

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—MARCH 1, 1880.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, March 1st, A. D. 1880, 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, Harmening, Kahn, Lamb, Morrisor, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wood.

ABSENT, 3—viz. Councilmen King, Sheppard, and Wiese.

The Proceedings of the Common Council, for the regular session, held on February 16th, 1880, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

The Committees on Contracts, through Councilman Brown, submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and the several contracts awarded as recommended:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committees on Contracts, to whom was referred sundry proposals, presented to Council, February 16th, 1880, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows, viz:

1st. For grading and graveling the first alley north of Buchanan street, from Greer street to East street.

Wm. Morrison, 13 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Wm. Murphy, 11 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Fred. Gansburg, 10 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney, 10 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Jack Hennessee, 9 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Jack Hennessee being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

2d. For grading and graveling the first alley east of Shelby street, from the first alley south of Prospect street to its southern terminus, and repealing S. O. No. 16, 1879.

D. A. Haywood, 20 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney, 15 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Fred. Gansberg, 15 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Wm. Murphy, 14 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

R. P. Dunning and Jas. W. Hudson, 13 cents per lineal foot front on each side..

R. P. Dunning and Jas. W. Hudson being the lowest and best bidders, we recommend they be awarded the contract.

3d. For bowldering the alley between Meridian and Illinois streets, from Maryland street to Georgia street.

R. H. Patterson, 53 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney, 49 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Richard Carr, 45 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Henry C. Roney, 43 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

R. P. Dunning and Jas. W. Hudson, 37 cents per lineal foot front on each side..

Fred. Gansberg, 34 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Fred. Gansberg being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

4th. For grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of St. Clair street, from East street to Park avenue.

Jacob Bly, 44 cents per lineal foot front.

E. B. Elliott, 34½ cents per lineal foot front.

D. A. Haywood, 34 cents per lineal foot front.

John Schier, 34 cents per lineal foot front.

J. W. Smith, 33 cents per lineal foot front.

J. W. Smith being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

5th. For paving with brick (where not already paved) the northwest sidewalk of Massachusetts avenue, from St. Clair street to Cherry street..

Jacob Bly, 48 cents per lineal foot front.

J. W. Smith, 39 cents per lineal foot front.

D. A. Haywood, 38 cents per lineal foot front.

E. B. Elliott, 37¼ cents per lineal foot front.

John Schier, 37 cents per lineal foot front.

John Schier being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

6th. For grading and graveling Railroad street and sidewalks, from North street to St. Clair street.

James Mahoney, 68 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Richard Carr, 59 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

R. H. Patterson, 59 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

D. A. Haywood, 56 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

R. P. Dunning and Jas. W. Hudson, 53 cents per lineal foot front on each side..

Fred. Gansberg, 47 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Fred. Gansberg being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

7th. For grading and graveling the alley between Brookside avenue and Pendleton road, from the first alley northeast of the intersection of Clifford avenue and Pendleton road, to the second alley northeast of said intersection.

Wm. Morrison, 11 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Wm. Murphy, 10½ cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Wm. Murphy being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

8th. For grading and graveling the second alley south of South street, from School street to Noble street.

James Mahoney, 18 cents per lineal foot front on each side..

Richard Carr, 16 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 Fred. Gansberg, 15 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 Wm. Murphy, 14½ cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Wm. Murphy being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,
 H. Seibert, M. L. Brown,
 Aldermanic Committee. F. W. Hamilton,
 Council Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, Mayor Caven, presented schedules "B" and "C," submitted by Geo. E. Waring, Jr., Special Agent Census Department; which were referred to the Committee on Printing.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

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

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—I hereby report the following estimate:

A first and final estimate in behalf of David A. Haywood, for grading, and paving with brick, and curbing with stone, the sidewalks, and bowldering the gutters, of McCarty street, from Delaware street west to the Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis Railroad track.

389 65-100 lineal feet at \$1.05.....	\$409 13
21 6-10 lineal feet paving with brick, at 35 cents.....	7 56
46 6-10 lineal feet curbing with stone, at 35 cents.....	16 31
24 7-10 lineal feet bowldering gutters, at 35 cents.....	8 64

Total estimate..... \$441 64

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 accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of David A. Haywood for grading, and paving with brick, and curbing with stone the sidewalks, and bowldering the gutters, of McCarty street, from Delaware street west to the Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis Railroad track, 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, 16—viz. Councilmen Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Kahn, Lamb, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Tucker, and Van Vorhis.

NAYS—None.

The City Clerk submitted the following report:

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 precepts, to-wit:

Fred. Gansberg vs. Jacob Deiering's heirs, viz: Jane Korritzer, August Deiering, and Charlotta Deiering, for.....	\$17 49
Fred. Gansberg vs. John T. Budenz and William Adsock, for.....	17 13
Fred. Gansberg vs. Dora L. Budenz, for.....	17 13
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Fred. Gansberg vs. William V. Reading, for.....	14 88
Fred. Gansberg vs. Barth heirs, viz: Anna M. Jack, Fannie G. Roll, and Caroline B. Leonard, for.....	21 20
Fred. Gansberg vs. Barth heirs, viz: Anna M. Jack, Fannie G. Roll, and Caroline B. Leonard, for.....	21 20
Fred. Gansberg vs. Caroline B. and Stoughton G. Leonard, for.....	21 20
John L. Spaulding vs. Edward Mueller, for.....	36 00
John L. Spaulding vs. Edward Mueller, for.....	36 00
John L. Spaulding vs. Wm. J. Lowry, for.....	60 52
Dunning & Hudson vs. Edward Griffith, for.....	35 20
Dunning & Hudson vs. William Patterson, for.....	27 72
Dunning & Hudson vs. Florence L. Patterson, for.....	27 72
Dunning & Hudson vs. Warren and Hellen J. Tate, for.....	27 72
Dunning & Hudson vs. Benjamin R. Willett, for.....	55 44
Fred. Gansberg vs. John Krupp, for.....	18 42
Fred. Gansberg vs. John Krupp, for.....	18 42
Fred. Gansberg vs. John Krupp, for.....	21 82
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And recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

On motion by Councilman Bieler, so much of the report as relates to the affidavits of "John L. Spaulding vs. Edward Mueller," was referred to the City Civil Engineer; the remainder of the report was then concurred in, and the precepts ordered to issue by the following vote:

AYES, 18—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Downey, Hamilton, Kahn, Lamb, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, and VanVorhis.

NAYS—None.

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

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 February, 1880:

Board of Health.....	\$	54	25
Bridges.....		6	74
City Assessor's Department.....		94	50
City Civil Engineer's Department.....		129	15
City Commissioners.....		24	00
City Dispensary.....		169	00
City Hall.....		36	90
City Hospital and Branch.....		743	94
City Treasurer's percentage.....		563	57
Coal-oil Light.....		33	54
Damages and Costs.....		486	75
Fire Department.....		5,228	66
Gas.....		5,132	23
Incidentals.....		124	47
Markets.....		142	99
Market-Masters' Fees.....		99	42
Parks.....		57	95
Police.....		3,670	08
Printing.....		534	56
Salary.....		120	91
Station Houses.....		160	02
Street Improvements.....		810	75
Street Repairs.....		1,096	59
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			\$19,520 97
Home for Friendless Women.....			213 95
School Fund.....			2,069 02
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Total.....			\$ 21,803 94

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

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

Report of Wm. G. Wasson, City Treasurer, for the month of February, 1880.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand January 31, 1879, as per report.....	\$	113,365	69
From current taxes.....		12,639	67
From delinquent taxes.....		11,313	00
From benefits.....		543	00
From coal licenses.....		10	00
From dog licenses.....		2	25
From dray licenses.....		24	00
From express licenses.....		42	00
From fines (City Court).....		26	60
From hack licenses.....		4	00
From hucksters' licenses.....		5	00
From market-masters' fees.....		159	80
From peddlers' licenses.....		42	00
From promiscuous.....		87	95
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			\$ 138,264 96

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Board of Health.....	\$	54	25
For bridges.....		6	74
For City Assessor's Department.....		94	50

For City Civil Engineer's Department.....	126 15
For City Commissioners.....	15 00
For City Dispensary.....	169 00
For City Hall.....	36 90
For City Hospital and Branch.....	761 93
For City Treasurer's percentage.....	563 57
For coal-oil light.....	33 54
For damages and costs.....	553 95
For elections.....	3 50
For Fire Department.....	5,209 26
For gas.....	5,132 23
For incidental.....	137 47
For Markets.....	142 99
For market-masters' fees.....	99 42
For parks.....	57 95
For police.....	3,670 08
For printing.....	534 56
For salary.....	120 91
For station houses.....	183 73
For street improvements.....	810 75
For street repairs.....	925 09
For Home for Friendless Women.....	213 95
* Balance on hand.....	118,607 54
	\$ 138,264 96

* The actual cash balance in the Treasury February 29th, 1880, is \$64,359.79, no warrant having been issued for the January interest, amounting to \$54,247.75.

Respectfully submitted, W. G. WASSON, City Treasurer.

The City Attorney submitted the following report; which was received, and on motion, the third clause was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

8 *Gentlemen*.—The following cases have been decided since your last meeting:

1st. The case of Wm. H. Morrison vs. Wm. M. Wiles, et al., has been affirmed by the Superior Court in General Term.

This was an action against Wiles as treasurer, to enjoin the collection of taxes on certain bank stock, the judgment at Special Term being in favor of the defendants.

2d. The Court in General Term has also affirmed the judgment in the case of The State ex. rel. Tieman vs. The City, the decision below being in favor of the defendant.

This was an action to compel the refunding of taxes on property claimed exempt from taxation under the law providing for an exemption in favor of widows and unmarried females. A majority of the Judges are of the opinion that the law is constitutional, but affirm the judgment on other grounds.

3d. The case of The City vs. Albert W. Denny, Supervisor, pending in Circuit Court, has been decided in favor of the defendant.

This is an action to enjoin the defendant from opening a road along the south side of the Southern Park. I am of the opinion that the case can be reversed; but as there is some difference of opinion as to whether it will be to the city's interest to further prosecute the case, I submit the same to you for instructions.

JOHN A. HENRY, City Attorney.

The City Attorney presented the following petition; which was referred to the Fire Board and City Attorney:

To the City Council of Indianapolis:

On the evening of December 19th, 1879, about six o'clock, I was driving in a moderate gait down Massachusetts avenue, on the way to the Union Depot. When nearly opposite the headquarters of the Fire Department, the Hook and Ladder wagon came rushing out, and struck the centre of my carriage, throwing it over on its side, crushing both hind wheels, bending the axels and badly wrecking the carriage; also throwing me with great force on my head into the street, by which I came near being killed—receiving a severe cut on the head, and other bruises by which I was disabled from work for nearly a week, and suffered much bodily pain. I had the carriage put in repair as cheaply as possible, and now ask your honorable body to authorize the payment of the enclosed bill of twenty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents (\$27.25.)

Respectfully,

GEO. MORRIS.

The Chief Fire Engineer submitted the following report; which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims:

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

Gentlemen:—Since my last quarterly report, I have received from the different sources as follows:

Dec.	1.	Balance on hand.....	\$	294	07
"	6.	Expressage refunded.....		3	70
"	19.	H. C. Craft, No. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ rubber wire.....		3	00
Jan.	27.	Cincinnati Inclined R. R. Co.....		59	70
Feb.	3.	Water Works Co., for old hose.....		33	75
"	4.	John Feudray, for old horse.....		55	00
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Total receipts.....				\$	449 22

By order of the Fire Board I have paid out as follows:

Dec.	4.	S. Frazier, to freight.....	\$	2	30
"	8.	American Express Co.....		25	
"	17.	W. Fox, load of straw.....		4	69
"	20.	Jas. DeMott, load of straw.....		6	79
"	23.	Postage stamps.....		2	03
Jan.	13.	Willburn Moore, hay.....		18	27
"	23.	John Breneman, straw.....		3	93
Feb.	10.	Telegraph despatch.....		45	
"	10.	Expressage.....		25	
"	14.	U. S. Express.....		25	
"	19.	K. Munter, for horse.....		225	00
"	28.	Freight from Chicago.....		50	
"	28.	R. J. Wetnight, hay.....		14	76
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Total expenditures.....				\$	279 47
Total receipts.....				\$	449 22
Total expenditures.....					279 47
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Total balance on hand.....				\$	169 75

The above report has been fully examined and approved by the Fire Board.

W. H. TUCKER, Sec'y. Fire Board.

The following amounts have been paid out for supplies from June 1st, 1879, to March 1st, 1880:

Anthracite coal.....	\$	7	00
Arnica.....		8	25
Alcohol.....		4	40

Block coal.....	525 47
Brooms.....	23 50
Corn.....	271 11
Coke.....	63 21
Castor oil.....	5 00
Castile soap.....	9 50
Common soap.....	10 25
Curry combs and brushes.....	25 50
Cistern account.....	26 65
Hay account.....	645 33
Horse account.....	600 00
Horse shoeing.....	307 92
Horse blankets.....	23 10
Hose bands.....	13 20
Hose (large).....	2,755 00
Hose (small).....	13 50
House furnishing and bedding.....	59 47
Horse bedding.....	135 77
Hose couplings.....	196 00
Harness shop.....	72 79
Kindling.....	4 56
Lard oil.....	7 75
Mops.....	5 50
Matches.....	15 50
New harness.....	37 61
New apparatus.....	2,050 00
Oats.....	1,170 02
Oil meal.....	6 50
Pittsburgh coal.....	17 71
Privy vaults.....	17 00
Pipes and nozzles.....	40 50
Parade account.....	6 00
Pasturing horses.....	17 10
Repairing apparatus.....	1,082 74
Repairing houses.....	725 93
Reel straps and belts.....	1 14
Repairing furniture.....	3 25
Repairing harness.....	25 18
Shorts.....	58 98
Sponges.....	9 75
Salt.....	7 40
Stoves, pipes, and repairs.....	37 73
Scoop shovels.....	2 50
Suction account.....	176 05
Telegraph department.....	518 43
Waste.....	21 10
Whips.....	13 28
Total.....	<u>\$11,880 93</u>

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. PENDERGAST, Chief Fire Engineer.

The Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch 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 Hospital and Branch, for the month of February, 1880, are respectfully submitted :

	First Week.	Second Week.	Third Week.	Fourth Week.	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	95					
Number of beds in Branch.....	10					
No. of adult patients in Hospital at beginning of week.....	40	42	39	40	46	40
No. of infant patients in Hospital at beginning of week....	4	3	.....	2	3	4
No. of adult patients received during week	9	5	3	15	.....	32
No. of infant patients received or born during week.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	4
No. of adult patients discharged during week	7	7	2	7	.....	23
No. of infant patients discharged during week.....	.....	3	.....	1	.....	4
No. of adult patients who died during week .....	.....	1	.....	2	.....	3
No. of infant patients who died during week.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
No. of patients in Branch at beginning of week.....	42	39	40	46	46	46
No. of patients in Branch at end of week.....	3	.....	2	3	3	3
No. of adult patients in Hospital and Branch at end of week	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of inf't patients in Hospital and Branch at end of week	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of pay-patients at beginning of week.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of pay-patients at end of week.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Aggregate number of days of patients in Hospital.....	323	301	279	331	49	1283
Aggregate number of days of patients in Branch .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Aggregate number days of employes in Hospital.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	366

Total expenditures for month	\$803 61
Cash collected from pay-patients and other sources, and paid to City Treasurer.....	\$.....
Aggregate number of days subsistence furnished	1649
Average daily cost of each patient .....	.626
Average daily cost for patients, officers, and employes.....	.487

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

PENDING ORDINANCES.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time and stricken from the files :

S. O. 19, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the alley between Alabama and Delaware streets, from Seventh or Tinker street to the State Ditch.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time :

G. O. 10, 1880—An Ordinance relative to the Erection and Maintenance of Privies, Water-Closets, Urinals, Cesspools, and other Receptacles of Fluid or Semi-Fluid Filth in the City of Indianapolis; and regulating the Location, Construction, Cleansing, and Emptying of the same.

Councilman VanVorhis moved to refer the ordinance to a committee consisting of the whole Council, to meet next Monday night, in Special session.

Which motion was not adopted.

On motion by Councilman Pearson, the ordinance was referred to the Committee on Public Health and the Board of Health.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time:

- S. O. 52, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for the improvement of Tennessee street, from Ohio street to First street, by grading and graveling the roadway, and bowldering the gutters thereof.

Councilman Morrison moved to postpone for two weeks. Which motion was not adopted.

The ordinance was then ordered to be engrossed.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, and stricken from the files:

- S. O. 10, 1880—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of East street, running from New York street to Ohio street.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, and stricken from the files:

- S. O. 16, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Newman street and sidewalks, between Hill avenue and the C., C., C. and I. Railroad Company's tracks.

The following entitled ordinance was returned by the Board of Public Improvements, read the second time, and stricken from the files:

- S. O. 20, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for improving Fletcher avenue, from Noble street to Dillon street; by widening the sidewalks, for lawns, to a width of twenty-five (25) feet, (including the brick sidewalks already laid), and curbing with stone, and bowldering the gutters to a width of eight (8) feet.

The following entitled ordinance was returned by the Judiciary Committee:

- G. O. 56, 1879—An ordinance to provide for the prevention of frauds in the sale of Grain, Hay, and Produce in the City of Indianapolis.

The action of the Board of Aldermen in amending the above entitled ordinance, (see page 842, *ante*) was concurred in, and the ordinance ordained and established, by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the third time:

S. O. 52, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for the improvement of Tennessee street, from Ohio street to First street, by grading and graveling the roadway, and bowldering the gutters thereof.

Councilman Pearson moved to amend the ordinance by substituting the words "10 inches" and "6 inches" respectively, for "8 inches" and "5 inches."

Which amendment was adopted by unanimous vote.

The ordinance as amended was then adopted by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

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

S. O. 17, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling First street, from Pennsylvania street to Meridian street.

And it was passed by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

Councilman Morrison, by request, was excused from voting on the foregoing entitled ordinances.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, through Councilman McKay, submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Mayor, 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 February, 1880, together with total amount of expenditures to March 1st, 1880:

Pay-rolls	\$	667 92
Gravel		13 90
Stone spawls		264 55
Cement pipe.....		17 38
Blacksmithing.....		5 00
Freight on stone.....		16 00

Lumber.....	36 98.
Hardware.....	39 16.
Miscellaneous.....	35 75.
Total expenditures for February, 1880.....	\$ 1,096 59
Total expenditures per last report	26,473 56
Total expenditures to March 1st, 1880.....	\$ 27,570 15

Respectfully submitted,

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

L. A. FULMER, Street Commissioner.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman KcKay, submitted the following report; which was received, and the several recommendations concurred in:

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 papers, make thereon the following report:

1st. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner make crossings, of broken stone, on McCarty street, at Delaware street.

We recommend *one* such crossing be made.

2d. Is a motion to fill a hole in the sidewalk on Madison avenue, south of the J., M. & I. Railway track.

We recommend the work be done.

3d. Is a motion to lay a stone crossing across South street, west side of Noble street.

We recommend a single stone crossing.

4th. Is a motion to lay a double stone crossing across Georgia street, on the east side of Illinois street.

This is a much needed improvement. We recommend the work be done.

5th. Is a motion to lay a broken stone crossing across Kentucky avenue, at intersection of Georgia street.

We recommend the work be done.

6th. Is a motion for the Street Commissioner to fill a chuck hole in Georgia street, between Noble and Pine streets.

Recommend the work be done.

7th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner clean the gutters of Peru street, from Seventh to Eighth street, and change the grade of the same so as to carry the water off of Eighth street between Rohampton and Peru streets.

We recommend the work be done.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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 February, 1880, are respectfully submitted:

Number of Patients treated at Dispensary.....	171
Number of Medical cases at Dispensary	121
Number of Surgical cases at Dispensary	34
Number of Disease of Nervous System.....	9
Number of Disease of Eye and Ear.....	7
Number of Out-door Patients treated	127
Number at Station House	14
Number at News Boys' Home	00
Total number of Patients treated during month.....	312
Total number of Visits made during month.....	271
Total number of Prescriptions filled during month.....	745
Number of Births during month.....	00
Number of Deaths during month.....	5

EXPENDITURES FOR MONTH.

C. A. Ritter, Superintendent.....	\$ 37 50
T. R. Rubush, Resident Physician.....	37 50
F. M. Ferree, Prescription Clerk.....	30 00
W. A. & I. N. Pattison, drugs.....	55 18
Watson Coal & Mining Co.....	7 00

Total expenditures for month..... \$167 18

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

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

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

Gentlemen.—We respectfully call your attention to the fact that the city has not as yet made any suitable provision for the dumping of human feces and other offensive matter in White river. We would further call your attention to the fact that the locality below the Belt Railroad bridge is the natural outlet for such refuse, and that there is danger in the near future of the city being shut off from the river, or else compelled to pay an exorbitant price for the privilege of getting to it. At present there is such great inconvenience and difficulty in wagons getting to and in the river, that there is large quantities of such refuse left on the bank, to the detriment of the health of the surrounding residents, and also to the city, by the southwest winds bringing the offensive odors back.

For these reasons we would respectfully recommend that the city purchase a lot at the point mentioned, and build a suitable wharf, so that all refuse may easily be dumped in the channel of the river.

Respectfully,
HENRY JAMESON, President.

W. E. JEFFRIES, Secretary.

The Board of Health submitted the following report; which was received:

Report of Deaths in the City of Indianapolis, from February 16th to 29th, 1880.

16	Under 1 year	18
	1 to 2 years.....	2
	2 to 5 "	8
	5 to 10 "	3
	10 to 15 "	1

15 to 20	"	-----	1
20 to 25	"	-----	5
25 to 30	"	-----	1
30 to 40	"	-----	6
40 to 50	"	-----	3
50 to 60	"	-----	4
60 to 70	"	-----	4
70 to 80	"	-----	4
80 to 90	"	-----	1
90 to 100	"	-----	1
100 and upwards		-----	0
Unknown		-----	2
Total			64

Henry Jameson, M. D., President.

W. E. Jeffries, M. D., Secretary.

Board of Health.

The Board of City Commissioners submitted the following report; which was received:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, on February 23d, 1880, at 9 o'clock, A. M.; and having proceeded to hear testimony in the case of the opening of Fifth street, the fact was disclosed that the ground between the Michigan road and the bridge across the canal at Fifth street, had never been legally annexed to the city; and believing we had no jurisdiction over the matter, we therefore report back the whole matter to your honorable body.

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Yohn,

Geo. W. Hill,

N. Kellogg,

Michael Steinhauer,

William Hadley,

City Commissioners.

In relation to the foregoing subject, Councilman Rooker offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Attorney be, and is hereby, instructed to prepare and present to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen for action thereon, the necessary papers looking to the annexation, by the County Commissioners, of the following tract of ground, viz: One acre, more or less, in the north half, southwest quarter, section 35, town 16, range 3 east, bounded on the west by the Michigan road, on the south by Fourth street, and on the east by the Central Canal, running to a point at the north.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Accounts and Claims, through Councilman Van-Vorhis, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

Indianapolis, Ind., March 1st, 1880.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Accounts and Claims, to whom was referred

the claim of the Telephone Company, for the rent of instruments, respectfully recommend that the same be paid.

We further report that we have had an interview with the officers and managers of the present Telephone Company in regard to furnishing instruments for the use of the city, and we are authorized to report that said company will, in addition to the instruments already furnished, put an instrument into each of the following offices; to-wit: office of the "City Dispensary," office of the "Superintendent of Public Schools," office of "Board of Health," and the office of "City Civil Engineer,"—making in all twenty telephones—free of charge.

We are requested to say that the Telephone Company, and the Telegraph Companies, would be glad if the Council and Board of Aldermen would pass an ordinance regulating the erection and maintenance of telegraph poles in the city, in order that they may have some definite rule to guide them.

F. J. VanVorhis, Ch'n.,
Martin McGinty,
Geo. P. Wood,
Committee on Accounts and Claims.

The Committee on Finance, through Councilman Brown, submitted the following reports; which were concurred in:

Indianapolis, March 1st, 1880.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of S. A. Fletcher & Co., for a refunding of the amount paid by them at tax sale for certificate No. 10,682, issued on the sale of lot 22, block 17, Strong & Co.'s sub. of Johnson heirs' add., would report that they have had the same under consideration, and are of the opinion that upon the facts as ascertained, the prayer of the petitioners should not be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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

JOHN A. HENRY, City Attorney.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a petition of Joseph G. Steman, asking to be relieved of an assessment made by the City Commissioners in 1874 against his property (lot No. 12, square 28, Drake's addition,) for benefits derived from widening the street in front of said lot, would recommend, after careful examination and due consideration of the matter, that the request of the petitioner be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Kahn,
M. L. Brown,
H. J. Prier,
Peter F. Bryce,
Council Committee.

The Committee on Judiciary, through Councilman Lamb, submitted the following report; which was received, and the subject postponed:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Judiciary, together with the City Civil Engineer, to whom was referred a petition of Sarah A. Robbins and twelve other property owners fronting on Shelby street, remonstrating against the letting of any

contract for one year, for grading and graveling the sidewalks of said street, under an ordinance passed December 15th and 17th, 1879, would report thereon as follows:

In view of the fact that only one bid having been received on the above named improvement, would recommend that the City Civil Engineer be directed to re-advertise for bids to be received on same.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. C. Lamb,
C. F. Rooker,
Jas. T. Dowling,
Council Committee.

The Committee on Judiciary, through Councilman Lamb, submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and the ordinance stricken from the files:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Judiciary, together with the Mayor and City Attorney, to whom was referred G. O. 9, 1880, "An Ordinance to establish a uniform system of erecting and maintaining Telegraph Poles and Electric Wires in the city of Indianapolis," would report that, after a careful consideration of its provisions, we believe that said ordinance should not be passed, and therefore recommend that it be stricken from the files.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. C. Lamb,
C. F. Rooker,
Jas. T. Dowling,
Council Committee.

The Committee on Judiciary, through Councilman Lamb, submitted the following report; which was received, and the several recommendations concurred in:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Judiciary, together with the City Attorney, to whom sundry papers were referred, would report thereon as follows:

1st. Is G. O. 2, 1880, "An Ordinance amending sec. 44 of an ordinance regulating and maintaining signs for advertisement purposes on the streets of the city."

After careful examination and due consideration of the ordinance, we believe said ordinance should not be passed, and therefore recommend that the same be stricken from the files.

2d. Is G. O. 56, 1879, an ordinance passed by the Common Council Dec. 15th, 1879, and an amendment adopted by the Board of Aldermen Jan. 21st, 1880, "To provide for the prevention of frauds in the sale of Grain, Hay, and Produce in the city of Indianapolis."

After careful examination and due consideration, we recommend that the action of the Board of Aldermen be concurred in, and the ordinance as amended be passed.

3d. Is a petition from Albert Baker and others, property owners on north Alabama street, asking for the removal of telephone posts on said street, between Seventh and Tenth streets.

In view of the fact that said posts are not being used for telephone purposes, we recommend that the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the parties owning them to remove the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. C. Lamb,
C. F. Rooker,
Jas. T. Dowling,
Council Committee.

Councilman Harmening presented a claim in favor of S. B. Morris, in

the sum of \$25 for repairs on wagon scale at east Market; which was referred to the Committees on Accounts and Claims, with instructions to incorporate the same in their next appropriation ordinance.

The Committee on Railroads, through Councilman Prier, submitted the following report; which was received:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committees on Railroads, together with the City Civil Engineer, to whom was referred a communication of W. H. Jones, H. Coburn, and Mansur H. Wright, in relation to the occupancy of Louisiana street, by the T. H. & I., and I., C. & L. Railway Companies, and to ascertain whether said companies have complied with city ordinances in the occupancy of said street, would report thereon as follows:

The City Civil Engineer having surveyed the lines named, and after careful examination of the matter, we find that said companies have not complied with the requests of former Councils in occupying said street

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Drew,
H. Seibert,
Aldermanic Committee.

H. J. Prier,
Leon Kahn,
Council Committee.

The Committee on Railroads, through Councilman Prier, submitted the following report; action on the first clause was postponed for two weeks, and the second clause was concurred in:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom sundry papers were referred, do now report thereon as follows:

1st. Is with reference to constructing a street railway to commence and connect with the Illinois street line at the corner of South street, running east on said South street to Delaware street, south on Delaware street to McCarty street, east on McCarty street to New Jersey street, south on New Jersey street to Coburn street.

Would recommend the following resolution as a substitute for the resolution referred to us:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the said Council and Board deem it expedient that a line of street railway be constructed, to commence and connect with the Illinois street line at the corner of South street; east on said South street to Delaware street; south on Delaware street to McCarty street; thence east on McCarty street to a point as may be designated by the City Civil Engineer, between New Jersey and East streets. This line to be made after the extension ordered on College avenue has been completed; and that the Citizens' Street Railway Company be, and is hereby, directed to construct the said line at said time. The City Clerk is hereby directed to serve a copy of this resolution upon the proper officers of said company, in accordance with the provisions of section 15, of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance authorizing the construction, extension, and operation of certain Passenger Railways in and upon the streets of the city of Indianapolis," ordained January 18th, 1864.

2d. Is a petition from W. F. Rupp, asking that a flagman be placed at the Railroad crossing of east Washington street at Noble street.

Would recommend to refer this matter to the Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney, with instructions to prepare an ordinance or resolution as may be required, directing the Railway Company to erect gates similar to those in use at the east end of the Union Depot, on Meridian street.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Drew,
H. Seibert,
Aldermanic Committee.

H. J. Prier,
Leon Kahn,
Council Committee.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Downey, submitted the following report; which was received, and the several recommendations concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the following papers, make the following report thereon, viz.:

1st. Is a petition (and order of vacation) of W. F. Piel and A. Erkenbrecker, asking the Council and Board of Aldermen to vacate the lots, streets and alleys in John Ott's subdivision of the eastern part of lot 37 of the I. P. & C. R. R. Co.'s Addition to the City of Indianapolis.

There being no opposition to such vacation, and believing it to be injurious to no one, we recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the order of vacation adopted.

2d. Is a petition of S. A. Fletcher, Jr., et al., asking for the vacation of Alvord, Yandes, and Columbia avenues, and the alleys running north and south from French to Anderson street.

We recommend the prayer of petitioners be not granted, for the reason that, in our opinion, it would be detrimental to the city's interest and a damage to the property on the north and south of the ground in question.

3d. Is a motion "to permit C. H. Shellhouse to erect a wagon-scale on East street, between Louisiana street and the Union Railway tracks."

We recommend the motion be not adopted, some of the property owners in that vicinity objecting to the use of the street for the purpose named.

Respectfully submitted,

Jno. T. Downey,
John O'Connor,
Chris. H. Harmening,
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The order of vacation, referred to in the first clause of the foregoing report, and published in full on pages 853, 854, and 855, *ante*, was then taken up and 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, VanVorhis, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

The Committee on Water, through Councilman Wood, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Water, to whom was referred the petition of Charles P. Jacobs and others, property owners on north Delaware street, asking that an ordinance be passed requiring the Water-Works Company to lay a water main along said north Delaware street, from St. Mary's street north to Home avenue, would report thereon as follows:

Recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted; that one hydrant be located on the line, under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer, and the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
Geo. P. Wood,
M. L. Brown,
M. H. McKay,
Committee on Water.

The following resolution, offered by the Committee on Water, was read:

Resolved, That the Water-Works Company of Indianapolis be, and is hereby, directed to lay a six inch main in, and along, Delaware street, from its present terminus at St. Mary street, to connect with the main on Home avenue, placing one plug, to be located under the direction of the Fire Board and Chief Fire Engineer.

And it 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, Van Vorhis, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Morrison, in behalf of a certain Special Committee, submitted the following report; which was received :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—Your special committee, to whom was referred the following communication from the President and Secretary of the Board of Health, respectfully report as follows thereon :

“ Indianapolis, Feb. 16th, 1880.

“ Numerous rumors and reports are being circulated in this community, accusing some member of this Board with being connected, in some way, with the management or ownership of one of the vault cleaning machines. Such reports are damaging to our official integrity, and are working against the efficient administration of this department. We therefore respectfully ask that your honorable bodies order a full and complete investigation of said charges, and clearly establish the truth or falsity of the same.

“ Respectfully,

Henry Jameson, Prest.
W. E. Jeffries, M. D., Sec'y.”

We find after a careful and thorough investigation of the rumors as set forth in above communication, that the said Board have not, nor any member thereof, in any way, directly or indirectly, been connected with or derived a profit from any vault cleaning machine in this city, and we do further find after inquiry of the workings of said Board, that they, with the able assistance of the efficient sanitary officers connected therewith, have in all respects conformed strictly with their rules and regulations, and have faithfully, impartially and honorably discharged their duties prescribed for them, and further find that there is no ground for the rumors charging them with using their official position in any manner whatsoever to further their private interests.

Wm. H. Morrison, }
F. J. Van Vorhis, } Committee.
Jas. T. Dowling, }
John A. Henry, City Att'y.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read and received :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen.—The Board of Aldermen, at a regular session, held February 18, 1880, on recommendation of its Committee on Streets and Alleys, refused to concurrently approve the following clause in the report of the Council Committee on Streets and Alleys (concurred in by your honorable body December 1, 1880), viz.:

“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.”

And said Board further expressed itself as being opposed to granting the whole or any part of said petition.

For the Board of Aldermen,

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

On motion by Councilman Prier, this body determined to adhere to its former action in the premises, and ask for a Committee of Conference.

The Chair appointed Councilmen Prier, McKay, and Hamilton, as the Council members of such committee.

The following message was read and received :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen.—In relation to G. O. 1, 1880, “An Ordinance respecting the erection of a Market, Hall, and City Offices, on the east market place; appointing Commissioners to advertise for and select plans, defining their duties, and appropriating money to defray the necessary expenses thereof,” I would report, that at a regular session of the Board of Aldermen, held on February 18, 1880, said body determined to ask for a Conference Committee, and appointed Aldermen Coburn, Seibert and Mussmann as the Aldermanic members of such committee, and your honorable body is hereby requested to appoint a like number of your members.

For the Board of Aldermen,

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

On motion, the request of the Board of Aldermen for a Conference Committee was granted, and Councilmen VanVorhis, Hamilton, and Bermann, appointed as the Council members of such committee.

The following message was read and received :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen.—The Board of Aldermen, at a regular session held on February 18, 1880, passed G. O. 40, 1879, “An Ordinance declaring that all Vehicles (except Street-Railway Cars), used in the transporting of Persons and Articles within the City of Indianapolis, for hire or pay, shall be deemed “Public Vehicles”; establishing Rules and Regulations for the government of the Owners, Lessees, and Drivers thereof; and prescribing Fines and Punishments for violations of its provisions,” after having amended the said ordinance as follows, viz.:

Section 4 was amended by fixing the license tax to be paid for two-horse hacks at "\$1.00 for each month, or \$12 per annum," instead of "75 cents for each month, or \$9.00 per annum."

Section 4 was further amended by striking out the clause "For each driver (other than the owner or lessee of the public vehicle), 10 cents for each month, or \$1.00 per annum," and the words "or driver" in the next succeeding clause.

Section 16 was amended by inserting after the word "minor," the words "under the age of eighteen years."

Section 24 was amended by inserting the word "loud" after the words "or shall use."

I herewith return said ordinance, as amended, for your further consideration and action.

For the Board of Aldermen,

GEO. T. BRÜNING, Clerk.

On motion, the action of the Board of Aldermen in amending the above entitled ordinance was concurred in, and the ordinance ordained and established, 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, VanVorhis, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

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

By the Fire Board, through Councilman Pearson :

Ap. O. 12, 1880—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. 13, 1880—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. 14, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses.

By the Committees on Accounts and Claims, through Councilman VanVorhis :

Ap. O. 15, 1880—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. 16, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, and Advertising.

Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, 1880, were severally read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Pending action upon Ap. O. 15, 1880, said ordinance was amended by striking out, and referring to the Committee on Printing, a claim in favor of P. L. Polk & Co., in the sum of \$32, for eight City Directories.

Ap. O. 12, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$733.99.]

Was then read the third time, and passed 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, VanVorhis, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 13, 1880—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, \$803.61.]

Was then read the third time, and passed 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, VanVorhis, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 14, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station-Houses. [Amount appropriated, \$271.68.]

Was then read the third time, and passed 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, VanVorhis, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 15, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$73,542.17.]

Was then read the third time, and passed 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, VanVorhis, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 16, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, and Advertising. [Amount appropriated, \$570.25.]

Was then read the third time, and passed 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, VanVorhis, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

NEW ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business, the following entitled ordinances were introduced, and were severally read the first time :

By Councilman Hamilton :

S. O. 21, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the alley between Park avenue and Broadway street, from Cherry street to Christian avenue.

By Councilman Morrison :

S. O. 22, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for the construction of a sewer, in and along the first alley north of Washington street, from Tennessee street to and connecting with the Illinois street sewer, and providing for the assessment and collection of the cost thereof.

The above entitled ordinance was accompanied by the following petition ; which, together with the ordinance, was referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drainage, with instructions to report at next regular meeting of this Council :

Indianapolis, February 2d, 1880.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on the alley between Washington and Market streets, from Illinois street to Tennessee street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the construction of a sewer, to be constructed at a depth of ten feet at Tennessee street, and to connect with the sewer in Illinois street. To be made of such material and of such diameter as in your judgment may be required. And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

D. Ricketts, by W. H. Hobbs, his ag't., 76 feet ;
 Charles Mayer, 51½ feet ; F. L. and A. W.
 Ritzinger, 36 feet ; Charles Williams, 18½ feet ;
 Daniel B. Hosbrook, 18½ feet ; C. A. Maus &
 Bros., 16½ feet ; C. E. and T. W. Pottage &
 Co., 22½ feet ; Jacob L. Greene, by Jos. K.
 Share, 19 feet ; James W. Greene, by Jesse
 Jones, agent, 41 feet.

By Councilman McKay :

S. O. 23, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for improving College avenue, from Seventh street to Twelfth street, by grading and graveling the roadway, bowldering the gutters, and curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks thereof.

By Councilman Prier :

S. O. 24, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Wilson street and sidewalks, between Hill avenue and the C., C., C. & I. R. R. Co.'s track.

By Councilman Rooker :

G. O. 11, 1880—An Ordinance to amend section 15 of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance authorizing the construction, extension, and operation of certain Passenger Railways in and upon the streets of the City of Indianapolis," ordained January 18, 1864.

On motion, the above entitled ordinance was referred to the Committee on Railroads and the City Attorney.

By Councilman Rooker :

S. O. 25, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley south of Twelfth street, between Illinois street and Tennessee street.

The above entitled ordinance was accompanied by the following petition; which was received :

To the Mayor, and members of the Common Council, and'

Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen:—The undersigned property owner, petitions your honorable bodies, to pass an ordinance to improve with gravel, the first alley south of Twelfth street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets.

And your petitioner will ever pray.

S. CLAYPOOL, 210 feet.

By Councilman VanVorhis :

S. O. 26, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for bowldering and curbing the east gutter of Pennsylvania street, from St. Clair street to Pratt street.

The above entitled ordinance was accompanied by the following petition; which was received :

To the Common Council, Indianapolis :

The undersigned, residents on the east side of Pennsylvania street, between St. Clair and Pratt streets, respectfully request your honorable body to pass an ordinance to put in a gutter and curb on the said east side of Pennsylvania street, between St. Clair and Pratt streets. In its present condition it is insufficient to carry off the water, and the proposed improvement is needed for sanitary purposes.

Robt. W. Cathcart, for A. M. C.; James Lodge; J. A. Wildman; D. S. Wood; L. C. Walker.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Councilman Bieler presented the following petition; which was referred to the Joint Committee on Streets and Alleys:

Indianapolis, January 15, 1880.

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

Gentlemen.—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Sanders street, between Shelby street and west end of said Sanders street, respectfully petition for the narrowing to (60) sixty feet the above named Sanders street. And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

John B. Stumph, lot No. 5; J. George Stilz, lot No. 4; George M. Wagner, lot 12 Munson's sub.; John C. New, Trustee, lots in McKernan's addition; I sign 225 feet on Sanders street, from Shelby to Munson streets, also lot No. 17, from Munson street to alley in rear, but do not sign for graveling or grading said street—David Munson.

Councilman Bieler presented claim of Jacob Wachstetter, in the sum of \$47.21; which was rejected.

Councilman Brown offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Fire Board be, and is hereby, instructed to prepare and present to this body the proper ordinance for the extension of the city fire limits.

Councilman Carey offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Superintendent of the City Hospital be requested to report to this Council, at its first regular session in April, 1880, the number of prescriptions filled in the City Hospital and Branch, during the month of March, 1880.

Councilman Dowling offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads:

That the Committee on Railroads be requested to confer with the Citizens' Street Railway Company as to the advisability of the street car line on west Washington street being extended along Blackford street, from the corner of Washington street to New York street; thence west on New York street to Blake street; thence north on Blake street to Indiana avenue, and report at the next meeting of this Council.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to construct a double stone crossing, on the west side of Illinois street, corner of Georgia street.

Councilman Hamilton offered the following motions; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner immediately repair the gutters, and improve the drainage of Broadway street, from Cherry street to St. Clair street.

That the Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, at once, fill with coarse river gravel, the holes in Cherry street, from Fort Wayne avenue to Massachusetts avenue.

Councilman Hamilton offered the following motion ; which was adopted:

That permission be granted to Charles F. Lamotte, to bowlder a driveway ten feet wide across the sidewalk on south side of St. Clair street, in rear of his livery stable on lot two (2) in out-lot 42, Wood's Sub., under direction of City Engineer.

Councilman Hamilton presented the following petition ; which was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Councilmen Hamilton, McKay, and Harmening.

Feb. 26th, 1880.

To the Honorable Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen:— We, the undersigned, citizens living on Peru avenue and John street, respectfully petition your honorable body to compel the Indianapolis, Peru and Chicago Railway Company to remove the switch or side-track now running from the Massachusetts avenue depot of said company across "Cross" street into Peru avenue, and along said avenue, crossing John street, and so on to North street, for the following reasons, to-wit :

- 1st. The said track is an obstruction to travel on the above-mentioned streets.
- 2d. The drainage of the streets is rendered imperfect, and effects the health of the neighborhood seriously.
- 3d. The value of property is impaired by the presence of such side-track.
- 4th. The track is of no apparent value to the railroad, and is a nuisance to the citizens of the neighborhood.

August Schmidt, Henry Kuehme, Henry Munsell, Rosanah Munsell, Henry Geisel, Lavenia V. Hutchison, Geo. W. Stumph, Mary Miller, John G. Stumph, John Vollmer, Cornelius Hanley, John W. Gibson, Virgil D. Kenton, John Berner, Fred. Prange, Wm. Steiert, Frederick W. Swartz, Sophia C. Swartz, Mrs. Kate King, Geo. W. Wagner, Conrad Hill, Stephen Lucke, Mary A. Heizer, Ezra Munsell, Mrs. Schildmeier, Mrs. Schiltmeyer, James Templer.

Councilman Lamb offered the following motions ; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements, with power to act :

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill the chuck-holes on east South street, between Delaware and New Jersey streets.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill the chuck-holes on Duncan street, at and near the intersection of Duncan and New Jersey streets, with broken stone.

Councilman Morrison offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, the existing system of building streets, for the use of the general public, at the expense of adjacent property holders, is manifestly unjust, unless such

streets, when accepted by the city, are afterwards permanently maintained at the expense of the city at large. I now, therefore, offer the following resolution :

That the City Attorney be, and is hereby, instructed to prepare and submit an ordinance relative to street construction, which shall embrace the following provisions :

That from and after the date of such ordinance, all the streets built within the corporate limits of the city of Indianapolis, shall be paid for by the owners of property adjacent thereto, in accordance with existing ordinances, and that such streets, from and after their acceptance by the city, shall be kept in repair, and maintained by, and at the expense of, the city at large.

Councilman VanVorhis moved to refer to the Board of Public Improvements, Committee on Streets and Alleys, and the City Attorney.

Councilman Morrison moved to amend, by instructing the Committee to report an ordinance in accordance with the terms of the resolution.

Which amendment was not adopted.

Councilman VanVorhis's motion was then adopted.

Councilman McGinty offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Committee on Bridges :

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to advertise for proposals for building a bridge over Pogue's Run on Wilken's street ; such bridge to be built with stone abutments, and the superstructure to be made of that portion of the old Delaware street Viaduct, now lying on the commons close to said proposed bridge.

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

That the Street Commissioner be directed to fix the brick sidewalk at the corner of Rose and West streets ; also, to fix the brick sidewalk at the corner of McCarty and West streets.

Councilman McKay presented the following petition ; which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney :

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

Your petitioner would respectfully represent that her husband, Garrison W. Allred, was the owner in his life time and up to his death, of part of lots No. 8 and 9 of Out Lot No. 127, in McKernan & Pierce's subdivision. That the city Council ordered a change in the bed of Pogue's run, and used and appropriated said lots for the purpose of straightening the bed of said Pogue's run, and that no allowance for the value of the same was ever made to said Allred or his legal heirs ; and she therefore prays that the Council will institute an inquiry and determine what amount is justly due to the legal heirs of said Garrison W. Allred for the use and appropriation of said lands, and that a proper adjustment and allowance be made for the settlement thereof.

March 1st, 1880.

FANNIE ALLRED,
Widow of Garrison W. Allred.

Councilman Pearson offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That the blocks removed from Tennessee street, be the property of said property holders respectively.

Councilman Pearson presented the following petition, and offered the following motion :

To the City Council of Indianapolis :

The ladies of the Relief Society would petition your honorable body for a small donation to our society, whose work embraces all the territory south of Washington street.

We attend to all worthy poor, without regard to color, nationality or religion; our only aim being to prevent and relieve suffering, as far as possible.

Our rules require that no person or family shall be helped until they are visited by the ladies in whose district they reside, to ascertain their exact condition, and the kind of help required, also to prevent imposition. Our chief work, however, lies among the sick, and widows and orphan children whom we assist in clothing, so that they make a respectable appearance in our public schools.

Though the winter has been unusually mild, there has been a great amount of sickness among our poor; in some cases the entire family have been seriously ill at the same time. In one family on Mulberry street, the mother and three children were sick with scarlet fever—all in one small room, with only one bed; the oldest child, a boy of twelve years, very ill, and when found by our visitor, was lying on a pile of rags in one corner of the room. The size of the room would not admit of another bedstead being set up; but a comfortable bed was soon prepared upon the floor, a change of garments for both mother and children provided, also provisions, pillow-cases and sheets, and taken care of until they recovered. The family are now self-supporting.

In another family the father was sick with typhoid pneumonia six weeks, the mother seven weeks, but improving. They were utterly destitute. Nourishment, in the form of beef tea, was prepared for him for weeks by our visitor, and now that he is able to take something more substantial, his steak and other articles of food are carried to him daily by the same hand; also the wants of the family supplied.

Our visitor in the southeast reports great destitution in her district—often several families, and part of them sick, crowded together in one small house, without beds, and almost without bedding, but forgetting their wants in their eagerness to obtain food.

Many more cases might be presented, but we fear to trespass further on your time and patience. Hoping that you are convinced that we are doing a good work among the deserving poor, and that you will lend a helping hand, being assured that every dollar we receive goes directly to the relief of the suffering poor,

Respectfully,

Mrs. Dr. Martin, Pres't.; Mrs. S. J. Watson,
Treas'r.; Mrs. A. G. Wilson, Mrs. Ben. Davis,
Mrs. Frank Glazier, Mrs. Mattie Wilson,
Mrs. Templeton.

Resolved, That one hundred dollars is hereby donated by the City Council and Board of Aldermen to the Ladies' Relief Society.

Councilman VanVorhis moved to refer to the Committee on Public Charities.

Which motion was laid on the table.

On motion the petition and motion were referred to the Committee on Public Charities and Finance Committee.

Councilman Shilling offered the following motions; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to repair New York street, between Missouri and Douglass streets.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to repair Michigan street, from Indiana avenue to Blackford street.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to fill the chuck-holes on West street, between Washington street and Indiana avenue.

Councilman Tucker presented the following petition; which was received, and prayer of petitioner granted:

Indianapolis, March 1, 1880.

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

Gentlemen.—The undersigned, owner of two lots fronting on Huron street, between Cedar street and Grove street, respectfully petition for the privilege of paving in front of lots 198 and 199 in Fletcher's Addition on said Huron street; said pavement to be of brick and the width of six feet, all to be done at expense of the petitioner.

JAMES B. BULLOCK.

Councilman VanVorhis presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Public Property:

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

Gentlemen.—The Indianapolis Fertilizer Company, lessees of the "Sellers' farm," having at great expense constructed levees and fences on and about said farm, and have graveled the road leading from the Mars' Hill pike to the above said farm, at a great cost, (an itemized account can be furnished,) and as the several freshets this spring have swept away a great portion of the levees and fences, and also the gravel from a portion of the road; your petitioners pray that you grant them the privilege of using a few of the sycamore trees on said farm to be sawed into boards for constructing a new fence; and that the city allow the Fertilizer Co. the sum of \$250.00 to aid them in reconstructing the levee, &c., as well as for rebuilding the road, the \$250.00 to be deducted from the rent.

Trusting this petition may be granted, your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

INDIANAPOLIS FERTILIZER CO.

R. S. Sinclair, Sec'y.

Councilman VanVorhis presented the following petition; which was received, and prayer of petitioner granted:

Indianapolis, March 1, 1880.

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

Gentlemen.—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on north Delaware street, between St. Clair street and St. Joseph street, respectfully petition for privilege to grade and gravel the east half of the first alley south of St. Joseph street, from Pennsylvania to Delaware street, according to stakes set by the City Civil Engineer, at our own expense.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Wm. R. Evans,
John Gramling.

Councilman Wood offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That a Special Committee of three (and the City Civil Engineer,) be appointed to investigate the condition of the west bank of White River, between the corporation line and the Washington street bridge, and report the estimate cost of a permanent protection from the washings of White River.

The Chair appointed Councilmen Wood, Sheppard, and Shilling, as the Special Committee called for by the foregoing motion.

Councilman Wood offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That J. L. Spaulding be, and is hereby, granted (30) thirty days further time to complete his contract on Chesapeake street.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor,

Attest: Jos. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.