

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—NOVEMBER 3, 1879.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, November 3d, 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 22 members, viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Kahn, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

ABSENT, 3—viz. Councilmen Harmening, Sheppard, and Wood.

The Proceedings of the Common Council, for the regular session, held on October 20th, 1879, for the special session, held on October 22d, 1879, and the proceedings of the Fourth Joint Convention, held on October 24th, 1879, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said journals were approved as published.

Sealed proposals for making the below-described improvements, were opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts:

(Under S. O. 51, 1879). For grading and graveling Newman street and sidewalks, from Hill avenue to Seventh street.

For constructing 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, and connecting with, the Madison avenue sewer.

Also, a proposition from John Edwards, city bill-poster, proposing to pay the sum of ten dollars for the exclusive privilege of posting bills in and around East Market Space, for the term of one year.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received; and the estimates (presented therewith) were severally approved:

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following estimates:

A first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for improving the north sidewalk of Washington street (where not already properly improved), from White River bridge to Ray street—

984.82 lineal feet, at 90 cents	\$ 886 33
36.48 cubic yards extra gravel, at 50 cents.	18 24
58.66 cubic yards extra embankment, at 15 cents.....	8 80
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Total estimate.....	\$ 913 37

A first and final estimate in behalf of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling Chesapeake alley and sidewalks, from Missouri street to the first alley west of Missouri street—

435 lineal feet, at 22 cents	\$ 95 70
3 yards extra gravel, at 55 cents.....	1 65
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Total estimate.....	97 35

A first and final estimate in behalf of George Woodfill & Son, for grading, and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Seventh street, from Illinois street to Tennessee street—

419.9 lineal feet, at 25 cents.....	\$ 104 97
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Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was then 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 J. L. Spaulding, for improving the north sidewalk of Washington street (where not already properly improved) from White River bridge to Ray 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, 20—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Kahn, King, Lamb, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was also 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 and graveling Chesapeake alley and sidewalks, from Missouri street to the first alley west of Missouri 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, 20—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Kahn, King, Lamb, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was also 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 George Woodfill & Son, for grading, and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Seventh street, from Illinois street to Tennessee 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, 20—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Kahn, King, Lamb, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS—None.

The City Civil Engineer presented the contract and bond of Henry Clay, for improving Highland street from Washington street to Ohio street, by grading and graveling the street and sidewalks, and bowldering, and curbing with stone, the gutters thereof. Penalty of bond, \$4,000; surety, Hamilton Bailie.

Councilman Downey presented the following petition; which was received, and prayer of petitioners granted :

Indianapolis, November 3, 1879.

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

The undersigned, owners of property upon the line of Highland street, from Washington to Ohio, desire to call the attention of your honorable body to the legislation that has been had in reference to the improvement of this street. The original ordinance, being No. 48, 1878, was "An Ordinance to provide for improving Highland street from Washington street to Miami street, by grading and graveling the street and sidewalks, and bowldering and curbing with stone the gutters thereof."

The law requires the pendency of all such ordinances to be advertised before the passage thereof, and whatever advertising was done in this case was done upon the original ordinance. At a subsequent meeting of the Council the ordinance was changed, both in the title and body of the same, so as to describe a very different improvement, and it was passed as changed. The ordinance, as changed, describes an improvement from Washington street to Ohio, while the original describes one from Washington to Miami. No advertisement was ever made of the pendency of the new or changed ordinance, and we therefore submit that the ordinance as it now stands has not been legally passed, and the Council can not award a contract and proceed to make the improvement under it, and compel the property owners to pay the expense.

We wish, also, to call your attention to the fact that the present proposed plan of grading Highland street will cut down the grade of Market street about 1½ feet at its intersection with Highland street, and will leave it in a very bad condition, unless in some way improved. While Highland street, between Washington and Market the distance of one square, will be left with a very deep depression or valley about half way between the streets, and the grade will be so steep that the gravel placed upon it will in a very short time be entirely washed off. An examination of the locality will demonstrate to any person that before any lasting improvements are made the grades of Market and Highland streets, at the point of intersection, must be very materially changed, as the intersection is upon the

apex of a steep knoll, and when the grades of the two streets are properly established they will have a gradual descent, sufficient to properly drain them, and no more. Again, the plan of the proposed improvement will cause the flooding of a large portion of petitioners' property by the surface water that will thereby be drained upon it.

As the expense of this improvement is to be paid by your petitioners, we desire before it is made that the proper steps be taken so that the same shall be an advantage to our property instead of an injury. We are informed that a contract is about to be entered into by the city for the prosecution of this work, and we therefore earnestly protest against it, and ask your honorable body to take no further steps towards making the improvement until such time as the grades of the streets can be properly made, and an improvement made then will be a permanent one. We make this request feeling that when the facts are known you will not hesitate to grant it, and because we preferred calling your attention to it in this manner instead of at once instituting proceeding to enjoin the prosecution of the work, thereby causing trouble and useless expense.

We therefore trust that your honorable body will grant our request.

Fred. Knefler, Henry Latham, Charles Latham,
Edward King.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

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 W. Richardson vs. Henry Scharn, for.....	\$ 36 20
Henry Clay vs. Catherine Karney, for.....	25 90

and recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

And the precepts were ordered to issue by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Kahn, King, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, and VanVorhis.

NAYS—None.

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

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

Gentlemen.—On the 25th day of October, 1879, the Indianapolis, Decatur & Springfield Railway Company, by and through her proper officers, filed in my office their acceptance of the terms and conditions of G. O. 55, 1879, which acceptance is in the words and figures as follows, to-wit:

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

The Indianapolis, Decatur & Springfield Railway Company does hereby accept the terms and conditions set forth in an ordinance entitled ‘An Ordinance authorizing the Indianapolis, Decatur & Springfield Railway Company to construct and maintain a double track into and through the City of Indianapolis, and prescrib-

ing the terms thereof,' ordained and established by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the said City of Indianapolis, upon the twenty-second day of October, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine.

INDIANAPOLIS, DECATUR & SPRINGFIELD R'Y Co.

Per H. B. HAMMOND, President.

Attest: A. DUPRA, Secretary."

Respectfully submitted;

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

Councilman Dowling presented the following remonstrance :

Indianapolis, November 3, 1879.

To His Honor, the Mayor, Common Council, and

Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—At the last meeting of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, an ordinance was introduced and passed, granting the right of way for a double track railroad to the Indianapolis, Decatur & Springfield Railroad, from the west side of White River to Tennessee street. We, the undersigned, property owners on the line of the proposed road, would humbly petition your honorable bodies to reconsider the ordinance, for the reason that it is destructive to private property, and will occupy the entire width of Louisiana street, between Tennessee and Missouri streets, and thus destroy this street, not leaving a sidewalk to pass on. We feel assured, on second thought, that your honorable bodies did not intend to grant such large privileges, and do so much damages to the city and property owners along the line of said road.

Kingan & Company, per R. S. Sinclair; Coburn & Jones; Mansur H. Wright.

Councilman Tucker moved that the City Attorney be instructed to immediately prepare an ordinance repealing G. O. 55, 1879, and that the repealing ordinance be acted upon at this meeting.

Councilman Lamb moved to amend the foregoing motion by providing for the repealing of so much of the original ordinance as allows the said company to lay double tracks in and through the City of Indianapolis, east of White River; which amendment was accepted by Councilman Tucker (no further action was had on foregoing motion).

Councilman Dowling, by consent, introduced the following entitled ordinance, which was read the first time :

G. O. 60, 1879—An Ordinance repealing an ordinance entitled "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," ordained and established October 22d, 1879.

Councilman Dowling moved to suspend the rules, for the purpose of placing foregoing entitled ordinance on its second and third reading and final passage.

Which motion failed of adoption by the following vote (it requiring a two-thirds vote) :

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Dowling, Kahn, King, Lamb, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS, 8—viz. Councilmen Carey, Downey, Hamilton, Morrison, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, and Shilling.

Councilman Rooker moved that the whole subject be referred to His Honor, Mayor Caven, the Committees on Judiciary, Railroads, and the City Attorney; that the City Marshal be, and is hereby, instructed to notify the proper officers of I., D. & S. R'y Co. not to proceed with the work of laying tracks, etc., east of White River, under privileges granted in G. O. 55, 1879, and that the subject be made the special order for next meeting of this body.

Which motion was adopted.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was referred to the Finance Committees:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit an itemized statement, showing the amount of orders drawn on the city treasury during the month of October, 1879:

Board of Health.....	\$	52	50
Bridges.....		1,424	08
City Assessor's Department.....		83	50
City Civil Engineer's Department.....		216	94
City Dispensary.....		129	88
City Hall.....		800	00
City Hospital and Branch.....		722	56
City Treasurer's percentage.....		2,682	02
Coal-oil Light.....		6	75
Damages and Costs.....		1,900	00
Fire Department.....		5,189	98
Gas.....		5,096	83
Incidental.....		246	25
Interest on bonds.....		1,903	00
Markets.....		85	84
Market-Masters' Fees.....		219	12
Parks.....		102	00
Police.....		3,630	58
Printing.....		551	35
Salary.....		3,002	08
Station Houses.....		220	69
Street Improvements.....		954	94
Street Repairs.....		3,126	95
Tunnels.....		22	40
Water rent.....		6,261	22
			\$ 38,631 46
School Fund.....	\$	4,214	32
			\$ 42,845 78

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The City Treasurer submitted the following report; which was referred to the Finance Committees:

Report of Wm. G. Wasson, City Treasurer, for the month of October, 1879.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand September 30, 1879, as per report.....	\$ 185,003 38
From delinquent taxes.....	4,323 06
From tax sales	6,049 46
From auction licenses.....	20 00
From dray licenses.....	12 00
From coal licenses.....	6 00
From dog licenses.....	12 00
From express licenses.....	72 00
From fines (City Court).....	131 27
From hack licenses.....	32 00
From hucksters' licenses.....	45 00
From market masters' fees.....	265 80
From peddlers' licenses	69 00
From promiscuous (removing dead animals).....	110 00
From show licenses	60 00
From tapping sewers.....	30 00
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	\$ 196,240 97

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Board of Health	\$ 52 50
For bridges.....	1,424 08
For City Assessor's Department.....	83 50
For City Civil Engineer's Department.....	214 59
For City Dispensary	127 18
For City Hall.....	50 00
For City Hospital and Branch.....	827 55
For City Treasurer's percentage (Wm. M. Wiles).....	2,423 68
“ “ “ (Wm. G. Wasson).....	258 34
For damages and costs.....	1,900 00
For elections.....	7 00
For Fire Department.....	5,152 38
For gas.....	5,096 83
For incidental.....	246 25
For interest on bonds.....	1,903 00
For markets	85 34
For market-masters' fees.....	219 12
For parks	102 00
For police	3,630 58
For printing	551 35
For salary	2,666 66
For school fund	5,235 04
For station houses	195 69
For street improvements.....	954 19
For street repairs	3,253 14
For taxes refunded ..	158 28
For tunnels.....	22 40
For water rent.....	6,261 22
Balance on hand.....	153,138 58
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	\$ 196,240 9

TOMLINSON ESTATE.

Balance on hand September 30, 1879, as per report.....	\$ 19,677 20
From rents	437 50
	\$ 20,114 70
Balance on hand.....	20,114 70

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. WASSON, City Treasurer.

To Jos. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The City Attorney submitted the following report; which was received:

Indianapolis, November 3, 1879.

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

Gentlemen:—In the case of Charles Boehl vs. The City, the Superior Court, in General Term, has affirmed the judgment of the Court at Special Term. There was a judgment below in favor of the plaintiff for three dollars, being a balance alleged to be due plaintiff as one of the patrolmen of the city.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN A. HENRY, City Attorney.

The Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch submitted the following report; which was referred to the Finance Committees:

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

Gentlemen:—The following report of the City Hospital and Branch, for the month of October, 1879, is respectfully submitted:

	First Week.	Second Week.	Third Week.	Fourth Week.	Three Days.	Monthly Total.
Number of paid Officers and Employes in Hospital	11					
Number of paid Officers and Employes in Branch.....	1					
Number of beds in Hospital						
Number of beds in Branch.....						
No. of adult patients in Hospital at beginning of week.....	41	40	39	43	41	41
No. of infant patients in Hospital at beginning of week....	1	2	1	1	1	1
No. of adult patients received during week	12	5	12	11	6	46
No. of infant patients received or born during week.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	2
No. of adult patients discharged during week	12	6	5	13	1	37
No. of infant patients discharged during week.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	2
No. of adult patients who died during week.....	1	.....	3	.....	.....	4
No. of infant patients who died during week.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of patients in Branch at beginning of week.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of patients in Branch at end of week .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of adult patients in Hospital and Branch at end of week	40	39	43	41	46	46
No. of inf't patients in Hospital and Branch at end of week	2	1	1	1	1	1
No. of pay-patients at beginning of week.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of pay-patients at end of week .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Aggregate number of days of patients in Hospital.....	324	295	310	329	141	1399
Aggregate number of days of employes in Hospital.....	85	85	85	85	36	376

Total expenditures for month	\$ 1,088 85
Cash collected from pay-patients and other sources, and paid to City Treasurer.....	\$55 20
Aggregate number of days subsistence furnished	1775
Average daily cost of each patient .....	.788
Average daily cost for patients, officers, and employes.....	.613

WILLIAM N. WISHARD, M. D., Superintendent.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Hospital Board, through Councilman Bryce, submitted the following reports; which were received:

Indianapolis, November 3, 1879.

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

Gentlemen.—In obedience to your instructions, we herewith hand you a corrected report of the number of patients treated, etc., for the month ending September 30th, 1879.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. Chandler,
Peter F. Bryce,
Wm. H. Morrison,
Hospital Board.

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

Gentlemen.—The following report of the City Hospital and Branch, for the month of September, 1879, is respectfully submitted:

	First Week.	Second Week.	Third Week.	Fourth Week.	Two Days.	Monthly Total.
No. of adult patients in Hospital at beginning of week.....	32	37	38	38	44	32
No. of infant patients in Hospital at beginning of week.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
No. of adult patients received during week	12	15	12	11	5	55
No. of infant patients received or born during week .....	.....	1	.....	2	.....	3
No. of adult patients discharged during week.....	6	12	10	5	7	40
No. of infant patients discharged during week.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	2
No. of adult patients who died during week.. ..	1	2	2	.....	1	6
No. of adult patients in Hospital and Branch at end of week	37	38	38	44	41	41
No. of infant patients in Hospital and Branch at end of week	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1

W M. N. WISHARD, Superintendent.

The Police Board, through Councilman Downey, submitted the following report; which was received, and the Police Board instructed to have the work done, and cost of same to be paid by special appropriation:

To the Common Council:

Gentlemen.—We respectfully report upon the motion referred to us concerning the construction of cells in Sixth Street Station House, that we think there is an existing necessity that the work be done; but if the expense of said work is to be charged to the estimate made up by us for Station House expenses we object to the outlay. We are endeavoring by all proper economy to bring our expenses within the estimate; but, of course, will not be able to do so if your body orders the outlay of money which was not contemplated at the time of making estimates. If, however, the work is ordered done, and special appropriation made therefor, we are in favor of it.

The motion gives dimensions of cells as five (5) feet square. This is too small. They should be at least five (5) by seven (7) feet, so that prisoners may have sufficient room in which to lie down.

D. W. Grubbs,
Jno. T. Downey,
Board of Police.

The Police Board, through Councilman Downey, submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Common Council:

Gentlemen.—In compliance with a motion passed by your body October 20th, 1879, asking that an officer be detailed to enforce the Coal Ordinance, the Police Board report that officer Shelton has been detailed to perform that duty.

D. W. Grubbs,
Jno. T. Downey,
Police Board.

Councilman Kahn, by consent, offered the following motion:

That the vote by which General Ordinance 55 was passed, is hereby reconsidered.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Kahn, King, Lamb, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS, 3—viz. Councilmen Hamilton, Morrison, and Rooker.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman McKay, submitted the following report; which was read, and the several recommendations concurred in, except the first clause, which was received:

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

Gentlemen.—Your Board of Public Improvements, to whom was referred sundry motions, make thereon the following report:

1st. Is Special Ordinance No. 48, 1879, providing for the grading and graveling of Cypress street and the sidewalks thereof, from Olive to Reid street. The ordinance is accompanied by both petition for and remonstrance against its passage.

After examination of the street, and in consideration of the large majority of remonstrants over petitioners, we recommend the prayer of the remonstrants be granted, and the ordinance be not passed.

2d. Is a motion that your Board report to the Council the best price that can be had for the strip of ground belonging to the city on the east side of Pine street, immediately south of St. Clair street, or what good use it can be put to by the city.

We recommend that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise the above mentioned property for sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be turned over to the City Treasurer—bids to be received until Monday noon, December 1st, 1879.

3d. Is a petition from the property holders on Louisiana street, between Meridian and Illinois streets, to have said street re-bowldered.

We have examined said street, and recommend that the Street Commissioner repair it where, in his judgment, it is needed.

4th. Is a proposition from Messrs. Patterson and Scott, to remove the gravel in the creek at the Southern Park, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, and pay the city for said gravel fifty (50) dollars.

After investigation, and upon personal examination of the creek in the Southern Park, we recommend that the proposition be not accepted.

5th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters on South street, between Delaware street and the railroad crossing.

We recommend the work be done.

6th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner repair the east crossing of Illinois street, at its intersection with Maryland street.

We find this crossing in a very bad condition. To repair it would require new wooden blocks for the entire intersection. As that is one of the thoroughfares of our city, we recommend a double stone crossing instead of repairs, as asked for in the motion.

7th. Is a motion that the grade of the north gutter of Maryland street, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets, be raised to allow a free flow of water.

We recommend the gutter be cleaned, believing this will accomplish the object of the motion.

8th. Is a motion to fill the chuck-holes on new Jersey street, between Washington and New York streets.

We recommend the work be done.

9th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner fill the mud-holes at the intersection of Alabama and North streets.

We recommend the work be done.

10th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner clean the gutters on St. Clair street, east of East street, and repair the grading half square west of Massachusetts avenue.

We recommend the work be done.

11th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be ordered to construct two wooden culverts at the crossing of Pratt and Camp streets.

We recommend the work be not done at present.

12th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner clean the gutters on Maple street, between McCarty and Ray streets.

We recommend the work be not done.

13th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner clean the gutters on McCarty street, from Illinois street to Pogue's Run.

We recommend the work be not done.

14th. Is a motion that your Board order the Street Commissioner to fill the chuck-holes on Mississippi street, north of Second street, with broken stone or raked river gravel.

We recommend the work be done.

15th. Is a resolution that Peter Fritz and Amelia Fritz have privilege to dig a well and put a pump in front of No 115 Fort Wayne avenue, provided the same is done at his own expense, and is located outside of the sidewalk, and kept in good repair, without creating a nuisance thereby.

We recommend the resolution be not adopted.

16th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner repair the gutters on Alabama street, between Merrill and McCarty streets, with Rolling Mill ciaders, to prevent washing out.

We recommend the work be done.

17th. Is a motion that Edward King and G. H. Voss be directed to remove the fence from the sidewalk in front of their property on West Washington street.

We recommend that the City Marshal be directed to at once notify the above named property owners to comply with the demand of the motion.

18th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to place a wooden culvert across the gutter on east side of Union street, at intersection of Hanway street.

We recommend the work be not done.

Very respectfully submitted,

M. H. McKay,
J. L. Bieler,
H. Coburn,
Board of Public Improvements.

Also, the following report; which was approved:

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

Gentlemen:—We herewith report expenditures of the Street-Repairs Department for the month of October, 1879, together with total amount of expenditures for the fiscal year, to November 1st, 1879:

Pay-rolls	\$ 3,065 90
Lumber.....	207 79
Gravel	196 00
Hardware.....	72 55
Freight on stone.....	96 00
Blacksmithing.....	34 15
Stone spawls.....	28 80
Sand	22 75
Sewer supplies.....	20 92
Cement pipe, etc.....	17 33
Cleaning vault contents from alley.....	8 00
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Total expenditures for October.....	\$ 3,770 19
Total expenditures per last report	14,736 03
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Total expenditures to November 1st, 1879.....	\$ 18,506 22

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. McKay,
J. L. Bieler,
H. Coburn,
Board of Public Improvements.

The Board of Health submitted the following report; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

Indianapolis, October 20, 1879.

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

Gentlemen:—Numerous complaints come to this office in regard to the filthy condition of the gutter on Market street, opposite the jail; also, the gutter on southwest corner of St. Clair street and Massachusetts avenue; also, the gutter on southeast corner of New Jersey and Michigan streets; also, the gutter on southeast corner of St. Clair and Alabama streets; also, the gutter on northeast corner of Washington and Delaware streets; also, the graded alley running south from Pine street and between Virginia avenue and Elm street. At all these places the water stands and stagnates, and is offensive to the sight and smell, and is deleterious to the public health. The cause is, in most instances, the defective grade of the streets, gutters and alleys.

These masses of decaying matter are pregnant with the seeds of typhoid and typho-malarial fevers, of which we are at present reaping a harvest (as per report, 11 deaths in the past two weeks).

We would respectfully suggest to your honorable body that prompt action be taken in cleansing all filthy gutters; and to the public we recommend that they scrutinize closely the sources of their water supply, as that is the avenue through which the seeds of typhoid fever most easily and frequently travels.

Respectfully,

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

Also, the following reports; which were received:

Report of Deaths in the City of Indianapolis, from October 1st to 15th, 1879.

Under 1 year	14
1 to 2 years	1
2 to 5 "	11
5 to 10 "	2
10 to 15 "	4
15 to 20 "	3
20 to 25 "	3
25 to 30 "	2
30 to 40 "	9
40 to 50 "	4
50 to 60 "	5
60 to 70 "	3
70 to 80 "	2
80 to 90 "	0
90 to 100 "	0
100 and upwards	0
Unknown	0
Total	63

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

Report of Deaths in the City of Indianapolis, from October 16th to 31st, 1879.

Under 1 year	8
1 to 2 years	4
2 to 5 "	2
5 to 10 "	5
10 to 15 "	3
15 to 20 "	5
20 to 25 "	4
25 to 30 "	3
30 to 40 "	5
40 to 50 "	3
50 to 60 "	2
60 to 70 "	1
70 to 80 "	1
80 to 90 "	1
90 to 100 "	0
100 and upwards	0
Unknown	1
Total	48

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

Indianapolis, November 1, 1879.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen :—Legal notices have been served by Sanitary Officers during month of October, 1879, as follows:

By Shelton.....	150
By Crouch.....	166
By Watson.....	50
Total.....	366

W. E. Jeffries, M. D., Secretary,
Board of Health.

The Dispensary Board, through Councilman Carey, submitted the following report; which was received:

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

Gentlemen :—The following reports of the City Dispensary for the month of October, 1879, are respectfully submitted:

Number of Patients treated at Dispensary.....	241
Number of Medical cases at Dispensary.....	151
Number of Surgical cases at Dispensary.....	75
Number of Disease of Nervous System.....	3
Number of Disease of Eye and Ear.....	9
Number of Out-door Patients treated.....	107
Number of Vaccinations.....	3
Number at Station House.....	16
Total number of Patients treated during month.....	364
Total number of Visits made during month.....	398
Total number of Prescriptions filled during month.....	739
Number of Births during month.....	2
Number of Deaths during month.....	5

EXPENDITURES FOR MONTH.

C. A. Ritter, Superintendent.....	\$ 33 33
T. R. Rubush, Resident Physician.....	20 00
F. M. Ferree, Prescription Clerk.....	20 00
A. Metsker, stoves and pipe.....	34 50
Watson Coal & Mining Co.....	2 75
Indianapolis Gas-Light and Coke Co.....	2 00

Total expenditures for month..... \$113 18

C. A. RITTER, M. D., Superintendent.

Councilman Brown, by consent, offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That this body recommend the appointment of Michael Steinhauer to fill the vacancy on Board of City Commissioners, caused by the resignation of Mr. Mix.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM COMMITTEES.

The Finance Committee, through Councilman Kahn, submitted the following report; which was read, and the first, second and fourth clauses concurred in:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Finance, to whom sundry papers were referred, would report thereon as follows:

1st. The City Clerk's statement, by accounts, of orders drawn upon the City Treasurer during the month of September, 1879.

2d. The report of Wm. G. Wasson, City Treasurer, of receipts and disbursements for the month of September, 1879.

A comparison of above mentioned financial statements with the books of the City Treasurer and City Clerk having shown said statements to be in form and correct, we recommend the same be duly approved.

3d. That the contract for collecting secreted taxes be awarded to Mr. J. W. Wharton, as per his proposition to this Council.

After a full and careful consideration of foregoing subject, the committee would respectfully report the same back to the Council, there being other bids before the committee equally as low, and some lower than that of Mr. Wharton's; and are of the further opinion that the assessment and collection of all taxes belongs to, and should be performed by the City Officers. We recommend no further action be taken upon any of the bids.

4th. That all moneys collected as taxes, upon what is known as sequestered property, be used and expended exclusively in repairing the streets and alleys of the city, and that the City Treasurer keep a separate account of the same.

After thorough investigation, would respectfully report the committee is of opinion that all moneys collected by the city should be placed in the general fund, and drawn out as the necessities of the different Departments require.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Kahn,
H. J. Prier,
M. L. Brown,
Peter F. Bryce,
C. F. Wiese,
Committee on Finance.

The third clause was concurred in by the following vote:

AYES, 13—viz. Councilmen Brown, Bryce, Carey, Downey, Kahn, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, Prier, Van Vorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS, 9—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Dowling, Hamilton, O'Connor, Pearson, Rooker, Shilling, and Tucker.

Councilman Kahn, from same committee, submitted the following majority report:

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

Gentlemen:—G. O. No. 52, 1879—An Ordinance amending section four (4) of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance providing for the compensation of the Officers of the City of Indianapolis, and the officers and members of the Police and Fire Departments of said city, for the fiscal year ending May 31st, 1880," ordained and established May 20, 1879, having been referred to your Committees on Finance, Police Board, and City Attorney, after careful investigation would respectfully report as follows:

That no change be made for balance of fiscal year, as other officers of the city, whose salaries can not be changed, would individually suffer by it, and changes, if any are desired, should be made at the beginning of the year, when all matters in regard to salaries, etc., should be for the fiscal year permanently settled; and do

further state that all witness fees that may be paid into the city treasury, by or through the attendance of the policemen at the Mayor's Court, would be far inadequate to compensate for the increased allowance made said policemen.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Kahn,
H. J. Prier,
C. F. Wiese,
Committee on Finance.
D. W. Grubbs,
J. T. Downey,
Police Board.

John A. Henry, City Attorney.

Councilman Brown, from same committee, submitted the following minority report :

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

The undersigned members of the Finance Committee, to whom was referred the ordinance to amend section 2 of the Salary Ordinance (G. O. 19, 1879), would recommend that said ordinance be passed, for the following, among other reasons :

Public clamor and the public press are continually used against our police force on account of the fee system, and the effects of these criticisms are proving very unpleasant and must have a somewhat demoralizing influence on its members.

The patrolmen, themselves, or at least nine-tenths of them, would like to be relieved from the unjust reflections which the fee system occasions.

The fee system is peculiar to Indianapolis, and the sooner it shall be abolished, the sooner the *morale* of the force will be elevated to its proper standard.

No city of the Union has a better average force, in morals and efficiency, than has Indianapolis, and the wishes of the majority of its members should be acceded to, if not to the detriment of the city treasury.

We do not believe that the cutting of fees would be followed by diminished service, but are of the opinion that the fees paid would nearly or quite equal the extra compensation proposed by the ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Brown,
Peter F. Bryce.

Councilman Brown moved to concur in the minority report.

Councilman Kahn moved, as a substitute, to concur in the majority report ; which motion was adopted, and the majority report concurred in by the following vote :

AYES, 12—viz. Councilmen Carey, Downey, Hamilton, Kahn, King, Lamb, O'Connor, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS, 10—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Dowling Morrison, McGinty, McKay, Pearson, and Tucker.

The Committee on Judiciary, through Councilman Lamb, submitted the following report ; which was read, and the first, third, and fourth clauses concurred in ; the second clause was not concurred in :

Your committee, to whom was referred sundry papers, report thereon, to-wit :

1st. McKay's proposed ordinance No. 56, 1879. We recommend its immediate passage.

2d. Louis Lehr's paper. We recommend the payment of thirty dollars as a compromise. If not accepted, contest the entire amount.

3d. Abbie Sullivan's paper—widow—back taxes. We recommend its rejection.

4th. Riney Reeves' paper—widow—back taxes. We recommend its rejection.

5th. Ewald Over's paper—sundry grievances. If the fine assessed was excessive, the remedy is by appeal. If costs were improperly taxed, the remedy is by motion to re-tax, and ask for the correct rule. If the petitioner was illegally treated by the officer making the arrest, that is good cause for removal and prosecution besides; and if John G. Pendergast made a malicious prosecution, the remedy is ample and severe. If the petitioner has been wronged, let him at least seek his remedy at the proper place first.

We recommend indefinite postponement of petition.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Lamb,
C. F. Rooker.

I approve all the foregoing except section 5, upon which section I respectfully offer a minority report.

Jas. T. Dowling.

Councilman Dowling, from the same committee, submitted the following report; which was read :

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

Gentlemen:—I most respectfully differ from the majority of your Judiciary Committee in the matter of alleged grievances of Ewald Over against John G. Pendergast, Chief Fire Engineer, for the reason that to the best of my knowledge no opportunity was given the complainant to establish his charge; and believing such serious charges as these against a city official should receive from your committee careful consideration, such duty not having been performed by your committee I can not, in justice to the complainant, Ewald Over, accord with the views of the majority.

Jas. T. Dowling.

Councilman Carey moved to concur in the fifth clause, or majority report, and moved the "previous question".

The question being, *shall the main question be now put?* the ayes and nays were demanded, and the roll being called, the previous question was admitted by the following vote :

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Downey, Hamilton, Kahn, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Van-Vorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS, 5—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Dowling, O'Connor, Pearson, and Tucker.

The fifth clause, or majority report, of the Judiciary Committee was then concurred in.

The Committee on Printing, through Councilman Hamilton, submitted the following report :

SIG. 58.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Your Committee on Printing, together with same committee of the Board of Aldermen, have jointly considered the matters to us referred, and do now report thereon as follows:

1st. No answer has yet been received to our letter of September 29th, asking Hon. Geo. E. Waring, Jr., of the Census Office, for definite instructions as to what the General Government desired from this city for the Census Reports for 1880. In lieu of a directory letter, there have been two additional communications from same gentleman, quite as indefinite, as to when the asked-for statistical material should begin or end, as was his first circular-letter, referred to us.

After due consideration of the demands made upon this city by the U. S. Census Office, we have instructed Geo. H. Fleming to forward suitable portions of his "Indexical Digest to the Journals" for 1877-1878 and for 1878-1879, together with other collatings of statistical facts, the Report of the Chief Fire Engineer for year ending May 15th, 1879, and (as soon as printed) the Reports of the Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch for years 1877-1878 and 1878-1879.

We are yet in the dark as to whether aforesaid documents and statistical material will satisfy the demands of the Census Office, but they comprehend, in our judgment, all that the city can now supply.

2d. We have again carefully reviewed the list of statistical items embraced in the form sent the city by the State Department of Statistics and Geology, and find that said form contains over 200 inquiries, calling for about 1000 particulars.

We have requested Mr. Fleming to procure and compile the statistics the State asks for as promptly as possible, and to send in as perfect a report as may be practicable by middle of present month.

We ask that we be allowed to expend not more than \$50 on "incidental account," for the purpose of getting up these statistical materials, and that said sum be inserted in the Miscellaneous Appropriation Ordinance this evening introduced, payable to this committee.

3d. We would recommend that 600 copies of the Reports of the Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch for the years 1877-1878 and 1878-1879 (now in our hands) be printed, on the requisition of the President of the Hospital Board, to be disposed of as follows: 200 copies as appendix-matter for the Journals for 1879-1880; 150 copies for distribution in pamphlet form; and 250 copies as a portion of a Documentary Journal, or Year-Book, to be bound at end of this legislative year.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Hamilton,
M. McGinty,
M. L. Brown,
Committee on Printing.

Councilman Lamb offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Committee on Printing be authorized to employ all necessary assistance, and to obtain as soon as possible all necessary statistics of our city for the proper State authorities, and to make the same as complete as possible.

The foregoing report was then concurred in.

The Committee on Public Light, through Councilman Rooker, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committees on Gas have carefully examined and considered Special Ordinances Nos. 67, 66, 62, 61, 58, and 69, for the erection of lamp-posts—

and we beg to report that we fully recognize the just demand for more light; but from the fact that our estimate for the year has been made, and the passage of these ordinances would add largely to the outlay, we recommend that they be not passed.

We also report back the proposition of M. J. Vieira, referred to us October 20, 1879, to furnish Street-Guides, and recommend that it be rejected.

We also report back the petition of W. A. Conway and others, for a lamp and post in front of the brick and frame block between Clifford avenue and Pendleton Pike, and recommend that the prayer thereof be not granted.

C. F. Rooker,
M. H. McKay,
D. W. Grubbs,
Committees on Public Light.

Councilman Tucker, by consent, presented the following communication; which was referred to the Finance Committees:

Indianapolis, October 30, 1879.

Common Council, City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—We have the following report to make of collections and repairs of the property of the city, placed in our hands August 1st, 1879:

The collections for the first quarter to date have amounted to \$376.25, as per itemized statement accompanied herewith, of which sum \$354.84 have been expended in repairs, mainly at the block of dwellings, Nos. 113, 115, and 117 North Illinois street. Commissions for collections \$13.18, leaving balance in our hands of \$8.23.

The bill for tin work, and some other items, have not as yet been paid.

The property is all occupied, and the current collections all up to date, and we have also collected some portion of the back rent.

The Illinois street block is now in very good condition, and will not need any repairs for some time.

The Ohio street and Indiana avenue properties all require considerable work to put them into good tenantable condition, which work we are doing as fast as we can collect the rents to use for that purpose.

The dwelling occupied by Dr. Pritchard, on Ohio street, we have as yet been unable to get straightened out. Dr. Pritchard claims to pay his rent in medical services to the Fire Department horses.

We find upon inquiry of the Chief of Fire Department, that the services of Dr. Pritchard are valuable, he having made about 200 calls during the past year. If his services are worth \$300 per year to the city, this is more than could probably be collected in rent for the house he occupies, as the house is old and in bad condition; and we have therefore not disturbed the existing arrangement, and will await further instructions from your committee before attempting to collect any rent from Pritchard.

Yours truly,

JNO. S. SPANN & Co.

City of Indianapolis in Account with John S. Spann & Co.

1879.		Dr.
August	20. To whitewashing at 113, 115, and 117 N. Illinois street....	\$ 16 50
"	" To hardware.....	98
"	22. To 60 ft. new fence, sodding and cleaning yard and cellar,	26 45
"	23. To inside shutters.....	12 00
"	" To cleaning 3 cisterns.....	9 00
"	" To Cathcart & C., papering.....	56 33
"	29. To new pump and cleaning well.....	4 75
September	5. To Neab, gas fitting.....	2 60
"	6. To Swelt, painting and glazing.....	25 70
"	11. To Feiler, carpenter work.....	2 38
"	12. To Wiggins & Donnan, tin work.....	11 21

September	22.	To carpenter work.....	5 77
"	26.	To pumps, 117 N. Illinois street.....	1 25
"	27.	To carpenter and locksmith.....	10 42
October	23.	To cistern, 117 N. Illinois street.....	2 00
"	30.	To new roof, Illinois street block.....	114 00
"	"	To insurance.....	53 50
"	"	To commissions on \$376.25, at 3½ per cent.....	13 18
"	"	To balance on hand.....	8 23
			\$ 376 25

1879.			CR.
August	4.	By Paul Sherman.....	\$ 28 00
"	11.	By W. H. Mahan.....	25 70
"	12.	By A. C. Harvey.....	35 05
"	18.	By L. S. Campbell.....	12 00
"	22.	By E. K. Farnum.....	15 50
"	27.	By W. I. Bartholomew.....	25 00
September	1.	By E. K. Farnum.....	10 00
"	9.	By W. H. Mahan.....	25 00
"	10.	By A. C. Harvey.....	35 00
"	19.	By L. D. Waterman.....	15 00
"	24.	By E. K. Farnum.....	25 00
October	2.	By W. I. Bartholomew.....	25 00
"	8.	By Paul Sherman.....	15 00
"	9.	By W. H. Mahan.....	10 00
"	11.	By A. C. Harvey.....	35 00
"	17.	By W. H. Mahan.....	10 00
"	22.	By E. K. Farnum.....	20 00
"	28.	By W. H. Mahan.....	10 00
			\$ 376 25

The Committees on Public Property, through Councilman Tucker, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Joint Committees on Public Property and Parks, together with the City Attorney, to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 32, for the government of public parks, would most respectfully report, that in our opinion, for the amount of parks our city has it is entirely too voluminous, and as a matter of economy recommend that it be stricken from the files.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Tucker,
H. G. Carey,
W. E. Shilling,
James T. Layman,
W. F. Piel,
H. Coburn.

John A. Henry, City Attorney.

The following entitled ordinance, by concurrence in the recommendation of the foregoing report, was stricken from the files:

G. O. 32, 1878—An Ordinance relative to the Public Parks of the City of Indianapolis.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read and received :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen :—At a regular session of the Board of Aldermen, held on October 8th, 1879, the following papers, originating in said body, were favorably passed upon. I herewith report the same for your consideration and action thereon.

For the Board of Aldermen :

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

That the Street Commissioner cover the broken stone on Louisiana street, between East and New Jersey streets, to the depth of two inches, and widen the same so as to admit the free passage of wagons.

G. O. 54, 1879—An Ordinance to prevent horses or other animals or vehicles from standing within ten feet of any drinking fountain in the City of Indianapolis, except while such horse or animal is engaged in drinking.

The foregoing motion was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

The foregoing entitled ordinance was read the first time by title.

The following message was read and received :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen :—The Board of Aldermen, at its regular session, held on October 8th, 1879, refused to concurrently approve the fourth clause of the report from the Committee on Finance, which reads as follows, viz. :

"4th. Is a request from the Board of Health, 'that a reasonable allowance be made for the keeping of sanitary officer Watson's horse,' used in the service of the city. We recommend that an allowance at the rate of \$8 a month, from August 15th to November 15th, be made in this behalf."

I herewith report the same for your further consideration and action.

For the Board of Aldermen :

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

On motion of Councilman Hamilton, this body receded from its action of October 6th [see page 530, *ante*] in concurring in foregoing clause of the Finance Committee's report, and concurred with the Board of Aldermen in non-approving the same.

The following message was read and received :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen :—At the regular session of the Board of Aldermen, held on October 8th, 1879, said body refused to pass Ap. O. 61, 1879, "An Ordinance appropriating the sum of Four Hundred Dollars, to be paid to the Chief of Police and Street Commissioner, to defray the expense of keeping and maintaining a horse and vehicle by each of said officers."

I herewith report the same for your further consideration and action.

For the Board of Aldermen :

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

Councilman Hamilton moved that this body recede from its action of October 6th, in passing Ap. O. 61, 1879; which motion failed of adoption by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Carey, Hamilton, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Shilling, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS, 11—viz. Councilmen Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Dowling, Downey, King, Lamb, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, and Tucker.

The following message was read and received :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen.—At a regular session of the Board of Aldermen, held on Wednesday evening, October 22d, 1879, said body confirmed the nomination of Geo. H. Fleming as Clerk for the Committees of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, thus non-concurring in the action of your honorable body of the same date, in confirming the nomination of B. W. Sullivan.

For the Board of Aldermen :

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

Councilman Rooker moved that this body recede from its action in confirming the nomination of Mr. Sullivan, and concur in the action of the Board of Aldermen, in confirming the nomination of Mr. Fleming.

Councilman Tucker moved to lay the foregoing motion on the table, which motion failed of adoption by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz. Councilmen Bieler, Bryce, Carey, Lamb, Morrison, McKay, Prier, Shilling, and Tucker.

NAYS, 12—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Brown, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, King, McGinty, O'Connor, Pearson, Rooker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

Councilman Tucker moved to indefinitely postpone the matter, which motion was lost by the following vote :

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

NAYS, 11—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Dowling, Hamilton, King, McGinty, O'Connor, Pearson, Rooker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

By consent, Councilman Rooker then withdrew his motion.

Councilman Pearson moved that this Council now concur in the action of the Board of Aldermen, in confirming the nomination of George H. Fleming.

Councilman Rooker presented the following communication; which was received :

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

Gentlemen.—On page 536 of the Council Journal, of date October 6th, 1879, you will find two amendments to G. O. 46, 1879 (the so-called "Committee Clerk Ordinance"), as offered by Councilman Lamb. Through an inadvertent error of Mr.

Lamb, his amendment to section 2 of said ordinance reads: "It shall be his duty to properly index all By-Laws and Ordinances required to be indexed by any ordinance of this city," etc.

My clear understanding of the above cited provision was that it was intended to require the "Clerk of the Committees" to prepare "Indexical Digests to the Journals of the Common Council" without cost to the city. I have done this work for the past three Council years, and have been paid, therefor, an average of fully \$200 for each year. I now propose, if chosen as "Clerk of the Committees," to do this work as part and parcel of my duties under said ordinance, and without any extra charge or allowance for such work. The city will thus save a net \$200, and the net cost of the service will be reduced to \$800 per annum.

Respectfully,

GEO H. FLEMING.

His Honor, the Mayor, decided that the vote must be by ballot, and the word "yes" or "no" used, "yes" to concur, and "no" not to concur.

The Chair appointed Councilmen VanVorhis and Dowling as tellers.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows :

Yes.....	10
No.....	10
Blank.....	1

The Chair then decided the motion to concur not adopted.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

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

By the Fire Board, through Councilman Tucker :

Ap. O. 68, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department.

By the Hospital Board, through Councilman Morrison :

Ap. O. 69, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch.

By the Police Board, through Councilman Downey :

Ap. O. 70, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses.

By the Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman McKay :

Ap. O. 71, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, on account of the Street-Repairs Department of the City of Indianapolis.

By the Committees on Accounts and Claims, through Councilman Van-Vorhis :

Ap. O. 72, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

By the Committees on Printing, through Councilman Hamilton :

Ap. O. 73, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, and Advertising.

Appropriation Ordinance 68, 1879, was then read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Appropriation Ordinance 69, 1879, was then read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Appropriation Ordinance 70, 1879, was then read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Appropriation Ordinance 71, 1879, was then read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Appropriation Ordinance 72, 1879, was then read the second time.

Councilman Morrison offered the following motion :

That the allowances made to persons in the City Civil Engineer's office, and for the Clerk of the Board of Public Improvements, be referred to the City Attorney and the Committee on Accounts and Claims, to ascertain if they are legal and duly authorized by ordinance.

It now being nearly eleven o'clock, Councilman Hamilton moved the suspension of the following section of the "Rules and Regulations for the government of the City Council," and that the time be extended half an hour, viz. :

SEC. 5. This Council shall not, without a suspension of the rules by a two-thirds vote, sit later on any evening than eleven o'clock.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, and VanVorhis.

NAYS, 1—viz. Councilman King.

Councilman Morrison's motion was then adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 11—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Morrison, McGinty, O'Connor, Rooker, Shilling, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS, 9—viz. Councilmen Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, King, Lamb, McKay, Prier, and Tucker.

Appropriation Ordinance 72, 1879, as amended, was then ordered to be engrossed.

Appropriation Ordinance 73, 1879, was then read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Ap. O. 68, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$796.86.]

Was then read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 69, 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, \$1,088.85.]

Was then read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 70, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station-Houses. [Amount appropriated, \$175.98.]

Was then read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 71, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, on account of the Street-Repairs Department of the City of Indianapolis.

Was then read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 72, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$8,550.91.]

Was then read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 73, 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, \$232.05.]

Was then read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS—None

By consent, Councilman Lamb introduced the following entitled ordinance, which was read the first time :

G. O. 61, 1879—An Ordinance to provide the Boards and Committees of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis with a Clerk, and prescribing the Duties of such Clerk.

On motion by Councilman Rooker, the foregoing ordinance was made the special order for the next meeting of this Council.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor,

President of Common Council.

Attest: JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.