

# PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—JUNE 17, 1878.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, June 17th, A. D. 1878, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. John Caven, Mayor, and, *ex officio*, President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and the following members: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright—24.

ABSENT—Councilman Sindlinger—1.

Sealed proposals for removing dead animals from the streets, alleys, commons, lots, and yards of the City of Indianapolis to what is known as the "Sellers' Farm," were received, opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

Sealed proposals for doing the public printing and advertising, publishing the delinquent-tax list, and furnishing the stationery required by the city, its officers, departments, official boards, etc., were received, opened, and read.

Councilman Marsee moved that the proposals last above described be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Councilman Dill moved to lay Councilman Marsee's motion on the table; but the motion to lay on the table being lost, the reference proposed was duly made.

## COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication; which was referred to the Judiciary Committee and the City Attorney:

*Indianapolis*, June 15, 1878.

Hon. John Caven, Mayor of the City of Indianapolis:

*Dear Sir:*—Referring to our conversation with you concerning the fund supposed to be due the city for the use of the Fire Department, we would say that we have given careful attention to the law under which the fund is created, and we have no doubt that, if proper action is taken, it can be secured.

We will confer with you or any committee that may be appointed, and give our view of the matter, should it be desired.

Respectfully,

FINCH & FINCH.

His Honor presented the following petition; to which same reference as above was also given:

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen

of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana:

*Gentlemen*:—Some six weeks since, on behalf of A. Louise Morris and Bennett F. Morris, we presented, for your consideration and action, a petition, asking that you direct the City Treasurer of said city to pay to said Morris and Morris the sum of \$1,100, for the reasons therein stated.

As that petition has not been acted upon as yet, we desire to have the following proposition made a part of said petition, and request that the same receive your early attention.

That on the — day of April, 1878, said A. Louise Morris and Bennett F. Morris, in the Superior Court of Marion county, Indiana, recovered a judgment and decree of foreclosure against Joseph W. Bugbee *et al.*, for the sum of \$5,619.79; and believing that in case the property described in said decree shall not sell for a sum sufficient to satisfy said judgment, that said city will be liable to said Morris and Morris for said sum of \$1,100, or whatever the difference shall be between the amount for which said property shall sell and the amount of said judgment, provided said difference shall not exceed said sum of \$1,100; and desiring to save said city as near harmless as possible, and believing it will be to the large advantage of the city to buy said judgment of \$5,619.79, on behalf of said Morris and Morris, we hereby offer to sell said judgment of \$5,619.79 to said city for the sum of \$5,300, the city to pay the costs of said judgment, said costs being less than \$25.

A. LOUISE MORRIS,

BENNETT F. MORRIS,

By CROSEY & WRIGHT, their Attorneys.

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

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

*Gentlemen*:—The undersigned respectfully ask permission to grade and bowlder, at their own expense and under the direction of the City Engineer, so much of the first alley west of N. Meridian street, as lies between W. Michigan street and the first alley north thereof; the said petitioner Charles Williams being the owner of all the real estate bordering the west line, and the petitioners Alfred Harrison, John C. S. Harrison, and Mary J. Vance, being the owners of all the real estate bordering the east line of said improvement proposed.

And we will ever pray, etc.

Respectfully,

ALFRED HARRISON, 63 feet.

JOHN C. S. HARRISON, 91 feet.

CHARLES WILLIAMS, 195 feet.

MARY J. VANCE (by B. R.), 50 feet.

June 14, 1878.

His Honor also presented the following communication; and, on motion of Councilman Walker, the resignation was accepted:

*Indianapolis, June 10, 1878.*

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

*Gentlemen*.:—My salary being reduced below what I believe I should, in justice, receive, and my office force being reduced so as to cripple the workings of this Department, whereby I am rendered unable to discharge my duties in an acceptable manner, I herewith present my resignation as City Civil Engineer.

Respectfully,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

The Committee on Contracts, through Councilman Brown, submitted the following report; which was received, and the contract was duly awarded, as recommended :

*Indianapolis, June 17, 1878.*

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen*.:—Your Committee on Contracts, to which were referred the proposals presented to Council June 3, 1878, for placing in position, on the stone abutments already erected on the canal at the crossing of Vermont street, that portion of the Delaware street viaduct set apart for that purpose, have examined the same and find them to be as follows, to-wit :

Thomas H. S. Peck & Co., for the sum of ..	\$825 00
Peter Routier, for the sum of .....	750 00
Peter Ivory, for the sum of.....	697 00
R. P. Dunning, for the sum of .....	629 00
J. A. Buchanan, for the sum of .....	595 00
Henry C. Roney, for the sum of.....	462 00
James Parker, for the sum of .....	537 00

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

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

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

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

*Indianapolis, June 17, 1878.*

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen*.:—I herewith report the following estimates :

A first and final estimate in behalf of Thomas H. S. Peck & Co., for erecting lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except service-pipes), on Ray street (West Indianapolis), from Washington street to White River—  
8 lamps, at \$17.25 each..... \$138 00

Also, a first and final estimate in behalf of McKnight & Co., for grading and graveling the alley between Broadway street and College avenue, from Butler street to Home avenue—  
800 lineal feet, at 21 cents..... \$168 00

Also, a second 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 and connecting with the Virginia avenue sewer—

969.75 lineal feet, at \$1.30.....	\$1,260 67
6 manholes, at \$20.00 .....	120 00
12 house connections, at 50 cents.....	6 00
2 catch basins, at \$40.00.....	80 00

Total .....	\$1,466 67
Less amount kept back.....	100 00

	\$1,366 67
Less former payment.....	1,088 49

Present payment..... \$278 18

Also, a first and final estimate in behalf of David A. Haywood, for 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—

298.9 lineal feet, at 62 cents..... \$185 31

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was then read :

*Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen,* That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed Thos. H. S. Peck & Co., for erecting lamp posts, lamps; and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except service-pipes), on Ray street (West Indianapolis), from Washington street 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.

And was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 24—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was also read :

*Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen,* That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed McKnight & Co., for grading and graveling the alley between Broadway street and College avenue, from Butler street to Home avenue, 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.

And was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 24—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was also read :

*Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing second 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 and connecting with Virginia avenue sewer, 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.*

And was adopted by the following vote :

**AYES, 24**—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

**NAYS**—None.

The following estimate resolution was also read :

*Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed David A. Haywood, for 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, 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.*

And was adopted by the following vote :

**AYES, 24**—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

**NAYS**—None.

The City Civil Engineer also made the following report; which was referred to the Judiciary Committee and the City Attorney :

*Indianapolis, June 17, 1878.*

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen*:—At meetings of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, held respectively on the 27th and 28th days of May, 1878, a contract was awarded to Fred. Gansberg for grading and graveling Michigan street and sidewalks, from the east line of the C., C., C. & I. R. R. Company's grounds to Archer street.

The contractor commenced the work, but I gave him notice to stop, in view of the fact that 222 feet at the west end of the proposed line of improvement is private property—that part of the street never having been opened.

I report the matter for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ, City Civil Engineer.

The City Treasurer made the following report; which was duly received :

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

*Gentlemen:*—I have the honor to report the collection, in full, of the amount of benefits over damages, in the matter of vacating Kingan street, from West street to White River, as set forth in report of the City Commissioners, adopted by the Council May 27, 1878, and by the Board of Aldermen May 28, 1878.

*Benefits to be Collected, as per Table "A."*

Thos. H. Tobin.....	\$ 25 00
Elizabeth Schlosser.....	25 00
Jesse Jones, exr. B. Coffin's estate.....	250 00
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Total amount benefits.....	\$300 00

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. WILES, City Treasurer.

Indianapolis, June 17, 1878.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Fire Board, through Councilman Layman, presented the following communication; which was received, and the motion, therein set forth, was duly adopted :

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

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, members of the Fire Board, most respectfully recommend the purchase of three thousand feet of hose for the Fire Department, and would urge the necessity of prompt action in the matter. We, therefore, offer the following motion :

*Moved,* That the City Clerk, in connection with the Fire Board, is hereby directed to advertise for sealed proposals to furnish the City of Indianapolis, for use in the Fire Department, three thousand feet best quality fire hose. Any and all proposals received are subject to the approval of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

R. S. FOSTER,  
JAMES T. LAYMAN,  
WM. H. TUCKER,

June 17, 1878.

Fire Board.

The Police Board, through Councilman Brown, submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, June 17, 1878.

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

*Gentlemen:*—We herewith report the following Station House appointments for the ensuing year, with salaries for the same, and respectfully ask your concurrence in the same :

Turnkeys Central Station, G. W. McCain and Thomas Durham; Sixth Street Station, Jno. Minor. Salary one dollar and seventy-five cents per day.

Extra patrolman for Central Station, Fred. Steinhauer. One dollar and seventy-five cents per day.

Cook at Central Station, Chris. Wilson. Salary twenty-five dollars per month.

Janitor at Central Station, Oliver Mosby. Salary twenty-five dollars per month.

We also submit the bonds of the Station House keepers, and ask your approval of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Councilman Dill moved that the extra policeman (Steinhauer) and the janitor (Mosby), employed at the Central Station House, be dispensed with.

Councilman Brown demanded that the vote on the foregoing motion be taken by "ayes and nays"; which being done, the motion failed of adoption, as follows:

**AYES, 9**—viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Bruner, Dill, Maus, McGinty, Reading, Showalter, Steeg, and Wright.

**NAYS, 15**—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Brown, Cummings, Layman, Marsee, Morris, Morse, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Tucker, Walker, and Wiese.

Councilman Dill then moved that Central Station House janitor be dispensed with; upon which motion, Councilman Brown demanded a call of the "ayes and nays"; which being taken, the motion was declared to have been adopted, the vote standing—

**AYES, 16**—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Maus, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Wiese, and Wright.

**NAYS, 8**—viz.: Councilmen Brown, Layman, Marsee, Morris, Morse, McKay, Tucker, and Walker.

The balance of the report was then concurred in.

The following official bonds were then submitted, and were severally approved, viz.:

The bond of G. W. McCain (penalty of bond, \$2,000; sureties, Saml. B. Corbaley and Isaac Thalman).

The bond of Thomas W. Durham (penalty of bond, \$2,000; sureties, Samuel A. Johnston and D. E. Stout).

The bond of John Minor (penalty of bond, \$2,000; sureties, Charlton Eden and Cicero Seibert).

The Board of Public Improvements, through President McKay, submitted the following report; and each of the clauses, except the fourth clause, was duly concurred in by *viva voce* vote:

Indianapolis, June 17, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom were referred sundry papers, would respectfully report as follows thereon:

1st. Is a motion relative to the division of the city into districts, and letting the cleaning and repairing of streets by contract.

We have given this matter due consideration, and have decided that the arrangement proposed by the motion would be impracticable, and no improvement on the present system.

2d. Is a motion instructing the Street Commissioner to fill, with screened gravel, the chuck-holes in the block pavement of Tennessee street, between Market and Seventh streets.

A test of this kind of improvement was made at the intersection of Market and Delaware streets, and it proved an entire failure. To comply with the requirements of the motion would, in our opinion, be a useless expenditure of money. We recommend the work be not done.

3d. Is a motion instructing the Street Commissioner to clean the Mississippi street gutters, between New York and Washington streets.

We find that the said gutters have been cleaned since the fifteenth of last April, and considering the condition of other gutters that have not been touched for months, we recommend the work be not done.

4th. Is a motion instructing the Street Commissioner to fill the chuck-holes in Mississippi street, between Washington and North streets.

We examined that part of Mississippi street referred to, and found it in bad condition and certainly in need of repair, but the improvement suggested in the motion would, in our opinion, be of little benefit and a useless expenditure of money. We recommend that the work be not done.

5th. Is a motion instructing the Street Commissioner to fill the chuck-holes in New York street, between Tennessee street and the canal, at an expense not to exceed twenty dollars.

This street should be improved, but to expend the amount named in the motion as proposed, would, in our opinion, be of no permanent benefit. We, therefore, recommend the work be not done.

6th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to fill the chuck-holes in Virginia avenue, from the I., C. & L. Railroad tracks to East street.

We find this part of Virginia avenue in a very bad condition, and recommend the work be done.

7th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to clean the Spring street gutters, between Market and Walnut streets.

These gutters are in bad condition, and not having been cleaned this year, we recommend the work be done.

8th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to repair Meridian street, between Second and Seventh streets, with rolling-mill cinders.

We recommend that the work be not done, as it is impossible to get cinders at present.

9th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to remove that part of a stone fence projecting into Fifth street, at the corner of Fifth and Meridian streets.

The Street Commissioner has notified the owner of the fence to remove it at once.

10th. Is a motion instructing the Street Commissioner to fill the pond of water in Wright street, between Coburn street and Donation alley.

We recommend the work be not done; but, recognizing the necessity of improving this part of Wright street, we have prepared, and herewith present, an ordinance for grading and graveling Wright street and sidewalks, from Coburn street to the first alley south of Coburn street.

11th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to notify the Citizens' Street Railway Company to take up their switch and raise their main track, at the end of Virginia avenue.

Said company has been notified, and agree to comply with the motion.

12th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to fill the chuck-holes in Virginia avenue, between East and Dillon streets.

We recommend this work be done.

13th. Is a motion directing the removal of earth-heaps on Meridian street, be-



tween Wilkens and Ray streets, placed there by the Street Railway Company; and cleaning the west gutter of Meridian street, between Ray street and the first alley north of Ray street.

We would report that this work has been done.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE MCKAY,  
JOHN L. MARSEE,  
HENRY COBURN,  
Board of Public Improvements.

On the fourth clause, Councilman Dill demanded a call of the "ayes and nays"; which, being had, the finding of the board was sustained by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Marsee, Morris, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reasner, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, and Wright.

NAYS, 10—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Maus, Morse, McGinty, Reading, Rodibaugh, and Wiese.

The following entitled ordinance [referred to in the tenth clause] was then introduced, and read the first time:

S. O. 29, 1878—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Wright street and sidewalks, from Coburn street to the first alley south of Coburn street.

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

Deaths registered during the week ending Saturday, June 15, 1878:

Under 1 year	-----	1
1 to 2 years	-----	2
2 to 3 "	-----	2
3 to 4 "	-----	2
4 to 5 "	-----	0
5 to 10 "	-----	1
10 to 20 "	-----	2
20 to 30 "	-----	1
30 to 40 "	-----	1
40 to 50 "	-----	1
50 to 60 "	-----	1
60 to 70 "	-----	1
70 to 80 "	-----	1
80 to 90 "	-----	1
90 " 100 "	-----	0
Above 100 "	-----	0
Unknown	-----	0
Total	-----	17

HENRY JAMESON, M. D., President.  
JOSEPH W. MARSEE, M. D.  
WILLIAM WANDS, M. D., Secretary.

The Board of Public Improvements, through President McKay, submitted the following report:

Indianapolis, June 17, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—In accordance with section 2 of General Ordinance 43, 1877, the Board of Public Improvements have fixed the following wages to be paid by the city for laborers and teams:

Laborers	-----	\$1 00	per day.
Foremen	-----	1 75	"
Bowlder Boss	-----	2 00	"
Bowlderers	-----	1 75	"
Carpenters.	-----	1 50	"
Sewer Boss	-----	2 25	"
Sewermen	-----	1 75	"
Two-horse teams	-----	2 05	"
One-horse teams	-----	2 00	"

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. MCKAY,  
JOHN L. MARSEE,  
HENRY COBURN,  
Board of Public Improvements.

The wages-rates set forth in the foregoing report being excepted to, Mr. McKay moved that the report be concurred in, and demanded a call of the "ayes and nays"; and the same being taken, the Common Council refused concurrence by the following vote:

AYES, 3—viz.: Councilmen Marsee, McKay, and Wright.

NAYS, 21—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, and Wiese.

Councilman O'Brien moved that the wages of laborers be fixed at \$1.25 a day; and said motion was adopted by an "aye and nay" vote as follows:

AYES, 15—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Dill, Marsee, Maus, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Steeg, Tucker, and Wiese.

NAYS, 9—viz.: Councilmen Cummings, Layman, Morris, Morse, McKay, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Walker, and Wright.

On Councilman Brown's motion, the pay of "foremen" was ordered to be reduced to \$1.50 a day.

On Councilman Morse's motion, the pay of the "bowlder boss" was ordered to be reduced to \$1.75 a day.

On motion of same gentleman, the pay of "bowlderers" was ordered to be reduced to \$1.50 a day.

Councilman Reading moved that pay of "sewer boss" be fixed at \$2.00 a day.

Councilman Cummings moved to amend above motion, by making pay \$1.75 a day.

A vote was first taken on Councilman Cummings's motion, and that proposed amendment was lost by a *viva voce* vote.

Councilman Reading's motion was then voted upon by call of the "ayes and nays," and was duly adopted, as follows:

**AYES, 15**—viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Morris, Morse, McGinty, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, and Wiese.

**NAYS, 9**—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Layman, Marsee, Maus, McKay, O'Brien, Tucker, Walker, and Wright.

Councilman Morris moved to reduce the pay for "two-horse teams" to \$2.00 a day. [No vote was taken on this motion.]

Councilman Wright demanded a vote by "ayes and nays" on concurrence in wages-schedule, as amended.

Councilman Layman moved to refer whole matter to Committee on Finance.

Councilman Dill moved to lay Councilman Layman's motion on the table; which motion was lost by the following vote:

**AYES, 11**—viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Bruner, Dill, Maus, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Steeg, and Wiese.

**NAYS, 13**—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Brown, Cummings, Layman, Marsee, Morris, Morse, McKay, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Tucker, Walker, and Wright.

A direct vote was then taken on the question of reference, and Councilman Layman's motion was adopted by the following vote:

**AYES, 14**—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Brown, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Morris, Morse, McKay, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Tucker, Walker, and Wright.

**NAYS, 10**—viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Bruner, Maus, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Steeg, and Wiese.

#### REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Bridges, through Councilman Morse, submitted the following report; which was duly concurred in:

*Indianapolis, June 17, 1878.*

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—A motion instructing your committee to examine the various iron bridges belonging to the city, and report if they need painting, has been by us duly considered. We have made the requisite examination, and would recommend that the City Civil Engineer be instructed to advertise for proposals to paint the iron bridges of the city, excepting the bridges over White River and Fall Creek, with one good coat of paint each.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. J. MORSE,  
HENRY BERMANN,  
MARTIN MCGINTY,  
Committee on Bridges.

The Committee on Finance, through Councilman Wright, submitted the following report; which was considered and duly concurred in by clauses:

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen*:—Upon the petition of one John Petry, praying for the refunding of taxes paid by him in behalf of another person with similar name, your Committee on Finance would report:

That the petitioner is alone at fault in making the erroneous payment; that the property owned by John Petry, the petitioner, and by John Pettrie, for whom the petitioner paid, consists only of personalty; and that the city, if she refund the erroneous payment, would be unable to collect from the other person. The only just way to settle the error lies between the individuals interested. We, therefore, recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

We have examined the reports of the City Clerk and City Treasurer, showing receipts and expenditures of the City of Indianapolis from May 15th, 1877, to May 15th, 1878, find said reports to be correct, and herewith return the reports to files.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. WRIGHT,  
S. MORRIS,  
JAMES T. LAYMAN,  
S. SHOWALTER,  
Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Gas-Light, through Councilman Cummings, submitted the following reports; which were separately considered, and duly concurred in:

*Indianapolis*, June 17, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—We would report, as follows, upon papers referred to us:

1st. Is a motion instructing the City Civil Engineer to remove the two lamp-posts between New Jersey and Alabama streets, said posts being in the middle of the sidewalks.

We find two posts on Sinker street, between New Jersey and Alabama streets, one of which is in the centre of the sidewalk, the other too far in the street, and, presuming these to be the ones meant by the motion, we recommend the work be done.

2d. Is a motion directing the City Civil Engineer to move the lamp-post on the north side of Christian avenue, between Park avenue and Broadway street, to the corner of the alley.

We recommend the work be done.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. CUMMINGS,  
W. H. TUCKER,  
C. H. O'BRIEN,  
Committee on Gas-Light.

*Indianapolis*, June 17, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—In reference to the motion instructing the Committee on Gas-Light to have the gas-posts taken from the Delaware street viaduct placed in University Park, we would report that we have examined the matter, and find that eight lamps are necessary to give sufficient light in the park, and the six lamps referred

to can be transferred and two additional ones be erected, with necessary connections, for less than fifty dollars; therefore, we recommend the work be done.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. CUMMINGS,  
C. H. O'BRIEN,  
W. H. TUCKER,  
Committee on Gas-Light.

The Committee on Parks, through Councilman Tucker, submitted the following report; which was duly received:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Parks, to whom was referred the motion from the Aldermanic Board, requesting an investigation as regards the responsibility of the lessees of the Southern Park, would most respectfully report that, in our opinion, the city's interests are protected.

Most respectfully submitted,

W. H. TUCKER,  
I. C. WALKER,  
T. C. READING,  
Committee on Parks.

The Committee on Sewers, through Councilman Brown, submitted the following report; which was duly received:

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

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred a communication from the State House Commissioners, asking permission to build a sewer on Market street, from Tennessee street connecting with the Missouri street sewer, beg leave to report that we have prepared an ordinance granting such permission, and herewith submit the same.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. BROWN,  
FRANK A. MAUS,  
Committee on Sewers.

The following entitled ordinance was then read the first time:

S. O. 30, 1878—An Ordinance granting the Board of State House Commissioners the right to build and construct a sewer in, along, and upon W. Market street, from the State House Grounds to, and connecting with, the Missouri street sewer.

#### INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

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

The Committee on Finance, through Councilman Wright, introduced—

Ap. O. 39, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of Salaries and Compensation of City Officers and Employees.

Councilman Tucker, by consent, introduced the following as a substi-

tute for G. O. 16, 1878, which was read the first time on May 20th [see page 15, *ante*]—

G. O. 16, 1878—An Ordinance to regulate the keeping of Dogs in the City of Indianapolis; requiring the Licensing, Checking, and Registering of all Dogs owned, kept, or harbored within said city; and imposing Fines and Punishments for violations thereof.

Councilman Brown introduced—

G. O. 25, 1878—An Ordinance to amend section four (4) of “An Ordinance providing for the Compensation of the Officers of the City of Indianapolis, and the Officers and Members of the Police and Fire Departments of said city, for the Fiscal Year ending May 15th, 1879 (ordained and established May 28th, 1878).”

Councilman Bruner introduced—

G. O. 26, 1878—An Ordinance amendatory to an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance providing for the Compensation of the Officers of the City of Indianapolis, and the Officers and Members of the Police and Fire Departments of said city, for the Fiscal Year ending May 15th, 1879.”

Councilman Dill introduced—

G. O. 27, 1878—An Ordinance to amend the fourth (4th), sixth (6th), and seventh (7th) clauses of section 3 of “An Ordinance providing for the Compensation of the Officers of the City of Indianapolis, and the Officers and Members of the Police and Fire Departments of said city, for the Fiscal Year ending May 15th, 1879.”

Councilman Steeg introduced—

G. O. 28, 1878—An Ordinance to repeal sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, entitled “An Ordinance preventing Frauds in the Sale of Wood, and providing for Wood-Measurers (ordained Nov. 23, 1863”); also, to repeal an ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to compel payment of Allowances to Wood-Measurers for measuring Wood (ordained Aug. 1, 1872).”

Councilman Bermann introduced—

S. O. 31, 1878—An Ordinance to provide for improving McCarty street, from Delaware to East street, by bowldering the gutters, paving with brick, and curbing with stone the sidewalks thereof.

Said ordinance was accompanied by the following petition; which was duly received:

*Indianapolis*, June 17, 1878.

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

*Gentlemen*.—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on McCarty street, between Delaware street and East street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for improving McCarty street, between the points named, by bowldering the gutters, paving the sidewalks (to the width of seven feet) with brick, and curbing the outer edges of said sidewalks with stone. The

sidewalks to be widened to a width of eleven and one-half (11½) feet, the cross-walks to be laid with double stone-crossings, the alley crossings to be bouldered.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

H. T. Brandt, 40 feet; Lorenz Schmid, 62 feet; John Buckler, 135 feet; C. A. Rusch, 40 feet; J. Henry Ballmann, 40 feet; W. H. Brown, 28½ feet; C. F. Schmidt, 466 feet; Michael O'Neill, 40 feet; A. Seidensticker, 30 feet; J. H. Kappes, 150 feet; Jas. O'Neill, 40 feet; John P. Jeikoling, 40 feet; Thos. Landers, 31 feet; Henry Bermann, 125 feet.

Councilman McGinty introduced—

S. O. 32, 1878—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Wilkens street and sidewalks, from Tennessee street to West street.

Councilman Layman moved to refer General Ordinances 25, 26, and 27, 1878, to Committee on Finance.

Councilman Dill moved that above motion be laid on the table; which motion to lay on the table was defeated by the following "aye and nay" vote:

AYES, 11—viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Dill, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Steeg, and Wiese.

NAYS, 13—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Cummings, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McKay, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Tucker, Walker, and Wright.

A direct vote was then taken on the motion to refer; which resulted as follows:

AYES, 12—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Brown, Layman, Marsee, Morris, Morse, McKay, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Tucker, Walker, and Wright.

NAYS, 12—viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Maus, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Steeg, and Wiese.

The above proving to be a tie vote, the City Clerk called for an expression from President Caven; and that gentleman having voted in the affirmative, the reference of aforesaid ordinances to the Committee on Finance was thereby duly made.

On Councilman O'Brien's motion, the Committee on Finance were instructed to report upon the referred ordinances at the next session of the Common Council.

#### PENDING ORDINANCES—PROCEEDINGS HAD THEREON.

On motion, the rules were suspended, for the purpose of now reading Appropriation Ordinance No. 39, 1878, the second and third times, and placing same on its passage, by the following vote:

**AYES, 24—viz.:** Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

**NAYS—None.**

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

**Ap. O. 39, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of Salaries and Compensations of City Officers and Employes. [Amount appropriated, \$28,192.12.]**

And was passed by the following vote :

**AYES, 22—viz.:** Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

**NAYS, 1—viz.:** Councilman O'Brien.

The rules were also suspended in favor of General Ordinance No. 16, 1878, by the following vote :

**AYES, 17—viz.:** Councilmen Brown, Cummings, Layman, Marsee, Maus, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

**NAYS, 7—viz.:** Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Bruner, Dill, Morris, Morse, and Steeg.

Said ordinance was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time, viz. :

**G. O. 16, 1878—An Ordinance to regulate the Keeping of Dogs in the City of Indianapolis; requiring the Licensing, Checking, and Registering of all Dogs owned, kept, and harbored within said city; and imposing Fines and Punishments for violations thereof.**

And was passed by the following vote :

**AYES, 22—viz.:** Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

**NAYS, 1—viz.:** Councilman O'Brien.

Councilman Wright called up General Ordinance 20, 1878 [one of the Market Ordinances], and after fourteen sections of said ordinance had been read, the further reading, on motion, was suspended until the next session of the Common Council.

Councilman Cummings called up the following entitled ordinance, and it was read the second time :



G. O. 23, 1878—An Ordinance to amend section two (2) and section five (5) of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance creating the Police Board; prescribing its Powers and Duties; and regulating the Organization of the Police Force of the City of Indianapolis (ordained and established May 28, 1878)."

A motion to engross above entitled ordinance having failed, on Councilman Wright's motion, it was stricken from the files.

A motion to suspend the rules in favor of General Ordinance 28, 1878, was lost by the following vote :

AYES, 11—viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Bruner, Marsee, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Showalter, Steeg, and Wiese.

NAYS, 13—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Brown, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Maus, Morris, Morse, McKay, Rodibaugh, Tucker, Walker, and Wright.

Councilman McGinty called up the following entitled ordinance, and it was read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time :

S. O. 26, 1878—An Ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service-pipes), on West street, between Kentucky avenue and Georgia streets.

And was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 22—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS, 1—viz.: Councilman O'Brien.

Special Ordinance 30, 1878, was then called up, and the rules suspended by the following vote :

AYES, 24—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

Aforesaid ordinance was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time, viz. :

S. O. 30, 1878—An Ordinance granting the Board of State House Commissioners the right to build and construct a Sewer in, along, and upon W. Market street, from the State House Grounds to, and connecting with, the Missouri street sewer.

And was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 22—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS, 1—viz.: Councilman O'Brien.

It now being nearly eleven o'clock, on Councilman Brown's motion, the fifth section of the "Rules and Regulations for the government of the City Council," etc. [see page 173 of "Charter and Ordinances"], was suspended by an unanimous *viva voce* vote, and the business of the Common Council was proceeded with.

#### INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

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

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to notify the Water-Works Company to repair East street, between Buchanan and Dougherty streets, where said company have dug up the same to lay water-pipes.

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be required to notify the property owners on the first alley south of Morris street, between Madison avenue and East street, to clean up said alley.

Councilman Brown presented the following petition; and, on motion, the prayer of the petitioners was duly granted:

*Indianapolis*, June 8, 1878.

We, the Board of the Sunday School of the 2d German M. E. Church, petition the Council to permit us to make use of the Southern Park on June 20th, for picnicking.

HENRY REINEBERG.

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

*Moved*, That a committee of three be appointed, to confer with the County Commissioners, with a view to ascertaining what arrangements can be made with those officials for building a work-house jointly.

And His Honor, Mayor Caven, appointed Councilmen Brown, Wright, and Wiese as the select committee under preceding motion.

Councilman Cummings offered the following motion; which was duly adopted:

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair the gutter on Wash street, at the intersection with Illinois street, so as to admit of the free flow of water into Illinois street.

Councilman Layman presented the following petition [signed by 2,511 persons], and, on his motion, it was referred to the Committees on Markets:

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

The undersigned, citizens of Indianapolis, would respectfully petition your honorable body to repeal all ordinances and parts of ordinances which place any other restrictions upon the sale of fresh meats than those upon fruits and vegetables.

I. Taylor, E. Landon Taylor, Robt. C. Dain, J. Burnside, H. C. Allen, L. Van Laningham, Thos. R. Cobb, F. A. Gregory, Chris. Brink, Jacob T. Wright, I. Hodgson, J. E. Ludlum, W. Nichols, D. Maguire, Jno. C. Shoemaker, C. B. Pettet, Robt. N. Lamb, Geo. W. Bruce, W. Wands, F. J. Van Vorhis, F. M. Finch, Cal. Rooker, W. H. Wishard, L. G. Hay, Berry Self, D. M. Taylor, N. B. Taylor, David Geyer, Cyrus T. Nixon, Geo. F. McGinnis, Horace Parrott, Gerard Many, W. H. Craft, W. P. Bingham, Julius C. Walk, A. Clem, W. R. Holloway, John D. Nicholas, Gideon B. Thompson, S. V. Morris, J. D. Hutchings, C. Rueckersfeldt, W. H. Schmidt, Geo. C. Webster, Alfred Burdsal, J. A. Crossland, D. Burgandthal, Louis Hollweg, and 2369 others.

The same gentleman offered the following motion, which, at the suggestion of Councilman Wright, was also referred to the Committees on Markets :

*Moved*, That the City Attorney be directed to prepare an ordinance complying with the request of the petitioners, praying that fresh meats be placed on the same footing as vegetables on market.

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

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair Blake street, by filling the chuck-holes in said street, between Washington and New York streets.

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

*Indianapolis*, June 17, 1878.

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

*Gentlemen* :—The undersigned respectfully represents that on the 2d day of January, 1875, he purchased at the City Treasurer's office the following property, to-wit: 35 feet off the south ends of lots 7 and 8, in square 3, in out-lot 157, in the City of Indianapolis, at a sale for street improvements, paying therefor the sum of \$—, and receiving a certificate in due form for same, and subsequently receiving a deed for said premises, upon return of said certificate, as is usual in such cases after the time of redemption has expired without payment.

And he further submits that it has been ascertained, since said sale, that there had been an error in the estimate and precept upon which said premises were sold, in that the description of the property intended to have been sold was not correctly given, and he now holds deed from the city for premises upon which the street improvement assessment had been paid, and not upon the piece which should have been precepted and sold; and he respectfully asks that said sale may be set aside, and a new and correct precept and sale may be ordered, and prays that your honors will take such other action as will correct this error.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

MICHAEL A. TOOHEY.

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

*Moved*, That Wm. Pfafflin be granted permission to bowlder the gutter along his property on Mississippi street—to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, and to be completed within thirty days.

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair the floor of the bridge over the canal, at the crossing of West street.

The same gentleman also 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 Michigan street, between California and Blackford streets.

Councilman McGinty offered the following motion; which was duly adopted:

*Moved*, That the City Marshal be directed to notify the Gas Company to put in the pipe between Kentucky avenue and Georgia street, as quick as possible.

Councilman O'Brien offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean Maryland street and gutters, and fill chuck-holes in said street, from Tennessee to California street.

Councilman Reading presented the following petition; and, on his motion, the prayer of the petitioners was duly granted:

*Indianapolis*, June 17, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—The undersigned respectfully ask permission to engage in the auctioneers' business in the City of Indianapolis, for a period of one year, such license to be issued quarterly, upon the payment of the license fees as provided by ordinance, and to be dated June 8th, 1878.

Respectfully, etc.,

DAWSON & HUNT.

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

*Moved*, That inasmuch as the name of "Eutaw street" has been changed to "Pratt," and now is an extension of Pratt; therefore, it is hereby ordered that that portion of Pratt be re-numbered.

The same gentleman offered the following resolution:

Inasmuch as there are many laboring men of this city that at this time are unable to pay their city tax, by being out of employment; Therefore,

*Resolved*, That such laboring men be permitted to pay their city tax in labor, provided that such labor is needed by said city.

Councilman Walker moved that preceding resolution be laid on the table; which the Common Council refused to do, by the following vote:

**AYES**, 10—viz.: Councilman Anderson, Brown, Bruner, Layman, Morris, Morse, McKay, Rodibaugh, Walker, and Wright.

**NAYS**, 13—viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Cummings, Marsee, Maus, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, and Wiese.

Councilman Walker then moved that said motion be referred to the Judiciary Committee and the City Attorney; which was done by the following vote:

**AYES**, 16—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Brown, Bruner, Layman, Maus, Morris, Morse, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Rodibaugh, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

**NAYS**, 7—viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Cummings, Marsee, McGinty, Reasner, Showalter, and Steeg.

Councilman Steeg offered the following motion; which was duly adopted:

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair the bridge on the south side of Stevens street, at the intersection of Water street.

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

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be directed to fill up the chuck-holes in Georgia street, between Meridian and Illinois streets.

Councilman Tucker offered the following motion; which was duly adopted:

*Moved*, That the Chief of Police be instructed to enforce the city ordinance regulating the speed of trains within the city limits—especially at the crossing of the Union tracks and the I., C. & L. tracks, on Virginia avenue and S. East street.

The same gentleman offered the following motion; which, at Councilman Marsee's suggestion, was referred to the Police Board:

*Moved*, That the Chief of Police instruct each member of the Police Department to report all dangerous obstructions found in the streets on their respective beats, also all broken bridges and crossings, to the Central Station House at each roll-call; and that notice be at once given from the Police Headquarters to the Street Commissioner's Department.

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

*Moved*, That the Church of the Sacred Heart be permitted to take the earth off Union street, to fill a chuck-hole in front of the church, between Palmer and Hill streets, at their own expense, and according to grade stakes set by the City Civil Engineer.

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the ditch in Madison avenue, between the J., M. & I. R. R. track and Ray street.

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

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters of Chestnut street, and fill the chuck-holes with gravel.

Councilman Wright presented the following petitions; which were severally referred to the Judiciary Committee and the City Attorney:

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

*Gentlemen*:—Your petitioner would represent that he is charged with a house on lot 7, square 29, erroneously, there being no house on said lot. The tax amounts to \$10.08, which I ask your honorable bodies to refund to me.

For which I would ever pray.

JOHN JORDAN.

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Indianapolis, June 10, 1878.

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

*Gentlemen*:—Your petitioners would respectfully represent that the city taxes covered by the within copy of tax receipt, should be only \$13.72 instead of \$20.54. The error was made by the delinquency on another lot, in the name above on the duplicate, being dropped one line, and carried out with the current taxes on the within described property. The delinquency had been paid by sale of lot to which it properly belongs; and your petitioner asks your honorable body to refund the amount erroneously paid, being \$6.82.

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

ANNA MATHER,  
ANN MATHER,  
MARY J. MATHER,  
CATHARINE C. MATHER,  
By H. C. D., Petitioners.

Correct, attest:

WM. M. WILES, City Treasurer.

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Indianapolis, June 17, 1878.

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

*Gentlemen*:—I hereby ask your honorable body to have refunded to me the sum twenty-eight dollars, for tax erroneously assessed against me, for the year of 1876, on lot No. 1, Scanlon & Carleton's Addition, Indianapolis, Ind.

The City Assessor, Mr. Wm. Hadley, knows about the correctness of my statement, and I wish to have this matter referred to him.

Very respectfully,

ANNA M. WINTER,  
By HENRY SCHNULL, Attorney-in-fact.

The same gentleman presented the following petition; and, on his motion, the prayer of the petitioner was duly granted:

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen*:—The undersigned, your petitioner, respectfully requests that your honorable body grant your him permission to take up the brick sidewalk, on the south side of Market street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets, in the City of

Indianapolis, for a space wide enough for a buggy to pass over, and put down a solid plank or bowlder walk instead, at my own expense; the object being to make a drive for entering on said premises with a buggy.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES DOLLMAN.

The same gentleman offered the following motions; which were severally adopted:

*Moved*, That Bingham, Walk & Mayhew, have permission to put down a double-stone crossing on the street in front of their place of business, No. 12, East Washington street, at their own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer—work to be done within sixty days.

*Moved*, That the Board of Public Improvements be, and they are hereby, ordered to reduce the expenses of the Street Commissioner's Department so that there shall not be expended in any one week more than five hundred dollars.

*Moved*, That the City Attorney be requested to make a brief verbal report relating to the Gregg-will case.

In response to the last adopted motion, City Attorney Hawkins gave a succinct account of the proceedings and compromise in the Gregg-will case, prefacing his remarks by the statement that he had intended to prepare a written report of the same, but having been extraordinarily busy, since his return from Virginia, with other law affairs of the city, he was unable to command the time needed for making such a report.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor,

President of Common Council.

Attest: BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.