

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—MAY 5, 1879.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, May 5th, A. D. 1879, at half-past seven 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, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Sindlinger, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright—20.

ABSENT—Councilmen Brown, Morris, Reading, Showalter, and Steeg—5.

The Proceedings of the Common Council, for the adjourned session, held on April 28th, 1879, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said proceedings were duly approved as published.

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

- S. O. 5, 1878—Grading and graveling Garden street and sidewalks, from Eddy street to Tennessee street.
- S. O. 1, 1879—Grading and graveling Linden street and sidewalks, from Prospect street to Pleasant street.
- S. O. 3, 1879—Grading and graveling New York street, widening and curbing the sidewalks, and bowldering the gutters thereof, between Tennessee and Missouri streets.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, and the estimate (presented therewith) was duly approved :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen :—I herewith report the following estimate :

SIG. 102.

[983]

A first and final estimate in behalf of Fred. Gansberg, for grading and graveling the first alley south of Prospect street, from Laurel street to Everson street—

1512 lineal feet, at 9 cents.....	\$ 136 08
Opening ditches.....	1 50
	\$ 137 58

Total estimate..... \$ 137 58

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was then offered :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed Fred. Gansberg, for grading and graveling the first alley south of Prospect street, from Laurel street to Everson 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, 18—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Sindlinger, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

The City Clerk submitted the following reports ; which were severally referred to the Committees on Finance of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following orders issued on the City Treasurer, during the month of April, 1879:

Board of Health.....	\$ 100 00
City Assessor's Department.....	52 00
City Civil Engineer's Department.....	138 76
City Dispensary.....	166 66
City Hospital and Branch.....	570 61
Coal Oil Light.....	63 00
Costs.....	143 10
Fire Department.....	4,869 16
Gas.....	4,688 51
Ice.....	2 60
Insurance.....	22 50
Market-Masters' Fees.....	193 05
Markets.....	10 00
Office fixtures and supplies.....	36 10
Parks.....	48 50
Percentage (City Treasurer's).....	8,662 06
Police.....	3,539 07
Posting bills.....	6 80
Printing, Stationery, and Advertising.....	671 22
Rent.....	750 00
Salary.....	4,078 25
Sewers.....	86 00
Station Houses.....	409 92

Street improvements.....	\$ 38 16
Street repairs.....	3,135 99
Taxes refunded.....	518 68
Total.....	<u>\$ 33,000 65</u>

Respectfully submitted, BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

Report of Wm. M. Wiles, City Treasurer, for the month of April, 1879.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 31st, 1879, as per report.....	\$120,898 21
From current taxes.....	333,008 54
From delinquent taxes.....	4,211 66
From tax sales.....	85,482 94
From benefits.....	43 00
From dog licenses.....	2 25
From dray licenses.....	12 00
From express licenses.....	37 00
From fines and fees (City Court).....	45 20
From hack licenses.....	18 00
From hucksters' licenses.....	15 00
From vault cleaners' licenses.....	15 00
From market-master's fees.....	268 18
From market rents.....	7 00
From peddlers' licenses.....	69 00
From tapping sewers.....	45 00
	<u>\$543,677 98</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Fire Department.....	\$ 5,117 35
For Police.....	3,546 82
For street repairs.....	3,040 46
For City Hospital and Branch.....	639 12
For Civil Engineer's Department.....	140 76
For City Assessor's Department.....	52 00
For Board of Health.....	100 00
For City Dispensary.....	166 66
For coal oil light.....	63 00
For costs.....	136 60
For gas.....	4,688 51
For ice.....	2 60
For incidental.....	1 12
For insurance.....	22 50
For Market-Masters' fees.....	193 05
For markets.....	10 00
For office fixtures and supplies.....	36 10
For parks.....	48 50
For posting bills.....	6 80
For printing, stationery, and advertising.....	671 22
For salary.....	3,803 25
For school fund.....	6,675 82
For sewers.....	86 00
For Station House.....	415 13
For street improvements.....	41 21
For taxes refunded.....	518 68
Balance on hand, including School Fund.....	513,454 77
	<u>\$543,677 98</u>

TOMLINSON ESTATE.

Balance on hand March 31st, 1879, as per report.....	\$ 18,846 63
From rents.....	563 22
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	\$ 19,247 85
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Balance on hand	\$ 19,247 85
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	\$ 19,247 85

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. WILES, City Treasurer.

To BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The City Treasurer submitted the following report; which was, also, referred to the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Finance:

Report of Receipts and Disbursements of Wm. M. Wiles, City Treasurer, from May 16th, 1878, to April 30th, 1879, inclusive.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand May 15th, 1878, as per report.....	\$309,199 57
From current taxes.....	426,046 02
From delinquent taxes.....	110,905 55
From tax sales.....	86,601 30
From benefits.....	542 51
From auction licenses.....	180 00
From interest on bonds (Belt Railroad).....	30,000 00
From dog licenses.....	2,051 25
From coal licenses.....	341 00
From dray licenses	237 00
From express licenses	569 00
From fines and fees	599 06
From hack licenses	496 00
From hucksters' licenses.....	361 00
From vault cleaners' licenses.....	50 00
From loans (Time Warrants of 1879).....	98,425 00
From market-master's fees.....	2,309 47
From market rents	2,474 10
From peddlers' licenses.....	418 00
From promiscuous	977 07
From show licenses.....	485 00
From tapping sewers	265 00
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	\$1,073,532 90

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Fire Department.....	\$ 62,597 53
For Police	40,282 04
For street repairs.....	26,826 23
For City Hospital and Branch.....	9,597 00
For City Civil Engineer's Department.....	1,671 65
For City Assessor's Department.....	2,571 90
For Board of Health.....	486 15
For interest on bonds.....	131,770 00
For bridges	2,378 74
For cisterns.....	792 37
For City Commissioners.....	378 00

For City Dispensary.....	\$	1,833	27
For coal oil light.....		654	39
For costs.....		2,134	27
For damages.....		500	00
For elections.....		629	00
For fountains.....		25	42
For gas.....		54,655	37
For lighting and extinguishing street lamps.....		2	00
For Gregg bequest.....		438	42
For Home for Friendless Women.....		147	75
For ice.....		93	34
For incidental.....		805	40
For insurance.....		178	37
For levee.....		5	52
For market-master's fees.....		1,262	97
For markets.....		182	04
For nuisances.....		175	00
For office fixtures and supplies.....		610	37
For parks.....		1,380	64
For percentage.....		7,505	82
For posting bills.....		61	60
For printing, stationery, and advertising.....		4,641	92
For rent.....		3,000	00
For salary.....		15,397	64
For School Board.....		144,716	10
For sewers.....		1,440	53
For Station House.....		2,596	15
For street improvements.....		2,014	02
For taxes refunded.....		1,614	30
For Tomlinson annuity.....		7,000	00
For tunnels.....		18	90
For water rent.....		25,006	00
Balance on hand April 30th, 1879.....		513,454	77
		<u>\$1,073,532</u>	<u>90</u>

TOMLINSON ESTATE.

Balance on hand May 15th, 1878, as per report.....	\$	16,314	36
Received from rents.....		3,214	55
		<u>\$ 19,528</u>	<u>91</u>
For repairs.....	\$	281	06
Balance.....		19,247	85
		<u>\$ 19,528</u>	<u>91</u>

Very respectfully,

WM. M. WILES, City Treasurer.

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

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

The following report of the City Hospital and Branch, for the month ending April 30th, 1879, is respectfully submitted:

NO. OF BEDS IN HOSPITAL—100.

	First Week.	Second Week.	Third Week.	Fourth Week.	Two Days.	Total.
Number of Patients at last report—adults.....	38	38	24	30	33	.....
Number of Patients at last report—infants	6	5	1	1	2	.....
Received New Patients—adults.....	12	3	10	6	1	32
Births, or Received—infants.. ..	.....	1	.....	1	.....	2
Discharged—adults.....	12	16	4	3	1	36
Discharged—infants.....	1	5	.....	.....	.....	6
Died—adults.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Died—infants .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Number of Patients remaining—adults.....	38	24	30	33	33	.....
Number of Patients remaining—infants.. ..	5	1	1	2	2	.....
Number of Patients in Branch—adults.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Number of Patients in Branch—infants.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Aggregate No. of days of Patients in Hospital—adults.....	274	229	204	231	63	1006
Aggregate No. of days of Patients in Hospital—infants.....	40	25	7	11	4	84

Total expenditures for month.....\$ 597 36

Net expenditures for the month..... 597 36

Aggregate number of days subsistence furnished.....1570

Average expense per capita per diem..... 38.1 cents.

W. H. DAVIS, Superintendent.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Fire Board, through Councilman Layman, submitted its annual report, together with a like report from the Chief Fire Engineer; which were duly received, and then, on Councilman Layman's motion, they were referred to the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Printing, etc., with instructions to have three hundred or five hundred pamphlet-copies printed.

The report from the Fire Board is as follows :

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT, }
Indianapolis, April —, 1879. }

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

Gentlemen :—The Fire Board herewith present a brief statement of the general management and condition of the Fire Department during the past year. For the detailed and itemized statement, we respectfully refer you to the annual report of John G. Pendergast, Chief Fire Engineer.

The amount appropriated for the use of the Fire Department, for the fiscal year ending May 15th, 1879, was \$68,856.75. Of this amount, we have expended \$63,169.92.

For the number and condition of the various apparatus, and all real and personal property, owned and in use in the Department and under our charge, and the number of fires, alarms, losses, etc., etc., during the past year, we respectfully refer you to the report of the Chief.

This report shows a considerable decrease in the total amount of losses sustained during the year, as compared with previous years. This fact, to our minds, is con-

vincing evidence of increased efficiency in our Department; and in this efficiency, we have no hesitancy in saying, without fear of successful contradiction, that our Department will compare favorably and to advantage with any in the country, and is near unto perfection.

The entire time consumed and necessary to get each company ready to leave their respective houses, in answer to the alarm, is from twenty to twenty-five seconds after the first stroke of the alarm is received. This, too, at any hour of the day or night.

To the end, and with a view of making our Department prompt and efficient, our Board have spared no necessary or proper expense within our appropriation; and in this work of perfecting this very important branch of our city government under our charge, we have been to a very great extent aided and assisted by the cheerful and hearty co-operation of our competent and efficient Chief Engineer, who, by his example, advice, strict enforcement of discipline, and promptness and intelligence displayed by him in the performance of all the various duties devolving upon him, has largely contributed to the state of efficiency to which our Department has been perfected. To this efficiency is due, in a very great measure, the great favor and confidence in which our Department is held by underwriters, and the extreme low rates of insurance enjoyed by our citizens.

The various recommendations made by our Chief Engineer have our unqualified approval, and we respectfully call to them your careful attention, and trust you will make of his recommendations such disposition as in your judgment may seem proper.

At the beginning of the fiscal year, we found the quantity of serviceable hose entirely inadequate, and so limited as to render the Department inefficient in case of emergency and to jeopardize the safety of the property of our citizens in case of any large conflagration. Our Board immediately purchased five hundred feet of new hose, and, upon application, your honorable bodies promptly authorized the purchase by us of the requisite amount of hose to insure safety and protection. There will be a necessity for a further expenditure in this direction the coming year, as there is not a sufficient quantity of reliable, serviceable hose, now in the Department, to furnish each reel with a full complement.

The intelligence, capacity, and general knowledge of his duties, as shown and exercised in the management of our fire-alarm telegraph, by Mr. Yeaton, our efficient Superintendent, has placed our fire-alarm telegraph in a state of efficiency equal, if not superior, to that of any similar system in any Department in the United States of equal proportions.

In addition to our very efficient telegraph system we are connecting all the different engine houses together, and with Headquarters, by telephone. This latter improvement is being done without expense to the city, except for cost of wire and insulators. The labor is performed by members of the Department, under the direction and supervision of our Superintendent of Fire-Alarm Telegraph, and all instruments, apparatus, etc., necessary, is furnished, without expense to the city, by the Indianapolis District Telephone Company.

Very many of the false alarms during the past year have been caused by improper and irresponsible parties being in possession of duplicate keys to the alarm-boxes. Each run of the Department, whether in answer to a genuine or false alarm, is attended with considerable expense for repairs on apparatus, damage to stock, etc., etc. In view of this fact, to save unnecessary expense, and to prevent, as much as is possible, these false alarms, our Board adopted a new and improved lock to the alarm-boxes, at a total expense of \$206 to the city; and we have provided a limited number of keys, and issued such orders and restrictions as to their use as we have power to issue, with a view to prevent the manufacture of and possession of any key by any improper person. We suggest the propriety of your honorable bodies passing such penal ordinance as will punish any one manufacturing without proper authority, or supplying any improper person with any key, and punishing any one found in unlawful possession of any key to any alarm-box. We think such an ordinance would almost entirely prevent and do away with false alarms, and thus save the city thousands of dollars' unnecessary expense for repairs on apparatus. If such an ordinance should be passed, it should be kept publicly

posted in all engine and reel houses, and placed permanently on or near every fire-alarm box.

At the beginning of the fiscal year the stock was badly run down, and it became necessary to re-place many horses which were unserviceable, broken down, and worthless for fire purposes. In view of this fact, and in the interest of efficiency, we have purchased, this year, ten (10) horses, costing \$1,835, or an average of \$183.50 each; and we feel confident in saying that, with few exceptions, we have as fine and serviceable a lot of horses as any Department in the United States. We have employed in our Department thirty-four (34) horses, all large and first-class, and for size and weight are peculiarly adapted to service in the Fire Department. The Board have employed an experienced veterinary surgeon, who, in addition to furnishing medical attendance on all sick and disabled horses, makes frequent visits of inspection among the horses employed in the Department. We find this most economical and satisfactory, and prevents the stock, in very many cases, from becoming sick, disabled, or unserviceable.

During the year two (2) horses have died, and six (6) unserviceable and disabled horses, unfit for further use in the Department, have been sold for \$360, or an average of \$60 each, and one worthless horse was given away, in consequence of not being able to sell him for anything.

The total expense and cost of the Department, including salaries for the year, is \$63,169.92. This is \$10,571 less than the expense incurred during the last year, ending 15th of May, 1878; \$34,813 less than it cost to maintain the Department during the year ending May 15th, 1877; and \$54,996 less than was expended for the Department during the year 1876; and \$74,937 less than that of 1875. The principal items of saving during the past year, aside from salaries, have been in the items of fuel, forage, repairs on harness, and repairs generally. The Chief has organized a harness-repair department, where all harness in use in the Department is repaired by men detailed from the Department, without extra expense for this purpose, and at a very small cost to the city as compared with previous years. The Department owns the most approved patent appliances and methods for suspending and adjusting harness, thus allowing the horses to stand at ease, at all times, without being at any time encumbered with any portion of the harness, except when necessary to attend alarms. This system is not only a very great saving to the harness, but much easier and more humane to the horses, increasing and extending their time of usefulness in the Department.

As showing the rapidity with which the harness can be adjusted securely to the horses, and to demonstrate the entire efficiency and promptness of our Department, we would again say, that from twenty to twenty-five seconds, only, is necessary to adjust the harness to the horses and to be in readiness to attend any fire after the first alarm is sounded.

We have had no reels re-built, nor have we bought any new apparatus of any kind, during the past year; but we have purchased a buggy for Chief and a wagon for Superintendent of Fire-Alarm Telegraph.

There are several reels now in use that are so nearly worn out as to make it almost a necessity to supply their places with new ones during the coming year. We therefore, strongly recommend the purchasing of at least two four-wheeled reels, to supply the places of two of the old-style reels, so near worn out. The expense of re-building the old reels would be nearly as much as the cost of new ones; besides, we believe the four-wheeled reels are the best and most economical, they being much easier on the horses and will carry nearly, or quite, double the amount of hose that can be carried by a reel of the old style.

We recommend the exchanging of steamer number seven (now out of service) for one of smaller size, or, perhaps, the selling of this engine, as it is entirely too heavy to be of any practical use in a city the size of ours, and with streets constructed of the materials with which our streets are made.

We have under our control eleven (11) engine and reel houses. Ten of these houses are brick, built on ground owned by the city, and one frame building on leased ground. All are occupied as company stations; and the brick building, corner of Massachusetts avenue and New York street, in addition to being occupied as a company station, is used as a Headquarters for the Department, Headquarters

for the Fire-Alarm Telegraph, and a general supply depot for the supplies of the Department.

Recognizing the value and importance of this property to the city, we have placed a small amount of insurance on each building, and the machinery, furniture, etc., contained therein, together with the fire-alarm telegraph in the building known as Headquarters. The total amount of insurance is \$24,900. The great necessity of this insurance is occasioned from the fact of these buildings being left open and without any watchman, during the absence of the company to attend alarms.

Since the substitution of coal oil for gas in the different engine and reel houses, the expense of lighting is not to exceed \$350 per annum, and is a great saving as compared to previous years, when lighted by gas at an expense of \$1,800 to \$2,000 per annum.

If it were possible to dispose of some of our engine house property to advantage, so as to allow a re-distribution of apparatus throughout the city, we think, with our present system of water-works protection, we might, without endangering the safety of the property of our citizens, still further reduce the number of steamers now in use, or, at least, prevent the necessity of any further increase in this direction. While we recognize not only the right, but the importance and necessity, of all portions of our city being amply provided with fire protection, we can not, in our present condition of finances, recommend any further increase in the Fire Department, believing that the Department, as now organized, can be made available and reliable to suppress conflagration in any part of our city. This is especially true if the proper steps are taken to improve the streets and highways of the city.

We think it will become necessary to re-place or re-build the ladder truck now stationed at Headquarters, as it is much worn and in need of repairs. We also recommend the purchase of a light ladder truck, for the use of the company stationed in South street, and which ladders are now, from necessity, transported on the "Skinner Truck." If this could be done, the Skinner Truck, so cumbersome and unmanageable, could be housed in some central locality, and used only in cases of emergency. At present there are no other ladders except these on the southside, and they can not be dispensed with without danger to that part of our city.

We also recommend the building of an addition to the rear of Headquarters' house, with a view of making room, below, for a blacksmith and repair shop, and, above, for a general repair shop for harness and other repairs that can be made by men detailed for the purpose.

The improved discipline and good behavior, as shown by the men, is made evident by the decided decrease of complaints made during the year as compared with previous years; and this is especially true with reference to the more serious complaints of intoxication, disobedience of orders, etc., etc., a very small portion of the complaints being of this nature.

There has been but few changes among the men in the Department during the past year. This, of itself, is a cause of congratulation, not only in showing an excellent state of discipline, but because experience everywhere proves that numerous or radical changes in the *personnel* of a Fire Department has a decided tendency to impair its efficiency.

We have been greatly encouraged by the many flattering compliments received at the hands of our citizens and visitors from other places. That our citizens, without, perhaps, an exception, repose the utmost confidence in our Department is evident from the unanimity in which they acquiesce in all that we claim for it. Everything that lay in our power has been done by us, and by our officers, and the men of the different companies, to protect the property of our citizens from the ravages of the destroying element—a work in which we think we have been remarkably successful, especially when the combustible nature of a considerable number of the buildings in some portions of our beautiful city are considered.

In many cases much loss might be prevented were the alarms more correctly sent in. In many cases, under excitement or otherwise, the alarm is sent in from some box not nearest the fire, which causes the Department to go out of the way, or causes delay in getting water on the burning building. This was the fact in the case of the fire at corner of Home and College avenues, on the morning of the 4th of July, 1878. The key was broken off in the box nearest the fire, and, not being

able to open it, the alarm was sent in from a box located a considerable distance from the fire, causing the Department to go out of the way at first, and delayed the getting of water on the burning buildings; in consequence of which delay, the loss was very much greater than if water had been promptly put on them.

The powers of the Fire Board are, as is well known, very limited. That they should, if possible, be increased, admits of reasonable doubt. The Fire Board, together with the City Attorney, should have full power to compel the improvement, changing, and re-modeling of unsafe buildings, and the removing or tearing down, if necessary, of insecure walls or structures, subject only to the approval of your honorable bodies.

Our Department, as now organized and conducted, is an institution to which our Common Council, Board of Aldermen, and citizens generally may refer with just pride, and it is amply sufficient to protect the property of all our citizens.

For the more general details of the Department, we respectfully call your attention and refer you to the very able and exhaustive report of the Chief Engineer, herewith submitted, and respectfully recommend that it be printed in pamphlet form, for distribution among such of our citizens as may wish to investigate the workings of our Department, and for purposes of distribution and exchange with other cities, who furnish us with their annual reports and make frequent requests for ours in exchange.

To your honorable bodies, we tender our thanks for the uniform confidence placed in us since confiding to our hands this important trust, and for the uniform promptness and willingness with which you, upon our application, have voted the necessary aid to maintain this important Department. And in returning this trust back into your hands, we feel conscious it has not suffered during our administration of the same.

To the officers and men of the Department, we earnestly tender our thanks, for the very valuable aid they have rendered us in the work of improving the condition and reducing the expenses of the Department, and their ready acquiescence and compliance with all the directions of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The Hospital Board, through Councilman Walker, submitted the following report; which was duly concurred in:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, to whom was referred the communication from Board of Health, in reference to the condition of the dam on Fall Creek, beg leave to recommend that the matter be referred to a committee of the incoming Council and City Attorney. The matter is of too much importance to be acted upon hastily (involving, as it does, matters of a judicial character); and we think that the interests of the city would be best served by its reference to a committee, who, as members of the new Council, would be in a position to make any explanation that might be found necessary or desirable.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. CHANDLER,
I. C. WALKER,
J. B. DILL,
Hospital Board.

The Board of Public Improvements, the City Civil Engineer, and the Street Commissioner, submitted the following report; which was duly concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Public Improvements, with the City Civil Engineer and Street Commissioner, were directed to examine the bridge over Pogue's Run, on Ohio street, and report its condition.

We have examined said bridge, and find it in need of a new floor, and we would recommend the Street Commissioner be instructed to make the same.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. McKAY,

JOHN L. MARSEE,

H. COBURN,

Board of Public Improvements.

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

L. A. FULMER, Street Commissioner.

The same official board and the Street Commissioner submitted the following report; which was duly approved:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—We would respectfully report the expenditures of the Street-Repairs Department, for the month of April, 1879, together with total expenditures for the fiscal year, to May 1st, 1879:

Ike King, blacksmithing	\$	7	70
Clemens Vonnegut, hardware		30	23
B. South, bowlders.....		6	00
John McDonald, bowlders.		3	00
John Blackwell, bowlders.....		3	75
Edward Barnett, bowlders.....		10	00
Phillip Vanida, bowlders.....		6	75
Thomas Crawley, bowlders.....		48	00
S. A. Johnson, bowlders.....		1	50
Michael Wren, bowlders.....		9	00
G. H. Shover, blacksmithing.....		1	85
L., C. & L. R. R. Co., freight.....		72	00
C. E. Geisendorff & Co., gravel.....		41	80
Peter Routier, gravel.....		95	00
Geo. H. Carter, lumber		94	08
Cobb & Branham, coal.....		1	75
J. L. Scanlon, stone		9	60
Hiram Seibert, gravel		27	50
Pay-Rolls		2,666	48
Total expenditures for April	\$	3,135	99
Total expenditures per last report.....		23,729	83

Total expenses to May 1st, 1879. \$26,865 82

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. McKAY,

JOHN L. MARSEE,

Board of Public Improvements.

L. A. FULMER, Street Commissioner.

The same official Board also submitted the following reports; which were duly concurred in:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen.:—The following motion was referred to us :

“That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean and repair the first alley west of Virginia avenue, between Buchanan and Bradshaw streets.”

We recommend said work be done:

Respectfully submitted,

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

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen.:—The report of the City Commissioners in the matter of opening and widening John street, from Massachusetts avenue to Peru avenue, was referred to us, and we would recommend said report be concurred in, but that no further proceedings be taken in the matter until the terms of the contract existing between the City of Indianapolis and the C., C., C. & I. and the I., P. & C. Railroad Companies be fully complied with.

We would further recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The following resolution (referred to in last preceding report) was then read :

Be it Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the report of the City Commissioners in the matter of opening and widening John street, from Massachusetts avenue to Peru avenue, be, and the same is hereby, accepted and adopted, and the real estate therein described as necessary for said street is hereby appropriated; and the City Clerk is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of so much of said report as assesses benefits and damages upon real estate, and in which such real estate is described, to the City Treasurer.

And was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 20—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Sindlinger, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

The Board of Health submitted the following reports; which were severally received, and the latter was duly approved :

Report of Deaths in the City of Indianapolis, from April 15th to 30th, 1879, inclusive.

Under 1 year	-----	6
1 to 2 years	-----	6
2 to 5 “	-----	1
5 to 10 “	-----	2
10 to 15 “	-----	2
15 to 20 “	-----	1
20 to 25 “	-----	3

25 to 30 years	2
30 to 40 "	6
40 to 50 "	5
50 to 60 "	3
60 to 70 "	3
70 to 80 "	3
80 to 90 "	2
90 to 100 "	0
100 and upwards	0
Unknown	5
Total	50

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

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

Gentlemen :—We have inspected the property immediately and adjoining the pork-house of Pettis, Holmes & Bradshaw, and find the pond, as well as its surroundings, injurious to public health, and have notified the owners to abate the nuisance within ten days.

By order of the Board of Health :

H. JAMESON, M. D., President.
 WM. WANDS, M. D., Secretary.
 Per T. N. WATSON, M. D., Acting Health Officer,

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

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

We submit the following :

Number of contagious diseases reported for the month of April, 1879 :

Scarlet fever.....	13
Measles.....	7
Diphtheria.....	2
Total.....	22

Of the above, only one case (scarlet fever) proved fatal.

Taking into consideration the long and severe winter, and consequent bad condition of the city at the opening of spring, the health is good.

For the month of April, there has been served, for the abatement of nuisances, 270 legal notices—most of which have been promptly abated.

H. JAMESON, M. D., President.
 WM. WANDS, M. D., Secretary.
 Per T. N. WATSON, Acting Health Officer.

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 April, 1879.

Number of visits made in District "North"	122
Number of visits made in District "South"	100
Number of visits made to Station House	30
Number of patients prescribed for at Dispensary	460
Number of patients prescribed for at Station House	14
Number of surgical cases	50
Number of prescriptions filled at Dispensary	865
Number of prescriptions filled for Station House	14
Number of teeth extracted	15
Number of vaccinations	1
Number of births	1
Number of deaths	3

W. B. FLETCHER, Supt.
H. A. PFAFFLIN, Clerk.

The Committee on Gas-Light, through Councilman Cummings, submitted the following report; which was duly concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Gas-Light desire to call your attention to the location of a public lamp on the west side of Noble street, between Huron street and Virginia avenue. The location of said lamp is not in accordance with regulations governing the location of public lamps, and it should be changed.

We would recommend said lamp be removed to a point opposite its present location, which would bring it at a street intersection, and light an alley running into the intersection.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The Committees on Markets, through Councilman Rodibaugh, submitted the following report; which was duly concurred in:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Markets, to whom was referred the communication of Mr. Sonnerberg, claiming that he had paid all claims against him, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report the following:

The one who he wishes to prove his statement by is one who owes back rent at the same market; Mr. Lee insists that the bill is correct, and is positive of it; and your committee would recommend that the former instructions of this Council be carried out.

Respectfully,

OMER RODIBAUGH,
GEORGE ANDERSON,
J. M. BRUNER,
Committee on Markets.

The Council and Aldermanic Committees on Printing, etc., through Councilman Wright, submitted the following report; which was duly approved and concurred in:

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

Gentlemen.—Your Committees on Printing, etc., would, jointly, report as follows:

The cost of the city's printing, stationery, and advertising during the past year has aggregated the moderate sum of \$4,871.22. The city offices and departments have been abundantly supplied with every needed article in these several lines; but, as an indisputable evidence of the economy exercised by your committees in the department which you placed in their charge on May 28th and June 3d, 1878, we beg leave to submit the following table, compiled from the printed journals of the Common Council:

COST OF PRINTING, STATIONERY, AND ADVERTISING.

For year ending May 10th, 1871.....	\$ 7,876 81
For year ending May 13th, 1872.....	15,199 27
For year ending May 13th, 1873.....	12,176 95
For year ending May 12th, 1874.....	19,971 10
For year ending May 10th, 1875.....	13,589 88
For year ending May 15th, 1876.....	13,847 76
For year ending May 15th, 1877.....	8,080 66
For year ending May 15th, 1878.....	6,414 87
For year ending May 31st, 1879..	4,871 22

Our estimate for the year now closing was \$6,500; thus, it will be seen, that we have kept the expenditures on account of our particular department below our estimate by \$1,628.78.

We would recommend that immediate steps be instituted for receiving proposals for doing the city printing for the ensuing year, so that the printing of the journals of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen may be more promptly entered upon by the establishment to which the city printing contract shall be awarded than was the fact during the year now closing. Last year, this contract was not awarded until the 24th June, the journal of the first session of the Common Council was not placed on the desks of the Councilmen until July 15th, and the city printer did not catch up with his work until the session held on November 4th. If His Honor, the Mayor, and the President of the Board of Aldermen would appoint the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Printing at the first sessions of the bodies over which they preside, the printing contract could be awarded at least a month earlier than was the case during the present year, and, consequently, after the first month, the printing of the journals could be kept sharply up to each preceding session.

A. L. WRIGHT,
C. F. WIESE,
D. W. GRUBBS.

I have not examined the table of expenses reported above, but I concur in the recommendation.

W. F. PIEL.

The Conference Committee, appointed at last preceding sessions of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council, submitted the following report; which was duly concurred in:

The special committee, to whom was referred the matter of materials to be used in the construction of driveways over sidewalks, would report that they have given the subject due consideration, and our conclusions are that uniformity is essential in such construction, and we herewith submit an ordinance, providing that in all cases where such driveways are applied for they shall be constructed of good bowlders, where the sidewalks on either side are made of brick or of stone-flags; where the sidewalks are only graveled, they may be made of plank 2 x 4 inches, set on

edge; and in any case such plank may be used as truckways in front of stores, livery stables, and manufacturing establishments; and in every case such driveways and truckways shall be constructed under the direction and to the approval of the City Engineer, of whichever material constructed,

W. F. PIEL,
J. M. RIDENOUR,
Aldermen.
M. H. MCKAY,
W. H. TUCKER,
C. H. O'BRIEN,
Councilmen.

The following entitled ordinance (referred to in preceding report) was then introduced, and was read the first time :

G. O. 17, 1879—An Ordinance regulating the construction of Driveways over the Sidewalks of the City of Indianapolis.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

The following entitled Appropriation Ordinances were introduced, and were, severally, read the first time :

The Fire Board, through Councilman Layman, introduced—

Ap. O. 24, 1879—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. 25, 1879—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 Morse, introduced—

Ap. O. 26, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses.

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

Ap. O. 27, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

The Committee on Printing, etc., through Councilman Wright, introduced—

Ap. O. 28, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, and Advertising.

This being the regular appropriation night, the above entitled Appropriation Ordinances were read the second time without suspension of the rules, were ordered to be engrossed, and were passed to a third reading.

The following entitled ordinance was then read the third time :

Ap. O. 24, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$502.75.]

And was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 20—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Sindlinger, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was also read the third time :

Ap. O. 25, 1879—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, \$597.36.]

And was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 20—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Sindlinger, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was also read the third time :

Ap. O. 26, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station-Houses. [Amount appropriated, \$285.70.]

And was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 20—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Sindlinger, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was also read the third time :

Ap. O. 27, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$124,129.67.]

And was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 20—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Sindlinger, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was also read the third time :

Ap. O. 28, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, and Advertising. [Amount appropriated, \$232.30.]

And was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 20—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Sindlinger, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Dill moved that the Common Council do now adjourn; which motion failed of adoption.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Bermann presented the following remonstrances; which were duly received, and were then referred to the Board of Public Improvements, with Special Ordinances 12 and 16, 1879 :

• Indianapolis, April 29, 1879.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Madison avenue, between Nebraska street and the J., M. & I. Railroad tracks, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the improvement of Madison avenue, from Nebraska street to the J., M. & I. Railroad track.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Joseph Johantges, 39 feet; Ohilier Jacquemin, 78 feet; D. Root, 80 feet; Wm. H. English, 40 feet; J. M. Frank, 40 feet; Ellen Dutton, 43 feet; Lena Kriech, 41 feet; Caspar Wilhelm, 60 feet; Wendel Flickinger, 30 feet; Andras Ackermann, 64 feet; George Krug, 63½ feet; Hannah Oliver, 93 feet.

Indianapolis, May 5, 1879.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on first alley east of Shelby street, from the first alley south of Prospect street to Pleasant Run, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of said alley between the points named, for the reason that said alley does not at present need improving. The property owners along this line are unable to pay the cost of this work; and if said improvement is done, some will be compelled to lose their property.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Thames Loan and Trust Co. (R. Tousey & Co., Ag'ts), 66 feet; W. T. Royse, 72 feet; John Mescall, 31 feet; Jane Doran, 33 feet; Mrs. Matilda Laube, 63 feet; Peter Dennis, 64 feet; Mary Wehn, 31½ feet; B. Atkinson, 161 feet; Patrick Walsh, 66 feet; Mercantile Trust Co. (by A. L. Roache), 60 feet; S. A. Fletcher, 66 feet;

F. M. Churchman, 60 feet; John F. Bruening, 132 feet; H. G. Hannaman (Ag't Equitable Trust Co.), 64 feet; Annie L. Fredericks, 33 feet; Thos. Huggins, 33 feet; John F. Connor, 33 feet.

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

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

The petition of the undersigned citizens respectfully present to your honorable bodies the necessity for the placing of a flagman at the Michigan street crossing of the I, P. & C. and Bee Line Railroad tracks, as tending to the safety of citizens in crossing thereat, and more especially as protecting the school children while going to and returning from Public School No. 9, and would ask that such measures may be at once instituted as will insure such appointment.

And, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Fred. Ruskaup, R. F. Darnell, William Hecker, John Kortzenberger, G. Gebhardt, Charles Augstein, W. H. Kern, P. A. Davidson, John Bigler, M. W. Lynch, Cornelius Donovan, John Trooboder, Morton Breen, Wm. J. Edwards, James Callahan, Herman Richter, Jas. Ogelsberry, Patrick Breen, Sylvy Sullivan, H. Osterbrinck, Henry C. Roesener, Andrew Auch, Peter Ivory, John Carey, Patrick Clifford, John Davy, Jas. Cunningham, Wm. Penders, James Derry, Christopher Burns, Charles Strate, Mike Griffin, Michael Ryan, John M. Wetenberg, Gus. Wise, C. H. Smitt, John F. Bigelow, Patrick Curren, C. W. Smith, C. Paul.

Also, offered the following motion ; which was duly adopted :

That the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an ordinance, to present to the Common Council, so that prayers of the petitioners may be duly considered.

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

That Fletcher & Churchman be, and are hereby, permitted to grade, and pave with brick, the sidewalk in front of lots 2, 3, 4, and 5 in Boatwright's Addition to the City of Indianapolis, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, and at their own expense.

That the Judiciary Committees of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, together with the City Attorney, be, and are hereby, instructed to prepare and report to the Council, at the next regular meeting, an ordinance regulating the deposit and removal of slops and garbage.

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

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to haul fifty loads of coarse river gravel to fill the chuck-holes in Virginia avenue, from East street to Prospect street.

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

That the City Clerk be instructed to advertise for proposals to do the city printing and advertising, publishing delinquent list, and for furnishing blanks, blank books, and stationery, and for posting bills for the City of Indianapolis, for the fiscal year ending May 31st, 1880—said proposals to be filed with the Clerk on the 15th day of May, 1879, by 4 o'clock P. M., for consideration by joint Committees on Printing.

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

That a vote of thanks be tendered His Honor, the Mayor, for his fair and impartial rulings over our deliberations during the past year.

Councilman Dill again moved that the Common Council do now adjourn; which motion failed of adoption by the following "aye and nay" vote:

AYES, 4—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Cumamings, and Reasner.

NAYS, 16—viz.: Councilmen Bruner, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Rodibaugh, Sindlinger, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

PENDING ORDINANCES—PROCEEDINGS HAD THEREON.

Councilman McKay called up General Ordinance 15, 1879, and offered an amendment to the first section thereof; which amendment was duly adopted.

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

G. O. 15, 1879—An Ordinance fixing the dates of the meetings of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis.

SECTION 1. *Be it Ordained by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis.* That the regular meetings of the Common Council shall be held the first and third Monday evenings of each month, and the meetings of the Board of Aldermen on the Tuesday evenings following, excepting during the month of May of each year, when said meetings shall be held on each Monday and Tuesday evenings.

SEC. 2. All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

And was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Sindlinger, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Dill again moved that the Common Council do now adjourn; which motion failed of adoption.

Councilman Tucker called up General Ordinance 16, 1879, and it was read the second time.

Councilman Marsee called the attention of the Common Council to the fact that there was another ordinance on same subject in the files on second reading (viz., General Ordinance 30, 1878), and moved reference of the two ordinances to the Judiciary Committee and the City Attorney.

Councilman Tucker stated he did not propose to call up General Ordinance 30, 1878, at present, but intended to have said ordinance stricken from the files, and then moved to lay Councilman Marsee's motion to refer on the table; which was done by the following vote:

AYES, 11—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Cummings, Layman, Maus, Morse, O'Brien, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Tucker, Walker, and Wright.

NAYS, 10—viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Bruner, Dill, Marsee, McGinty, McKay, Off, Sindlinger, and Wiese.

On Councilman Layman's motion, the first section of General Ordinance 16, 1879, was so amended, as to make the date for impounding begin with the first day of July instead of June 15th.

Councilman Dill moved that further action upon the ordinance under consideration be postponed until the second regular session of the incoming Common Council.

On Councilman Tucker's motion, the proposition to postpone was laid on the table by the following "aye and nay" vote:

AYES, 14—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Layman, Maus, Morse, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS, 6—viz.: Councilmen Bruer, Cummings, Dill, Marsee, McGinty, and Sindlinger.

Councilman Marsee moved that the Common Council do now adjourn; which motion again failed of adoption.

On Councilman Layman's motion, the first section of pending ordinance was ordered to be further amended, so as to require the City Marshal to provide, keep, and maintain the dog-pound without expense to the city.

Councilman McGinty moved to locate the proposed dog-pound "south of the tracks of the 'Belt Railroad,'" instead of "south of the Indianapolis, Terre Haute & Vandalia Railroad tracks."

On Councilman Tucker's motion, the foregoing proposition to further amend ordinance was laid on the table by the following "aye and nay" vote:

AYES, 11—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Cummings, Layman, Morse, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Rodibaugh, Tucker, Walker, and Wright.

NAYS, 9—viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Bruner, Dill, Marsee, Maus, McGinty, Reasner, Sindlinger, and Wiese.

On Councilman Wright's motion, the pending ordinance was then ordered to be engrossed as amended.

Aforesaid ordinance was then read the third time, viz.:

G. O. 16, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for the Impounding of Unlicensed Dogs in the City of Indianapolis.

And was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 16—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Maus, Morse, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS, 4—viz.: Councilmen Bruner, Marsee, McGinty, and Sindlinger.

On motion, the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis for the year 1878-1879 was then dissolved.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor,
President of Common Council.

Attest: BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.