

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—NOVEMBER 15, 1880.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, November 15th, A. D. 1880, at seven o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. John Caven, Mayor, and, *ex officio*, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 19 members, viz.: Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Caylor, Dean, Dowling, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Morrison, McKay, Downey, O'Connor, Pearson, Pritchard, Thalman, Van Vorhis, White and Yoke.

ABSENT—Councilmen Bryce, Lamb, Lang, Mauer, Prier, and Shilling—6.

The Proceedings of the Common Council, for the regular session held on November 1st, 1880, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

Sealed proposals for constructing the below described sewer, and for making the below described street improvement, were opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts:

(S. O. 93, 1880)—For the construction of a brick sewer in and along Washington street, from the east line of New Jersey street, to and connecting with the Washington street sewer, at the intersection of Pennsylvania street.

(S. O. 94, 1880)—For grading, bowldering, and curbing, the gutters of the first alley east of Ohio street, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street.

Sealed proposals for lettering the street corners with the names of streets, were opened, read, and referred to the Joint Committees on Public Light and Streets and Alleys.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

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

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom sundry papers were referred, presented to Council November 1st, 1880, and opened November 8th, 1880, find them to be as follows:

1st. For grading and graveling the first alley north of Prospect street, from Spruce street to Reid street.

August Richter, 27 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Henry Clay, 27 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Henry Clay being the best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

2d. For the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas except the service pipes) on Elizabeth street, from Blake street to Locke street, thence north on Locke street to City Hospital grounds.

Four lamp-posts to be erected on said lines.

W. F. Clark, \$18.50 per post.

Jno. Knight, Agent, \$17.00 per post.

Jno. Knight, Agent, being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

3d. To increase depth of well at the intersection of Ash and Tenth streets, five (5) feet, under direction of City Civil Engineer.

Dunning and Hudson, \$450.00.

August Richter, \$425.00.

August Richter being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

4th. For furnishing and erecting a drinking fountain, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, at the southeast corner of North street and Indiana avenue.

W. J. Freaney, \$228.00.

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

Respectfully submitted,
John Newman,
Aldermanic Committee.

Isaac Thalman,
James A. Pritchard,
E. H. Koller,
Council Committee.

By consent, Councilman Thalman presented the following bond, which was approved:

Indianapolis, Nov. 15th, 1880.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, the undersigned, acknowledge ourselves indebted to The City of Indianapolis, in the penal sum of five hundred dollars, for the payment of which, we hereby bind ourselves, heirs and assigns.

The condition of this Bond is such, That whereas, W. J. Freaney has been awarded the contract of putting a drinking fountain at the corner of Indiana avenue and North street, in said city, according to specifications now on file in the office of the City Civil Engineer, for the sum of two hundred and twenty-eight dollars;

Now, if said Freaney shall well and faithfully perform such contract, and erect said drinking fountain in accordance with such specifications, this bond shall be null and void, otherwise of full force and effect.

Witness our hands, this 15th day of November, A. D. 1880.

W. J. FREANEY,
C. W. TUTEWILER,
I. N. PATTERSON.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, Mayor Caven, submitted the following report; which was received:

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 15th, 1880.

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

Gent.—The amount of Mayor's fees collected by me during the month of October, was \$155.15; the amount of Police witness fees collected during the same time, was \$165.19, and the amount of fines due the city treasurer, for October, was \$45.15—in total, \$365.49; which amounts I have paid to the City Treasurer, and filed his receipt with the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CAVEN, Mayor.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

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

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

Gentlemen.—I herewith report the following estimates:

A first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Maple street, from Ray street to Wilkins street.

797 lineal feet, at 19 cents..... \$151 43

A first and final estimate in behalf of Wm. Morrison and Jas. Beaty, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Central avenue, from Christian avenue to Butler street.

799 $\frac{3}{4}$ lineal feet, at 16 cents..... \$127 95

A first and final estimate in behalf of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling Ohio street and sidewalks, from Arsenal avenue to State avenue.

1,477 $\frac{1}{2}$ lineal feet, at 55 cents..... \$812 90

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 J. L. Spaulding, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Maple street, from Ray street to Wilkins 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, 16—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Caylor, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Koller, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Pritchard, Thalman, Van-Vorhis, White, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was also read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Wm. Morrison and Jas. Beaty, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Central avenue, from Christian avenue to Butler 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, 16—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Caylor, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Koller, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Pritchard, Thalman, Van-Vorhis, White, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was also read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling Ohio street and sidewalks, from Arsenal avenue to State 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, 16—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Caylor, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Koller, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Pritchard, Thalman, Van-Vorhis, White, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

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

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

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

Contract and bond of John Knight, agent, for erecting a lamp-post, lamp, and fixtures, (complete to burn gas, except service pipes,) on the northwest corner of Court and Liberty streets. Bond, \$40.00; surety, Henry Wetzell.

Contract and bond of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the first alley west of East street, from McCarty street to Bicking street. Bond, \$700.00; surety, James Renihan.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

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

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The following entitled affidavits, are now on file in my office, for the collection of street assessments by precepts, to-wit:

Fred. Gansberg vs. Nancy A. Ford, for.....	\$ 6 90
Fred. Gansberg vs. Nancy A. Ford, for.....	3 45
Fred. Gansberg vs. Hannah Lupton, for.....	13 80
Fred. Gansberg vs. Jacob A. Crossland, for.....	31 60
R. P. Dunning and Jas. W. Hudson vs. Sarah E. Jones, for.....	47 04
R. P. Dunning and Jas. W. Hudson vs. Rufus A. Sweetser, for.....	44 80
R. P. Dunning and Jas. W. Hudson vs. Amaziah Atwater, for.....	44 80
R. P. Dunning and Jas. W. Hudson vs. Jonathan Bulkley, for.....	34 16
Lorenz Schmidt vs. John E. McKindry, for.....	37 00

Lorenz Schmidt vs. Harriett C. Scott, for.....	22 57
Lorenz Schmidt vs Harriett C. Scott, for.....	7 03
Lorenz Schmidt vs. Geo. P. Bissell, trustee, for.....	45 14
Lorenz Schmidt vs. Geo. P. Bissell, trustee, for..	45 14
Lorenz Schmidt vs. Geo. P. Bissell, trustee, for.....	45 14
Lorenz Schmidt vs. Jno. Michael, for.....	22 20
Lorenz Schmidt vs. Jno. Michael, for.....	22 20

And recommend you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Jos. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

And the precepts ordered to issue by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Caylor, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Koller, Morrison, McKay, O'Conner, Pritchard, VanVorhis, and White.

NAYS—None.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

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

Indianapolis, Nov. 13, 1880.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Police Board, to whom was referred the communication of Mother M., of the Home of the Good Shepherd, asking that the Home be allowed the sum of \$2.25 per week for caring for female prisoners, do now report: That they have contracted with the Home at the rate of \$2.00 per week for one year, subject to the approval of your honorable body.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

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

Gentlemen:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom sundry papers were referred, would report thereon as follows:

1st. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters and fill the chuck-holes with gravel on east St. Clair street, from Massachusetts avenue east to the Peru Railroad tracks.

Recommend that the work be done.

2d. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to deposit two loads of gravel around the man-hole in the Ray street sewer, at the intersection of Ray and Maple streets.

Recommend that the work be done.

3d. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to do the following work:

1. Clean the gutters and fill the chuck-holes in Spring street, between Market and North streets.

Recommend the work be not done.

2. Clean gutters in Davidson street, between Ohio and Market streets.

Recommend that the work be done.

3. Place foot-bridges at intersection of Ohio street and State avenue.

Recommend that the work be done.

4. Place foot-bridges at crossing of Washington street and State avenue.

Recommend that the work be done.

5. Make protections around man-holes on Ohio street, near corner of State avenue.

Recommend the work be done.

4th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to place a new culvert and a plank walk in front of No. 4 Engine House.

Recommend the work be done.

5th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair the sidewalk on the west side of Blake street, at the intersection of Vermont street.

Recommend that the work be done.

6th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters on North street, west of Blake street.

Recommend the work be not done.

7th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill all chuck-holes with gravel, on Mississippi street, from Ohio street to Second street.

Recommend the work be done.

8th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters and fill the chuck-holes on Columbia avenue.

Recommend the work be done.

9th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to put gravel on the wooden block crossing of Meridian and New York streets; also, Meridian and Vermont.

Recommend that the work be done.

10th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to level the sidewalk on north Illinois street, near James' restaurant, there being an off-set near that point which is dangerous to pedestrians.

Recommend that this matter be referred to the City Civil Engineer, and have him report what can be done.

11th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner bowlder and flag the alley-crossing on south side of Market street, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets.

Recommend that the work be done.

12th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters on north East street, between St. Clair and Gregg streets.

Recommend that the work be done.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Morrison,
Edward H. Dean,
Board of Public Improvements.

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

Report of Deaths in the City of Indianapolis, from the 31st day of October, to the 14th day of November, 1880—inclusive.

Under 1 year.....	15
1 to 2 years.....	3
2 to 5 ".....	1
5 to 10 ".....	3
10 to 15 ".....	6
15 to 20 ".....	2
20 to 25 ".....	3
25 to 30 ".....	2
30 to 40 ".....	4
40 to 50 ".....	3
50 to 60 ".....	2
60 to 70 ".....	5
70 to 80 ".....	2
80 to 90 ".....	0
90 to 100 ".....	0
100 and upwards.....	0
Unknown.....	0
Total.....	51

Respectfully,

E. S. ELDER, M. D., President.

W. E. JEFFRIES, M. D., Secretary.

The Fire Board, through Councilman Thalman, presented the following estimates:

Indianapolis, Nov. 15th, 1880.

ESTIMATE NO. 2, ENGINE HOUSES—NORTH.

Plumber's pipes.....	\$ 40 00
Brick work.....	850 00
Cut stone.....	25 00
Roof irons and anchors.....	65 00
Roof timbers and trusses.....	180 00
Nine window frames.....	54 00
One triple window.....	50 00
One tier joist.....	125 00
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	\$1,389 00
Less 20 per cent.....	277 80
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Total.....	\$1,111 20

We recommend the above bill be allowed, less 20 per cent., as provided by contract.

Respectfully submitted,

James T. Layman,

John R. Pearson,

Isaac Thalman,

Fire Board.

JOHN G. PENDERGAST, Chief Fire Engineer.

ESTIMATE NO. 2, ENGINE HOUSES—SOUTH.

Cut stone.....	\$ 25 00
Brick work.....	850 00
Galvanized iron and tin.....	400 00
Slate roof.....	280 00
Plastering.....	125 00
Nine window frames.....	54 00
One triple window.....	50 00

Iron work and anchors.....	80 00
Twenty-one windows of glazed sash.....	84 00
Eighteen pair O. S. blinds.....	72 00
Lead pipe and gas fitting.....	40 00
Roof timbers, sheeting, floors and stairs.....	800 00
	\$2,860 00
Less 20 per cent.....	572 00
Total.....	\$2,288 00

We recommend the above bill be allowed, less 20 per cent., as provided by contract.
Respectfully submitted,

James T. Layman,
John R. Pearson,
Isaac Thalman,
Fire Board.

JOHN G. PENDERGAST, Chief Fire Engineer.

Which were adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 16—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Caylor, Dean, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Koller, Morrison, McKay, O'Conner, Pritchard, Thalman, Van Vorhis, White, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The bond of Abraham L. Stoner, Market Master elect for the West Market, in the sum of three thousand dollars, with George W. Sloan and Frederick Baggs as sureties, was approved.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM COMMITTEES.

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

Indianapolis, Nov. 15th, 1880.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Judiciary Committee, together with the City Attorney, to whom was referred certain papers, report thereon as follows:

The first is petition of John Larkin, asking payment of city for damages on wagon, and for use of same, occasioned by broken culvert within city limits.

We recommend the payment to him of the sum of seven dollars and eighty-five cents, as damage on wagon.

Respectfully submitted,
James A. Pritchard,
Jas. T. Dowling,

The Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney made a verbal report, recommending that the estimate for the improvement of West street, between Washington street and Kentucky avenue, be allowed, except as to that portion assessed against what is known as "Greenlawn Cemetery."

Councilman Morrison moved that the recommendation be concurred in; which motion was adopted.

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 R. P. Dunning and Jas. W. Hudson, for grading and graveling West street, and grade the sidewalks to make a width of twenty-five feet, and curbing the outer edges thereof with stone, (except where already curbed,) from Washington street to Kentucky avenue, 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 Bedford, Bernhamer, Caylor, Dean, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Koller, Morrison, McKay, O'Conner, Pritchard, Thalman, White, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

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

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

Gentlemen:—Your Joint Committees on Finance, to whom sundry papers were referred, would report.

1st. Is report of City Clerk and Treasurer, of expenditures for the month of October, 1880.

After careful examination and comparison of the same with the books of these respective officers, find them to be correct, and in proper form.

2d. Is a report of Chairman of Council and Aldermanic Committees on Public Health, in relation to the purchase of a dumping ground.

After a close examination of the purchases made, out of the appropriation made to them of \$500, we find that economy has been practiced, in every case, of great advantage to the city. Receipts for every dollar expended are on file, and a quietus has been issued by the City Clerk for \$8 68, returned to the City Treasurer.

We recommend that said report be received and spread on the records, and a vote of thanks be extended the respective chairmen, for the diligence and carefulness displayed in providing a suitable place for a dumping ground.

3d. Is a petition of E. Rauh, and others, asking that all real estate lying within the corporate limits south of the Belt Railway, and east of White River, be thrown out of the city limits, and restored to the county and township government.

On examination, we find the boundary lines of the city are not shown in a satisfactory manner. Therefore, we recommend that the whole matter be referred to a special committee, together with the City Civil Engineer, with instructions to report, giving boundary lines of the city.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Kahn,
Jas. T. Dowling,
E. H. Koller,
John R. Pearson,
Council Committee.

Councilman Bernhamer moved that the committee consist of three members of the Council, and that the President of the Board of Aldermen be requested to appoint two members of the Board, to act as members of said Special Committee, together with the City Civil Engineer and City Assessor.

Which motion was adopted.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed Councilmen Thalman, Dowling, and Bedford, to act as the Council members of said committee.

The Joint Committees on Public Charities, through Councilman Caylor, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Joint Committees on Public Charities, to whom was referred a communication of the Indianapolis Benevolent Society, asking your honorable bodies to make an appropriation of a certain sum of money to be used in operating a "Friendly Inn and Wood Yard;"

After giving the matter much thought and attention, and hearing argument *pro* and *con*, your committee are of the opinion that the institution, with proper management, could be made in a short time self-sustaining, and that the institution would be of great good to the public, by freeing our citizens from the constant solicitation of beggars, and save a constant overflow at the station-houses of tramps and vags, which are maintained at great expense to the city. Therefore, your committee would recommend an appropriation of the sum of five hundred dollars be made to said Society.

Respectfully submitted

W. H. Tucker,
F. W. Hamilton,
Aldermanic Committee.

Allen Caylor,
John O'Connor,
Leon Kahn,
Council Committee.

The Committee on Public Health, through Councilman VanVorhis, submitted the following report; which was referred back to the committee:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—Your Joint Committee on Public Health, Mayor, and City Attorney, to whom was referred G. O. 43, 1880, "An ordinance authorizing the establishment of certain Fertilizing Works," (together with petition,) at the crossing of the T. H. & I. and Belt R. R., would report:

After an examination of the facts connected with the establishment of fertilizing works, we are of the opinion that it would be of great benefit to the city, as it utilizes all the blood and offal now poured in large quantities in White River, from the slaughter houses; and believing that the works can be carried on without being a nuisance, and if so, the ordinance is strong enough to at any time prevent a nuisance, we recommend that said ordinance be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. HENRY, City Attorney.

J. CAVEN, Mayor.

Flavius J. VanVorhis,
John W. Fultz,
C. T. Bedford,
Council Committee

Councilman Downey was excused for the remainder of this session.

NEW ORDINANCES.

Councilman Bernhamer introduced the following entitled ordinance; which was read the first time:

S. O. 155, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of McCarty street, from East street to Greer street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Councilman Bernhamer presented the following petition; which was received and the prayer granted:

Indianapolis, Nov. 15th, 1880.

To the Honorable Board of Council, City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—We hereby pray your honorable body to grant us license, to be issued either quarterly or annually, to do an auction and commission business, at No. 61 south Illinois street, under the firm name of Keenan & Perry.

Respectfully,

FELIX KEENAN,
L. N. PERRY,

Councilman Koller 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 in Market street, from Noble street to Arsenal avenue.

Councilman Morrison presented the following communication; which was referred to the Finance Committee, Committee on Public Property, and Board of Public Improvements:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned would represent that he is the owner of a valuable property at the mouth of Fall Creek, of about twenty-five acres, more fully described by a plat herewith submitted, giving metes and bounds, which property is very valuable for the great quantity and excellent quality of gravel, sand and bowlders it contains; and its ease of access, and from the nature of location, must continue to furnish an inexhaustible supply of the best material for the streets of the city. While the city and builders are constant customers for this material, that affords a fair remuneration to me, for private reasons I now propose to make sale of the fee-simple, on such terms as must be a great inducement to the city to secure it as a perpetual and inexhaustible supply of first-class material; which terms I may state to be one thousand dollars per acre. Payments to be made as follows: One-fifth first of April, 1881; one-fifth first of April, 1882; one-fifth first of April, 1883; one fifth first of April, 1884, and one-fifth first of April, 1885—all without interest; which payments are not more than the annual expenditure for the streets of the city, and for which the city will have the fee-simple as a perpetual fund thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,

November 11th, 1880.

SAMUEL J. PATTERSON.

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

That the Street Commissioner fill the chuck-holes on west Michigan street, from the race bridge to White River bridge.

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

That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters, and fill with gravel the chuck-holes on First street, between Illinois and Pennsylvania streets.

Councilman Pearson presented the following petition; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements;

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, owners of property situate on Tennessee street, offer the following petition:

We put down a Nicholson pavement on Tennessee street, at a very heavy expense to ourselves. Some of our number helped pay for the pavement on Meridian street. Aside from this, we pay a large revenue in taxes to the city. The two streets named, for several years, were the delight and pride of our whole city. They drew encomiums from strangers and visitors. They enhanced the value of property all over the city, and contributed greatly to the prosperity of our city. By constant use and decay, our Tennessee street pavement wore out, and was abandoned by the public. For ten years the street seemed deserted, injuring our property in the meantime. Again we are forced to improve the street at our own expense. The blocks are replaced by loose bowlders, that render the street utterly impassable, and perfectly useless. It is almost impossible for a horse to draw a light wagon over this street. We could get to the front of our houses on the old blocks, but now we are obliged to use side streets and alleys, and get to our houses through a back entrance. This street is pronounced finished, and is left for us first to pay for, and "pack" as best we can. Although assured by contractors it will "pack," it is certainly against all reason and experience to expect such bowlders to pack in any reasonable time; and this street will not become smooth from travel in years to come, if left as it is. If we are to be forced to pay for this "improvement," (?) we leave it to your honorable body, is it not great injustice to us to have to pay for a street not only not finished, but will not be for years, if left in its present condition, and, too, a street that is a damage to our property? Our street has been comparatively fenced up for two years, and if nothing is done, will be comparatively fenced up for years to come. This street is absolutely needed for the use of all of our citizens. It is needed especially by our Fire Department. If finished and made smooth, it would not only relieve us from any great injustice, but it would save us a very great inconvenience. It would supply a long needed passage north and south. It would furnish a beautiful drive for all of our citizens. It would beautify our city. It would show enterprise and thrift, and bespeak the interest your honorable body hold in the welfare of our city.

We therefore petition you that you will, in your first meeting, consider and act upon our petition, and order that a covering of fine sand and gravel be spread upon Tennessee street, and order the Steam Roller to be run over it and roll it hard and smooth. We pray that you order this done immediately, and that it shall be done at the expense of the city.

Louis Schulmeyer, 61½ feet; Henry Severin, 24 feet; F. Grafenstein, 122 feet; H. Salsbury, 83 feet; Lucy F. Hines, 40 feet; Geo. Carter, 50 feet; D. D. Meskill, 61 feet; H. B. Scott, 40 feet; Mary H. Tousey, 93 feet; Adam Rodebaugh, 91 feet; B. K. Elliott, 61½ feet; J. B. Leake, 32 feet; L. A. Hull, 32 feet; John Kreytzer, 82 feet; Lucinda Tousey, 63 feet; Mrs. M. Carolina Hildebrand, 32 feet; Theo. P. Haughey, 60½ feet; Mrs. Eloisa Wilder, 42 feet; Chas. Bard, Trustee, 110½ feet; E. N. Gibbs, Trustee, 180 feet; Charles Lauer, Trustee, 61½ feet; William Haucisen, 102 feet; Mrs. H. A. Hutchison, 36½ feet; T. J. Hart, 31 feet; T. C. Darnell, 31 feet; Peter Uhl, 31½

feet; J. A. Crossland, 40 feet; Henry Meyer, 30½ feet; F. Smith, 183 feet; Edward Carter, 45 feet; J. O. D. Lilly, 197 feet; Mary O Lilly, 85 feet; F. Berger, 50 feet; J. L. McCormick, 76 feet; Parrott, Nickum & Co., 55 feet; G. L. Rittenhouse, 34 feet; M. Garver, 107 ft.

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

That the Street Commissioner be directed to spread a thin coat of gravel in centre of roadway on north Tennessee street, from New York street north to Seventh street, and then pack the same by rolling it with large roller.

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

That Street Commissioner be instructed to place gravel around cistern cap, on Prospect street, at end of Linden street.

Councilman Yoke offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Treasurer be, and is hereby, instructed to collect the rent due from that part of the Tomlinson estate known as No. 34 east Washington street—several months being now due.

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

27That the Street Commissioner be instructed to re-gravel the first alley south of Coburn street, between Madison avenue and East street.

Councilman McKay offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committees on Public Charities and Accounts and Claims:

That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, instructed to draw his warrant on the City Treasurer for the sum of one hundred thirty-five $\frac{42}{100}$ (\$135 $\frac{42}{100}$) dollars, in favor of Lorenz Schmidt; said amount to be applied as full payment of the assessment for the improvement of 183 feet on north Tennessee street in front of the Orphan Asylum; and that the Committee on Accounts and Claims be, and is hereby, instructed to include said amount in the next general appropriation ordinance.

PENDING ORDINANCES.

The following entitled ordinance was taken up on its second reading, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

G. O. 54, 1880—An Ordinance to prevent horses and other animals or vehicles from standing within ten feet of any drinking fountain within the city of Indianapolis, except while such horse or animal is engaged in drinking.

And passed by the following vote:

AYES, 18—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Caylor, Dean, Dowling, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Morrison, McKay, O'Conner, Pearson, Pritchard, Thalman, VanVorhis, White, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Railroads:

G. O. 26, 1880—An Ordinance requiring the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis Railway Company, and the Indianapolis, Peru and Chicago Railway Company, to station a flagman at the Michigan street crossing.

The following entitled ordinance, referred to the Judiciary Committee June 21, 1880 (see page 165, *ante*) was recalled from said committee, and, on motion, was stricken from the files:

G. O. 23, 1880—An Ordinance to authorize the Indianapolis Steam Heating Company to use the Streets, Alleys, Parks and Public Places to distribute steam or other heat throughout the city; defining their powers and privileges, and prescribing their duties.

The following entitled ordinances were stricken from the files:

S. O. 97, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Linden street and sidewalks, from Orange street to Pleasant Run.

Ap. O. 48, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of a certain claim against the city of Indianapolis, on account of the purchase of a lot for Fire Department purposes.

G. O. 5, 1880—An Ordinance to amend Section 28 of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance relative to the Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks and Public Places of the City of Indianapolis; restraining the making of Excavations therein, or in lands adjacent thereto; prohibiting the placing of unauthorized Obstructions in or upon the same; securing the Public in the free and safe use thereof; revising and re-enacting Ordinance-provisions now in force; and prescribing Penalties for violations of its Regulations and Requirements," ordained and established September 2d, 1878.

G. O. 6, 1880—An Ordinance relative to the location of Public Hacks, and amending any and all ordinance-provisions concerning same.

G. O. 28, 1879—An Ordinance regulating the making of Contracts for the improvement of Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks, and Public Places, the erection of Bridges, and for like public work in the City of Indianapolis.

G. O. 29, 1880—An Ordinance regulating the Emptying and Cleaning of Privy-Vaults, Cess-pools, and other Receptacles of Human Excrement, and other forms of Fluid and Semi-fluid Filth; and requiring persons who may engage in such business to be duly licensed before undertaking such work.

G. O. 31, 1880—An Ordinance to repeal Sections 51, 52 and 53, of an ordinance relating to the rules and regulations of Public Markets, etc., ordained July 2d, 1878.

G. O. 32, 1880—An Ordinance to prevent and punish persons from loitering about saloons in the city of Indianapolis.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

J. C. Caren, Mayor,
President of Common Council.

Attest: *Joe S. Wagner city* Clerk..