

PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT CONVENTION.

SECOND SESSION—JUNE 24, 1878.

The Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis convened in Second Joint Convention, in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, June 24th, A. D. 1878, at eight o'clock, in compliance with the following call:

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

Gentlemen:—You are requested to meet in joint convention, on June 24th, 1878, at 8 o'clock P. M., at the Council Chamber, to elect a City Civil Engineer, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of B. H. Dietz, Esq.

Respectfully,

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor,
President of the Joint Convention.

PRESENT—Hon. John Caven, Mayor, President of Joint Convention, in the Chair; Benj. C. Wright, City Clerk, Secretary of Joint Convention. Also, Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Snider, Stratford, and Wiles (8), and 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. Total present, 33.

ABSENT—Aldermen Coburn and Ridenour—2.

His Honor, President Caven, announced the object of the Convention; and declared nominations to be in order.

Councilman Tucker nominated Robert M. Patterson, and Councilman Reading nominated James W. Brown.

His Honor, the President, appointed Councilman Layman and Alderman Stratford as tellers; and a ballot was then had, with the following result:

Robert M. Patterson received 17 votes, and James W. Brown received 16 votes.

Robert M. Patterson having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of City Civil Engineer for the unexpired term of Bernhard H. Dietz, resigned.

On Councilman Walker's motion, it was ordered that when Joint Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet again on call of the President.

Alderman Stratford offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the office of Street Commissioner be, and the same is hereby, declared vacant.

On demand made, His Honor, President Caven, declared that preceding resolution was in order ; from which decision, Alderman Foster took an appeal.

The question now being, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the decision of the Joint Convention?" aforesaid resolution was declared to be out of order by the following vote :

AYES, 14—viz.: Aldermen Mussman, Piel, Snider, and Stratford; and Councilmen Bermann, Bruner, Maus, McGinty, Off, Reading, Reasner, Showalter, Sindlinger, and Steeg.

NAYS, 19—viz.: Aldermen Ohandler, Coburn, Foster, Grubbs, and Wiles; and Councilmen Anderson, Brown, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Morris, Morse, McKay, O'Brien, Rodibaugh, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

On Councilman Marsee's motion, the Second Joint Convention then adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor,
President of Joint Convention.

Attest: BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk,
Secretary of Joint Convention.

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

SPECIAL SESSION—JUNE 24, 1878.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, June 24th, A. D. 1878, at eight o'clock, in compliance with the following call:

Hon. JOHN CAVEN, Mayor, President of the Common Council:

Dear Sir:—The undersigned would respectfully request Your Honor to call a special session of the Common Council, on Monday evening next, the 24th instant, for the purpose of awarding contracts for city printing, advertising, and stationery, and for the transaction of such other business as may regularly and properly be brought before us.

Yours, etc.,

A. L. Wright, M. L. Brown, M. H. McKay, M. M. Cummings, George Anderson, T. J. Morse, J. B. Dill, W. H. Tucker.

To the Members of the Common Council:

In pursuance with preceding request, there will be a special session of the Common Council, on Monday evening, June 24, 1878, at the hour of eight o'clock.

Yours, truly,

Indianapolis, June 22, 1878.

J. CAVEN, Mayor.

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, Sindlinger, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright—25.

ABSENT—None.

His Honor, the President, announced that the first matter in order would be a report from the Committees on Printing; and such report was then submitted by Councilman Wright, as follows:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committees on Printing met jointly, and so considered the bids for city printing, stationery, advertising, and publishing delinquent-tax-list, which had been opened before the Common Council on the 17th instant, and by that body then referred. We do now submit the following as the results of our investigations:

1. FOR CITY PRINTING AND BINDING there were bids from Baker & Randolph, William B. Burford, Douglass & Carlon, and the Indianapolis Journal Company. The last named parties being the lowest and best bidders for the several classes

of public work named in the specifications (viz.: Class A—Book-Work; Class B—Printed Blanks; and Class C—Blank Books, complete for use), your committee unanimously recommend that the Indianapolis Journal Company be awarded this contract.

2. FOR CITY STATIONERY there were bids from William B. Burford, The Indianapolis Journal Company, and Cathcart & Cleland.

Between the two bidders last named, there was but slight differences in prices asked for the scheduled articles most frequently used by the city; but having, after due and careful consideration of said bids, in their entirety and by detail, unanimously come to the conclusion that Cathcart & Cleland, are best bidders, we do recommend that said firm be awarded this contract.

3. FOR CITY ADVERTISING AND PUBLISHING DELINQUENT-TAX LIST, the following specifications were prepared, under the directions of your committees:

Advertising in Daily Newspapers—Price per square, each insertion. [A square shall consist of nine (9) lines of Nonpariel type, or its equivalent (240 ems) of other type.]

Advertising in Weekly Newspapers—Price per square, each insertion. [A square shall consist of nine (9) lines of Nonpariel type, or its equivalent (240 ems) of other type.]

Publishing Delinquent-Tax List—Price for each description or line.

All bids for the above advertising must be accompanied by the sworn statement of the publisher, as to the *actual* general daily or weekly circulation of his newspaper within the limits of the City of Indianapolis, averaged by the three months last past; and said affidavit shall contain an agreement to verify each and every bill rendered by an oath as to the actual circulation during the period in which the charged-for advertising was done, with a pledge that a *pro rata* compensation on original circulation will be accepted in the contingency of a decline from proposal figures.

Every bill for advertising must also be accompanied, at time of filing with City Clerk, by a printed copy of each advertisement charged for in such bill.

When "proof of publication" of any advertisement is required, such "proof" shall be furnished by the contracting publisher without expense to the city.

All city advertisements must be set up in solid type, have only run-in display, and not more than one-half square shall be allowed for the distributing heading, "City Advertisements," under which heading all official advertising for this city must be arranged.

FOR THE CITY ADVERTISING the following bids were before us:

"Indianapolis News," 25 cents per square of 9 lines Nonpariel.

"Indianapolis Sentinel," 13 cents per square of 9 lines Nonpariel.

"The Southside," 12½ cents per square of 9 lines Nonpariel.

"Indianapolis Times," 9 cents per square of 9 lines Nonpariel.

Of the above bidders, the publishers of "The News" and "The Southside" were the only parties who visited the City Clerk's office and personally examined the specifications, or made bids approximating the prepared stipulations. "The Southside's" bid is faulty in neglecting to state that its "circulation, fifteen hundred copies weekly," was its average circulation for the three months last past. "The Sentinel" and "The Times" do not furnish a statement of their circulation, either sworn to or otherwise, nor agree, in any manner, to comply with the specifications prepared by your committees. "The News" bid was as follows:

Indianapolis, June 17, 1878.

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

In the matter of the letting of the contract to do the city's advertising for the ensuing year, the undersigned hereby proposes to do the same by making due publication in The Indianapolis (Daily) News, for the sum of 25c. (twenty-five cents)

per square of 9 (nine) lines Nonpariel type each insertion, or any equivalent of that measure. And in pursuance of the specifications made and provided for the government of bidding, herewith submits his affidavit marked "A," and made a part of this proposal, setting forth the daily average circulation of The Indianapolis News, now, and for 3 (three) months last past, in the City of Indianapolis, exclusive of large and numerous lists of subscribers in many towns and villages in all directions over the State of Indiana.

The undersigned also proposes to publish the delinquent tax list of the City of Indianapolis the ensuing year in The Indianapolis Weekly News, which circulates chiefly outside of the City of Indianapolis, but 2,000 (two thousand) copies of which shall be distributed in the City of Indianapolis, and in addition thereto 3,860 (three thousand eight hundred and sixty) copies of said delinquent list shall be distributed in the city edition of The Indianapolis Daily News, making a total of 5,860 (five thousand eight hundred and sixty) copies of the delinquent list distributed in the city for the sum of 15c. (fifteen cents) a line or description.

FRANK T. HOLLIDAY,
Publisher of News.

The affidavit accompanying the bid declares the average daily circulation of The News in the city for the past three months to have exceeded 5,860 copies. It is acknowledged in the presence of James Greene, notary public.

A majority of your committees recommend that the city advertising be awarded to "The Southside."

FOR PUBLISHING THE DELINQUENT-TAX LIST, the following bids were made:

"Indianapolis Sentinel," 23 cents each description.

"Indianapolis News," 15 cents each description.

"Indianapolis Journal Co.," 12 cents each description.

"The Southside," 11 cents each description.

"Indianapolis Times," 11 cents each description.

On account of "The News" having stipulated to give the delinquent-tax list a large general circulation (a matter that was entirely ignored by the other bidders, except "The Southside," and its distribution being limited to 1500), your committees unanimously recommend that this contract be awarded to "The Indianapolis News."

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. WRIGHT,
M. L. BROWN,
C. F. WIESE,

Committee on Printing of the Common Council.

W. F. PIEL,
R. S. FOSTER,

Of the Committee on Printing of the Board of Aldermen.

The first and second clauses of the preceding report, and the award of publishing the delinquent-tax list, were severally concurred in.

On the third clause, a call of the "ayes and nays" was demanded on the recommendation to award the city advertising contract to "The Southside"; and said call being had, the award was sustained by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Dill, Maus, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Showalter, Sindlinger, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, and Wiese.

NAYS, 8—viz.: Councilmen Cummings, Layman, Marsee, Morris, Morse, McKay, Rodibaugh, and Wright.

Councilman Dill moved to reconsider the preceding vote; which motion failed of adoption by the following vote:

AYES, 12—viz.: Councilman Anderson, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Morris, Morse, McKay, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Walker, and Wright.

NAYS, 13—viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Maus, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Sindlinger, Steeg, Tucker, and Wiese.

The following contracts and bonds were submitted, and were severally concurred in and approved:

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 24th day of June, 1878, by and between the Indianapolis Journal Company, through J. M. Ridenour, receiver, of the County of Marion and State of Indiana, of the first part, and the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, said County and State, of the second part,

Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part does covenant and agree to do all the printing and binding for the City of Indianapolis, at the prices set forth in their certain bid, hereto attached, marked "Exhibit A," and which bid is made a part of this contract. This contract to continue and be in force for the term of one year and until a new contract may be awarded for above work. The party of the first part shall be responsible for all damages that may accrue by failure to perform said work according to contract.

THE INDIANAPOLIS JOURNAL CO.,

By J. M. RIDENOUR, Receiver.

For the COMMON COUNCIL AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,

BENJ. G. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

EXHIBIT A.

Schedule of Printing required by the City of Indianapolis during the year ending June 25th, 1879.

CLASS A—BOOK WORK.

1. PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL—To include composition, book paper (45 lb No. 2 Book, 25x38), presswork, folding, and stitching:
Type to be used: For text, Long Primer, solid; For papers introduced, Brevier, solid.
For 200 copies, per page, 60 cts. Size of page, 25x40 ems Pica, exclusive of margins.
2. PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN—(Same items as in No. 1.)
For 200 copies, per page, 60 cts.
3. PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT CONVENTIONS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND COMMON COUNCIL—(Same items as in No. 1.)
For 200 copies, per page, 60 cts.
4. INDICES TO NOS. 1, 2, AND 3—(Same items as in No. 1.)
Type to be used: Nonpareil, per page, \$1.25; Brevier, per page, \$1.25.
5. BINDING—White sheep back and corners, paper sides: Per 50 copies, and less than 100 copies, each, _____ 35 cents.
Full law sheep, not less than 10 copies, each, _____ 50 cents.
Per 100 copies, each _____ 35 cents.
6. COMPOSITION ON ANNUAL REPORTS AND OTHER WORK—
Plain matter, per 1000 ems, 25 cts. Figure work, per 1000 ems, 30 cts.
Rule and figure work, per 1000 ems, 25 cts.
7. PRESSWORK—Per token of 250 impressions. All forms of a less number of impressions to count as a full token. Full form, 16 pages.
Per single token, 35 cts. Each additional token, 30 cts.

CLASS B—PRINTED BLANKS.

	Per 100 copies.	Per 500 copies.	Per 1000 copies.
Medium, 36 lb.....	\$2 00	\$3 00	\$4 00
Half Medium.....	1 25	2 00	3 00
Demy, 28 lb.....	1 25	1 30	1 40
Half Demy.....	1 00	2 00	1 50
Quarter Demy.....	1 00	2 00	3 25
Crown Cap.....	1 00	1 50	2 00
Half Crown Cap.....	90	1 00	1 75
Flat Cap, 18 lb.....	2 00	5 50	8 00
Half Flat Cap.....	1 50	5 00	7 00
Quarter Flat Cap.....	90	2 50	3 00
Eighth Flat Cap.....	20	1 00	1 40
Check Folio, 22 lb.....	50	1 50	2 00
Half Check Folio.....	25	1 25	2 00
Folio Post, 22 lb.....	1 00	2 00	2 25
Half Folio Post.....	90	1 50	1 80
Letter.....	50	1 50	2 00
Half Letter.....	1 00	3 00	4 00
Sixth Letter.....	20	50	75

Extra charge for printing single filing: per 100, 500, or 1000 copies—nothing.
 Extra charge for printing double filing: per 100, 500, or 1000 copies—nothing.
 Extra charge for faint lining: 8 cents per quire.
 Extra charge for each "strike": 8 cents per quire.
 Extra charge for colored inks: nothing.
 Extra charge for blocking in 50's, per 10 blocks, 3 cents; per 20 blocks, 2 cents.
 Extra charge for government safety paper for one-sixth Letter, per 500, \$1.00; per 1000, \$2.00.
 Extra charge for government safety paper for one-third Letter, per 500, \$2.00; per 1000, \$4.00.
 Quarter sheets bills, per 100 copies, \$2.00; per 500 copies, \$2.75; per 1000 copies, \$3.75.
 Letter Heads (half sheets), blocked, per ream, \$3.00. Note Heads (half packet), blocked, per ream, \$1.75.

CLASS C—BLANK BOOKS, COMPLETE FOR USE.

SIZES OF PAPER.	7 qrs. Full Bound, Plain Records.*		5 qrs. Full Bound, Printed Head'gs.*		5 qrs. Full Bound, Printed Forms.		5 qrs. Three-qr. B'd, Printed Head'gs.*		5 qrs. Three-qr. B'd, Printed Forms.		5 qrs. Half Bound, Printed Head'gs.*		5 qrs. Half Bound, Printed Forms.	
	Each quire.*	Each additional quire.*	Each quire.*	Each additional quire.*	Each quire.	Each additional quire.*	Each quire.*	Each additional quire.*	Each quire.	Each additional quire.*	Each quire.*	Each additional quire.*	Each quire.	Each additional quire.
CAP—18 lb., per quire.....	\$ 45	05	\$ 35	05	\$ 80	05	\$ 80	05	\$ 75	05	\$ 75	05	\$ 75	05
CROWN CAP—20 lb., per quire...	40	05	20	10	60	05	10	05	10	05	50	05	50	05
DEMY—28 lb., per quire.....	40	05	1 60	15	25	10	20	05	20	05	15	10	15	10
MEDIUM—40 lb., per quire.....	1 25	25	1 75	85	2 00	1 00	25	10	25	10	20	10	20	05
ROYAL—54 lb., per quire.....	1 00	15	1 25	25	70	05	25	10	20	05	20	05	20	05
DUPLICATE (17 x 30), per quire...	25	15	2 00	75	25	05	30	05	20	05	20	05	20	05
FOLIO POST—per quire.....	20	05	25	15	25	15	20	10	1 00	10	25	10	1 00	50

* Estimates are to be given on "single strike" headings.

Extra charge for each additional "strike," 20 cents.
 Extra charge for faint-lining "Printed Forms," 20 cents.
 Extra charge for numbering, \$1.50 per 1000.
 Extra charge for perforating, 25 cents per 100.
 Extra charge for canvas covers, \$1.00 for medium.
 Extra charge for whip-stitching, nothing.

We agree to furnish the above articles, at prices designated, until a new contract is awarded.

THE INDIANAPOLIS JOURNAL CO.,
 By J. M. RIDENOUR, Receiver.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, the Indianapolis Journal Company, by J. M. Ridenour, receiver, and L. W. Hasselman, of the County of Marion and State of Indiana, are held and firmly bound to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, in the sum of *Three Thousand Dollars*, the payment whereof, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators firmly by these presents.

The conditions of this obligation are such, that if the above bounden Indianapolis Journal Company shall faithfully comply with the foregoing contract, and fulfill all the conditions and stipulations therein contained, according to the true intent and meaning thereof in all respects, then this obligation to be void; otherwise, to remain in full force and virtue in law.

Witness our hands and seals, this 24th day of June, 1878.

THE INDIANAPOLIS JOURNAL CO.,
 By J. M. RIDENOUR, Receiver.
 L. W. HASSELMAN.

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 24th day of June, 1878, by and between Cathcart & Cleland, of Marion County, State of Indiana, of the first part, and the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, said County and State, of the second part,

WITNESSETH, That the said parties of the first part do covenant and agree to furnish stationery supplies to said City of Indianapolis at the prices fully set forth in their certain bid, hereto attached, and which bid is made a part of this contract. This contract to continue and be in full force until the 25th day of June, 1879, and until a new contract may be awarded for furnishing said supplies.

CATHCART & CLELAND.

Schedule of Stationery required by the City of Indianapolis during the year ending June 25th, 1879.

RECORD LEGAL CAP—12 lb, per ream, \$2.15; 14 lb, per ream, \$2.75; 16 lb, per ream, \$3.35; 18 lb, per ream, \$4.40.
 FOOLSCAP—10 lb, per ream, \$1.75; 12 lb, per ream, \$2.25; 14 lb, per ream, \$2.70; 16 lb, per ream, \$3.20.
 LETTER PAPERS—8 lb, per ream, \$1.25; 10 lb, per ream, \$1.90; 12 lb, per ream, \$2.35.
 COMMERCIAL NOTE—6 lb, per ream, \$1.00; 8 lb, per ream, \$1.30.
 ENVELOPES—No. 10, White, XXX, per 1000, \$3.50; Buff, XX, per 1000, \$3.30; Manilla, per 1000, \$1.75. No. 6, White, XXX, per 1000, \$1.60; Buff, XX, per 1000, \$1.50; Manilla, per 1000, 90 cts.
 BOOK PAPER—Cut to order, per ream, \$3.00.
 BLOTTING PAPER—Cut to order, white, 100 lb, per 25 whole sheets, 75 cts.; cut to order, colored, 100 lb, per 25 whole sheets, 75 cts.
 STEEL PENS—Gillott's No. 404, per gross, 46 cts.; Webster & Morton, per gross, \$1.00; Esterbrook & Co.'s Bank, per gross, 50 cts.; Esterbrook & Co.'s Falcon, per gross, 50 cts.; Esterbrook & Co.'s Engrossing No. 122, 55 cts.; Esterbrook & Co.'s Engrossing No. 161, 62 cts.

- INK—Arnold's Genuine Black, per doz. qts., \$5.75; Arnold's Genuine Crimson, per oz., 3 oz., 5 cts.; Continental Carmine, per doz. 2 oz., \$1.00.
- INK STANDS—3 inch flat glass, each, 10 cts.; Paragon, each, 75 cts.
- PEN HOLDERS—Good quality, wood, per gross, \$1.75; common quality, wood, per gross, 25 cts.
- LEAD PENCILS—Faber's Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, Hexagon, per gross, \$7.00; Eagle, Nos. 2 and 3, Hexagon, per gross, \$5.50.
- STEEL ERASING KNIVES—Cocoa handles, each, 37½ cts.
- INK AND PENCIL ERASERS—Faber's Mammoth, per doz., \$2.00; do. small, per doz., \$1.25.
- RUBBER BANDS—By Nos., per box, Faber's or Goodyear's: Nos. 8 to 16, 12 to 25 cts. per gross; ¼ in. A to D, 60 cts. to \$1.25 per gross; ½ in. A to D, \$1.25 to \$2.00; Election Rings, 50 cts. per 1000.
- PAPER FASTENERS—McGill's Round Heads, No. 1, per box, 25 cts.; No. 2, per box, 25 cts.; No. 4, per box, 30 cts. Flat Heads, No. 1, per box, 15 cts.; No. 2, per box, 15 cts.; No. 4, per box, 25 cts.
- PAPER FASTENER PRESS—Each, \$1.25.
- BANKERS' PINS—Elm City, per half lb box, 50 cts.; Pyramid, assorted, per doz., \$1.25.
- MUCILAGE—Per quart bottle, 50 cts.
- MUCILAGE CUPS—Each, 20 to 75 cts.
- JAPANNED STEEL PAPER CUTTERS—Each, 20 cts.
- RULERS—Artists' Flexible, 12 inch, each, 25 cts.; 18 inch, each, 50 cts.
Hard Rubber, 12 inch, each, 20 cts.; 18 inch, each, 40 cts.
Wood, 12 to 18 inch, each, 8 to 40 cts.
- FABER'S COLORED LEAD PENCILS—Hexagon, per doz., 65 cts.
- Other Stationery not mentioned in above schedule at net wholesale cash prices.
- We agree to furnish the above articles, at prices designated, until a new contract be awarded.
- June 17, 1878.

CATHCART & CLELAND.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, Cathcart & Cleland and Wm. Coughlen, of Marion County, State of Indiana, are held and firmly bound to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, in the sum of *One Thousand Dollars*, the payment whereof well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, firmly by these presents.

The conditions of this obligation are such that if the above bounden Cathcart & Cleland shall faithfully comply with the foregoing contract, and fulfill all the conditions and stipulations therein contained, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, then this obligation to be void; otherwise, to remain in full force and virtue in law.

Witness our hands and seals, this 24th day of June, 1878.

CATHCART & CLELAND,
WM. COUGHLEN.

The Committee on Printing also submitted the following report; which was duly concurred in:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Your committees met and considered proposals for doing the bill posting for the city for the current year, and report as follows:

But two bids were received, one from Harbinson & Abrams, and one from John Edwards. John Edwards's bid being much the lowest, we recommend that he be awarded the contract, if proper bond is filed.

Respectfully,

A. L. WRIGHT,
M. L. BROWN,
C. F. WIESE,
D. W. GRUBBS,
R. S. FOSTER,

Committees on Printing.

The official bond of Robert M. Patterson, City Civil Engineer elect (penalty of bond, \$2000; surety, David Macy), was then submitted, and duly approved.

The contract and bond of James Parker, 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 (penalty of bond, \$1000; sureties, Josiah C. Willits and Edward S. Pope), was also submitted; and the contract was concurred in, and the bond duly approved.

The hour being early, the Common Council, by unanimous consent, determined to remain in session, and proceed to the transaction of other business, in accordance with the regular order.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

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

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Contracts, to which was referred the proposals presented to Council on June 17th, 1878, for removing all dead animals from the streets, alleys, commons, lots, and yards of the City of Indianapolis, to what is known as the Sellers' Farm, have examined said proposals, and find them to be as follows, to-wit: Francis Bergmann, for the sum of one thousand [1,000] dollars per year.

John H. James, for the sum of six hundred [\$600] dollars per year for the term of five years.

Martin Birk and Fredrick Miller, from one to five years from June 30th, 1878, for no compensation whatever, except that which is derived from the conversion of such dead animals.

Indianapolis Fertilizer Company, for the term of five [5] years, and agreeing to pay the City of Indianapolis the sum of ten [\$10] dollars per year for the privilege of so doing.

The Indianapolis Fertilizer Company being the lowest and best bidders, your committee recommend that they be awarded the contract for one year only.

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

The Committees on Finance, through Councilman Wright, submitted the following report:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Finance respectfully submit the following report:

Sundry papers and ordinances were referred to this committee by the Council, at our last regular meeting, which we deemed of sufficient importance to require a joint meeting of the Committees on Finance of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council, for consultation. At the joint meeting of said committees, the probable revenues and expenditures of the city for the current year were calculated as

closely as we could before the completion of the assessment and making estimates of expenditures, and the result of our investigations, we think, warrant us in saying our revenues will be reduced below the revenues of last year fully one hundred thousand dollars, and, possibly, much more; while the estimates of expenses of several departments of the city show a very small reduction, others show an increase over the expenditures of last year, made necessary by improvements the city is compelled to make, to prevent liability for damages and to save the property of the city from decay. The interest on our bonded debt is fixed by contract of long standing, and can not be reduced for several years to come—not until the maturity of our bonds and the re-funding of our debt at a lower rate of interest.

We are, therefore, compelled by the necessity for a reduction in the expenses of the city where the same can be made, to recommend that several of the matters referred to us be disposed of differently from what our recommendation would be if the necessity did not exist and dictate the report we make.

1st. Is an ordinance, introduced by Councilman Brown, 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."

The ordinance, as amended, would increase the compensation of the Chief of Police, from one thousand dollars to twelve hundred dollars.

We recommend that the ordinance be not passed, but that the same be stricken from the files.

2d. Is an ordinance, introduced by Councilman Dill, to amend the fourth (4), sixth (6), and seventh (7) clauses of section three (3) of the same ordinance.

The ordinance as amended would increase the pay of the members of the Fire Department as follows: Each driver, stationary hoseman, and fireman from \$1.75 per day, to \$1.90 per day, except the foreman of each company, whose pay would be increased from \$1.75 to \$2 per day. The hook and ladder men, from \$1.75 to \$1.90 per day, excepting the foreman, whose wages would be increased from \$1.75 to \$2 per day; the watchman at Headquarters and the driver of the supply wagon, from \$1.75 to \$1.90 per day.

We recommend that the ordinance be not passed, but that the same be stricken from the files.

3d. Is an ordinance introduced by Councilman Bruner, to amend the same ordinance.

The ordinance as amended would require the Market-Master of the East Market to pay over to the City Treasurer all the money collected by him, and his compensation should be sixty (60) per cent. of his collections for outside stands, stalls, and wagons; and directs the City Clerk to draw his order for the said sixty per cent., upon filing the Treasurer's receipt for said collection.

This is not in accordance with the law, as an appropriation ordinance would have to be passed before the Clerk could issue his warrant. The market ordinance now pending in this Council has the same provision, and provides for the payment by an appropriation ordinance.

The ordinance as amended, would increase the compensation of members of the Fire Department as follows: The engineers from \$62.50 per month to \$2.25 per day; each driver, stationary hoseman, and fireman from \$1.75 to \$2 per day; the hook and ladder men, watchman at Headquarters, and driver of supply wagon, from \$1.75 to \$2 per day.

We recommend that the ordinance be not passed, but that the same be stricken from the files.

4th. Is the report of the Board of Public Improvements, fixing the prices to be paid by the city to laborers and for teams.

We respectfully recommend that the same be referred back to said Board, and that they have power to act. We recommend, however, that the prices fixed be not in excess of the following:

For Laborers	\$1 00	per day.
For Foremen	1 50	"
For Bowlder Boss	1 75	"
For Bowlderers	1 50	"
For Carpenters	1 50	"
For Sewer Boss	2 25	"
For Sewermen	1 75	"
For two-horse Teams	2 25	"
For one-horse Teams	1 75	"

Respectfully submitted,

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S. SHOWALTER,
JAMES T. LAYMEN,
G. SINDLINGER,
S. MORRIS,

Finance Committee, Common Council.

J. M. RIDENOUR,
T. E. CHANDLER,
D. MUSSMANN,

Finance Committee of the Board of Alderman.

The first and third clauses of foregoing report were concurred in by *viva voce* votes.

The second clause was concurred in by the following "aye and nay" vote :

AYES, 15—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Brown, Cummings, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McKay, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Sindlinger, Tucker, Walker, and Wright.

NAYS, 10—viz.: Councilman Bermann, Bruner, Dill, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Steeg, and Wiese.

The fourth clause was concurred in by the following "aye and nay" vote :

AYES, 15—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Brown, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Morris, Morse, McKay, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

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

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Bruner presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Markets :

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

Gentlemen:—We the undersigned citizens of Indianapolis, would respectfully ask that your honorable body repeal all ordinances and parts of ordinances giving butchers the exclusive right to sell fresh meats. We ask that fresh meats may be placed on the markets on the same footing as vegetables, etc.

And we will ever pray.

Theodore Wiles, W. M. Bacon, Lewis L. McFadden, B. Marshall, Miletus F. Bell, H. C. Pyle, I. D. Sater, John Mason, W. H. Johnson, John Northway, M. G.

I. Stern, Herman Gates, George Childs, Will H. Miller, Wellington Crist, W. L. Current, William Allen, Edwin J. Sevan, Clinton Nunn, William D. Griffin, Joseph Schmitt, Edwin A. Castor, Joseph Howell, Wm. A. Hill, Harvey Donovan, A. S. Dalby, Edward Schwinge, R. E. Harrison, Edward Bell, John McGobric, Lucian Darnell, W. F. Wells, H. C. Penn, Chas. Roesener.

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

Moved, That the Committee on Judiciary, with the City Attorney, inquire as to the expediency of bringing immediate suit against the parties who signed the bond of the new gas company.

The same gentleman offered the following motion; which was referred to the Police Board:

Moved, That the police be ordered to enforce the ordinance to prohibit the hitching of horses to the shade trees in this city.

Councilman Dill presented the following petition; and the prayer of the petitioner was duly granted:

To the Honorable Common Council of Indianapolis:

Mrs. Emily T. Charles desires a permit to move a frame house, purchased by her from the State of Indiana, from the place where it now stands, on State street, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets, to lot No. 145, in Allen & Root's Addition, on N. New Jersey street. House about 16x40 in size.

EMILY T. CHARLES.

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

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to put the drinking-fountain on Indiana Avenue in repair.

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

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to spend \$20 per square in repairing Mississippi street from New York street to North street.

The same gentleman also offered the following motion; which, on Councilman Tucker's motion, was laid on the table:

Moved, That the Board of Public Improvements have power to act on a motion referred to them, for improving Mississippi street.

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

Whereas, It is reported that the lessees of the Southern Park are allowing stock to run at large in said park; that the trees are being destroyed; and that the lessees

are not complying with the terms of their contract with the city, inasmuch as they have sublet the grounds and demanded entrance money from visitors at times when no premiums were being offered, thereby depriving the public of the right to visit said grounds; Therefore,

Moved, That the Committees on Parks from the Common Council and Board of Aldermen be, and are hereby, directed to investigate and report to this Council if such reports are true, and also report if the bond given by said lessees to the city is good.

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 clean the gutters and fill the chuck-holes with gravel in Fort Wayne Avenue, between New Jersey street and the intersection of Christian Avenue.

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

Moved, That the Board of Public Improvements be instructed to investigate and report what steps are necessary to be taken for the city to obtain control of that part of the Michigan Road pike located between the intersection of East Washington street and the P., C. & St. L. Railroad crossing of Michigan road, so that the same may be improved.

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

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the I., C. & L. R. R. Company to plank the north sidewalk crossing, at the corner of Third street and I., C. & L. R. R.

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

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutter on the east side of Virginia avenue, south of Grove street.

The same gentleman also offered the following motion:

Moved, That the office of Street Commissioner be declared vacant.

Councilman Morse moved that last preceding motion be laid upon the table; which was done by the following "aye and nay" vote:

AYES, 17—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McKay, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS, 8—viz.: Councilmen Bermann, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Showalter, Sindlinger, and Steeg.

Councilman Tucker offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The revenues received by the city from taxes are inadequate to meet the present demands, and in face of the law enacted by the last Legislature limit-

ing and prohibiting the levy of a tax exceeding ninety cents on the \$100 for municipal purposes ;

AND WHEREAS, The valuation of the taxables of the city will be largely reduced from last year, and thereby greatly reducing the revenues of the city from the amount received last year ; Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Gas of the Council and Board of Aldermen, be, and they are hereby, directed to confer with the Indianapolis Gas-Light & Coke Company, and ask for a reduction of thirty-three and one-third ($33\frac{1}{3}$) per cent. from the price now being paid by the city for lighting of street lamps, and report at the next regular meeting of this Council.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 25—viz.: 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.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Brown was excused for the balance of this session.

Councilman Walker moved that the Common Council do now adjourn ; which motion was lost, by the following vote :

AYES, 4—viz.: Councilmen Dill, Morse, Sindlinger, and Walker.

NAYS, 20—viz.: Councilman Anderson, Bermann, Bruner, Cummings, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Wiese, and Wright.

Councilman Wright called up General Ordinance 20, 1878, and the reading of the same was continued from section fifteen (15), at which point it had been suspended at the last meeting of the Common Council.

On Councilman Wright's motion, aforesaid ordinance was ordered to be engrossed, and then was read the third time, viz. :

G. O. 20, 1878—An Ordinance prescribing General Regulations for the Public Markets of the City of Indianapolis ; providing for the establishment of Licensed Markets ; and defining the General Powers, Functions, and Duties of City Market-Masters.

And was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 22—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Sindlinger, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

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

Moved, That the City Clerk and City Civil Engineer each be required to keep and preserve, for reference, a file of the city official paper.

Councilman Walker again moved that the Common Council do now adjourn; and the adjournment was ordered by the following "aye and nay" vote:

AYES, 16—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Morris, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Sindlinger, Steeg, Walker, and Wiese.

NAYS, 5—viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Maus, McGinty, Reasner, and Wright.

The Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor,
President of Common Council.

Attest: BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.