

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

SPECIAL SESSION—OCTOBER 22, 1879.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, on Wednesday evening, October 22d, A. D. 1879, at half-past seven o'clock, in compliance with the following call :

Hon. John Caven, Mayor, and President of the Common Council :

The undersigned Councilmen would respectfully ask you to call a special session of the Common Council, on this (Wednesday) evening, at 7 o'clock. Object of meeting, the confirmation of a Clerk for the Committees.

John R. Pearson,
F. J. Van Vorhis,
Leon Kahn,
John O'Connor,
J. L. Bieler,

Geo. P. Wood,
J. H. Sheppard,
W. E. Shilling,
C. F. Rooker.
Geo. King.

To the Members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen:—You are hereby notified to attend a special session of the Common Council, to be held this (Wednesday) evening, October 22d, 1879, at seven o'clock, for the purpose of confirming a Clerk for the Committees of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

Respectfully,

J. CAVEN, Mayor.

PRESENT—Hon. John Caven, Mayor, and, *ex officio*, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 22 members, viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Hamilton, Harmening, Kahn, Lamb, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Sheppard, Shilling, Tucker, Van Vorhis, Wiese, and Wood.

ABSENT, 3—viz. Councilmen Downey, King, and McGinty.

Councilman Rooker offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the nomination of Geo. H. Fleming, Esq., for the office of Clerk of the Committees of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, and Boards (official), be, and the same is hereby, confirmed.

Councilman Prier moved to lay the resolution on the table; which motion failed of adoption by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz. Councilmen Bieler, Brown, Carey, Harmening, Lamb, Morrison, McKay, Prier, Shilling, and Tucker.

NAYS, 11—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bryce, Dowling, Hamilton, O'Connor, Pearson, Rooker, Sheppard, Van Vorhis, Wiese, and Wood.

By consent, Councilman Rooker then withdrew the resolution.

Councilman Morrison presented the following communication ; which was received :

Indianapolis, Ind., October 22, 1879.

Mr. W. H. Morrison, Councilman Twelfth Ward:

Sir :—You will please to respectfully withdraw my name as an applicant for the position of Clerk of Committees of the honorable Common Council and Board of Aldermen of Indianapolis.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

EDWARD A. GUTHRIE.

Councilman Pearson moved that this body now proceed with the nomination and confirmation of a Clerk for the Committees of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen ; which motion was adopted.

Councilman McKay nominated B. W. Sullivan.

Councilman Rooker nominated Geo. H. Fleming.

On motion by Councilman Kahn, this body decided to act upon said nominations by ballot.

The Chair then appointed Councilmen Bieler and Dowling as tellers.

A ballot was then had, which resulted in B. W. Sullivan receiving 12 votes, and Geo. H. Fleming receiving 10 votes.

B. W. Sullivan having received a majority of all the votes cast, His Honor, Mayor Caven, declared the nomination of Mr. Sullivan confirmed, and the City Clerk was instructed to so certify to the Board of Aldermen.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

....., Mayor,

President of Common Council.

Attest :, City Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—OCTOBER 22, 1879.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis met in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Wednesday evening, October 22^d, A. D. 1879, at half-past seven o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—His Honor, the President, J. M. Ridenour, in the Chair, and Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, and Seibert—9.

ABSENT—Alderman Coburn—1.

The proceedings of the Board of Aldermen, for the regular session, held on October 8th, 1879, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, said proceedings were approved as published.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message was 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, October 26th, 1879, for your action upon same.

For the Common Council :

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The following report from His Honor, the Mayor, was read ; and this body concurred with the Common Council in approving same [see page 561, *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 September, 1879, due the city treasury, is \$109.27, and the amount collected during the months of July, August and September, due the Home for Friendless Women, is \$22.00; which amounts I have paid to the City Treasurer, and filed his receipts therefor with the City Clerk.

October 19, 1879.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CAVEN, Mayor.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read; and this body concurred with the Common Council in receiving such report, and in approving the accompanying estimates [see pages 562 and 563, *ante*]:

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following estimates:

A first and final estimate in behalf of James W. Hudson, for grading the first alley north of Maryland street, from Benton street to the first alley east of Benton street—

400 lineal feet, at 23½ cents..... \$ 94 00

A first and final estimate in behalf of John L. Hanna, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Lockerbie street, from Liberty street to the first alley west of Noble street—

546 lineal feet, at 12½ cents..... \$ 68 25

A first and final estimate in behalf of James Mahoney, for grading the first alley east of Mississippi street, from Garden street to Pogue's Run—

676 lineal feet, at 05 cents..... \$ 33 80

A first and final estimate in behalf of John L. Hanna, for grading, and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of State avenue, from Washington street to Market street—

290.8-12 lineal feet, at 37½ cents..... \$ 109 00
4.4 cubic yards gravel, at 70 cents..... 3 08

Total estimate..... \$ 112 08

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution [which had been adopted by the Common Council—see page 563, *ante*] was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis. That the foregoing first and final estimate in behalf of James W. Hudson, for grading the first alley north of Maryland street, from Benton street to the first alley east of Benton 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 adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution [which had been adopted by the Common Council—see page 563, *ante*] was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the foregoing first and final estimate, in behalf of John L. Hanna, for grading the first alley north of Lockerbie street, from Liberty street to the first

alley west of Noble 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 adopted by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution [which had been adopted by the Common Council—see page 563, *ante*] was read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the foregoing first and final estimate in behalf of James Mahoney, for grading the first alley east of Mississippi treet, from Garden street to Pogue's Run, 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 adopted by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution [which had been adopted by the Common Council—see page 564, *ante*] was read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the foregoing first and final estimate in behalf of John L. Hanna, for grading, and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of State avenue, from Washington street to Market 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 adopted by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

The following report from the City Clerk was read :

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

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

John Greene vs. Susanna Smith, for.....	\$ 7 73
John Greene vs. Edward K. Chandler, for.....	7 69
John Greene vs. Edward K. Chandler, for.....	7 66
John Greene vs. Butler K. Smith, for.....	7 60
John Greene vs. Butler K. Smith, for.....	7 60
John Greene vs. Fred. E. Ruffin, for.....	21 96
John Greene vs. Isabella E. Munson, for.....	32 07
John Greene vs. John Lather and Henry B. Meyers, for.....	12 44

John Greene vs. Georgia Wright, for.....	\$ 12 44
John Greene vs. Fred E. Ruffin, for.....	12 44
John Greene vs. Fred. E. Ruffin, for.....	12 14
John Greene vs. Fred. E. Ruffin, for.....	11 31
Henry Clay vs. Jane Howard, for.....	33 47
Fred. Gansberg vs. William Patterson, for.....	2 83
Fred. Gansberg vs. Florence L. Patterson, for.....	2 83
Fred. Gansberg vs. John W. Ray, for.....	42 40
Fred. Gansberg vs. Trustees Edwin Ray Church, for.....	56 71
Fred. Gansberg vs. Henry Schofield, for.....	19 82
Fred. Gansberg vs. Geo K. Schofield, for.....	19 82
Fred Gansberg vs. Geo K. Schofield, for.....	19 82
Fred. Gansberg vs. Frank Schofield, for.....	19 82
Fred. Gansberg vs. Mary Schofield, for.....	19 82

and recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk,

And this body concurred with the Common Council, in ordering the precepts to issue [see page 564, *ante*], by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

The following report from the City Treasurer was read ; and this body concurred with the Common Council in approving same [see page 565, *ante*] :

Indianapolis, October 20, 1879.

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

Gentlemen.—I would respectfully report to your honorable body that I have, as directed by you, paid the sum of nineteen hundred dollars (\$1,900.00) the amount of damages awarded by the City Commissioners in the matter of laying out, opening, and extending John street, from Peru street to Massachusetts avenue, approved by Common Council and Board of Aldermen July 21st and 23d, 1879.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. G. WASSON, City Treasurer.

The following reports from the Committees on Contracts were read ; and this body concurred with the Common Council in awarding the several contracts [see pages 557 to 560, and 580, *ante*] :

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

Gentlemen.—Your Committees on Contracts, to whom were referred sundry proposals presented to Council October 6th, 1879, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows, viz. :

First. For grading and graveling Wilkens street and sidewalks, from Church street to West street—

James Mahoney, 60 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Fred Gansberg, 53 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Dewey, Twiname & Graham, 52 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

John L Hanna, 50 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Henry C. Roney, 50 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Henry Clay, 49 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 Frederick Reisner, 35 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Frederick Reisner being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Second. For grading, and paving with brick (except where already paved), the west sidewalk of Noble street, from Fletcher avenue to Huron street—

John L. Hanna, 35 cents per lineal foot front.
 John Schier, 33 cents per lineal foot front.
 Dewey, Twiname & Graham, 31 cents per lineal foot front.
 E. B. Elliott, 29 cents per lineal foot front.

E. B. Elliott being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Third. For grading and graveling the alley between Columbia avenue and Yandes street, from Lincoln avenue to Seventh street—

Henry Clay, 22 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 E. B. Elliott, 19 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 John L. Hanna, 18 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 Dewey, Twiname & Graham, 17 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Dewey, Twiname & Graham being the lowest and best bidders, we recommend that they be awarded the contract.

Fourth. For grading, and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of Sixth street, from Tennessee street to Engine House No. 5—

John L. Hanna, 30 cents per lineal foot front.
 John Schier, 29 cents per lineal foot front.
 Dewey, Twiname & Graham, 27½ cents per lineal foot front.
 Henry C. Roney, 27 cents per lineal foot front.
 Geo. Woodfill & Son, 24½ cents per lineal foot front.
 E. B. Elliott, 24 cents per lineal foot front.

E. B. Elliott being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Fifth. For grading, and paving with brick (except where already paved), the sidewalks of Harrison street, from Noble street to Dillon street—

John L. Hanna, 30 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 Dewey, Twiname & Graham, 29 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 Henry C. Roney, 23 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 E. B. Elliott, 22 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 John Schier, 22 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

There being a tie bid, we recommend that the contract be awarded to E. B. Elliott.

Sixth. For grading and graveling Chesapeake alley and sidewalks, between West and Helen streets—

Henry Clay, 46 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 Dewey, Twiname & Graham, 31 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 James Mahoney, 30 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 John L. Hanna, 30 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 J. L. Spaulding, 28½ cents per lineal foot front on each side.

J. L. Spaulding being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Seventh. For grading and graveling the first alley east of East street, from Dougherty street to the first alley north of Dougherty street—

John L. Hanna, 10 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
James Mahoney, 9½ cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Eighth. For grading and graveling the first alley east of Virginia avenue, from Elk street to Dillon street—

Dewey, Twiname & Graham, 15 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
John L. Hanna, 15 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
James Mahoney, 13½ cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Ninth. For grading, and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Blackford street, from New York street to Vermont street—

Dewey, Twiname & Graham, 36 cents per lineal foot front.
John L. Hanna, 35 cents per lineal foot front.
Geo. Woodfill & Son, 32 cents per lineal foot front.
John Schier, 32 cents per lineal foot front.
E. B. Elliott, 29 cents per lineal foot front.

E. B. Elliott being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Tenth. For grading and graveling Reid street and sidewalks, and bowldering the west gutter thereof, from Woodlawn avenue to Prospect street—

Dewey, Twiname & Graham, \$1.16 per lineal foot front on the east side.
" " 1.36 per lineal foot front on the west side.
Fred. Gansberg, \$1.05 per lineal foot front on the east side.
" 1.30 per lineal foot front on the west side.

R. P. Dunning and Jas. W. Hudson, 91 cents per lineal foot front on the east side, and \$1.16 per lineal foot front on the west side.

James Mahoney, 90 cents per lineal foot front on the east side, and \$1.10 per lineal foot front on the west side.

James Mahoney being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Eleventh. For grading and bowldering the west gutter of Reid street, from Prospect street to Pleasant Run—

Henry C. Roney, 75 cents per lineal foot front.
R. P. Dunning and Jas. W. Hudson, 71 cents per lineal foot front.
John L. Hanna, 65 cents per lineal foot front.
Dewey, Twiname & Graham, 65 cents per lineal foot front.
Fred. Gansberg, 63 cents per lineal foot front.
James Mahoney, 55 cents per lineal foot front.

James Mahoney being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Twelfth. For grading, and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Seventh street, from Illinois street to Tennessee street—

John L. Hanna, 32 cents per lineal foot front.
Henry C. Roney, 29 cents per lineal foot front.
Dewey, Twiname & Graham, 27½ cents per lineal foot front.
E. B. Elliott, 26 cents per lineal foot front.
Geo. Woodfill & Son, 25 cents per lineal foot front.

Geo. Woodfill & Son being the lowest and best bidders, we recommend that they be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Brown,
J. H. Sheppard,
F. W. Hamilton,
Hiram Seibert,
D. W. Grubbs,
T. E. Chandler,
Committees on Contracts.

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

Your Committees on Contracts have, jointly, considered sundry proposals for making street-improvements, referred to us this evening, with instructions to report at this session. We find said proposals to be as follows:

1st. For grading and graveling Highland street and sidewalks, bowldering the gutters, and curbing the outer edges of the sidewalks, from Washington street to Ohio street—

R. P. Dunning and Jas. W. Hudson—For grading and graveling, \$1.09 per lineal foot front on each side, for curbing, 37 cents per lineal foot front; and for bowldering the gutters, 39 cents per lineal foot front.

H. C. Roney—For grading, graveling, curbing, and bowldering, \$1.37 per lineal foot front on each side.

Fred. Gansberg—For grading, graveling, curbing, and bowldering, \$1.35 per lineal foot front on each side.

Dewey, Twiname & Graham—For grading, graveling, curbing, and bowldering, \$1.35 per lineal foot front on each side.

J. J. Palmer—For grading, graveling, curbing, and bowldering, \$1.30 per lineal foot front on each side.

Henry Clay—For grading and graveling, 46 cents per lineal foot front on each side; for bowldering, 40 cents per lineal foot front on each side; and for curbing, 40 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Henry Clay being the lowest and best bidder, your committees recommend that he be awarded aforesaid contract.

2d. For grading and graveling Madison avenue, from Nebraska street, south, to the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis Railroad tracks—

J. J. Palmer, 70 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Fred Gansberg, 67 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Dewey, Twiname & Graham, 66 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

John Schier, 65 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

H. C. Roney, 55 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

H. C. Roney being the lowest and best bidder, your committees recommend that he be awarded aforesaid contract.

3d. For grading, and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Madison avenue, from Nebraska street, south, to the Jeffersonville Railroad tracks—

J. J. Palmer, 60 cents per lineal foot front.

Dewey, Twiname & Graham, 50 cents per lineal foot front.

H. C. Roney, 45 cents per lineal foot front.

Fred Gansberg, 39 cents per lineal foot front.

John Schier, 33½ cents per lineal foot front.

Geo. Woodfill & Son, 37½ cents per lineal foot front.

Geo. Woodfill & Son being the lowest and best bidders, your committees recommend they be awarded aforesaid contract.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Brown,
F. W. Hamilton,
J. H. Sheppard,
Council Committee.
D. W. Grubbs,
Hiram Seibert,
Aldermanic Committee.

The following contracts and bonds were read; and this body concurred with the Common Council in approving the same [see page 560, *ante*]:

- Contract and bond of E. B. Elliott, for grading, and paving with brick (except where already paved), the west sidewalk of Noble street from Fletcher avenue to Huron street. Penalty of bond, \$50; surety, M. M. Hook.
- Contract and bond of Dewey, Twiname & Graham, for grading and graveling the alley between Columbia avenue and Yandes street, from Lincoln avenue to Seventh street. Penalty of bond, \$400; surety, Arthur Mueller.
- Contract and bond of E. B. Elliott, for grading, and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of Sixth street, from Tennessee street to Engine House No. 5. Penalty of bond, \$200; surety, M. M. Hook.
- Contract and bond of John L. Spaulding, for grading and graveling Chesapeake alley and sidewalks, between West and Helen streets. Penalty of bond, \$800; surety, Francis Bergmann.
- Contract and bond of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the first alley east of East street, from Dougherty street to the first alley north of Dougherty street. Penalty of bond, \$100; surety, James Renihan.
- Contract and bond of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Virginia avenue, from Elk street to Dillon street. Penalty of bond, \$100; surety, James Renihan.
- Contract and bond of E. B. Elliott, for grading, and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Blackford street, from New York street to Vermont street. Penalty of bond, \$200; surety, M. M. Hook.
- Contract and bond of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling Reid street and sidewalks, and bowldering the west gutter thereof, from Woodlawn avenue to Prospect street. Penalty of bond, \$1,500; surety, James Renihan.
- Contract and bond of James Mahoney, for grading and bowldering the west gutter of Reid street, from Prospect street to Pleasant Run. Penalty of bond, \$200; surety, James Renihan.
- Contract and bond of Geo. Woodfill & Son, for grading, and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Seventh street, from Illinois street to Tennessee street. Penalty of bond, \$200; surety, Edward S. Pope.

The following petition [granted by the Common Council—see page 577, *ante*], was read, and referred to the Aldermanic Committee on Railroads:

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

I the undersigned citizen of Indianapolis do hereby respectfully ask that permission to continue my switch across the alley, between Pennsylvania and Meridian streets, and Georgia street and the Union railroad tracks, be granted me.

October 20th, 1879.

G. R. Roor.

The following motions [adopted by the Common Council] were read, and were concurrently adopted:

That the City Civil Engineer be, and he is hereby, directed to set the proper stakes, and the City Marshal to immediately remove all obstructions and properly open John street, from Peru street to Massachusetts avenue, in accordance with the report of the City Commissioners.

That the City Civil Engineer be and is hereby instructed to advertise for proposals to construct a brick sewer from the intersection of Coburn and East streets in and along said East street to Yeiser street, thence in and along said Yeiser street to connect with the Madison avenue sewer.

That in response to the request of the German Orphan Asylum Trustees, and a great many citizens living south of Pleasant run, the Board of Public Improvements be instructed to ascertain if surplus earth can be obtained of the contractor on Prospect street for the purpose of constructing a suitable walk on Spruce street from the foot bridge to the high ground north.

That the owners of the Denison Hotel be permitted to lay a stone sidewalk along the Wabash street front of said property, at their own expense, and under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer.

That the City Clerk designate the correct No. for each house on Broadway street, between St. Clair street and Christian avenue, and that the City Marshall cause such designated numbers to be placed in conspicuous places on the houses, at cost of respective owners thereof.

That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby ordered to place all dirt taken from the street of the north and east parts of the city, into the holes immediately north of North Street and east of Railroad street, where such hauling can be done within a reasonable distance of said hole, until it is levelled with the streets.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify owner or agent of property number two hundred and nineteen (219), and two hundred and twenty-one (221), Indiana avenue, to repair brick sidewalk in front of aforesaid numbers. If not done within ten days after notice is given, the Street Commissioner is hereby directed to do such work, and collect the cost of repairing same from the owner or agent.

That Edward Santo be granted permission to grade and pave with brick the sidewalk in front of his property on Indiana avenue, west side, from North street, north about one hundred and twenty-five feet. The work to be done at his own expense, and within sixty days, and that the City Civil Engineer is hereby instructed to set the grade stakes for same as soon as possible.

That William Scott & Co. have permission to put in waggon scales in front of 146 South Pennsylvania street, under direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That the City Marshal be hereby ordered to notify Wm. H. Sharpe to take his fences and other obstructions out of the north end of the 8-foot alley, on the east side of his lot in the southeast quarter of square 18, Drake's Addition, so that said alley may be forthwith used and enjoyed by the owners of the abutting property for its full length, from Fourth street to first alley north of said street.

That the firm of Landers & Co., pork-packers, on Blake street, be granted permission to use the west side of said street, in front of their premises, during the packing season—said firm complying with the ordinance directing a signal-light to be displayed, and said firm to maintain such signal-light during the occupancy of said street.

Inasmuch as the 7th section of General Ordinance No. 13 is totally disregarded wherein it is made unlawful for any person to excavate, or to place any rubbish,

building material, or any obstruction of any kind upon the streets and alleys of the city, unless the same is provided with red signal-lights, conspicuously posted at or on such excavation or obstruction, and kept burning from dusk until daylight during every night such excavation or obstruction shall remain; and whereas, such negligence makes it unsafe for the public to travel the streets of the city at night, and also makes the city liable for damages; therefore,

Moved, That the Chief of Police be, and is hereby, directed to notify the Police force to strictly enforce said ordinance.

That Wm. Robertson be permitted to lay a brick sidewalk, and to curb the same with stone, in front of Nos. 414 and 416 S. Meridian street—said work to be done at his own expense, and under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer.

That the Committee on Parks be ordered to keep open the gates of the Military Park on Sundays.

That the City Marshall notify the proper parties, to clear the obstructions out of the alley, running south from Sixth street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets. It is blocked up with brick wagons, dirt, rails, ashes, and other things too numerous to mention—and all other alleys in this city.

The following entitled ordinances [passed by the Common Council], were read the first time :

- G. O. 40, 1879—An Ordinance declaring that all Vehicles (except Street-Railway Cars), used in the transporting of Persons and Articles within the City of Indianapolis, for hire or pay, shall be deemed "Public Vehicles"; establishing Rules and Regulations for the government of the Owners, Lessees, and Drivers thereof; and prescribing Fines and Penalties for violations of its provisions.
- G. O. 55, 1879—An Ordinance authorizing the Indianapolis, Decatur & Springfield Railway Company to construct and maintain a double track into and through the City of Indianapolis, and prescribing the terms thereof.
- S. O. 51, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Newman street and sidewalks, from Hill avenue to Seventh street.
- Ap. O. 67, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

On motion by Alderman Layman, the rules were suspended by the following vote, for the purpose of taking up G. O. 55, S. O. 51, and Ap. 67, and placing the same on their second and third reading and final passage, viz. :

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS—None.

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

- G. O. 55, 1879—An Ordinance authorizing the Indianapolis, Decatur & Springfield Railway Company to construct and maintain a double track into and through the City of Indianapolis, and prescribing the terms thereof.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS—None.

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

Ap. O. 67, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$598.13.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS—None.

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

S. O. 51, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Newman street and sidewalks, from Hill avenue to Seventh street.

And it was passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Fire Board, through Alderman Layman, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

Indianapolis, October 22, 1879.

To the Members of the Board of Aldermen, City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—In a motion that was referred to the Fire Board, directing Chas. Haag to remove his street-sprinkler water plug from New York street, near the Fire Department Headquarters. We have to report that we have examined the same, and we find that the location of said plug is an obstruction to the entrance of the Engine House in driving in or out on New York street.

We, therefore, recommend that Mr. Haag move this water plug to some other locality, and on failure to do so inside of ten (10) days, the Street Commissioner be directed to do so, and collect the expense of same from the owner.

Respectfully submitted

James T. Layman,
John R. Pearson,
W. H. Tucker,
Fire Board.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Railroads, through Alderman Layman, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen:—Your Committee and City Attorney, to whom was referred G. O. No. 30, 1879, granting R. Frank Kennedy and others the right and privilege to build and construct a railroad switch on and across Dakota street, offer the following report :

We recommend that the first section be amended after the words " Morris street " to read, " and one block north of W. F. Piel & Co.'s Starch Works."

We also recommend that the ordinance be referred to the City Civil Engineer, to see that the provisions of this ordinance in conforming to the grade of said Dakota street are complied with, before the passage of same.

Respectfully submitted,

James T. Layman,
H. E. Drew,
Hiram Seibert,
Committee on Railroads.
John A. Henry, City Attorney.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Alderman Drew, submitted the following report ; which was concurred in :

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis :

Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred a certain report from the Council Committee on Streets and Alleys, in the matter of the proposed vacation of Bobbs street, from Bates street to Meek street, would recommend concurrence therein, and that the resolution appended to said report, referring said case to the City Commissioners, be concurrently adopted by this body.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Drew,
H. Seibert,
W. F. Piel,
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The following resolution, adopted by the Common Council [see page 500, *ante*] was then read :

Resolved, That in the matter of vacating Bobbs street, from Bates street to Meek street, in and through Bobbs' Addition to the City of Indianapolis, as prayed for by Mrs. Catharine Bobbs, owner of all the abutting property, and of William Baine, G. S. Pittman, and Fred. Kline, freeholders, be and the same is hereby referred to the City Commissioners for their consideration of the same.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman Chandler presented the following petition ; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys :

Indianapolis, October 7, 1879.

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

Gentlemen:—Your petitioner would respectfully state to your honorable bodies that he is the owner of lots three (3), and four (4), in square fifty-one, in the City of Indianapolis, and that said lots lie upon each side of the alley running from Washington to Market street. His mill covers all of lot three (3), in said square, being sixty-seven and one-half ($67\frac{1}{2}$) by one hundred and ninety-five (195) feet, extending from Market street to Court street, and also covering the alley for about one hundred feet, and ten feet in the clear, sixteen feet wide, and that he had permission from Council to cover said alley, leaving said alley open to the height of ten feet, and that he has extended a platform along the side of his new addition eight (8) feet in width and ten (10) feet above grade of alley; and your petitioner would respectfully ask of your honorable bodies the privilege of letting the same remain.

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

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. EMERSON & SON.

President Ridenour introduced the following entitled ordinance; which was read the first time:

G. O. 59, 1879—An Ordinance to repeal an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to provide the Committees of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis with a Clerk, and prescribing the Duties of such Clerk," ordained and established October 8th, 1879.

On motion by President Ridenour, the rules were suspended by the following vote, for the purpose of placing the above entitled ordinance on its passage, viz.:

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

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman Seibert.

The foregoing entitled ordinance was then read the second time.

Alderman Seibert moved to strike the ordinance from the files; which motion failed of adoption.

The question then being on its engrossment, the ayes and nays were demanded, which, being taken, the ordinance failed to be ordered to be engrossed, by the following vote:

AYES, 3—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Layman, and President Ridenour.

NAYS, 6—viz. Alderman Drew, Grubbs, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, and Seibert.

The following message was read, and received:

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—At a called session of the Common Council, held on Wednesday evening, October 22, 1879, to confirm the nomination of a Clerk for the Committees of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, the nomination of B. W. Sullivan was duly confirmed.

For the Common Council:

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

Alderman Seibert moved that this body now proceed with the nomination, etc., of a Clerk for the Committees of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen; which motion was adopted.

Alderman Seibert nominated Geo. H. Fleming.

Alderman Layman nominated B. W. Sullivan, prefacing such nomination with the remark that he had voted against the passage of the ordinance, and was opposed to the creation of the position or office, but out of respect for the action taken by the Common Council, he would nominate Mr. B. W. Sullivan.

The Chair appointed Aldermen Mussmann and Layman as tellers.

A ballot was then had, which resulted in Geo. H. Fleming receiving 8 votes, and one blank vote being cast.

Geo. H. Fleming having received a majority of all the votes cast, the Chair declared the nomination of Mr. Fleming confirmed.

President Ridenour moved that this body request His Honor, Mayor Caven, to call a Joint Convention of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, for the purpose of making a selection of a Clerk of Committees, such Joint Convention to be held on Friday evening, October 24th, 1879, at half-past seven o'clock; which motion was adopted.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

..... President.

Attest :, Clerk.