules were suspended for the purpose of now reading appropriation ordinances 32 and 33, 1878, and placing them on their passage, by the following vote:

AYES—Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Sindlinger, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright—25.

NAYS—None.

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

Ap. O. 32, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating the sum of fifteen thousand dollars on account of the Fire, Police, and Street-Repair Departments of the City of Indianapolis ;

And was passed by the following vote :

AYES—Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Sindlinger, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright—25.

NAYS—None.

The following ordinance was also read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time :

Ap. O. 33, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis for expenses of trial of Gregg-will case ;

And was passed by the following vote :

AYES—Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Sindlinger, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright—25.

NAYS—None.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Brown offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

Moved, That the Police Board be authorized to contract for connecting the Station House with the recently completed Pearl street sewer.

The same gentleman presented the following remonstrance :

Indianapolis, May 17, 1878.

We, the undersigned residents on the alley running parallel with Linden and Olive streets, and between Orange and Willow streets, earnestly and emphatically protest against the grading and paving of said alley.

We are a majority of the property holders and owners on said alley, and have never desired said improvement, and will not therefore be held responsible if said improvement is now made. We, therefore, respectfully request the repeal of said ordinance.

J. C. Belman, No. 134 Linden street, 66 feet; William Nagel, No. 229 Olive street, 66 feet; Martin Hertz, No. 22 Orange street, 120 feet; B. F. Hetherington, No. 231 Olive street, 66 feet; Michael Mara, Willow street, 120 feet; Frank Lindeman, Olive street, 33 feet; John C. Shoemaker, Linden street, 66 feet; Frank M. Pickerill, No. 217 Olive street, 33 feet; William H.

Stoneman, from 110 to 124 Linden street, 132 feet; Jacob P. Dunn, one half lot (33 feet) on Olive street; Carrie F. Field (by E. S. Field), lots 16, 17 and 18, 198 feet on Linden street; D. S. Field (by E. S. Field, his attorney in fact), lot 15, 66 feet on Linden street; J. M. Butler, Pres't of Board of Trustees of Second Presbyterian Church, 66 feet; John F. Trask, Linden street, 66 feet; Geo. W. Seibert, 66 feet.

On Councilman Wright's motion, the vote by which the proposals for making the improvement described in preceding remonstrance was referred to the Committee on Contracts, was reconsidered by the following vote:

AYES—Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off. Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Sindlinger, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright—25.

NAYS—None.

The foregoing remonstrance, together with S. O. 135, 1876, and the proposals for making the improvement in said ordinance described, were then, on motion, referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Councilman Layman offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That when the Council adjourns, it adjourn to meet next Monday evening, at the usual hour.

Councilman Marsee offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That the Committee on Road Roller be abolished, and the care of said machine be placed in the hands of the Board of Public Improvements.

Councilman Morse offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be directed to advertise for proposals for placing in position the iron bridge over the canal, at the crossing of Vermont street.

Councilman Sindlinger presented the following petition; and, on motion, the auctioneer's license therein prayed for was ordered to be issued:

Indianapolis, May 20, 1878.

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

Gentlemen:—Your petitioner would respectfully ask you to grant him permission to sell at auction, at No. 96 E. Washington street, for the period of three months, with privilege of renewing the same for an additional three months. License to issue under an ordinance governing such matters.

Respectfully,

ISAAC M. LEVY.

Councilman Steeg offered the following resolution ; which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Markets :

Resolved, That the Market Master for the ensuing year shall receive, for his compensation, 50 per cent. of the fees now collected by him under the present ordinance, the remaining 50 per cent. to be paid into the city treasury.

Councilman Tucker offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Committee on Parks :

Moved, That a select committee of three be appointed, to confer with the State authorities, and report to this Council if any objections will be made upon the part of the State against the opening of University Square Park ; and also report the additional expense per annum it will be to the city if said park should be opened.

A second reading of the preceding motion was subsequently requested and then, on Councilman Wright's demand, the motion referring it to the Committee on Parks was reconsidered by the following vote :

AYES—Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Maus, Morris, McKay, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Sindlinger, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright—21.

NAYS—Councilmen Marsee, Morse, McGinty, and O'Brien—4.

The main question was then adopted, and His Honor, the Mayor, appointed Councilmen Tucker, Reading, and Walker as the select committee thereby required.

Councilman Tucker also offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Committee on Revision of Ordinances :

Moved, That the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an ordinance providing for the impounding of unlicensed dogs found running at large, and requiring such dogs to be put to death, if not claimed within three days.

Councilman McKay offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

Moved, That we now proceed to the election of a President *pro tempore* of the Council for the ensuing year.

The following nominations were then made :

Councilman Wright nominated Hon. Isaac C. Walker.

And Councilman Sindlinger nominated Hon. John L. F. Steeg.

No further nominations being made, His Honor, the Mayor, appointed Councilmen Layman and Reading as tellers, and a ballot was had ; which resulted as follows :

Hon. Isaac C. Walker received 15 votes.

Hon. John L. F. Steeg received 10 votes.

Hon. Isaac C. Walker having received a majority of all the votes cast, His Honor, the Mayor, declared him duly elected as President *pro tempore* of the Common Council for the ensuing year.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned, to meet next Monday evening, 27th instant, at the usual hour.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor,

President of Common Council.

Attest :

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.