

# PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

FIRST SESSION—AUGUST 20, 1879.

The Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, together with the City Clerk and City Assessor, met as a Board of Equalization, in the Council Chamber, on Wednesday evening, August 20th, A. D. 1879, at eight o'clock, pursuant to the following advertisement:

## NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK,  
Indianapolis, Ind., July 25, 1879. }

Notice is hereby given to tax-payers, that, in pursuance of the provisions of section 59 of the City Charter, the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, together with the City Clerk and City Assessor, will meet at the Chamber of the Common Council, in the City of Indianapolis, on Wednesday evening, August 20th, 1879, as a Board of Equalization, to hear and decide complaints, if there be any, and equalize the appraisements for the year 1879, as right and justice may require.

By order of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

A roll-call was had, with the following result:

**PRESENT**—His Honor, John Caven, Mayor, in the chair; Benj. C. Wright, City Clerk; William Hadley, City Assessor; Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and President Ridenour; and Councilmen Bieler, Brown, Dowling, Hamilton, Harmening, Kahn, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Shilling, and Van Vorhis—22.

**ABSENT**—Aldermen Coburn and Piel; and Councilmen Bermann, Bryce, Carey, Downey, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, Prier, Rooker, Sheppard, Tucker, Wiese, and Wood—16.

It appearing from the foregoing roll-call that a quorum was present, the Board of Equalization proceeded to business.

The City Assessor presented the following report; which was duly received:

*Indianapolis, August 20, 1879.*

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

*Gentlemen*:—I herewith submit my annual report of the taxable property of the city, for the year 1879, showing the total valuation of each class of property:

Valuation of lots.....	\$23,034,450
Valuation of improvements .....	15,019,100
Valuation of personal property.....	9,674,665
Grand total.....	\$47,728,215
Number of polls.....	13,768

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM HADLEY, City Assessor.

By direction of His Honor, the Chairman, the City Clerk called the roll of the Wards, in order that complaints against the appraisements of 1879 might be presented.

No complaints were presented or mentioned.

On Councilman McKay's motion, it was ordered—

That a committee of five be appointed by His Honor, the Chairman, and that one member be chosen from each of the Aldermanic Districts, who shall assemble at the office of the City Assessor, at 10 o'clock A. M., August 21st, 1879, and shall meet from day to day, as by law required, and to whom shall be referred "the assessment lists and all complaints against any assessment," reporting their proceedings back to a future meeting of this Board of Equalization.

His Honor, the Chairman, appointed the below-named members of the Board of Equalization as the select committee required by the adoption of foregoing motion :

- First Aldermanic District ..... Councilman Hamilton.
- Second Aldermanic District..... Councilman Shilling.
- Third Aldermanic District..... Councilman Kahn.
- Fourth Aldermanic District..... Alderman Seibert.
- Fifth Aldermanic District ..... Councilman Dowling.

On Councilman McKay's motion, the Board of Equalization then adjourned, to meet again on Friday evening, August 29th, at the usual hour.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor,

Chairman of Board of Equalization.

Attest: BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

# PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

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REGULAR SESSION—AUGUST 20, 1879.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis convened in the Aldermanic Chamber on Wednesday evening, August 20th, A. D. 1879, in regular session, immediately after the adjournment of the Board of Equalization.

**PRESENT**—His Honor, the President, J. M. Ridenour, in the Chair, and Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, and Seibert—8.

**ABSENT**—Aldermen Coburn and Piel—2.

The Proceedings of Board of Aldermen, for the regular session, held on August 6th, 1879, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, said proceedings were duly approved as published.

## MESSAGE AND PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message was duly received:

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen*:—I herewith transmit to your honorable body certain papers, which were favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its regular session, held on Monday evening (August 18th, 1879), for your action upon same.

For the Common Council:

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The following report from His Honor, the Mayor, was read; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council in approving same [see page 350, *ante*]:

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

*Gentlemen*:—The amount of forfeitures collected by me during the month of June, due the city treasury, was \$72.96, and for the month of July, \$89.86; and the amount collected during the months of April, May, and June, due the Home for Friendless Women, was \$103.55; which amounts I have paid to the City Treasurer, and filed his receipt therefor with the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CAVEN, Mayor.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council, in receiving such report and in approving the accompanying estimates [see page 351, *ante*]:

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen*:—I herewith present the following estimates:

A second and final estimate in behalf of John Greene, for improving Lawrence street, from Beech street to Rural street, by grading and graveling the roadway thereof—	
4583 lineal feet, at 19 cents.....	\$ 870 77
Less former estimate .....	458 30
Present estimate .....	\$ 412 47
Also, a first and final estimate in behalf of Fred. Gansberg, for grading and graveling Linden street and sidewalks, from Prospect street to Pleasant street—	
1572 lineal feet, at 53 cents.....	\$ 833 16
Also, a first and final estimate in behalf of William Morrison, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Elizabeth street, between Maxwell and Wilson streets—	
510 lineal feet, at 10 cents ...	\$ 51 00

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 352, *ante*] was then read:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis*, That the accompanying second and final estimate in behalf of John Greene, for improving Lawrence street, from Beech street to Rural street, by grading and graveling the roadway thereof, 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 it was duly adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 352, *ante*], was also read:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis*, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Fred Gansberg, for grading and graveling Linden street and sidewalks, from Prospect street to Pleasant 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 it was duly adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 352, *ante*] was also read :

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of William Morrison, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Elizabeth street, between Maxwell and Wilson streets, 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 it was duly adopted by the following vote :

**AYES**, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

**NAYS**—None.

The following report from same officer was read ; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council in approving the contract and bond accompanying said report [see page 352, *ante*]:

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

*Gentlemen* :—I herewith report the following contract and bond :

Contract and bond of George Woodfill & Son, for grading and paving the sidewalks of Pratt street, from Illinois street to Mississippi street. Bond, \$500; surety, Edward S. Pope.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The following report from the City Clerk was read :

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen* :—I herewith report the following affidavits, now on file in mv office, for the collection of street assessments by precept, to-wit :

Fred. Gansberg vs. Abraham Ackerland, for.....	\$ 5 67
Fred Gansberg vs. Horace Scott, for..	16 33
Fred. Gansberg vs. Loffler & Rotach (christian names unknown), for .....	16 33

and recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

And this body duly concurred with the Common Council, in ordering the precepts to issue [see page 353, *ante*], by the following vote :

**AYES**, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

**NAYS**—None.

Report from Board of Health, giving a tabulated statement, by ages, of deaths registered in the City of Indianapolis, from August 1st to 15th, 1879, inclusive [see page 361, *ante*], was read, and was duly received.

The following report from same official board was also read, and was duly approved:

Indianapolis, August 18, 1879.

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

*Gentlemen:*—The "Sellers' Farm" has been visited the present month, and found to be in as cleanly a condition as it is possible to keep a business of that character.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Jameson, M. D., President,  
W. E. Jeffries, M. D., Secretary,  
Board of Health.

The following report from the Fire Board and the Joint Committees on Water was read, and was duly received:

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

The Fire Board and Council and Aldermanic Committees on Water, to whom the following resolution, offered by Councilman Rooker on the 21st July, was referred, do now report the same back to your honorable body, with the recommendation that the same be adopted, to-wit:

*Be it Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That it is necessary, for the further and better protection from fire, that water-mains be laid and extended in and along Illinois street, from Seventh street to Ninth street; thence, in and along Ninth street, from Illinois street to Meridian street; thence, in and along Meridian street, from Ninth street to Second street, connecting with the water-main now located at or near intersection of Second and Meridian streets.

That the Water-Works Company be notified by the City Clerk to proceed to lay such mains, and establish fire-hydrants under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer—such hydrants to be established not less than one thousand feet apart, under the provisions of the charter of the Water-Works Company.

Respectfully submitted,

James T. Layman,  
John R. Pearson,  
Fire Board.

M. H. McKay,  
Geo. P. Wood,  
Council Committee on Water.  
T. E. Chandler,  
Hiram Seibert,  
Aldermanic Committee on Water.

The resolution embodied in foregoing report [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 362, *ante*], was then concurrently adopted by this body, through the following vote:

**AYES**, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

**NAYS**—None.

The following reports from the Council Committee on Contracts were read; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council, and thus awarded the several contracts in accordance with the recommendations made [see pages 350 and 365, *ante*]:

Your Committee on Contracts, to whom were referred certain proposals, presented to Council on August 4th, 1879, for removing the dead animals from the city limits to what is known as "Sellers' Farm," have examined the same, and find them to be as follows, viz.:

Birk & Miller, for the term of one year, agreeing to pay to the city the sum of fifty dollars for such contract.

Indianapolis Fertilizer Company, for the term of one or more years, agreeing to pay to the city the sum of one hundred and ten dollars per annum for such contract.

The Indianapolis Fertilizer Company being the best bidder, your committee recommend that the contract be awarded to said company for the term of one year.

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom were referred the proposals for extending and repairing the stone abutments and re-building the Ohio street bridge over Pogue's Run, have examined said proposals, and find them to be as follows, viz. :

	Excavation, per cub. yd.	Timber, per 100 ft.	Masonry, per cub. yd.
J. J. Palmer.....	22 cts.	\$1 40	\$4 40
James W. Hudson .....	25 "	1 25	4 25
Peter Ivory.....	25 "	2 00	4 75
John Stumph and Johnson Redmond.....	20 "	1 95	4 10
Herman C. Halle.....	20 "	1 70	4 00
Hartman & Richter.....	20 "	1 30	3 65
John L. Hanna.....	20 "	1 10	3 50
Peter Ivory, superstructure complete.....			\$313 00
J. J. Palmer, superstructure complete.....			390 00
John L. Hanna, superstructure complete.....			190 00

John L. Hanna being the lowest and best bidder on both the bridge and superstructure, your committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Brown,  
F. W. Hamilton,  
J. H. Sheppard,  
Committee on Contracts.

The following joint report from the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Finance was read; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council in approving such report [see pages 365 and 366, ante]:

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

Your Committees on Finance, to whom were jointly referred certain papers, would report thereon as follows:

1st. We have compared the statements of the City Clerk, showing aggregates of orders drawn upon the City Treasurer during the months of June and July, 1879, with that officer's "Register of Orders issued," and find such statements to be correct and accurate. We, therefore, recommend your approval of such statements.

2d. We have, also, compared the reports of the City Treasurer, for the months of June and July, 1879, with the books of that officer, and have found the reports made to your honorable bodies to be in form and accurate. We, therefore, recommend approval of the same.

3d. We have, as directed, examined into the sufficiency and responsibility of the sureties on the official bonds of William G. Wasson, City Treasurer elect, and of Joseph T. Magner, City Clerk elect, and we, unhesitatingly, recommend the approval of said official bonds.

4th. After your last regular session, the official bond of Millard F. Connett, City Assessor elect, was brought before your committees. The sureties on said bond (which is for the penal sum of \$5,000) are H. C. Adams, Wesley M. Adams, John M. Sims, and William W. Weaver. Our examination of the present finan-

cial responsibility of the principal on this bond, and the like critical examination of each and every bondsman, have fully convinced us that you can safely approve this official bond.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Kahn,  
M. L. Brown,  
Peter F. Bryce,  
C. F. Wiese,  
James T. Layman,  
T. E. Chandler,  
D. Musmann,  
Committees on Finance.

This body then concurrently approved the following official bonds :

Official bond of William G. Wasson, City Treasurer elect. Penalty of bond, \$1,400,000; sureties, William O. Rockwood, Aquilla Jones, John Thomas, William Mansur, W. H. Morrison, A. D. Lynch, F. A. W. Davis, Ingram Fletcher, R. L. McQuat, A. L. Wright, Franklin Landers, C. E. Geisendorff, W. A. Ketcham, H. W. Tutewiler, John Landers, John C. Brinkmeyer, Chas. Koehne, J. A. Wildman, R. F. Kennedy, and H. P. Wasson.

Official bond of Joseph T. Magner, City Clerk elect. Penalty of bond, \$5,000; sureties, J. D. Condit and Vinson Carter.

Official bond of Millard F. Connett, City Assessor elect. Penalty of bond, \$3,000; sureties, H. C. Adams, Wesley M. Adams, John M. Sims, and William W. Weaver.

The following communication [which the Common Council had referred to its Committee on Water-Works—see pages 350 and 351, *ante*], was read; and then, on Alderman Layman's motion, it was referred to the Aldermanic Committee on Water :

*Indianapolis*, August 14, 1879.

To the Honorables, the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, and

Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Ind. :

By the terms of the contract entered into by and between the City of Indianapolis and the Water-Works Company of Indianapolis, dated November 25th, 1878 (which said contract expires August 15th, 1879), either party thereto desiring a new arrangement must make such demand for a new arrangement at the expiration of the year.

The time for the expiration of said contract being August 15th, 1879, and the Water-Works Company desiring a new arrangement, now demands the same, in accordance with the tenor, terms, and provisions of the said contract.

From and after the 15th day of August, 1879, until a new arrangement is made, this company will charge fifty (50) dollars per annum for each of the 552 hydrants originally located and paid for by the City of Indianapolis prior to contract of August 15th, 1877.

Signed, by order of the President :

SIDNEY M. DYER, Secretary  
Water-Works Co. Indianapolis.

Petition from John F. Forbis, asking permission to bridge the gutter in front of No. 264 Huron street [see page 371, *ante*], was read; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council, in granting the prayer of said petitioner.



The following resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 350, *ante*], was read :

*Resolved*, That William G. Wasson, City Treasurer, is hereby appointed and fully empowered to act as agent of the City of Indianapolis in the matter of receiving from the legal party (court or executor, as the case may be) all and singular, and to the full extent, such moneys as may belong and be payable to said city from the estate of the late Thomas D. Gregg, who deceased in King William County, in the State of Virginia, on December 17th, 1876.

And it was duly adopted by the following vote :

**AYES**, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

**NAYS**—None.

The following resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 373, *ante*] was read :

*Resolved*, That the Committees on Accounts and Claims be, and are hereby, instructed to purchase the plat-books of Wm. Hadley, retiring City Assessor, for an amount not exceeding six hundred and seventy-five (675) dollars, and include said amount in the next general appropriation ordinance.

And it was duly adopted by the following vote :

**AYES**, 5—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, and President Ridenour.

**NAYS**, 3—viz. Aldermen Mussmann, Newman, and Seibert.

The following motions, which had been duly adopted by the Common Council, were read, and were concurrently adopted by this body :

On account of part of the city press and certain citizens doing the Chief Engineer, Mr. Pendergast, great injustice on account of the Tile-Works Fire, he has demanded the Fire Board to investigate the matter thoroughly; and I move that the Water-Works Committee and City Attorney be added to the above committee, and report at the next regular meeting of Council.

That the Street Commissioner be ordered to repair the railing of the tunnel, it being in a dangerous condition.

That the City Clerk be instructed to draw his warrant upon the city treasury, out of any moneys on hand and appropriated for such purposes, in favor of T. Reed, late City Civil Engineer, for salary up to and including August 6th, 1879, *provided* that said Reed give a receipt in full satisfaction of all claims against the city as such City Civil Engineer.

That the City Marshal is hereby instructed to notify the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railway Company and the Indianapolis, Peru & Chicago Railway Company to forthwith repair between and on each side of their tracks, where said tracks cross Washington street, at the intersection of Noble street.

That the City Marshal be, and is hereby, directed to notify the owner (if he can be found) of property known as Nos. 42, 44, and 46 S. Alabama street, to repair the sidewalks in front of said property; and if said work is not done within ten days, the Street Commissioner is directed to do the same at the expense of such owner.

That the City Marshal be, and is hereby, directed to notify the Indianapolis, Peru & Chicago Railway Company to repair East and New Jersey streets, where its tracks cross said streets.

That the City Marshal be, and is hereby, instructed to notify the Street Railway Company to repair the street between its tracks on Illinois street, from Washington street to New York street.

That Joshua W. Copeland have permission to pave in front of his lots, Nos. 49 and 50 W. H. Morrison's Addition, on N. Meridian street, west side—said work to be done at his own expense, and under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer.

That Mrs. Rouser is hereby granted permission to lay a brick sidewalk in front of her property, on S. West street, at her own expense, and according to stakes set by the City Civil Engineer.

The following entitled ordinances [which had been duly passed by the Common Council—see pages 326, 367, 375, and 376, *ante*], were then read the first time:

- G. O. 44, 1879—An Ordinance amending section two (2) of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance creating a Board of Public Improvements, prescribing their Powers and Duties, and the manner of their Election (ordained and established on January 7th, 1878)."
- Ap. O. 54, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of the Salaries and Compensations of City Officers and Employes.
- Ap. O. 55, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$764.10, for the payment of a certain claim against the City of Indianapolis, in favor of Fred. Gansberg, on account of Street Improvements.
- S. O. 16, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for improving the first Alley east of Shelby street, from the first alley south of Prospect street to Pleasant Run, by grading and graveling.
- S. O. 20, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Prospect street, and bowldering the gutters thereof, from Dillon street to Reid street.
- S. O. 36, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Madison avenue, from Nebraska street to the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis Railroad tracks.

#### NEW BUSINESS.

[In preparing the Aldermanic Journal of August 6th [see page 347, *ante*], the names of the members of the newly-created Standing Committee on Public Health and Hygiene were inadvertently omitted. They are, therefore, given here, to-wit: President Ridenour, and Aldermen Layman and Seibert.]

The Committee on Finance, through chairman Layman, submitted the following report; which was duly received:

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the official bond of Charles L. Smith, as Turnkey at Sixth street Police Station would report that due exam-

ination has been made as to the financial standing of the sureties on same. Said bond is herewith returned, with the recommendation that it be approved by your honorable body.

Respectfully,

James T. Layman,  
T. E. Chandler,  
D. Mussmann,  
Committee on Finance.

The following official bond was then concurrently approved :

Official bond of Chas. L. Smith, as Turnkey at Sixth street Station House. Penalty of bond, \$2,000; sureties, Thad. M. Stevens, John L. Marsee, Ellen Smith, I. N. Pattison, and Michael Steinhauer.

On Alderman Chandler's motion, it was ordered—

That the City Attorney is hereby instructed to draft an ordinance to protect the public drinking fountains.

On Alderman Drew's motion, it was ordered—

That Robert Evans be permitted to pave with brick the sidewalk in front of his property, on west side of N. Meridian street, above Seventh street—the work to be done at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

On Alderman Grubbs's motion, it was ordered—

That the Committees on Public Light and the City Attorney be directed to examine into the expediency of assessing a special tax upon property along the streets lighted with gas, for the purpose of paying the expense of such light, in order that property not having the benefit of public lights may not be taxed for the same.

#### PENDING ORDINANCES.

The following ordinances were taken up from the files, and were disposed of as hereinafter set forth :

On motion of Alderman Grubbs, the rules were suspended, for the purpose of now placing on their passage Appropriation Ordinances 54 and 55, 1879, General Ordinance 44, 1879, and Special Ordinances 16, 20, and 36, 1879, by the following vote :

**AYES**, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

**NAYS**--None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

Ap. O. 54, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of the Salaries and Compensations of City Officers and Employes. [Amount appropriated, \$36,100.00.]

And it was duly passed by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

Ap. O. 55, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$764.10, for the payment of a certain claim against the City of Indianapolis, in favor of Fréd Gansberg, on account of Street Improvements.

And it was duly passed by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

G. O. 44, 1879—An Ordinance amending section two (2) of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance creating a Board of Public Improvements, prescribing their Powers and Duties, and the manner of their Election (ordained and established on January 7th, 1878)."

And it was duly passed by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS—None.

Special Ordinance 50, 1878 [to light Agnes street with gas] was taken up, and then, on Alderman Layman's motion, it was referred to the Committee on Public Light.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

S. O. 2, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for improving the first Alley north of Woodlawn avenue, from Dillon street to Olive street, by grading and graveling.

And it was duly passed by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS—None.

Special Ordinance 12, 1879 [to grade and gravel Madison avenue, from Nebraska street to the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis Railroad tracks] was taken up, and then, on Alderman Chandler's motion, it was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

S. O. 16, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for improving the first alley east of Shelby street, from the first alley south of Prospect street to Pleasant Run, by grading and graveling.

But the passage of said ordinance not having been petitioned for, it failed to pass for want of a two-thirds vote (7), as here shown, to-wit :

**AYES**, 6—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, and President Ridenour.

**NAYS**, 2—viz. Aldermen Grubbs and Seibert.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

S. O. 17, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Shelby street, from the southern terminus of Virginia avenue to Colgrove street.

And it was duly passed by the following vote :

**AYES**, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman Seibert, and President Ridenour.

**NAYS**—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

S. O. 20, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Prospect street, and bowldering the gutters thereof, from Dillon street to Reid street.

But the passage of aforesaid ordinance not having been petitioned for, it failed to pass, for want of a two-thirds vote (7), as here shown, to-wit :

**AYES**, 6—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, and President Ridenour.

**NAYS**, 2—viz. Alderman Grubbs and Seibert.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

S. O. 24, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading the first Alley east of Mississippi street, from Garden street to Pogue's Run.

And it was duly passed by the following vote :

**AYES**, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

**NAYS**—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

S. O. 25, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, and curbing with stone, the south sidewalk of New York street, from Liberty street to Noble street.

And it was duly passed by the following vote :

**AYES**, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

**NAYS**—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

S. O. 26, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of State avenue, from Washington street to Market street.

And it was duly passed by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

S. O. 32, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Meridian street, between Seventh and Twelfth streets.

And it was duly passed by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

S. O. 35, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Chesapeake alley and sidewalks, from Missouri street to the first alley west of Missouri street.

And it was duly passed by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

S. O. 36, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, the sidewalk of Madison avenue, from Nebraska street to the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis Railroad tracks.

And it was duly passed by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS—None.

It being stated that Councilman Bermann, by whom foregoing entitled ordinance had been introduced, was desirous that Special Ordinances 12 and 36 should be ordained and established at same time, and Special Ordinance 12 having been referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, on Alderman Chandler's motion, the passage of Special Ordinance 36 was reconsidered by the following vote :

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AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS—None.

Aforesaid Special Ordinance 36, 1879, was then referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

J. M. RIDENOUR, President.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.