

# PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

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REGULAR SESSION—DECEMBER 3, 1879.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis met in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Wednesday evening, December 3d, 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 Coburn, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, and Seibert—9.

**ABSENT**—Alderman Chandler—1.

The proceedings of the Board of Aldermen, for the regular session, held on November 19th, 1879, and for the Fifth and Sixth Joint Conventions, held on November 20th and 21st, 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 President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

*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, December 1st, 1879, for your action upon same.

For the Common Council :

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read ; and this body concurred in the action of the Common Council [see page 681, *ante*] in receiving the report, and in approving the accompanying estimates :

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

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

A first and final estimate in behalf of E. B. Elliot, for grading, and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Blackford street, from New York street to Vermont street—

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444.83 lineal feet, at 29 cents.....	\$ 129 00
4 yards of gravel, at 60 cents.....	2 40
Total estimate.....	\$ 131 40

A first and final estimate in behalf 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—

220 lineal feet, at 9½ cents.....	\$ 20 90
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Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution [which had been adopted by the Common Council—see page 682, *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 E. B. Elliott, for grading, and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Blackford street, from New York street to Vermont 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, 9—viz. Aldermen Coburn, Drew, 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 682, *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 and graveling the first alley east of East street, from Dougherty street to the first alley north of Dougherty 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, 9—viz. Aldermen Coburn, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS—None.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read; and this body concurred in the action of the Common Council [see page 682, *ante*] in receiving the report, and in concurring in the contracts and approving the bonds :

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

*Gentlemen*.—I herewith report the following contracts and bonds for your consideration and action thereon :

Contract and bond of E. B. Elliott, for grading, and paving with brick, except where already paved, the sidewalks of Harrison street, from Noble street to Dillon street. Bond, \$800.00; surety, M. M. Hook.

Contract and bond of John Schier, for grading, and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Madison avenue, from Nebraska street to the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis Railway tracks. Bond, \$800.00; surety, Chas. S. Roney.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

Report from the City Attorney, relative to cases tried, etc. [see pages 684 and 685, *ante*] was read, and was concurrently approved.

Report from the Chief Fire Engineer, showing the receipts and expenditures of his department for three months ending November 30th, 1879 [see pages 686 and 687, *ante*], was read, and received.

Report from the Superintendent of City Hospital and Branch, for the month of November, 1879 [see pages 687 and 688, *ante*], was read and received.

Report from the City Dispensary Board, for the month of November, 1879 [see page 689, *ante*], was read and received.

Reports from Board of Health, giving a tabulated statement, by ages, of deaths registered in the City of Indianapolis, from November 1st to 15th, and from November 16th to 30th, 1879 [see pages 689 and 690, *ante*], were read and received.

The following clauses in the report of the Board of Public Improvements [see pages 690, 691, and 692, *ante*], were read:

*First.* Is a motion that the Street Commissioner lay a cross-walk on McCarty street, on a line with west sidewalk of New Jersey street.

We recommend the walk be made with broken stone.

*Fourth.* Is a motion that the Street Commissioner lay a cross-walk over the first alley north of McCarty street, on a line with the east sidewalk of New Jersey street.

We recommend that the work be done with broken stone.

*Fifth.* Is a motion that the Street Commissioner construct a cross-walk on Sinker street, at intersection of New Jersey street, using rolling-mill cinders or other like cheap material.

We recommend that the walk be made of broken stone.

*Seventh.* Is a motion that permission be granted J. Miller, druggist, in Spencer House block, on South Illinois street, to erect in front of his premises a business sign, nine feet high.

We recommend that he be required to comply strictly with the provisions of an ordinance regarding the erection of signs.

*Eighth.* Is a motion that the Street Commissioner make a crossing over the gutter at southeast corner of Massachusetts avenue and St. Clair street.

We recommend the work be done.

*Ninth.* Is a motion that the Street Commissioner repair the south side of the bridge over Pogue's Run on Michigan street.

We recommend the work be done.

*Fourteenth.* Is a motion that the Street Commissioner clean the gutter on the south side of North street, from West to California street; the water can not flow.

We recommend the work be done.

*14½.* Is a motion that the Street Commissioner bowlder and raise grade of the mouth of the first alley south of Maryland street, on the west side of Illinois street.

We recommend a stone crossing be made at this place.

*Fifteenth.* Is a motion that the Street Commissioner fill, at once, with broken stone, the chuck-hole at the corner of South and West streets.

We recommend the hole be filled with gravel instead of broken stone.

*Sixteenth.* Is a petition that the gutters of Mulberry street and their connections be so repaired as to admit of free flow of water.

We recommend the work be done by the Street Commissioner.

*Seventeenth.* Is a petition from a number of property owners in the vicinity of the intersection of Vermont and Delaware streets, to have a stone walk made across the alleys on the south side of Vermont street, between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets. One alley is ten and the other is thirty feet wide.

Inasmuch as this is very central and a much needed improvement, we recommend the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

*Eighteenth.* Is a motion that the Board of Public Improvements be, and are hereby, ordered to improve Indiana avenue and Michigan Road, from Fall Creek bridge to White River, and that they be instructed to obtain what aid they can from the Board of County Commissioners, and from any other citizens who may want to donate money, gravel, teams, or labor for such improvement.

This motion was not referred by Council, but we have considered the matter, and feeling confident of the support of the Council and Board of Aldermen, we report upon the same. This is a road inside the city, and is in a very bad condition. It will cost about four hundred dollars to make the contemplated repairs. There has been over one hundred dollars in cash subscribed, all the gravel necessary to complete the work donated, all the laborers necessary to do the shoveling, and two teams additional will be furnished by the county. We recommend that a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars be expended for the above repairs, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Alderman Mussmann moved not to concur in the 18th clause.

Which motion failed of adoption by the following vote :

AYES, 4—viz. Aldermen Mussmann, Newman, Piel, and President Ridenour.

NAYS, 5—viz. Aldermen Coburn, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, and Seibert.

This body then approved the action of Common Council in concurring in the several recommendations, as above set forth.

The following report from the Board of Public Improvements was read; and this body concurred with the Common Council in approving the same [see page 693, *ante*]:

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

*Gentlemen:*—We would respectfully report, that in June last there was appropriated the sum of \$1,266.00, to be used in the construction of New Jersey street bridge over Pogue's Run and St. Clair street bridge over the canal.



We have completed the bridges at a cost of \$954.49, leaving a balance of \$311.51 of the appropriation unexpended.

We would recommend that said balance be used in the payment of labor and material used in the construction of the Walnut street bridge over the canal.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Report from Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, giving a statement of expenditures on account of the Street-Repairs Department, for the month of November, 1879 [see page 693, *ante*], was read and concurrently approved.

The following clauses in the report of the Finance Committee [see pages 694 and 695, *ante*], were read, and referred to the Aldermanic Committee on Finance :

1st. Is the City Clerk's statement, by account, of orders drawn upon the city treasury during the month of October, 1879.

2d. Is the Report of W. G. Wasson, City Treasurer, of receipts and disbursements for the month of October, 1879.

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

4th. Is a report of John S. Spann & Co., of collections and repairs of the property of the City of Indianapolis.

Would respectfully report, we find no errors in the account, and would further recommend that Dr. Pritchard, tenant of the house on Ohio street, be allowed to occupy the same under the same conditions as before.

6th. Is a petition of Halden Davis, for the refunding of certain city taxes, paid Jno. W. Coons, City Treasurer, on 28th day of September, 1872, to the amount of twenty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents (\$28.25), less one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25), collector's costs.

Would respectfully report, after careful investigation, we find the facts as represented in petition true, and recommend the payment of twenty-seven (\$27) dollars, as per petition, with interest, as authorized by law, from September 28, 1872.

7th. Is a petition of Henry G. Hannaman, to refund twenty-two dollars and seventy-six cents (\$22.76), amount of tax-sale certificate.

Would respectfully report, after careful investigation, we find the facts as represented in petition true, and recommend the payment of above amount, with legal interest from February 14th, 1878.

Report from the Printing Committees, relative to City Statistics [see page 695, *ante*], was read and concurrently approved.

Reports from the Committees on Railroads, relative to the Citizen's Street Railway Company [see pages 699, *ante*], were read and concurrently approved.

The following clauses in the report from the Committee on Streets and Alleys [see page 701, *ante*], were read, and referred to the Aldermanic Committee on Streets and Alleys:

4th. Motion to grant Henry B. Sherman, lessee of the Dennison House, permission to put in scales on Wabash street, on the east of said premises.

Your committee report against the passage of said motion, but in favor of allowing him to put the same in the alley running north and south, and in the rear and immediately adjacent to said premises, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

5th. This is a motion to allow William Conover to place a coal scale on South West street, immediately north of Kingan's side track.

We recommend permission for the same be granted, and the work be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

7th. Petition to vacate an alley and four lots, fully described by diagram attached thereto, the original of which is attached to and made a part of this report.

Your committee recommend that so much of said petition as relates to said alley be granted, under the proper laws regulating vacations of alleys, and that the balance of said petition be refused.

The following motion was read; and the action of the Common Council thereon [see page 706, *ante*], was concurred in:

That the Board of Public Improvements instruct the Street Commissioner to at once re-plank the bridge over Pogue's Run, at the Virginia avenue crossing.

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

That the Committees on Accounts and Claims be, and are hereby, instructed to report in their next appropriation ordinance, allowances in favor of the Deputy City Assessors, from May 16th to 27th, inclusive, 1878, for amount due them, as is shown by the claims now on file in the City Clerk's office.

That the Chief of the Fire Department be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to take charge of the placing of fire insurance on the property belonging to said Department.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to notify the owner of property No. 336 West North street, to remove brick-bats from street in front of said number.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to make a walk, with broken stone, across New Jersey street, at the Union track crossing.

That Dewey, Twiname & Graham be allowed thirty days further time to complete the alley improvement, under contract to them, between Lincoln avenue and Seventh street and Columbia ave and Yandes street.

That the Joint Committees on Public Property be authorized to purchase and have hauled into Military Park, to fix the walks in said park, 20 loads of gravel; also, to purchase 25 pounds of nails, for the purpose of repairing the gates and fences.

That Mahlon Thompson be, and is hereby, granted permission to lay a roadway across the sidewalk in front of his property on Washington street, between West and Missouri streets, the same to be laid with good bowlders, and under the instructions of the City Civil Engineer.

That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, ordered to turn over to the City Treasurer thirty dollars, received of Captain Rieve as license for exhibiting the Strasburg clock.

That His Honor, the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen, and City Officers, together with the Fire Department, join in the parade of the Reception tendered to General Grant on December 9th, 1879.

President Ridenour presented the following invitation :

INDIANA SOLDIERS' REUNION AND RECEPTION TO GEN. ULYSSES S. GRANT.

The People of Indiana, one and all, without distinction of party, are cordially invited to attend a General Reunion of the War Veterans of the State, at Indianapolis, on Tuesday, December 9, 1879, on which occasion a Grand Reception will be tendered to General Ulysses S. Grant.

It is intended that this demonstration shall be entirely non-partizan, and eminently worthy of the whole people of the State—a gratifying reunion of her gallant Soldiers, and a fitting tribute to her Illustrious Guest.

This invitation is extended to everybody, and every possible arrangement will be made for the comfort and accommodation of all who may attend. Special headquarters will be assigned to veteran organizations, military companies, civic associations, bands of music, etc., desiring to join in the great Parade and Review, which will be led and conducted by General Grant and other distinguished commanders.

Full details, in regard to reduced railroad fare, and all other particulars, will be duly announced by the Executive Committee of Arrangements.

Indianapolis, November 22, 1879.

John C. New, Chair'n.  
Fred. Knefler,  
S. A. Elbert,  
M. D. Manson,  
A. D. Streight,

W. H. H. Terrell,  
Geo. F. McGinnis,  
Geo. H. Chapman,  
Jas. T. Layman,  
*Committee of Invitation.*

To the President and Board of Aldermen, Indianapolis:

Alderman Coburn moved that the invitation be accepted, and that a committee of three be appointed to act with Council committee on same subject.

Which motion was adopted.

Alderman Seibert moved that President Ridenour be appointed a member of such committee; which motion was adopted.

The President then appointed Aldermen Drew and Newman as his associates on said committee.

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

- G. O. 68, 1879—An Ordinance authorizing the City Clerk to appoint a Deputy to assist the Committees and Official Boards of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen in the better performance of their duties, prescribing the duties, and providing for the compensation of such Deputy, and repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith.
- S. O. 27, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Maple street, between Ray and McCarty streets.

- S. O. 56, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for paving with brick, and curbing with stone the sidewalks, and bowldering the gutters of McCarty street, from Delaware street, west, to the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis Railroad tracks.
- S. O. 60, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for curbing with stone the sidewalks, and bowldering the gutters (except where already curbed and bowldered), of Alabama street, from Washington street to Wabash street.
- S. O. 63, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for improving John street, from Peru avenue to Massachusetts avenue, by grading and graveling the roadway and sidewalks thereof.
- S. O. 64, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the south gutter of St. Clair street, from Massachusetts avenue to the west line of lot 2, in out-lot 42.
- S. O. 65, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick (where not already paved), the east sidewalk of Park avenue, between Cherry street and Christian avenue.
- Ap. O. 75, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department.
- Ap. O. 76, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch.
- Ap. O. 77, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses.
- Ap. O. 78, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of per diem due the members of the Police and Fire Departments, from May 16th to 27th, inclusive, 1878.
- Ap. O. 79, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.
- Ap. O. 80, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, Advertising, and City Statistics.

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

- Ap. O. 75, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$376.82.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

**AYES**, 9—viz. Aldermen Coburn, 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. 76, 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, \$917.25.]

And it was passed by the following vote :



**AYES**, 9—viz. Aldermen Coburn, 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. 77, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station-Houses. [Amount appropriated, \$221.78.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

**AYES**, 9—viz. Aldermen Coburn, 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. 78, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of per diem due the members of the Police and Fire Departments, from May 16th to 27th, inclusive, 1878. [Amount appropriated, \$449.60.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

**AYES**, 9—viz. Aldermen Coburn, 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. 79, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$18,290.59.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

**AYES**, 9—viz. Aldermen Coburn, 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. 80, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, Advertising, and City Statistics. [Amount appropriated, \$690.58.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

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

**NAYS**—None.

During the pendency of Ap. O. 79, 1879, Alderman Layman offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That the City Clerk, before delivering the warrant in favor of the Indianapolis Water-Works Company for water rents for the quarter ending December 1st, 1879, as per Appropriation Ordinance No. 79, 1879, require said company to execute a receipt in full of water rents to December 1st, 1879, and that said Clerk also embody in said warrant a statement that the same is in full for all water furnished the city up to December 1st, 1879.

The following message was received :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:*—The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, at a regular session, held on December 1st, 1879, refused to recede from its action of November 3d, 1879, when said Council determined to adhere to its action of October 6th, when said body passed the following entitled ordinance, viz.: 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," thus refusing to approve your non-concurrent action of October 8th and November 5th, 1879.

For the Common Council:

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

On motion by Alderman Mussmann, this body determined to adhere to its former action in passing said ordinance.

Alderman Layman moved to suspend the rules, for the purpose of taking up the ordinances received from the Council at this session, and placing them on their final passage.

Which motion failed of adoption by the following vote :

**AYES**, 5—viz. Aldermen Coburn, Drew, Layman, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

**NAYS**, 4—viz. Aldermen Grubbs, Mussmann, Newman, and Piel.

Alderman Layman moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of taking up Special Ordinances 27, 59, 63, 64, and 65, for second and third reading and final passage.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

**AYES**, 7—viz. Aldermen Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

**NAYS**, 2—viz. Aldermen Coburn and Drew.

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

**S. O. 27, 1879**—An Ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Maple street, between Ray and McCarty streets.

And it was passed by the following vote :

**AYES**, 9—viz. Aldermen Coburn, 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. 56, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for paving with brick and curbing with stone the sidewalks, and bowldering the gutters of McCarty street, from Delaware street, west, to the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis Railroad tracks.

And it was passed by the following vote :

- AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Coburn, 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. 63, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for improving John street, from Peru avenue to Massachusetts avenue, by grading and graveling the roadway and sidewalks thereof.

And it was passed by the following vote :

- AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Coburn, 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. 64, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the south gutter of St. Clair street, from Massachusetts avenue to the west line of lot 2, in out-lot 42.

And it was passed by the following vote :

- AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Coburn, 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. 65, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick (where not already paved), the east sidewalk of Park avenue, between Cherry street and Christian avenue.

And it was passed by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

#### REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

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

Indianapolis, December 3, 1879.

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen*:—In the matter of the proposed sale by the city of a certain strip of ground on the east side of Pine street, immediately south of St. Clair street, supposed to belong to the city, I beg leave to report that I have examined the records and proceedings, but have not been able to find any ground at the point named belonging to the city which is not now used for street purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. HENRY, City Attorney.

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

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

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

*Gentlemen*:—Your committees, to whom was referred G. O. 67, 1879, "requiring the Indianapolis, Cincinnati & Lafayette Railroad Company to employ and station a flagman at the point where the tracks of said company cross East street, offer the following report: We have examined the above mentioned location, and respectfully recommend that the safety of the public requires the passage and enforcement of the ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Prier,	James T. Layman,
Leon Kahn,	H. E. Drew,
C. F. Rooker,	H. Seibert,
Council Committee on Railroads.	Aldermanic Committee on Railroads,

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

To the Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen*:—Your committee, to whom was referred the petition of G. R. Root, asking for the right-of-way across the alley as described in his petition; also the remonstrance, signed by J. F. Ramsay and others, remonstrating against the privilege being given said Root to extend his switch across said alley; also a petition has been handed us, signed by Over & Anderson and others, certifying that they have no objections to the crossing of said alley, providing the alley is kept open. All of which has been carefully considered by your committee.

We have recommended that the City Attorney prepare an ordinance giving G. R. Root the right to extend his switch across said alley, the city reserving the right to repeal the ordinance in case the alley-way is obstructed. Said ordinance has been prepared and introduced in the Common Council.

Respectfully submitted,

James T. Layman,
H. E. Drew,
H. Seibert,
Committee on Railroads.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Alderman Grubbs moved that the resolution instructing the Board of Public Improvements to increase the pay of street-laborers to one dollar



and twenty-five cents per day, and referred to said Board November 19th [see page 672, *ante*] be re-called, and that same be adopted.

Alderman Layman moved that the subject be postponed, and that said Board be instructed to make a report to this body at the next regular session.

Alderman Mussmann moved to lay Alderman Layman's motion on the table.

Which motion to lay on the table failed of adoption by the following vote :

AYES, 4—viz. Aldermen Drew, Grubbs, Mussmann, and Newman.

NAYS, 5—viz. Alderman Coburn, Layman, Piel, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

The question then being on Alderman Layman's motion, the same failed of adoption by the following vote :

AYES, 4—viz. Aldermen Layman, Piel, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS, 5—viz. Aldermen Coburn, Drew, Grubbs, Mussmann, and Newman.

A motion to withdraw the above mentioned resolution from the Board of Public Improvements was then adopted.

On motion of Alderman Seibert, the vote just taken was re-considered.

On motion by Alderman Seibert, the Board of Public Improvements were instructed to make a report upon said resolution, at the next session of this body.

Alderman Grubbs moved to suspend the rules, for the purpose of placing G. O. 68, 1879, on its second and third reading and final passage.

Which motion failed of adoption by the following vote :

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen Coburn, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS, 3—viz. Aldermen Mussmann, Newman, and Piel.

Alderman Piel offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to clean the gutters on Morris street, from White River to the J., M. & I. R. R., and fill the chuck-holes on the said street, with coarse gravel or broken stone.

Alderman Seibert offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That the Joint Committees on Public Property be, and are hereby, authorized to purchase 250 trees, and to set out the same in Military Park—the cost for trees and setting not to exceed \$60.00.

## PENDING ORDINANCES.

The following entitled ordinance was called up, read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time :

G. O. 67, 1879—An Ordinance requiring the Indianapolis, Cincinnati & Lafayette Railroad Company to employ and station a Flagman at the point where the tracks of said company cross East street.

And it was passed by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

On motion by Alderman Layman, it was ordered that His Honor, Mayor Caven, and President Ridenour, be added to the "Committees on Judiciary and Finance," which committees were instructed by the Common Council [see page 699, *ante*] to prepare and report a form of advertisement for plans for City Hall, etc.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

J. M. RIDENOUR, President.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.