

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—JANUARY 7, 1889.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, January 7th, A. D. 1889, at 7:30 o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT--Hon. Caleb S. Denny, Mayor, and *ex officio* President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 16 members, viz: Councilmen Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Johnston, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, and Trusler.

ABSENT, 9--viz: Councilmen Burns, Coy, Hicklin, Kelley, Long, Markey, Swain, Thalman, and Wilson.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session held December 17th, 1888, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

OPENING AND REFERRING SEALED PROPOSALS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Sealed proposals for the erection of the following lamp-posts, were opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts:

For the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipes, on Yeiser street, between Madison avenue and East street. Not more than three lamp-posts to the square.

For the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipes, on Davis street, between Bicking street and the southern terminus of Davis street. Not more than three lamp-posts to the square.

For the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipes, on State street, between Washington and Michigan streets. Not more than three lamp-posts to the square.

For the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipes, on Vermont street, between Noble and Pine streets. Not more than three lamp posts to the square.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Clerk submitted the following reports from the County Auditor; which were received and referred to the Finance Committee:

SETTLEMENT SHEET

For collection of City School and Library Tax for the City of Indianapolis.

	City of Indianapolis Tax.	School Tax.	Library Tax.
Amount on Duplicate 1887.....	\$463,846 07...	\$100,971 23...	\$10,097 12
Assessed since.....	2,055 85...	456 86...	45 69
Total charges.....	465,901 92...	101,428 09...	10,142 81
Second installment unpaid.....	\$153,009 99...	\$ 33,864 61...	\$ 3,386 46
Delinquencies returned by Treasurer.....	35,073 19...	6,344 37...	634 44
Erroneous assessments, as per certificate of Auditor.....	3,573 65...	785 19...	78 52
Total unpaid, delinquent and erroneous.....	191,657 03...	40,994 17...	4,099 42
Total cash collections.....	\$274,244 89...	\$ 60,433 82...	\$ 6,043 39
Erroneous tax sales refunded from cash collection.....	436 55...	97 00...	9 70
Net collections for 1887.....	273,808 34...	60,336 82...	6,033 69
Delinquencies of 1886 collected.....	\$ 13,996 41...	\$ 3,110 32...	\$ 311 03
Total due from Treasurer.....	287,804 75...	63,447 14...	6,344 72

STATE OF INDIANA *Marion County, ss:*

I, Thomas Taggart, Auditor of Marion County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true abstract of the settlement made this day with the Treasurer for taxes collected of the City of Indianapolis.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 27th day of June, 1888.

[Seal.]

THOMAS TAGGART, Auditor.

December Settlement Sheet for collection of City of Indianapolis Revenue, 1887.

	City of Indianapolis Revenue.
Second installment unpaid at last May settlement.....	\$153,009 96
First installment delinquent at last May settlement.....	35,073 19
Old delinquency credited on May sheet, distributed on basis of 1886.....	31,130 57
Ten per cent. penalty on current delinquency, being penalty on May and November, 1888, delinquency.....	4,545 66
Six per cent penalty on delinquency where both April and November payments, 1888, remain unpaid.....	1,560 13
Six per cent. interest on old delinquency of previous years.....	1,797 97
Treasurer's assessments charged since May settlement, 1888.....	3,028 07
Total charges are.....	\$230,145 58

Collections of second installment since May settlement, 1888, to the first

Monday in November, 1888, inclusive.....	\$142,626 55
Collections of delinquencies, including penalty and interest.....	13 742 71
Assessments collected since May settlement, 1888.....	3,028 07

Total collections since May settlement, 1888.....\$159,397 33

Erroneous taxes collected and refunded.....	\$	756	23
Auditor's certificates of errors.....	¶	1,715	37
Treasurer's six per cent. on delinquent collections to-wit: \$13,742.71, as per contract.....		824	56
Treasurer's twenty-five per cent. on assessments, to-wit: \$3,028.07, per contract.....		757	01
Total deductions from total collections.....	\$	4,053	17
Leaving net amount due City of Indianapolis.....	\$	155,344	16
Deduct total collections from total charges, leaves total delinquencies at November settlement.....	\$	70,748	25

STATE OF INDIANA, *Marion County, ss:*

I, Thomas Taggart, Auditor of said county, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true abstract of the settlement made this day with Sample Loftin, Treasurer of said county, for the collection of City of Indianapolis revenue for the second installment of 1887, including the delinquencies of 1886, and previous years; and the amount to be paid into the treasury of said city, is one hundred and fifty-five thousand three hundred forty-four and sixteen hundredths dolalrs (155,344.16.)

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 29th day of December, 1888.

[Seal.]

THOMAS TAGGART, County Auditor.

STATE OF INDIANA, *Marion County, ss:*

I, Sample Loftin, Treasurer of said county, solemnly swear that the within is a correct abstract of the December, 1888, settlement for municipal tax due the City of Indianapolis.

S. LOFTIN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this January 3, 1889.

THOMAS TAGGART, Auditor.

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

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 December, 1888, viz:

Board of Health.....	\$	203	75
Bridges.....		251	31
City Civil Engineer's Department.....		616	05
City Dispensary.....	\$	306	94
City Hall.....		23	75
City Hospital and Branch.....		1,472	52
Fire Department—pay-rolls.....		5,240	00
Fire Department—accounts.....		632	24
Fountains and pumps.....		420	00
Garfield Park.....		267	03
Gas.....		4,053	91
Incidentals.....		13	36
Insurance.....		62	50
Interest on temporary loan.....		2,100	00
Judgments and costs.....		51	60
Markets.....		47	90
Parks.....		170	00
Police.....		5,229	61
Printing.....		50	62
Public charities.....		50	00
Salary.....		363	33
Sewers.....		1,163	50
Station House.....		340	17

Street Improvements.....	\$ 3,935 33
Street repairs—pay-rolls.....	3,262 31
Street repair—accounts.....	2,698 66
Taxes refunded.....	22 08
Tomlinson Estate.....	201 50
Tomlinson Hall accounts.....	238 38
Tomlinson Hall Janitors.....	105 00
Water rent.....	8,853 33
Total.....	\$ 42,451 68

Respectfull submitted,

JNO. W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit an itemized statement showing the receipts and disbursements by the Treasurer of the city during the year 1888; also, a tabular statement of the bonded indebtedness of the City of Indianapolis, and an interest coupon statement showing the amount of interest payable each year, together with the amount of temporary loans yet unpaid.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

RECEIPTS.

From market leases.....	\$ 9,800 40
From dog licenses.....	1,800 00
From express licenses.....	581 05
From hack licenses.....	464 00
From huckster licenses.....	3,420 00
From liquor licenses.....	36,148 99
From peddlers licenses.....	541 00
From coal licenses.....	180 00
From auction licenses.....	150 00
From exhibition licenses.....	757 00
From dray licenses.....	187 25
From Market-master's fees.....	2,616 60
From tapping sewers.....	34 00
From fines and fees, City Court.....	4,653 95
From benefits.....	3,815 00
From rent of Tomlinson Hall.....	2,901 43
From Tomlinson Hall Estate.....	760 83
From Police Department.....	2,229 91
From sale of old material, etc.....	1,183 87
From rent of Sellers Farm.....	1,183 00
From tax on W. U. telegraph poles.....	110 00
From miscellaneous.....	655 00
	\$ 74,173 28
From Hasselman, account Pattison bondsmen.....	4,720 81
From dividind Indiana Banking Company.....	55 20
From balance city's 4 per cent. bond account.....	1,442 67
	\$ 80,391 96

Loans

From temporary loan of January, 1888.....	36,000 00
From temporary loan of August, 1888.....	20,000 00
From temporary loan of September, 1888.....	35,000 00
From temporary loan of December, 1888.....	30,000 00

From interest on Belt Railroad bonds.....	\$ 30,000 00
From loan to refund bonds due January 1st, 1889.....	110,000 00
From tax collections.....	443,148 91
Total receipts from all sources.....	\$784,540 87

APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS.

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

From balance from 1887.....	\$ 57,384 07
From temporary loan of January.....	36,000 00
From temporary loan of August.....	20,000 00
From temporary loan of September.....	35,000 00
From temporary loan of December.....	30,000 00
From O. H. Hasselman, on Pattison settlement.....	4,720 81
From dividend of Indiana Banking Company.....	55 20
From balance of city's 4 per cent. bond account.....	1,442 67
From loan to refund bonds due January 1st, 1889.....	110,000 00
From miscellaneous.....	104,173 28
From taxes collected, per Auditor's reports.....	443,148 91
	\$841,924 94

Disbursements.

For orders paid during the year.....	\$581,438 91
Balance.....	260,486 03
	\$841,924 94

GARFIELD PARK.

Appropriated for the improvement of.....	\$ 10,000 00
Amount expended this year.....	1,018 33
Balance.....	\$ 8,881 67

Tabular Statement of Bonded Indebtedness of the City of Indianapolis, on Jan. 1st, 1889.

KIND OF BONDS.	Date of Issue.	Date of Maturity.	Face of Bonds.	No. of Bonds.	Rate of Interest.	When Payable.	AGGREGATE AMOUNTS.
Indpl's & Vincen's R. R. Co.....	Jan. 1, 1869.	Jan. 1, 1889.	\$ 500	120	6	April 1st.	\$ 60,000 00
Junction R. R. Co.....	Jan. 1, 1869.	Jan. 1, 1889.	500	100	6	April 1st.	50,000 00
I. C. & D. R. R. Co.....	Jan. 1, 1870.	Jan. 1, 1890.	500	90	6	Jan. 1st.	45,000 00
Sellers' Farm Purchase.....	April 1, 1873.	April 1, 1893.	1600	21	8	Oct. & April 1st.	21,000 00
Series "A".....	July 1, 1873.	July 1, 1893.	1000	300	7.3	Jan. & July 1st.	300,000 00
Series "B".....	July 1, 1873.	July 1, 1893.	1000	300	7.3	Jan. & July 1st.	300,000 00
Southern Park Purchase.....	Jan. 26, 1874.	Jan. 26, 1894.	500	219	7.3	July & Jan. 1st.	109,500 00
Series "C".....	July 1, 1874.	July 1, 1894.	1000	300	7.3	Jan. & July 1st.	300,000 00
Series "D".....	July 1, 1875.	July 1, 1895.	1000	200	7.3	Jan. & July 1st.	200,000 00
Fire Department.....	July 1, 1875.	July 1, 1895.	5 0	14	7.3	Jan. & July 1st.	7,000 00
Series "E".....	Jan. 1, 1876.	Jan. 1, 1896.	1000	8	7.3	July & Jan. 1st.	8,000 00
Patterson Levee.....	July 1, 1876.	July 1, 1896.	1000	5	6	July 1st.	5,000 00
U. R. R. T. and S. Y. Co ²	Jan. 1, 1877.	Jan. 1, 1897.	1000	500	6	July & Jan. 1st.	500,000 00
Grand Total.....							\$1,905,500 00

Interest-Coupon Statement.

KIND OF BONDS.	WHERE PAYABLE.	When Payable.	No. of Coupons.	Coupon Value.	Amount Payable.	TOTALS.
L. C. & D. R. R. Co.....	City Treasury, Indianapolis.	January 1st.	90	\$30 00	\$ 2,700 00	
Series "A".....	Winslow, Lanier & Co. N. Y.	January 1st.	300	36 50	10,950 00	
Series "B".....	" " " "	January 1st.	300	36 50	10,950 00	
Southern Park Purchase	" " " "	January 1st.	219	18 25	3,996 75	
Series "C".....	" " " "	January 1st.	300	36 50	10,950 00	
Series "D".....	" " " "	January 1st.	200	36 50	7,300 00	
Fire Department.....	" " " "	January 1st.	14	18 25	255 00	
Series "E".....	" " " "	January 1st.	8	36 50	292 00	
U. R. R. T. & S. Y. Co.®.	" " " "	January 1st.	500	30 00	15,000 00	\$ 62,394 25
Ind'polis & Vin. R. R. Co.	City Treasury, Indianapolis.	April 1st.	120	30 00	3,600 00	
Junction R. R. Co.....	" " " "	April 1st.	100	30 00	3,000 00	
Sellers' Farm Purchase.	Winslow, Lanier & Co., N. Y.	April 1st.	21	40 00	840 00	7,440 00
Series "A".....	Winslow, Lanier & Co., N. Y.	July 1st.	300	36 50	10,950 00	
Series "B".....	" " " "	July 1st.	300	36 50	10,950 00	
Southern Park Purchase	" " " "	July 1st.	219	18 25	3,996 75	
Series "C".....	" " " "	July 1st.	300	36 50	10,950 00	
Series "D".....	" " " "	July 1st.	200	36 50	7,300 00	
Fire Department.....	" " " "	July 1st.	14	18 25	255 00	
Series "E".....	" " " "	July 1st.	8	36 50	292 00	
U. R. R. T. & S. Y. Co.*.	" " " "	July 1st.	500	30 00	15,000 00	
Patterson Levee.....	" " " "	July 1st.	5	60 00	300 00	59,994 25
Sellers' Farm Purchase.	Winslow, Lanier & Co., N. Y.	October 1st.	21	40 00	840 00	840 00
Grand Total.....						\$130,668 50

*These bonds were issued in aid of the "Union Railroad Transfer and Stock-Yards Company," and were exchanged for an equal amount of the bonds of said company.

The principal of the said company's bonds, and the interest-coupons attached thereto, mature and become payable one month prior to the principal and coupons of the city bonds.

TEMPORARY LOANS.

Issued December 31, 1888, due Dec. 31, 1889, interest six per cent., payable semi-annually. \$70,000 00
 Issued December 31, 1888, due Dec. 31, 1889, interest 4½ per cent. 1,000 00
 Issued December 31, 1888, due Dec. 31, 1889, interest 4½ per cent. 600 00

FUNDING BONDS.

\$110,000 at four per cent. payable 1909, issued December 31, 1888, to pay bonded indebtedness due January 1st, 1889.

The City Clerk submitted the following report :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

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

Henry Clay vs. Fletcher & Churchman, for.....	\$14 33
Richter & Twiname vs. Robert Roberts, for.....	16 00
Jos. Bernauer vs. Mary Biddle, for.....	13 60
Wm. F. Gansberg vs. J. Duffy, for.....	47 95
Wm. F. Gansberg vs. J. Duffy, for.....	6 85
Wm. F. Gansberg vs. O. H. Hasselman, for.....	47 95
J. L. Spaulding vs. S. M. Cadwallader, for.....	13 53
J. L. Spaulding vs. S. M. Cadwallader, for.....	13 53

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

Which was read, and the precepts ordered to issue, by the following vote:

AYES, 15—viz: Councilmen Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Johnston, Long, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 3—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, and Darnell.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I respectfully report that I have passed the necessity for the employment of gas inspectors, for the present, and have discontinued their services—on the 31st ult., although I expect when the weather opens up again, to have further use for them.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and the contracts and bonds approved:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following contracts and bonds:

Contract and bond of James W. Hudson, for grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of North street, from Tennessee street to the C., I., St. L. & C. R. R. tracks. Bond, \$600 00; surety, L. A. Fulmer.

Contract and bond of Fulmer & Seibert, for grading and graveling the roadway of Oriole street, curbing with stone and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof, from Nebraska street to the second alley south of Nebraska street.

Bond, \$2,000; surety, L. A. Fulmer.

Contract and bond of the Wrought Iron Bridge Company, of Canton, Ohio, for constructing and erecting the superstructure of a bridge over Pleasant Run, in Garfield Park. Bond, \$3,200; surety, W. W. Winslow.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, to report at the next meeting:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Since handing you my former communication of December 3, 1888, on the subject of preventing public vehicles from standing on asphalt paved streets and containing also a recommendation for the purchase of a large street sweeper, I have had an interview with General Lewis Merrill, Vice President and General Manager of the National Street Sweeping Machine Company, of Philadelphia.

This company own the patents for the combined sweepers and loaders, by which process is claimed a great labor saving. Of the merits of the machine, I know nothing, but have photographs of all of them in my office, and from the proposition submitted by the company, to-wit: To furnish the machine for the use of the city on a royalty per thousand square yards, without the outlay of one dollar by the city, I am of the opinion that it would be well worth giving them a trial.

It is claimed for these machines that they will not only sweep asphalt, but wood and cobble stone, also.

From the number of horses and men said to be necessary to work the machine, I have estimated the cost, including royalty, of sweeping Washington street, at a cost of thirty-two and one-half cents per thousand square yards.

I submit herewith a form of contract proposed by the company, and recommend that the machines be given a trial.

Respectfully submitted,
S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following form of contract; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner :

NATIONAL STREET SWEEPING MACHINERY COMPANY.

This company will bring to Indianapolis and put in operation, one of its Combined Sweepers and Loaders, and one of its Gutter Sweepers, on the following terms and conditions :

The proper authorities of the city to agree that they will receive the machines, take due care of them, and in a reasonable time after receiving them will give the representative of this company proper facilities for exhibiting the working of the machines, viz: horses and men to run the machines, and these are to be subject to the instruction of such representative for the time enough to learn the proper handling of the machines.

Second—That a competent person or persons be appointed to examine the working of the machines, and that his judgment shall be accepted as final.

Third—That if the machines are approved, they shall be accepted and used in the work of street cleaning in Indianapolis, upon the conditions following :

a. The city to pay the freight on the machines, which is to be refunded to them if the machines are rejected.

b. The city or persons using the machines in their interest, to agree to provide sufficient horses and man power properly skilled to use them. To keep them in good order and condition, ordinary wear and tear accepted, and also, except breakage, arising from faulty construction or poor material, and to provide also proper dump wagons to use with the machines, in sufficient number to allow the machines to work at the full capacity.

c. The machines to be used as far as practicable in all street sweeping work done in the city, and if other machines are also used, our machines to be used in conjunction with them, so that they shall be credited with all work in which they take part.

d. The city to agree to pay royalty on the machines as follows: For each one thousand square yards swept, fifteen cents per thousand square yards each time swept, provided that the aggregate amount of surface swept per week during the working season shall be not less than one hundred thousand square yards; that is, that at least this amount shall be paid for. If the average aggregate amount swept shall be five hundred thousand yards weekly, the royalty shall be ten cents per thousand square yards. If the average aggregate amount swept shall exceed one million square yards weekly, the royalty shall be eight cents per thousand square yards.

e. The city to have the right to allow a contractor for street sweeping to use the machines, provided the city shall be responsible for the royalty.

f. Royalty to be paid at such time as may be agreed upon, and amount due to be determined by official reports of the proper city department.

g. The city, upon accepting the machine, to deposit with this company five hundred (500) dollars, which amount shall stand in our hands as liquidated damages for the condition of the machines when this company regains possession of them.

This company agrees as follows:

1. That in reasonable time after getting the order for them, it will put free on board the cars at the factory, Kennett Square, one Combined Sweeper and Loader and one Gutter Sweeper, both to be well built of first-class material, and in all respects in good working order and condition.

2. This company will bill the machines to such person as may be designated at Indianapolis, Ind., at the lowest through-freight rates attainable; freight to be paid by the city, and to be refunded by this company if the machines are not accepted.

3. This company will in reasonable time after the machines are delivered, fully instruct the men and horses which are to use them, in the best methods of doing the work, provided that the instructions of this company as to method shall be followed.

4. This company to agree that the Gutter Sweeper shall cleanly sweep out the angle between the curb and the street surface, in all gutters of ordinary form, and that when used as a surface sweeper, it shall sweep the surface in all parts that can be swept by a machine, with an efficiency and cleanliness equal to any other machine broom in use.

That the Combined Sweeper and Loader will sweep any street surface of ordinary character in all parts that can be reached by machine brooms with a cleanliness and efficiency equal to any machine broom, and that it shall cleanly sweep up and load into an attached dump wagon all the street dirt which lies in its track.

That the two machines shall have a combined swath of clean sweeping of six feet wide, making due allowance for laps; and that when properly horsed and manned, shall be capable of working at the rate of not less than two and one half miles per hour of working speed.

5. This company will agree to submit the performance of the machines according to the above specifications, to such competent persons as the city authorities may select, and to abide by the judgment which they may render after they have given the machines a fair test—which fair test the city agrees they shall have under the direction and instruction of the agents of this company.

6. This company agree that if after the said test shall be fairly made, the city shall reject the machines, then this company will refund the freight paid, and release the city from all claims of every kind made or to be made under this agreement.

7. The city to agree that, if the machines are rejected, they shall be placed, subject to the order of this company, in like good order and condition as when received, ordinary wear and tear excepted, and excepted also any breakage arising from faulty construction or poor material.

8. The city to agree that they will not, without the written permission of this company, allow the machines to be in the possession or use of any person except the duly authorized agents of the city.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—In accordance with your instructions, I have prepared an ordinance for the construction of a brick sewer in and along Pennsylvania street, from Home avenue to Seventh street, and handed the same to Councilman Swain for introduction.

Respectfully submitted, S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was approved, and the appointment confirmed:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I have appointed W. C. Phipps as clerk in my Department, to perform the duties provided in General Ordinance No. 42, ordained November 28th, 1885. I respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Respectfully submitted, S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following estimates of work done according to contract:

A first and final estimate in behalf of Freaney Brothers, for erecting two lamp-posts, at \$21.00 each, on Lincoln avenue, between Ash street and Bellefontain avenue, \$42.00.

A first and final estimate in behalf of Freaney Brothers, for erecting two lamp-posts, at \$21.00 each, on New Jersey street, between Seventh street and the first alley south of the State Ditch, \$42.00.

A first and final estimate in behalf of Geo. W. Seibert & Co., for grading and graveling Bates street and sidewalks, from Leota street to the first alley east of Leota street.

332 lineal feet, at 81 cents\$268 92

A first and final estimate in behalf of Geo. W. Seibert & Co., for grading and graveling Bates street and sidewalks, from Lynn street to its eastern terminus.

279 lineal feet, at 71 cents..... \$198 08

A first and final estimate in behalf of Wm. F. Gansberg, for grading and graveling Koller street and sidewalks, from State street to Randolph street.

1,178 lineal feet, at \$1.09.....\$1,294 38

A first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and graveling the first alley west of West street, from St. Clair street to Pratt street.

850 lineal feet, at 18 cents\$153 00

A first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and graveling First street and sidewalks, from Camp street to Indiana avenue.

2,494 lineal feet, at 48 cents..... \$1,197 12

A first and final estimate in behalf of Henry Clay, for grading and graveling Eighth street and sidewalks—being the first thirty foot street north of Seventh street—from Meridian street to Illinois street.

795.50 lineal feet, at 29 cents.....\$230 68

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was 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 Freaney Brothers, for erecting two lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures, complete to burn gas, except the service pipes, on Lincoln avenue, between Ash street and Bellefontaine avenue, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; 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, 22—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was 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 Freaney Brothers, for erecting two lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures, complete to burn gas, except the service pipes, on New Jersey street, between Seventh street and the first alley south of the State Ditch, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; 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, 22—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was 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 Geo. W. Seibert & Co., for grading and graveling Bates street and sidewalks, from Leota street to the first alley east of Leota street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; 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, 22—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was 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 Geo. W. Seibert & Co., for grading and graveling Bates street and sidewalks, from Lynn street to its eastern terminus, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; 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, 22—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was 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 Wm. F. Gansberg, for grading and graveling Koller street and sidewalks, from State street to Randolph street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; 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, 22—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was 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 J. L. Spaulding, for grading and graveling the first alley west of West street, from St. Clair street to Pratt street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; 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, 22—viz: Councilmen Burns Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was 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 J. L. Spaulding, for grading and graveling First street and sidewalks, from Camp street to Indiana avenue, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; 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, 22—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was 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 Henry Clay, for grading and graveling Eighth street and sidewalks—being the first thirty-foot street north of Seventh street—from Meridian street to Illinois street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; 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, 22—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

Ex-Chief Fire Engineer Webster submitted the following report; which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department :

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith present my seventh annual report of the expenses and condition of the Fire Department: The expenses for the running of the Department for the year just closed, amount to \$18,735.25, with a credit of \$1,490.23, received for the sale of old material, cloth, etc., and paid into the city treasury—making the actual outlay \$17,245.02. A large portion of this has been paid for new hose, as, acting on my suggestion in a former report, that it would be necessary to have on hand sufficient hose to admit of change, in order to dry said hose after using, I was

instructed to purchase the hose, and with those destroyed at fires, making \$4 500; which is in excess of one-quarter the running expenses of the Department.

The engines, hose, hose-wagons and horses, are in good condition; also truck No. 2. Truck No. 1 will require a general overhauling. The telegraph department is in first-class condition, and has rendered good service.

In my last report, my cash account shows \$44 70 on hand. I have since drawn \$75.00 from the City Treasurer. I have paid for incidentals, \$84.06—leaving a balance of \$35.64, which I have paid back into the city treasury.

In leaving the Department after a brief sojourn of twenty-nine years, I am led to believe I possess the confidence of a large majority of the citizens; certain I am I have endeavored to leave nothing undone to merit such confidence. In my official capacity as Chief Fire Engineer, I have striven to fill my mission as such, regardless of consequences or opinions.

I can not but express my gratitude to those who have so often come to my aid during the seven years of my administration as Chief Engineer of the Indianapolis Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WEBSTER.

The Chief Fire Engineer submitted the following report; which was referred to the City Civil Engineer and Chief Fire Engineer, with power to act:

Indianapolis, Jan. 7, 1889.

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

Gentlemen:—I would respectfully call the attention of your honorable bodies to the damages that will arise to the fire-alarm wires and boxes by the erection of the present electric light plant, and would ask that the City Civil Engineer be requested to change the location of poles where they come in contact with the fire-alarm apparatus, and thus save an unnecessary expenditure of money on the part of the city, that will be necessary if the present system is carried out, which will constantly endanger the fire-alarm system, and render a reliable portion of the Department an uncertainty. I have instructed the Superintendent of Telegraph to make a report of the localities where such interference exists, and such report is now on file in this office.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK L. DOUGHERTY, Chief Fire Engineer.

The Chief Fire Engineer submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

Indianapolis, Jan. 7, 1889.

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

Gentlemen:—I would herewith most respectfully report to your honorable bodies appointments made by me to fill the positions of first and second Assistant Chief Engineers, for your approval: James H. Davis, First Assistant; A. C. Muerer, Second Assistant.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK L. DOUGHERTY, Chief Fire Engineer.

S. Loftin, Treasurer for the City, submitted a report of all monies collected from omitted property, known as "Treasurer's Assessments" on the City Tax Duplicates for the year 1887, and collected in the year 1888; which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The City Clerk submitted the following report from the County Auditor; which was referred to the Finance Committee:

STATE OF INDIANA, *Marion County, ss:*

I, Thomas Taggart, Auditor for said county, do hereby certify that the taxable property of the City of Indianapolis, for the year 1888, amounts to \$51,960,035.00, and the polls number 18,829, as appears by the returns of the Assessor of Center Township, of said county, now on file in my office.

Witness my hand and official seal, this December 29th, 1888.

[Seal.]

THOMAS TAGGART, Auditor
of Marion Co., Indiana.

Councilman Thalman offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That there be, and is hereby, assessed and levied upon all real estate, personal, and real property, notes, bonds, stocks and choses in action, in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, assessed and returned for taxation in and for said city, for the year 1888, a tax for general city purposes of ninety (90) cents upon each one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of all such property, and the further sum of fifty cents on each poll, for general purposes.

And Resolved further, That the Auditor of Marion county, Indiana, be, and he is hereby, requested, authorized and directed, to place said taxes upon the proper tax duplicate, and the County Treasurer of Marion county, Indiana, be, and he is hereby, directed to collect the same for said City of Indianapolis, and make due report thereof.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The National Vulcanite Company and the Indianapolis Paving Company, through His Honor, Mayor Denny, submitted an additional bond in the amount of fifty thousand dollars, for the maintainance of the Washington street asphalt pavement; which was approved.

Councilman Finch offered the following motion :

That the vote by which General Ordinance No. 59, 1888, was passed, be reconsidered.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Finch offered the following motion; which was adopted :

That G. O. 57, 1888, be recalled from the Board of Aldermen, and that said ordinance be referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys and City Attorney, and that they be instructed to report an ordinance at the next regular meeting of this body.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman McClelland, submitted the following report; which was referred to the Committee on Rules, together with the Board of Public Improvements:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—We herewith report expenditures in the Street Repair Department for the month of December, together with total expenditures for the year 1888:

Pay-rolls.....	\$ 2,477 72
Blacksmithing.....	71 78
Bowlders.....	15 75
Brick.....	56 00
Castings.....	50 94
Cement.....	54 19
Gravel.....	286 03
Hardware.....	67 34
Hauling stone crossings.....	24 53
Lumber.....	1,647 49
Miscellaneous.....	154 95
Rent of Lumber Yard.....	18 00
Repairing crossing south Pine street, at railroad.....	100 00
Rubb ^r goods.....	3 50
Stone crossings.....	60 92
Sweeping Washington street.....	58 00
Total expenditures for December.....	\$ 5,147 05
Total expenditures per last report.....	38,607 24
Total expenditures for the year 1888.....	\$43,754 29

Respectfully submitted,

R. McClelland,
Wm J Parkinson,
Board of Public Improvements.

C. S. RONEY, Street Commissioner.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom were referred the proposals received December 17, 1888, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows:

Robert Kennington.....	40	cents per lineal foot front on each side.
J. L. Fisher.....	39	cents per lineal foot front on each side.
J. W. Hudson.....	35	cents per lineal foot front on each side.
T. A. Greene.....	35	cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Geo. W. Buchanan.....	34	cents per lineal foot front on each side.
L. A. Fulmer.....	30	cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Michael Flaherty.....	29½	cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Cooper & Haywood.....	29	cents per lineal foot front on each side.
R. P. Dunning.....	29	cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Subject to your order, we herewith return the bids received for improving Barth avenue, between Orange and Roll streets, without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. Darnell,
C. H. Stuckmeyer,
R. McClelland,
Committee on Contracts.

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

Indianapolis, Jan. 1st, 1889.

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

Gentlemen:—We herewith submit a recapitulation of the work of the Indianapolis Board of Health for the year 1888:

In addition to the report which includes all of the departments, I desire to commend the sanitary officers for the earnest performance of their duties, being ever equal to the emergency when grave responsibilities have been an issue. I believe they have been honest and upright in all their dealings, and have fulfilled their obligations without fear and favor, but were guided by justice and right.

It is unnecessary to mention certain reforms which have been inaugurated, known as the unwholesome meat condemnations, the water works investigation, and the abolishment of the nuisances at Greenlawn Cemetery—some of which are in progress, but not completed.

The return of births, disease and death blanks, properly made out, have been more prompt than ever before, which signifies the hearty co operation of physicians and midwives, in view of the fact that the records approach completeness nearer than at any previous time.

We desire to thank all persons who have rendered us assistance during the year, and especially the city government and physicians of the city.

Respectfully,

S. E. EARP, Sec'y.
Indianapolis Board of Health.

The following communication was read:

To the Honorable Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—Dr. Pettijohn, President, and Dr. Hurty, Secretary of the city Board of Health, desire to report as follows:

According to law, the Health Board met on Tuesday, January 1st, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and proceeded to organize. Col. Ruckle became temporary Chairman, and Dr. Pettijohn was unanimously elected permanent President. Drs Earp and Hurty were respectively nominated for the position of permanent Secretary. Ten ballots resulted in no choice. Board then adjourned to meet the following Saturday, at 11 A. M.

Board met promptly at time set on Saturday—Dr. Pettijohn in the Chair. Dr. Pettijohn ruled that “as the Board had failed to elect either a temporary or permanent Secretary, he, as the only legally constituted officer, assumed that function, had kept the minutes, and would read and submit the same to the consideration of the Board.”

When Dr. Pettijohn had read his record, Col. Ruckle objected to it upon the ground that the Board had a Secretary, who had kept full record, and it was out of order for the President to proceed as he had done.

The President then put the motion “Shall Col. Ruckle’s objection be sustained?” There was a tie vote, and the Chairman ruled objection not sustained, and therefore reported his ruling, and ordered the minutes received.

The President then ruled it in order to elect a permanent Secretary; and after delegating his temporary Secretary powers to Dr. Hurty, nominated Dr. Hurty for the permanent secretaryship. Col. Ruckle nominated Dr. Earp, and ten ballots were taken without a choice.

Col. Ruckle then moved adjournment. Motion failed.

Thereupon Earp and Ruckle proceeded to bolt; but before they were out of the room or out of hearing, the President called for a ballot on Secretary, and loudly called the names of Dr. Earp and Col. Ruckle, demanding how they would vote. They still, within hearing, refused to answer, and Dr. Pettijohn declared that “Dr. Hurty had received two votes, all that were cast—Dr. Earp and Col. Ruckle present, and not voting;” and so Dr. Hurty was elected Secretary. By this time the bolters were gone, and the Board being without a quorum, adjourned.

This is an honest and true statement of our proceedings, and we respectfully pray your honorable recognition of our claims as President and Secretary of the Indianapolis Board of Health.

(Signed) O. B. PETTIJOHN.
J. N. HURTY.

His Honor, Mayor Denny, offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, It is provided by Section 8 of an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, entitled "An act establishing a State Board of Health, defining its purposes," etc., approved March 7, 1881, among other things, that "the Mayor and Common Council of each incorporated city (except where a regular constituted Board of Health, by ordinance of such city, now exists, or may hereafter be created), shall constitute a Board of Health, *ex officio*, for each of the several cities respectively of the State;" and

Whereas, The City of Indianapolis has never, by ordinance, created any Board of Health for said city; and

Whereas, The Mayor, Common Council, Board of Aldermen and President of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis now constitute the only lawful Board of Health in and for said city; and

Whereas, The said Council and Board of Aldermen, by a mistaken construction or oversight of the laws relating to said matters, assumed to elect O. B. Pettijohn, Samuel E. Earp and John N. Hurty to constitute a Board of Health for said city, at a Joint Convention of said bodies held at the Council Chamber on the 12th day of November, 1888, to serve for two years from the first day of January, 1889, and said parties, together with the President of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of said city, are now assuming to constitute and act as a legally constituted Board of Health in and for said city;

Now, therefore, In order that no conflict of authority may arise, or misunderstandings exist between the members of said Council and Board of Aldermen, on the one hand, and said Pettijohn, Earp and Hurty, on the other, and that the welfare of the city and its inhabitants may be subserved, and the law obeyed, it is hereby

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the action of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, in Joint Convention held on the 12th day of November, 1888, in electing and assuming to elect the said O. B. Pettijohn, Samuel E. Earp and John N. Hurty as members of the Board of Health of said city, to serve for two years from January 1, 1889, be, and the same is hereby, annulled and set aside; and all action at any time taken by said persons or any of them, while assuming to act as a Board of Health, on and since said first day of January, 1889, is hereby declared to be null and void; and all action of whatsoever kind hereafter attempted by them, while assuming to act as such Board of Health, by virtue of the pretended election aforesaid, or under any certificate issued to them or any of them by virtue thereof, shall be null and void.

Resolved, further, That the Mayor, Common Council, Board of Aldermen and President of the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis, meet in the Council Chamber of said city, on the evening of January 15th, 1889, at the hour of eight o'clock, for the purpose of organizing as a Board of Health for said city, and for the further purpose of electing a Secretary of said Board, as provided by said Section 8 of the act aforesaid.

Councilman Markey offered the following motion :

That this matter be referred to the Committee on Judiciary, His Honor, the Mayor, and City Attorney, with instructions to report at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Councilman Long moved to lay the foregoing motion on the table.

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

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AYES, 11—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Darnell, Elliott, Finch, Hicklin, Kelley, Long, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 12—viz: Councilmen Burns, Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Gaul, Johnston, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, and Thalman.

The motion offered by Councilman Markey, that the whole matter be referred to the Committee on Judiciary, His Honor, the Mayor, and City Attorney, was then adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 17—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Stuckmeyer, and Thalman.

NAYS, 6—viz: Councilmen Elliott, Finch, Long, Smith, Trusler, and Wilson.

Councilman Hicklin offered the following motion :

That Dr. S. E. Earp have charge of the Sanitary affairs of the city pending the settlement of the questions involved in the resolution just referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Councilman Pearson moved that the foregoing motion be referred to the Committee on Judiciary, His Honor, the Mayor, and City Attorney.

Which motion failed of adoption, by the following vote :

AYES, 7—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Dunn, Gasper, McClelland, Pearson, Smith, and Thalman.

NAYS, 16—viz: Councilmen Burns, Darnell, Davis, Elliott, Finch, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, O'Connor, Parkinson, Stuckmeyer, Trusler, and Wilson.

The motion offered by Councilman Hicklin, was then adopted.

The City Clerk reported the appointment, by the Judge of the Marion Circuit Court, of the following City Commissioners, to serve for the term of one year from the 5th day of January, 1889, viz: Francis W. Hamilton, William Hadley, Ivan N. Walker, John R. Elder and James Renihan.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Public Light, through Councilman Trusler, submitted the following report; which was received :

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Public Light and City Attorney, to whom was referred the question as to what time the various vapor light contracts expire, report that we have carefully examined the ordinances providing for the same, to-wit:

General Ordinance No. 20, 1885, and General Ordinance No. 11, 1886; and while the wording thereof is very ambiguous, we think the contract for lighting all vapor lamps, under said first ordinance, has expired; but that the contract for lighting the lamps, under the said and second ordinances, will not expire until three years from the time of the first lighting of the lamps thereunder. This means that the last contract to expire will be about December 31, 1890.

¶ We are of the opinion that the matter should be definitely determined, and that

a definite time should be fixed for the expiration of all contracts. Said second ordinance provides for 125 lamps. A large part of said lamps have been put up; the balance can be put up under the terms of said last ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.

Thomas Markey,

P. C. Trusler,

J. C. Finch,

Committee on Public Light.

The Committee on Public Light, through Councilman Trusler, submitted the following report and resolution :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Public Light, to whom was referred sundry motions, would respectfully submit the following :

We would recommend the passage of S. O. 144, which we herewith return to the files. We recommend that the following gas lamps be re-mantled: Lamp post in front of 426 Indiana avenue; lamp-post at the mouth of the first alley north of Bicking street, on the south side of East street; lamp-post on the south side of Market street, between East and Liberty streets; lamp post on the north side of Market street, between Liberty and Noble streets. That the lamp-post located 80 feet north of Ninth street, be located at the northeast corner of Ninth street and Central avenue, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

We would further recommend the passage of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Sun Vapor Light Company be instructed to erect, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, lamp-posts as follows: Four on Summit street; one on Herman street; four on Chadwick street; four on Carlos street; four on south Tennessee street, between Ray and Morris streets; four on Douglass street; two on Valley street, and three on Lexington avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. Trusler,

Thomas Markey,

J. C. Finch,

Committee on Public Light.

Councilman Thalman moved that that part of the report relating to vapor lights, be referred to the Committee on Light.

On motion by Councilman Davis, the above motion was laid on the table, by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz: Councilmen Burns, Davis, Elliott, Finch, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, O'Connor, Parkinson, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 9—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Darnell, Dunn, Gasper, McClelland, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, and Thalman.

The report as submitted by the Committee, was then concurred in, and the resolution accompanying the same adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 14—viz: Councilmen Burns, Davis, Elliott, Finch, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, O'Connor, Parkinson, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 9—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Darnell, Dunn, Gasper, McClelland, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, and Thalman.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Public Property herewith report pay-roll for work done in Garfield Park, for three weeks ending January 5, 1889, and recommend that the City Clerk be instructed to draw his warrant on the city treasury in favor of the persons therein named for the amount set opposite their respective names.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. E. Davis,
P. C. Trusler,
Committee on Public Property.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom the following motions were referred, would report:

1st. Is a motion that the Union Railway Company be ordered to open a crossing, with the necessary cattle-guards, at the intersection of the Belt Railroad and Charles street. Recommend that said motion be adopted.

2d. Is a motion that the Citizens' Street Railroad Company be, and is hereby, instructed to fill all chuck-holes between their tracks on south Meridian street, from Morris street south on Meridian street to the end of said line, and that the City Clerk notify them of the passage of said motion. Recommend said motion be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. Darnell,
Fred. W. Gaul,
Committee on Railroads.

The Rental Committee, through the City Clerk, submitted the following report; which was received:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Rental Committee, having charge of the renting of Tomlinson Hall, beg leave to report the following rents collected for the month of December, 1888, to-wit:

Dec. 5.	D. H. Baldwin & Co.....	\$ 30 00
" 6.	G. W. Spahr.....	30 00
" 16, 17, 19, 20, 21 & 23.	Y. M. C. A.....	180 00
" 22.	Indianapolis Lodge K of P.....	30 00
" 24.	Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen.....	50 00
" 25.	Hotel Brotherhood.....	50 00
" 31.	Switchmans' Mutual Aid Association.....	50 00

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. WRIGHT,
JNO W. BOWLUS,
Rental Committee.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

This being the regular appropriation night, the following entitled Appropriation Ordinances were introduced and placed upon their final passage, without a suspension of the Rules:

Councilman Thalman, on behalf of the Finance Committee, submitted the following entitled appropriation ordinances:

Ap. O. 1, 1889—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of the salaries of the officers and members of the Fire and Police Departments; of the Committee Clerk; of the Janitor and Assistant Janitor of the City Hall; of the Janitor and Assistant Janitor of Tomlinson Hall, and of the East and West Market Masters. [Amount appropriated, \$11,475 33.]

Read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed, by the following vote :

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 2, 1889—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch. [Amount appropriated, \$1,522.82.]

Read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed, by the following vote :

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 3, 1889—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$852.65.]

Read the first and second times.

Councilman Thalman offered the following amendment; which was adopted :

That three hundred dollars be appropriated to the Fire Department for miscellaneous purposes.

Ap. O. 3, 1889, was then ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed, by the following vote :

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 4, 1889—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station House. [Amount appropriated, \$238 36.]

Read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed, by the following vote :

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelly, Long, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 5, 1889—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$18,816.33.]

Read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed, by the following vote :

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelly, Long, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 6, 1889—An ordinance appropriating the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) on account of the Street Repairs Department of the City of Indianapolis.

Read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed, by the following vote :

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

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

By Councilman Cummings, which was referred to the Committee on Public Light :

S. O. 1, 1889—An ordinance to provide for the erection of one lamp-post, lamp and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes,) on Ellsworth street, between New York and Vermont streets.

By Councilman Davis :

S. O. 2, 1889—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the east gutter of Blake street, from Warhington street to Indiana avenue.

S. O. 3, 1889—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the west gutter of Blake street, from the first alley south of New York street to Indiana avenue.

By Councilman Smith, which were referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drainage :

S. O. 4, 1889—An ordinance to provide for the construction of a brick sewer, two and one-half feet internal diameter, in and along Broadway street and Christian avenue, from the north line of Cherry street to the west line of Central avenue.

S. O. 5, 1889—An ordinance to provide for a twelve-inch vertical stone-ware pipe sewer in and along Walnut street, from Alabama street to Delaware street, and connecting with the sewer now in Delaware street.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Burns offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, instructed to set the proper corner stakes on Beacon street, from Bloomington street so Decatur street, so as to get the correct width of the street. Some of the property owners claim a seventy-five foot street, while others claim a sixty foot street.

Councilman Cummings presented the following proposition ; which was accepted :

Indianapolis, Dec. 22, 1888.

To the Hon. C. S. DENNY, Mayor, and Councilmen City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit, for your consideration, the following proposition, viz: I will make your annual sales, at auction, of market stalls, goods at Station House, and any and all auction sales the city may have to do, for one year from January 1st, 1889 to January 1st 1890, in consideration of the renewal of my license as Auctioneer for one year, gratis.

Very respectfully,

L. N. PERRY, Auctioneer.

Councilman Darnell offered the following resolution ;

Resolved, That the Citizens' Street Railroad Company be, and is hereby, ordered to take up their turn-table on north Illinois street, in the neighborhood of Tenth street, and to make regular trips to Twelfth street—the same to be done in ten days after the passage of this resolution ; if not done within that time, the Street Commissioner to do the same, and charge the expense to the above company. The City Clerk is hereby ordered to prepare and serve on said company a certified copy of this resolution.

Councilman Hicklin moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Which motion failed of adoption, by the following vote :

AYES, 5—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Hicklin, Johnston, and O'Connor.

NAYS, 16—viz: Councilmen Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Kelley, Long, McClelland, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

The resolution offered by Councilman Darnell was then adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 16—viz: Councilmen Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Kelly, Long, McClelland, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 5—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Hicklin, Johnston, and O'Connor.

Councilman Darnell offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, ordered to notify the proper officers of the Brush Electric Light Company to at once remove their towers and posts used for anchors, from the corner of Pennsylvania and Washington streets ; at the corner of Illinois and Ohio streets, and at the corner of Pennsylvania and Ohio streets. If not done within thirty days from the passage of this motion, the City Attorney to bring suit against the above company to compel the removal of the same.

Which failed of adoption.

Councilman Darnell offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, There seems to be no further use for the railroad track on Seventh street, between Illinois and Pennsylvania streets, and the same being not used and no connection is made with any other track ; therefore

Resolved, That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, ordered and directed to serve a certified copy of this resolution on said company to remove the above tracks within thirty days after the passage of this resolution. If not done at the expiration of the above time, the Street Commissioner to do the same, and charge the expense to the above company.

And it was adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 11—viz: Councilmen Darnell, Dunn, Elliott, Gasper, Kelly, Long, McClelland, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 10—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Davis, Finch, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, O'Connor, Pearson, and Smith.

Councilman Darnell offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drainage :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, ordered to put in a catch-basin to the Seventh street sewer from Meridian street to the Canal ; the distance to be 150 feet apart, where not already in.

Councilman Darnell offered the following motions ; which were referred to the Committee on Public Light :

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, ordered to re-mantle the first lamp post south of Twelfth street on north Tennessee street, on the east side of same.

That the Committee on Public Light be, and are hereby, ordered to have placed two electric lights on north Meridian street ; the first one between Second and Fourth streets, the second one between Fifth and Seventh streets, as the above streets are two squares apart.

It being now near eleven o'clock, Councilman Thalman moved that the Rules be suspended for the purpose of extending the time of the session.

Which motion was adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 12—viz: Councilmen Burns, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Long, McClelland, Pearson, and Thalman.

NAYS, 9—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, O'Connor, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Trusler, and Wilson.

Councilman Dunn offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, instructed to notify the Citizens' Street Railroad Company to comply with the provisions of General Ordinance No. 1, 1888, and also the provisions of a resolution adopted March 8, 1888, in reference to conductors and platforms.

On motion by Councilman Thalman, the Rules were suspended for the purpose of extending the time of the session, by the following vote :

AYES, 15—viz: Councilmen Burns, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Kelley, Long, McClelland, O'Connor, Pearson, Thalman, and Wilson.

NAYS, 6—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Hicklin, Johnston, Smith, Stuckmeyer, and Trusler.

The Chair decided Councilman Dunn's resolution out of order, on the ground that a similar resolution, offered by Councilman Darnell, at the last regular meeting of the Council, and the matters pertaining thereto, were laid over until the first meeting in May next.

Councilman Darnell appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The Chair then stated the question to be, "*Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the decision of the Council?*"

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Davis, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, McClelland, O'Connor, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson—18.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Councilmen Darnell and Dunn—2.

Thus the decision of the Chair was sustained.

Councilman Gasper moved that the following motion, adopted by the Common Council at its last regular meeting (see page 851, *ante*), be reconsidered :

That the consideration of all motions and resolutions as to conductors and platforms on the cars of the street railroad company, be postponed until the first meeting in May.

Councilman Hicklin moved to lay the motion offered by Councilman Gasper, on the table.

Which motion was adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 14—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Davis, Elliott, Finch, Hicklin, Johnston, McClelland, O'Connor, Pearson, Smith, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 7—viz: Councilmen Darnell, Dunn, Gasper, Gaul, Kelley, Long, and Stuckmeyer.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to fill the chuck-holes with gravel, on Peru street, between Home avenue and Seventh street.

Councilman Elliott offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That Henry Clay be given an extension of ninety days in which to complete his contract to improve Ash street, from Lincoln avenue to Irwin street.

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

STATE OF INDIANA, *Marion County*, ss:

PETITION TO NARROW MARTINDALE AVENUE.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, freeholders of the City of Indianapolis, respectfully show your honorable body that Martindale avenue—a map of which is filed herewith, and is made a part hereof, marked exhibit "A"—is a street in said city extending from Seventh street to Eleventh street, formerly Anderson; that it is one hundred feet wide, and unimproved; that no other street in that section of the city is more than sixty feet in width.

The unusual breadth of said street is an injury not only to the lots fronting thereon, but to the real estate in the neighborhood, for the reason that the expense of improving and maintaining a street so wide is very great, and at best it will never look well while so wide. If said street were sixty feet wide, it would be of equal width with all the parallel streets in that part of the city, and ten feet wider than any of the streets that cross said Martindale avenue.

Wherefore we pray that said street be vacated as to twenty feet on each side, and that the abutting lot and real estate owners be allowed to inclose twenty feet on each side, so that the center line of said street shall remain as it now is; but said street shall be sixty feet and no more in width.

J. E. Ludlum, James T. Layman, H. J. Milligan, Thos.
H. Spann, John S. Spann, S. B. Carey, Newton Todd.

Councilman Finch offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department:

That the Chief Fire Engineer be, and is hereby, instructed to draft plans and specifications for finishing No. 8 Reel House, on east Washington street.

Councilman Finch offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That C. M. St. Clair be given permission to construct a driveway across the sidewalk in front of his residence on North street; work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

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

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, instructed to draft plans and specifications, and advertise for the construction of a bridge over Pogue's Run at Vermont street.

Councilman Darnell offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light:

That the Sun Vapor Light Company be instructed to erect and maintain four vapor lamp-posts on Ohio street, between Arsenal avenue and State street.

Councilman Finch offered the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light:

Resolved, That the Sun Vapor Light Company be instructed to erect and maintain four lamp-posts on Ohio street, between Arsenal avenue and State street.

Councilman Finch offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light:

That the Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke Company be, and are hereby, instructed to extend their mains on Ohio street, from Preston street to Hanna street, and erect and maintain five (5) lamp-posts between the above named points.

Councilman Gasper offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, ordered to at once comply with the orders from this body, to remove the unused street car tracks on Noble street, between Michigan street and Massachusetts avenue.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to lay a double stone crossing on the east side of Tennessee street, across McCarty street.

Councilman Gaul offered the following motions; which were adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to notify William H. English to repair the sidewalk in front of his property on McCarty street, between Tennessee street and Ann street.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to notify Joseph V. McKernan to repair the sidewalk in front of his property on McCarty street, between Tennessee street and Ann street.

Councilman Long offered the following motion:

That the Street Commissioner be ordered to lay single stone crossing across Alabama street, on the north side of Wabash street.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 11—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gaul, Johnston, Kelley, Long, and Trusler.

NAYS, 10—viz: Councilmen Burns, Gasper, Hicklin, McClelland, O'Connor, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, and Wilson.

Councilman McClelland offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That Mrs. Stella Anderson be allowed to lay a brick sidewalk in front of her property on Gregg street, between East street and Park avenue, at her own expense, subject to the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the County Treasurer be instructed to deposit the five hundred thousand dollar Belt Railroad bonds in a safety deposit.

Councilman Trusler offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Board of Police Commissioners be requested to enforce the city ordinances which prohibit the throwing of waste material into the streets and alleys of the city.

Councilman Wilson offered the following motions; which were referred to the Committee on Public Light:

That the gas lamp on Douglass street, at the third alley north of North street, be re-mantled.

That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to locate vapor lights on McIntyre street; also, Drake street.

That the gas lamp on Douglass street, at the first alley north of North street, be re-mantled.

On motion the Common Council then adjourned, at 11:30 o'clock, P. M.

C. S. Murray, Mayor,
President of the Common Council.

Attest: *J. H. Rowles*, City Clerk.