

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—SEPTEMBER 2, 1878.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, September 2d, 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, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright—22.

ABSENT—Councilmen Dill, Reading, and Sindlinger—3.

The Proceedings of the Common Council, for the regular session, held July 1st, for the special session, held July 2d, and for the regular session, held July 15th, 1878, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said proceedings were approved as published.

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

- S. O. 34, 1878—Improving Lawrence street, from Beech street to Rural street, by grading and graveling the roadway thereof.
- S. O. 35, 1878—Improving Valley Drive, from Hill avenue to Beech street, by grading and graveling the roadway thereof.
- S. O. 36, 1878—Improving Beech street, from Valley Drive to Lawrence street, by grading and graveling the roadway thereof.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, President Caven, presented the following invitation; which, on motion, was accepted:

Indianapolis, August 15, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council of Indianapolis:

Your honorable body are hereby respectfully notified, that the German Protestant Orphan Society will celebrate their eleventh (11) anniversary, to be held at

the Orphan Asylum, on the eighth (8) of September, to which your honorable body are hereby cordially invited.

By order of Society :

HENRY RUSSE, Secretary.

Also, presented the following communication ; and, on motion, the privilege therein asked for was duly granted :

Hon. John Caven, Mayor :

Dear Sir :—Will you please ascertain if the Council will tender the use of this Chamber to the Delegate Convention of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week.

R. C. SMITH, Com.

Also, presented the following communication ; which was referred to the Board of Health :

INDIANAPOLIS ARSENAL, *Indianapolis*, August 24, 1878.

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

Sir :—I would respectfully call your attention to the filthy condition of "Crooked Run."

In view of the recommended action of the Board of Health, published in this morning's paper, I would respectfully suggest the propriety of determining whose duty it is to disinfect this fearfully dirty stream. Its condition is a disgrace to any civilized community, and it seems as if the city authorities would take some action, if brought to their notice. For this reason, I have the honor to request that you will call their attention to the condition of Crooked Run.

In the summer of 1876, I called your attention to this same subject, with request it be referred to the City Council. Last summer (1877), I presented a petition to the Board of Health of the city, signed by a large number of property holders in this vicinity, asking for an examination and relief, without avail. To-day, the nuisance is as bad as ever. Yesterday, at 3 o'clock P. M., the stench from this stream was perceptible at my house, and last night it was worse.

If the city authorities will give the subject enough of their attention as to secure an examination of this stream by a committee or otherwise, I am under the impression they will not fail to see the necessity of some action being taken at once.

This communication is based upon the advice of the attending physician.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ISAAC ARNOLD, Jr.,
Captain of Ordnance, commanding.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

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

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen :—I herewith report a first and final estimate in behalf of David A. Haywood, for grading and graveling Mill street and sidewalks, from Sixth street to Seventh street—

804.16 lineal feet, at 43 cents.....	\$345 78
Opening gutter on Seventh street	5 00
Total estimate	\$350 78

Also, a first and final estimate in behalf of Fred. Gansberg, for grading and graveling Railroad street and sidewalks, from Ohio street to North street—

3600 lineal feet, at 43 cents\$1,548 00

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, 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 David A. Haywood, for grading and graveling Mill street and sidewalks, from Sixth street to Seventh 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, 22—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, 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 Fred. Gansberg, for grading and graveling Railroad street and sidewalks, from Ohio street to North 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, 22—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

The same officer presented the following communication, accompanying same with the contracts and bonds therein referred to; which communication was received, and the contracts and bonds were duly concurred in and approved :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following contract and bonds, filed in my office.

Of John Low, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Blake street, from New York street to Michigan street. Penalty of bond \$400; surety, Samuel J. Patterson.

Of A. J. Sloan & Co., for grading and graveling the alley between Bellefontaine avenue and Ash street, from Eighth street to Ninth street. Penalty of bond \$300; surety, James Magenis.

Of Fred. Gansberg, for grading and graveling Butler street and sidewalks (where not already improved), from Central avenue to College avenue. Penalty of bond \$1,500; surety, Richard Carr.

Of Oliver T. Bowen, for painting the iron bridges over Pogue's Run, on Meridian street; over Canal, on North street; and over Pleasant Run, on Shelby street. Penalty of bond \$56; surety, Joseph G. Stemen.

Of Oliver T. Bowen, for painting the iron bridges over Pogue's Run, on Illinois and Morris streets; over Pleasant Run, on Reid street; and over Canal, on Washington street. Penalty of bond \$62; surety, Joseph G. Stemen.

Of Oliver T. Bowen, for painting the iron bridges over Pleasant Run, on Olive street; and over Canal, on Ohio street. Penalty of bond \$48; surety, Joseph G. Stemen.

Of Oliver T. Bowen, for painting the iron bridges over Pogue's Run, on Archer street and Clifford avenue; and over Canal, on First, Third and West streets. Penalty of Bond \$50; surety, Joseph G. Stemen.

Of Oliver T. Bowen, for painting the iron bridge over the Canal, on National road. Penalty of bond \$10; surety, Joseph G. Stemen.

Of Oliver T. Bowen, for painting the iron bridge over Pogue's Run, on Tennessee street. Penalty of bond \$16; surety, Joseph G. Stemen.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The same officer presented the following communication; and, on motion, the recommendation therein made was duly concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—By the recent improvement of Railroad street between Ohio and North streets, it becomes necessary to drain the water from the gutters on the north side of Michigan street, north and south sides of Vermont street, and the north side of Ohio street, into the sewer, and I would recommend that the Street Commissioner be instructed to immediately put in pipe-connections at the points named.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

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

To the Mayor and Common Council:

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

David A. Haywood vs. Joseph Solomon, for\$25 38

and recommend that you order the precept to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

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

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

NAYS—None.

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

Indianapolis, September 2, 1878.

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I respectfully report that, this day, I transmitted to the City Commissioners, petition of M. Criqui and others, in the matter of laying out and widening Shelby street, from Prospect street to the south corporation line, and resolution of your honorable bodies concerning the same; and that I issued notice to the said Commissioners according to law, and also to the owners of property.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

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

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit an itemized statement of the amount of orders issued on the City Treasurer, during the month of August, 1878:

Bridges	\$ 282 40
City Assessor's Assistants.....	243 00
City Civil Engineer's Department.....	167 53
City Hospital and Branch.....	895 14
City Dispensary.....	166 66
Costs.....	17 77
Fire Department.....	5,165 20
Fountains (public).....	9 87
Gas.....	7,004 28
Gregg Bequest.....	5 10
Ice.....	34 94
Incidentals.....	95 75
Interest on bonds.....	59,784 25
Markets	8 80
Market-Masters' Fees.....	194 39
Office fixtures.....	112 55
Parks	448 25
Police	3,543 32
Posting bills.	6 00
Printing, Stationery, and Advertising.....	273 41
Rent.....	750 00
Salary	62 00
Station Houses.....	109 12
Street improvements.....	202 98
Street repairs.....	2,880 81
Taxes refunded	199 96
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	\$82,663 41
Home for Friendless Women.....	10 45
Tomlinson Estate.....	33 75
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Total.	\$82,707 61

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

Report of Wm. M. Wiles, City Treasurer, for the month of August, 1878, 1st to 31st inclusive:

R E C E I P T S .

Balance on hand July 31, 1878, as per report	\$270,701 06
From delinquent taxes.....	12,903 43
From tax sales.....	1,118 36
From dog licenses.....	440 25
From coal licenses.....	50 00
From dray licenses.....	52 00
From express licenses.....	44 00
From fines (City Court).....	31 30
From hack licenses.....	30 00
From market fees.....	173 75
From market rents.....	57 00
From peddlers' licenses	10 00
From promiscuous	37 23
From show licenses.....	60 00
From tapping sewers	20 00
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	\$285,728 38

D I S B U R S E M E N T S .

For Fire Department.....	\$ 5,165 69
For Police	3,552 72
For street repairs	2,791 05
For City Hospital and Branch.....	863 18
For Civil Engineer's Department	165 78
For City Assessor's Assistants	243 00
For Board of Health	4 15
For interest on Bonds	59,784 25
For bridges.....	282 40
For City Dispensary.....	166 66
For costs	17 77
For elections	23 50
For fountains	9 80
For gas	7,004 28
For Home for Friendless Women	10 45
For ice	34 94
For incidentals.....	97 35
For markets	8 80
For Market-Masters' fees.....	194 39
For office fixtures	111 55
For parks.....	448 25
For posting bills.....	6 00
For printing, stationery, and advertising	273 41
For rent.....	750 00
For salary.....	305 75
For Station House.....	68 09
For street improvements.....	202 98
For taxes refunded	161 88
Balance on hand, general fund.....	\$ 75,842 49
Balance on hand, due school fund	127,137 82
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	\$202,980 31
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	\$285,728 38

TOMLINSON ESTATE.

Balance on hand, July 31, 1878, as per report	\$ 16,990 09
From rents collected.....	534 00
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	\$ 17,524 09
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For repairs, etc.....	33 75
Balance on hand	17,490 34
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	\$ 17,524 09
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Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. WILES, City Treasurer.

To BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The City Attorney submitted the following report and appended contract and bond; and, on motion, the recommendation made in the report was concurred in and the contract and bond was duly approved:

Indianapolis, September 2, 1878.

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

Gentlemen:—The proposal of Messrs. Mooney, Taylor & Smith, for the New York Belting and Packing Company, to furnish hose to the city, was referred to me, with instructions to prepare contract and bond in conformity with the proposal.

I would report that I have done so, and the same have been duly executed by the parties, and I herewith submit the same for your approval, and would recommend that the contract and bond be approved, and the Mayor instructed to execute the same in behalf of the city.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS, City Attorney.

THIS AGREEMENT, Made this 31st day of July, 1878, by and between the New York Belting and Packing Company, of New York, party of the first part, and the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, party of the second part,

Witnesseth, That the party of the first part hereby covenants and agrees to furnish, delivered in good order in Indianapolis, at such place as may be directed by the Chief Fire Engineer of said city, within — days from date hereof, twenty-five hundred feet of their Extra Quality Antiseptic Test-Hose, the same to be two and one-half inches internal diameter, four ply, with five ply capped ends, the five ply to extend back five feet from each end; said hose to be capable of standing a pressure of four hundred pounds to the square inch; the said hose to be made of the best grade of cotton duck, thoroughly carbolized.

And the party of the second part hereby agrees to pay to the party of the first part the sum of ninety cents per foot for said hose, when so furnished and delivered.

And the said party of the first part hereby warrant and agree, that should any of said hose fail, give out, or burst within thirty-six months from the date hereof, from any cause except from being cut, worn, or burned, to re-place the same with new hose of the same kind and description as those herein described, free of charge or freight; the said hose to be re-placed within twenty days from the date of the return of the defective lengths. And the said party of the first part further warrant, that, during the said period, the said hose shall remain unaffected by mildew or rot.

In Witness Whereof, The parties hereto have signed their corporate names by the proper officer, and caused their corporate seals to be affixed.

[SEAL.] NEW YORK BELTING AND PACKING COMPANY,
By JOHN M. CHEW, Treasurer.
[SEAL.] THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
By JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

B O N D .

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, the New York Belting and Packing Company, of New York, James E. Mooney, William A. Taylor, and Wm. H. Smith, are jointly and severally held and firmly bound unto the City of Indianapolis in the penal sum of *Two Thousand Dollars*, for the payment whereof, without relief from valuation or appraisement laws, 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 New York Belting and Packing Company shall faithfully comply with the foregoing contract, made and entered into the 31st day of July, 1878, with the City of Indianapolis, and fulfill all the conditions and stipulations, and make good all the warranties 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 31st day of July, 1878.

[SEAL.] NEW YORK BELTING AND PACKING CO.,
By JOHN M. CHEW, Treasurer.
JAMES E. MOONEY, W. A. TAYLOR, WM. H. SMITH.

The Chief Fire Engineer submitted the following report; which was, at suggestion of Councilman Layman of the Fire Board, referred to the Committee on Finance:

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

Gentlemen:—In compliance with the ordinance passed by the Common Council on September 12th, 1870, I herewith submit the First Quarterly Report, from June 1st, 1878, to September 1st, 1878.

I have received from different sources as follows:

June 6.	Mr. ———, 5 ft. old hose, at 10 cents per ft.....	\$ 50
" 19.	Mr. W. G. Wright, 2 condemned horses.....	145 00
July 10.	Female Reformatory.....	50 00
" 18.	Mr. ———, 10 ft. old hose, at 10 cents per ft.....	1 00
" 29.	Christian & Shover, condemned horse.....	35 00
Aug. 3.	Mr. ———, 60 ft. old hose, at 10 cents per ft.....	6 00
" 3.	Mr. ———, 2½ ft. old hose, 10 cents per ft.....	25
" 5.	Deaf and Dumb Asylum.....	25 00
" 10.	Mr. Ringer, 2½ ft. old hose, at 10 cents per ft.....	25
" 15.	Mr. F. R. Harding, 10 ft. old hose, at 10 cents per ft.....	1 00
" 17.	Mr. J. Newell, 7½ ft. old hose, at 10 cents per ft.....	75
" 19.	Mr. J. Bence, 5 ft. old hose, at 10 cents per ft.....	50
" 20.	Mr. S. Killing, 10 ft. old hose, at 10 cents per ft.....	1 00
" 20.	Mr. W. H. McGlochin, 10 ft. old hose, at 10 cents per ft.....	1 00
" 24.	Mr. J. H. Haverstick, 10 ft. old hose, at 10 cents per ft.....	1 00
" 27.	Mr. F. J. Myers, 7 ft. old hose, at 10 cents per ft.....	70
Total receipts.....		\$268 98

I have paid out as follows:

June 1.	Expressage.....	\$ 40
" 12.	Postage stamps.....	50

June 28.	Postage stamps and postal cards.....	\$ 2 00
July 15.	Telegraph dispatch for hose	80
" 22.	Expressage on pipe, from Cincinnati.....	30
" 23.	Expressage on springs and valves, from Cincinnati	30
" 24.	Telegraph dispatch for hose	1 25
" 29.	Freight on 500 ft. hose, from Star Rubber Co	6 07
Aug. 11.	Freight on couplings, from Chicago.....	1 40
" 15.	Postage stamps.....	2 00
" 17.	Telegraph dispatch to Cincinnati	65
" 19.	Expressage on couplings, from Chicago.....	40
" 19.	American Express Co.....	25
" 19.	One set of stencils for marking hose.....	1 00
" 21.	Expressage on fire hat, from Chicago.....	25
" 21.	Freight on box of pipe, from Cincinnati.....	87
" 26.	Telegraph dispatch to Ahren & Co., Cincinnati.....	25
" 26.	Letter-press, book, and ink	7 25
" 30.	Freight on engine to Cincinnati.....	25 00
Sept. 2.	Paid to treasurer	218 04
Total		\$268 98

Perhaps some of the above receipts would be more satisfactory with a little explanation. In taking charge of the Fire Department, I found that four (4) of the fire alarm boxes connected with our telegraph lines, were owned by the following Institutions, located outside of the city: One at the Insane Hospital, one at the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, one at the Female Reformatory, one at the U. S. Arsenal. Finding that the above boxes were kept up at the city's expense, I reported the same to the members of the Fire Board, who ordered me to estimate the cost of keeping up the boxes, to make out a bill of the same, and present it to the above named Institutions. This I did, with the result mentioned, being informed by the Superintendent of the Insane Asylum that they would cheerfully pay the required amount.

If it could be so arranged that a small amount of money could be appropriated, so as to be drawn through the agency of the Fire Board or otherwise, in order to pay for expressage, telegraph dispatches, and other incidental expenses that can not be put off, it would be very convenient, as parties connected with the Fire Department are not always prepared to meet such demands. At other times, money could be saved by buying feed on the market, were some way provided for immediate payment, since parties living in the country, and selling feed on the market will not sell unless cash is paid.

The following has been paid for supplies:

Telegraph Department.....	\$ 492 32
Harness and repairs	128 04
Oats	227 24
Corn	54 35
Shorts	15 27
Bedding for horses	20 35
Pittsburgh coal	15 00
Block coal.....	10 00
Coke	27 49
Repairing apparatus.....	302 08
Horse shoeing	138 13
Freight	18 34
Supply wagon	4 65
Cistern repairs.....	33 84
Repairing Houses	79 03
Hose	3,143 93
Hose-couplings.....	216 00
Harness shop	23 28

Horses	\$820 00
Hay	185 62
Amount	\$5,824 96

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. PENDERGAST, Chief Fire Engineer.

The Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch submitted the following report; which was duly received:

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

The following report of the City Hospital and Branch, for the month ending August 31st, 1878, is respectfully submitted:

	First Week.	Second Week.	Third Week.	Fourth Week.	Three Days.	Total.
NO. OF BEDS IN HOSPITAL—100.						
Number of Patients at last report—adults.....	51	42	40	36	36	.....
Number of Patients at last report—infants	2	3	5	3	3	.....
Received New Patients—adults.....	10	10	9	7	7	43
Births, or Received—infants.....	2	2	.....	.....	1	5
Discharged—adults.....	19	11	12	7	8	57
Discharged—infants.....	1	.....	2	.....	3	6
Died—adults.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	2
Died—infants .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Number of Patients remaining—adults.....	42	40	36	36	35	.....
Number of Patients remaining—infants.....	3	5	3	3	1	.....
Number of Patients in Branch—adults.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Number of Patients in Branch—infants.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Aggregate No. of days of Patients in Hospital—adults.....	324	321	275	264	110	.....
Aggregate No. of days of Patients in Hospital—infants.....	18	34	29	21	5	1401

Total expenditures for month.....	\$788 15
Net expenditures for the month.....	788 15
Aggregate number of days subsistence furnished.....	1907
Average expense per capita per diem.....	41.3 cents.

W. H. DAVIS, Superintendent.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

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

Deaths registered during the two weeks ending August 31st, 1878:

Under 1 year.....	26
1 to 2 years.....	6
2 to 3 ".....	2
3 to 4 ".....	0
4 to 5 ".....	0
5 to 10 ".....	0

10 to 20 years	-----	1
20 to 30 "	-----	4
30 to 40 "	-----	6
40 to 50 "	-----	7
50 to 60 "	-----	4
60 to 70 "	-----	5
70 to 80 "	-----	5
80 to 90 "	-----	0
90 " 100 "	-----	0
Above 100 "	-----	0
Unknown	-----	1
Total	-----	67

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

The same official board made the following recommendation; which, on Councilman Marsee's motion, was referred to the Judiciary Committee and the City Attorney, with instructions to report, at this session, whether there is any ordinance in force, under which property owners could be required to cut down and destroy the weeds in front of and upon their property:

OFFICE OF BOARD OF HEALTH,
 Indianapolis, September 2, 1878. }

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—We desire to call your attention to streets and gutters which are overgrown with weeds, and ask that you have the same removed at once, as we believe them to be detrimental to the public health of the city.

Yours respectfully,

H. JAMESON, M. D., President.
 W. WANDS, M. D., Secretary.

The Fire Board, through Councilman Layman, submitted the following report; and the recommendation, therein made, was duly concurred in:

Indianapolis, September 2, 1878.

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

Gentlemen:—In a motion referred to the Fire Board, as to building of three fire-cisterns in Woodlawn Addition, located in the southeast part of the city, we have instructed the Chief to carefully examine that part of the city referred to in the motion, and offer the following recommendation: That one cistern be built, capacity 2,500 barrels, and the location be left with the Chief Fire Engineer and City Civil Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. FOSTER,
 JAMES T. LAYMAN,
 W. H. TUCKER,
 Fire Board.

The same official board made the following recommendation, and presented the appended reports, and the latter documents were given the reference suggested:

Indianapolis, September 2, 1878.

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

We herewith submit the annual financial reports (as made to us) of the Ex-Chief Fire Engineer, W. O. Sherwood, and recommend their reference to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully,

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

To the Honorable Fire Board:

My report for the year ending May 15th, 1877:

I have sold condemned horses and old material to the amount of \$550, of which I have been paid \$345 dollars, leaving a balance of \$205 yet to be collected.

Of the amount received from said sales, I have expended \$135.42 for freight, postage, etc., and have paid the remainder (\$209.58) into the treasury.

Of the \$245 to be collected, J. C. Adams owes for one horse, \$60, and one horse, \$40; Engle & Drew owe for one horse, \$75, and one horse, \$50. The balance was old hose furnished to the city, and received by the sewer-man.

W. O. SHERWOOD, Ex-Chief.

To the Honorable Fire Board:

My report for the year ending May 15th, 1878:

I have sold condemned horses and old material to the amount of \$425, of which I have been paid \$375, leaving a balance of \$50 to be collected. From the funds received, I have paid \$168 for freight, horse-bedding, and postage; \$190 for one horse; and placed the balance (\$17) in the city treasury. The \$50 is owed by Henry Gimber, ex-councilman from Fifth Ward.

W. O. SHERWOOD, Ex-Chief.

The Board of Public Improvements and the Street Commissioner submitted the following report; which was received and duly approved:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—We herewith report expenditures of the Street-Repair Department for the months of July and August, 1878, together with the total expenses from May 16th to September 1st, 1878:

JULY, 1878.

J. C. Adams, brick	\$ 13 00
C. Vonnegut, hardware.....	42 88
A. Bruner, sand.....	13 20
Seibert & Carr, gravel.....	10 00
Ike King, blacksmithing.....	25 30
B. T. Smith, lumber	170 12
Receiver I., B. & W. R. R., freight.....	29 57
Wm. Earls, sand	27 12
D. B. McDonough, cement pipe.....	16 58
Pay-Rolls for July	1,768 61

Total expenses for July..... \$2,116 38

AUGUST, 1878.

Ike King, blacksmithing	\$ 38 45
A. Bruner, sand	48 40
P. Ivory, hauling	32 00
G. H. Shover, blacksmithing	11 70
C. E. Geisendorff & Co., gravel tickets.....	75 00
Wm. Earls, sand.....	2 32
C. Vonnegut, hardware	35 91
Shover & Miller, blacksmithing	13 65
Pay-Rolls for August.....	2,623 38
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Total expense for August	\$2,880 81
Total expense for July and August	\$4,997 19
Last report	5,749 89
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Total expenses from May 16th to September 1st, 1878.....	\$10,747 08

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. McKAY,
JOHN L. MARSEE,
Board of Public Improvements.
L. A. FULMER,
Street Commissioner.

Indianapolis, September 2, 1878.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, through Councilman Walker, presented the following report; which was duly received:

Report of the City Dispensary for August, 1878.

Number of visits made in District "North"	90
Number of visits made in District "South"	76
Number of patients prescribed for at Dispensary	426
Number of surgical cases	69
Number of prescriptions filled	820
Number of vaccinations	41
Number of teeth extracted	15
Number of births	1
Number of deaths	1

Respectfully submitted,

OTTO E. MUELLER, Ph. G.

The Judiciary Committee and the City Attorney submitted the following report; which was duly concurred in:

Indianapolis, September 2, 1878.

To the Mayor and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney were instructed to report, at this session, upon a communication from the Board of Health.

We would report that there is no ordinance directly requiring property owners to cut and remove weeds and clean gutters; but we are of the opinion that, under the circumstances, it is such a sanitary measure as can be enforced, and we would recommend that the Chief of Police be instructed to require each patrolman to

notify all occupants and owners of property to cut the weeds, and remove or destroy the same, upon their premises and upon the streets and alleys adjacent thereto, and to prosecute all persons who refuse to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. MCKAY,
JOHN L. MARSEE,
JOHN L. F. STEEG,
Judiciary Committee.

R. O. HAWKINS, City Att'y.

The Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys submitted the following report; which was duly concurred in :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of The Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railway Company and The Indianapolis, Peru & Chicago Railway Company, praying for the vacation of all that part of E. Second street lying south of Massachusetts avenue, respectfully report that we have investigated the matter, have found that the city is bound to make this vacation under the provisions of clause 1 of General Ordinance 4, 1878 ("An Ordinance ratifying and confirming the Contracts heretofore entered into between The City of Indianapolis and The Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railway Company and The Indianapolis, Peru & Chicago Railway Company, and empowering said Companies to carry out the provisions of the same, and for other purposes; ordained and established on April 2d, 1878"), and, in our opinion, this case should be referred to the City Commissioners and City Attorney. We, therefore, recommend that the appended resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES T. LAYMAN,
W. M. F. REASNER,
JOHN L. F. STEEG,

Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys.

The following resolution was then read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the petition of The Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railway Company and The Indianapolis, Peru & Chicago Railway Company, praying for the vacation of all that part of E. Second street lying south of Massachusetts avenue, be referred to the Commissioners, with instructions to assess benefits and damages, and to make due report.

The said Commissioners are instructed to return, as part of their report, all petitions and notices. The City Clerk is hereby directed to issue, and the City Marshal to serve, the proper notices upon the Commissioners and property owners.

And was adopted by the following vote :

NAYS, 22—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Layman, Marsce, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

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

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of The Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railway Company and The Indianapolis, Peru and Chicago Railway Company, praying for the vacation of that portion of E. Maryland street which lies between East street and Pogue's Run, respectfully report that we have investigated the matter; have found that the city is bound to make this vacation under the provisions of clause 2 of General Ordinance 4, 1878 ("An Ordinance ratifying and confirming the Contracts heretofore entered into between The City of Indianapolis and The Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railway Company and The Indianapolis, Peru & Chicago Railway Company, and empowering said Companies to carry out the provisions of the same, and for other purposes; ordained and established on April 2d, 1878"); and, in our opinion, this case should be referred to the City Commissioners and City Attorney. We, therefore, recommend that the appended resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES T. LAYMAN,
WM. F. RESNER,
JOHN L. F. STEEG,

Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys.

The following resolution was then read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the petition of The Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railway Company and The Indianapolis, Peru & Chicago Railway Company, praying for the vacation of that portion of E. Maryland street which lies between East street and Pogue's Run, be referred to the Commissioners, with instructions to assess benefits and damages, and to make due report.

The said Commissioners are instructed to return, as part of their report, all petitions and notices. The City Clerk is hereby directed to issue, and the City Marshal to serve, the proper notices upon the Commissioners and property owners.

And was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 21—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Bruner, Cummings, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

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

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of The Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railway Company, praying for the laying out, extending, and opening of John street, from Peru street to Massachusetts avenue, to the width of sixty (60) feet, on the line of the 18-foot alley between lots 25 and 26, in out-lot 43, respectfully report that we have investigated the matter; have found that the city is bound to make this extension and opening under the provisions of clause 3 of General Ordinance 4, 1878 ("An Ordinance ratifying and confirming the Contracts heretofore entered into between The City of Indianapolis and The Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railway Company and The Indianapolis, Peru & Chicago Railway Company, and empowering said Companies to carry out the provisions of the same, and for other purposes; ordained and established on April

2d, 1878"); and, in our opinion, this case should be referred to the City Commissioners and City Attorney. We, therefore, recommend that the appended resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES T. LAYMAN,
WM. F. REASNER,
JOHN L. F. STEEG,

Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys.

The following resolution was then read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the petition of the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railway Company, praying for the laying out, extending, and opening of John street, from Peru street to Massachusetts avenue, to the width of sixty (60) feet, on the line of the 18-foot alley between lots 25 and 26, in out-lot 43, be referred to the Commissioners, with instructions to assess benefits and damages, and to make due report; and that for the purposes of such laying out, extending and opening said John street, the Common Council and Board of Aldermen do propose to appropriate such real estate and property as may be necessary therefor.

The said Commissioners are instructed to return, as part of their report, all petitions and notices. The City Clerk is hereby directed to issue, and the City Marshall to serve, the proper notices upon the Commissioners and property owners.

And was adopted by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message from the Board of Aldermen was read :

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—At a regular session of the Board of Aldermen, held on August 20th, 1878, said body receded from its action of August 13th, when it refused to concur in your striking out section 63 from General Ordinance 13, 1878 ("An Ordinance relative to the Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks, and Public Places of the City of Indianapolis," etc.), and again amended said section by striking out a certain portion of the latter part thereof, so that it will read as follows :

"Sec. 63. It shall be the duty of the owners of sprinkler-carts to have the sprinkling-attachments made so that they will discharge such minute streams as only to lay the dust, and not make mud nor deluge the streets with water."

The preceding amendment is now submitted for your consideration and action.

For the Board of Aldermen :

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

On motion, the Common Council receded from its action of August 12th and 19th, and duly adopted the amendment set forth in preceding message.

The aforesaid entitled ordinance, viz.,

G. O. 13, 1878—An Ordinance relative to the Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks, and Public Places of the City of Indianapolis; restraining the making of Excavations therein or in lands adjacent thereto; prohibiting the placing of unauthorized Obstructions in or upon the same; securing the Public in the free and safe use thereof; revising and re-enacting Ordinance-Provisions now in force; and prescribing Penalties for violations of its Regulations and Requirements.

Was then ordained and established, as amended, by the following vote:

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

NAYS, 9—viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Bruner, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Reasner, Showalter, Steeg, and Wiese.

The following message was also read:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—At a regular session of the Board of Aldermen, held Tuesday evening, August 20th, 1878, the following action was had upon certain papers received from your honorable body, viz.:

First. Report from the Council Committee on Finance, recommending the purchase of three Plat-Books from William Hadley, at a cost of \$675 (concurring in by your honorable body on July 15th, 1878), was non-concurring in.

Second. Report from the Council Committee on Bridges, recommending the building of a bridge or foot-way over the I., C. & L. R. R. tracks on Benton street, at a cost of about \$100, under the direction of the Street Commissioner and Board of Public Improvements (concurring in by your honorable body on August 5th, 1878), was referred to the Board of Public Improvements. On August 20th, 1878, said board submitted a report, recommending "that the City Civil Engineer be instructed to advertise for proposals to construct said bridge under his specifications and supervision, and if the bids are regarded reasonable, in the opinion of the Council and Board of Aldermen, then let the work be done."

I herewith submit the above papers for your further action upon the same.

For the Board of Aldermen:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

The first clause of preceding message was concurred in by the following "aye and nay" vote:

AYES, 14—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Marsee, Maus, Morse, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Showalter, Steeg, and Wiese.

NAYS, 8—viz.: Councilmen Layman, Morris, McKay, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Tucker, Walker, and Wright.

The second clause was duly concurred in by a *viva voce* vote.

The following message was duly received:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—I herewith transmit certain papers acted upon by the Board of Aldermen, at its meeting, held Tuesday evening, August 20th, 1878.

For the Board of Aldermen:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

Report from Board of Public Improvements, recommending that the State House Commissioners be granted the privilege of using thirty feet from the lot line on Tennessee street, twenty-five feet from the lot line on Ohio street, and the sidewalk only on Mississippi street, on which to deposit building material for the new State House [see page 377, *ante*], was read; and the action of the Board of Aldermen, in referring such report to the City Attorney, with instructions to prepare and report an ordinance, allowing said Commissioners to erect their fence only within the shade-tree lines on the three named streets, was, on motion, non-concurred in.

The Common Council granted said Commissioners the privilege to erect their fence in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Public Improvements.

The following Aldermanic motions were read, and severally adopted :

Moved, That Harbison & Abrams be permitted to erect a bill-board along the line of Missouri street, so as to obstruct the view of passing trains at West Market—said work to be done under the direction of the Market-Master, the city reserving the right to remove or order the removal of said bill-board at any time in the future.

Moved, That a committee, consisting of the President and one member of this body, be appointed, and that the Common Council be requested to appoint a similar committee—said committee to prepare rules for the government of the transaction of business of the Council and Board of Aldermen.

The last preceding motion being under consideration, on request made, Mayor Caven consented to serve, and then appointed Councilmen Layman and Steeg as the other members of the joint select committee called for by said motion.

NEW ORDINANCES, PETITIONS, AND REMONSTRANCES.

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

The Fire Board, through Councilman Layman, introduced—

Ap. O. 55, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department.

The Hospital Board, through Councilman Walker, introduced—

Ap. O. 56, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch.

The Police Board, through Councilman Brown, introduced—

Ap. O. 57, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses.

The Board of Public Improvements, through President McKay, introduced—

Ap. O. 58, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money on account of the Street-Repair Department of the City of Indianapolis.

The Committee on Accounts and Claims, through Councilman Layman, introduced—

Ap. O. 59, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

The Committee on Printing, through Councilman Wright, introduced—

Ap. O. 60, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Advertising, and Stationery.

Councilman McKay introduced—

G. O. 44, 1878—An Ordinance re-organizing the Fire Department, and repealing all former ordinances in relation thereto.

And, at his suggestion, the same was referred to the Fire Board, with instructions to report on same at next session of the Common Council.

The same gentleman introduced—

S. O. 46, 1878—An ordinance to provide for improving the alley between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets, from Home avenue to King street, by grading and graveling.

The foregoing entitled ordinance was accompanied by the following petition; which was duly received:

Indianapolis, August 28, 1878.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Delaware street, between Home avenue and King street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of the alley running from Home avenue to King street, between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

CHARLTON EDEN, 156 feet.
DELOSS ROOT, 75 feet.
C. E. JUDSON, 75 feet.

Councilman Showalter introduced—

S. O. 47, 1878—An Ordinance to provide for improving the first alley south of Elizabeth street, from Blake street to Douglass street, by grading and graveling.

The foregoing entitled ordinance was accompanied by the following petition; which was duly received:

Indianapolis, September 2, 1878.

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned property owners on the line of the first alley south of Elizabeth street, running from Blake to Douglass street, respectfully petition your honorable bodies to pass an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of said alley, with good river or creek gravel, to the depth of ten inches.

John P. Mauer, 112½ feet; John M. Scantlin, 37½ feet; W. C. Strawbridge, 120 feet; W. W. Christy, 140 feet.

Councilman Off presented the following petition; which was duly received:

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

The undersigned citizens and property owners fronting on Highland street, praying your honorable bodies to order the grading and graveling of said street and sidewalks, with good gravel, and bowldering and curbing with stone the gutters of the same, from Washington street north to Miami street. Said improvement has become a public necessity, and it is important it should be speedily and well done.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

EDWARD KING, 459 feet.
FREDERICK OSTERMEYER, 237 feet.
FRED. KNEFLER, 333 feet.

Indianapolis, August 15, 1878.

Councilman McGinty presented the following remonstrance; which was duly received, and was then ordered to be placed in the files with Special Ordinance 44, 1878:

Indianapolis, September 2, 1878.

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned property owners on Macauley street, do respectfully protest and remonstrate against the proposed improvement of said street, between West and Missouri streets.

J. H. McKernan's heirs, by G. V. McKernan, 190 feet; James White, 90 feet; William John, 90 feet.

The foregoing parties own *all* the property on the line of proposed improvement, except two lots, whose owners can not be found.

Councilman Steeg presented the following remonstrances; which were duly received, and were then ordered to be placed in the files with Special Ordinance 38, 1878:

Indianapolis, August 10, 1878.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Dougherty and Coburn streets, between East street and Virginia avenue, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of the alley running from East street to Virginia avenue, between Dougherty and Coburn streets, in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana.

The alley, from East to Wright street, has been graded and graveled, and is in good condition.

And your remonstrants will ever pray, etc.

G. W. Ryan, Mary Ryan, Jacob Cargett, Richard Jones, John Pfitzen, Maurice Healey, Christ. Moller, A. G. Blauvelt, Ellen Kerkhoff, Bernard Boyle, Mrs. Ellen Sweney, Thomas Raftery, John Ryan, Permelia A. Slate, John Sullivan, Lin Schneider, L--- Casey, Elizabeth Hutton, John Ring, S. J. Pearse, A. C. F. Meyer, William C. Heal, Thomas Davenport, August Rost, Nicholas Moore, Elizabeth New, George Schicketanz, Joseph McVey, M. A. Huffington, Julius Pritsche, Johan Weileman, Peter Brochhanson, Jerry Healley, W. Kellermyer, Robert J. Patton, Henry Wm. Meier, Louis Myers, Charles Cummings, Joseph Blackman, Lafayette Williams.

Indianapolis, August 15, 1878.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on the alley between Dougherty street and Coburn street, and running from East street to Virginia avenue, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveled said alley, for the reason that said alley has been improved, and is now in good condition, and the improvement would prove a hardship to the property owners, as they are not able to pay for the same at this time.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

A. C. F. Meyer, W. C. Heal, Thomas Davenport, Morris J. Finn, August Rost, Nicholas Moore, Elizabeth New, George Schicketanz, Christof Warweg, George Schicketanz, Robert P. Pedlow, Joseph McVey, Mary Hollington, Julius Pritsche, Cristine Wielemann, C. S. Brochhansen, Jerry Haley, Sopha Andrew, Charles Cummings, W. Kellermyer, H. Mirr, L. Williams, Jacob Carget, John Pfitzer, Ellen Kerkhoff, Mrs. Sweeney, 40 feet; Bernard Boyle, 40 feet; Thos. Raffarty, John Logan, M. O. Flaharty, Doyle, John Ryan, Parmelia Slate, John Sullivan, Louis Shneiter, George King, 110 feet; Maurice Healey, James D. Rook, Samuel J. Pearce, Davis Milner, N. E. Carico, 60 feet, John Curn, Jane McFarland, Henry Vornholt, Joseph Blackman, Louis Myers, Mary A. Dickey, 100 feet; The heirs of M. B. Ryan, per Mary A. Dickey 40 feet; Bridget Sullivan.

The same gentleman presented the following remonstrance; which was duly received, and was then ordered to be placed in the files with Special Ordinance 39, 1878:

Indianapolis, August 24, 1878.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owners of the real estate abutting on the first alley west of Wright street, between Buchanan street and Coburn street, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading

and graveling said alley, for the reason that the same is in a good condition, and that your remonstrants have not got the money to pay for the improvement.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Magge Mitschrich, 110 feet; Louise Schmitt, 110 feet; Lorence Donivon, 110 feet; Edward Mullally, 110 feet; L. Williams, 110 feet; M. Thompson, 110 feet; Henry Wm. Meier, 110 feet; M. A. Dickey, 110 feet.

PENDING ORDINANCES—PROCEEDINGS HAD THEREON.

This being the regular appropriation night, Appropriation Ordinances 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, and 60, 1878, were severally read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The following entitled ordinance was then read the third time :

Ap. O. 55, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$4,670.01.]

And was passed by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was also read the third time :

Ap. O. 56, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch. [Amount appropriated, \$788.15.]

And was passed by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was also read the third time :

Ap. O. 57, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station-Houses. [Amount appropriated, \$117.03.]

And was passed by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was also read the third time :

Ap. O. 58, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money on account of the Street-
Repair Department of the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated,
\$5,000.00.]

And was passed by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was also read the third time :

Ap. O. 59, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry
claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$141,459.18.]

And was passed by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was also read the third time :

Ap. O. 60, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry
claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, and
Advertising. [Amount appropriated, \$419.48.]

And was passed by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

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

Moved, That Dr. T. Parvin be granted permission to put in a stone curb in
front of his property on the corner of Alabama and New York streets—the same
to be done at his own expense, and under the direction of the Civil Engineer, who
is directed to set the proper grade stakes.

Councilman Bermann offered the following motions; which were severally
referred to the Board of Public Improvements :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to fill the hole made by moving
the scales from Delaware street, between McCarty and Wyoming streets.

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters and fill the chuck-holes in McCarty street, between Delaware and East streets.

Also, presented the following petition; which was referred to the Judiciary Committee and the City Attorney:

Indianapolis, September 2, 1878.

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

Gentlemen:—Your petitioner, William Brink, would respectfully show that he is the owner of a house and lot situated in Yeiser street, being number 31 on said street; that his said house and lot is all the real estate that he owns, and is his place of residence; that said house and lot has been greatly damaged by the overflow of water in and upon the same; that the said overflow was caused by the defective drainage system adopted by the city in providing for the grading and improvement of a large number of streets, by which the surface water was accumulated and caused to flow down said Yeiser street, in front of your petitioner's residence, in such large quantities that, at and after each hard rain, the same overflowed the street, and ran in and upon the property of petitioner; that said water has been allowed to so overflow for the past six years, and has caused his cellar to cave in, greatly injures the property, and, by causing the water to accumulate and stand in his cellar, has injured the health of his family; and he therefore asks your honors to allow and pay him the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars for his damages.

And he will ever pray.

WILLIAM BRINK.

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

Moved, That hereafter this body convene at 7:30 P. M.

Moved, That the Union Railway Company be ordered to keep their flagmen on duty at the following crossings until 9 o'clock, p. m., with lanterns after dark, each day except Sunday: East street, Virginia avenue, Pennsylvania, and Meridian streets; and that the City Marshal be instructed to give the proper notice.

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

Moved, That W. C. Bell & Bros. be allowed to construct a plank drive-way across the sidewalk on E. Michigan street, between their mill and lumber yard—the work to be done within ten days, and under direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Also, the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to deposit such quantity of street scrapings as can be spared for that purpose, in the low ground formerly used as a coal-yard, on North street, between Railroad and Davidson streets.

Councilman Reasner was excused for the balance of this session.

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

Moved, That all lamps that have been cut off, that seem to have been cut off in wrong places, that the Councilmen knowing of such, to report the same to the Committee on Gas-Light as soon as the 5th of September, in writing.

Moved, That the Committee on Markets be allowed to have the East Market-House enclosed by one gate at each end of said house, so as to do away with the burning of gas in said Market-House.

Moved, That G. A. Shubert be permitted to pave with brick the sidewalk in front of his premises, No. 347 N. West street, at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, who is hereby directed to set the proper grade stakes—such work to be done within sixty days.

Also, offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the east gutter of West street, from North street to Seventh street.

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

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters of Fort Wayne avenue.

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

Indianapolis, September 2, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen :—The undersigned desires to engage in the business of auctioneer in the City of Indianapolis, and desires a license for such purpose, for three months, with privilege of renewing for one year—such license to be issued in accordance with the provisions of the laws governing such matters.

Respectfully, etc.,

T. E. DAWSON.

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

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to fill up the pond in the first alley south of Indiana avenue, running west from Blake street.

Also, offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to fill the wash-outs and holes in Michigan street, between the mill-race and White River.

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

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the I., C. & L. Railroad Company to plank the crossing of their track, opposite the south and north roadway of the Vermont street bridge, and that the same be done within ten days.

Also, offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements, with power to act :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters of West street, between Washington street and North street.

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

Moved, That Henry Slusher be permitted to put down a brick sidewalk in front of his property, at Nos. 472 and 474 S. West street, at his own expense, and in thirty days. The City Civil Engineer is directed to set the stakes.

Also, offered the following motions; which were severally referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the north gutter of Catherine street, and cut the weeds from West street to Pogue's Run. The distance is a little over a square in length.

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters of Missouri street, from Merrill to Ray street, and cut the weeds.

Also, offered the following motion; which, at Councilman Marsee's suggestion, was referred to the Committee on Gas-Light:

Moved, That the City Marshal be directed to notify the Indianapolis Gas-Light and Coke Company to put down the pipe on West street, between Kentucky avenue and Georgia street, and the City Civil Engineer be directed to set the stakes.

Also, offered the following motion; which, at Councilman Marsee's suggestion, was referred to the Judiciary Committee and the City Attorney:

Moved, That the Board of Aldermen be directed to report, or show cause for not concurring in the action of the Council about Special Ordinance 32, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the grading and graveling of Wilkins street and sidewalks, from Church street to West street."

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

Moved, That the Police Board be instructed to furnish each patrolman with a printed copy of the schedule time-table by which the street-lamps are to be lighted and extinguished, with instructions to keep accurately the time when the lamps are lighted and extinguished, and report once every week, to the Police Board, any deviation from the schedule time-table in lighting or extinguishing the street-lamps; also all lamps not burning a full flame, and the number of lamps not burning at all.

Councilman O'Brien offered the following motion; which was duly adopted:

Moved, That the Board of Public Improvements be directed to examine the crossings of Illinois and Washington streets, and report to this body, at its next meeting, what, in their judgment, is necessary to place said crossings in proper condition.

Also, offered the following motions; which were severally referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to fill, with gravel, the chuck-holes in W. Washington street, from White River bridge to the crossing of the Belt Railroad.

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters and fill chuck-holes in Maryland street, from Illinois to Tennessee street.

Councilmen Off offered the following motion, which was adopted :

Moved, That Wm. Koehler have permission to pave with brick in front of his premises, on Railroad street, lot 148, out-lot 56, Noble Sub.—the same be done at his own expense, within sixty days, and under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer.

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

Moved, That the Committee on Street and Alley Opening be directed to inquire into the matter of opening Fifth street, from the canal, west, to West street, and report the cost of the same at next regular meeting of the Common Council.

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

Moved, That John Larken be granted permission to move a frame house from the corner of Blackford and North streets, to lot 11, square 51, on W. Washington street.

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

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to notify the Street Railroad Company to fill in with cinders, or other suitable material, between their tracks on Virginia avenue, between East and Dillon streets.

Moved, That Mr. Christian Kruger be granted the privilege of erecting a plank bridge across the gutter in front of his place of business, on Virginia avenue.

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the property holders to repair their sidewalks in front of their places of business, on the west side of Virginia avenue, between Dougherty and Coburn streets.

Also, offered the following motions; which were severally referred to the Board of Public Improvements :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair the bridges across the gutter on the west side of Virginia avenue, between Merrill street and the first alley south of said street.

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair the sidewalk on the corner of Virginia avenue and Coburn street.

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters of Dougherty street, between Virginia avenue and East street.

Councilman Tucker 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 Elm and Huron streets, as the weeds are forty feet high and the mud ten feet deep in the gutters of said streets.

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

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters of Ohio street, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets.

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

Moved, That Wm. Hartman be permitted to move a house from the corner of Morris and Meridian streets, about five squares—all to be done in one week.

Moved, That the Chair appoint a special committee of three members of the Council, to ascertain at what price about six-tenths of a mile (from Morris street to the corporation line) of the Three-Notch Line Gravel Road could be purchased at, and report the same at the next regular meeting.

The Chair appointed Councilmen Wiese, Morris, and Wright as the select committee called for by last preceding motion.

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

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be ordered to remove the first street-lamp north of Vermont street, on the east side of East street, south, to the northeast corner of East and Vermont streets.

Moved, That the City Attorney be empowered to settle any claims against the city, on account of street opening, if the same can be done without expense or cost to the city.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor,

President of Common Council.

Attest: BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.