

# PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—JANUARY 3, 1881.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, January 3d, A. D. 1881, at seven o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. John Caven, Mayor, and, *ex officio*, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 22 members, viz.: Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Bryce, Dean, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lamb, Lang, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, VanVorhis, White and Yoke.

ABSENT—Councilmen Caylor, Mauer and Pearson—3.

The Proceedings of the Common Council, for the regular session held on December 20th, 1880, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

## REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

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

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

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

A first and partial estimate in behalf of August Richter, for improving Tennessee street, from Seventh street to Twelfth street, by grading and graveling the roadway and bouldering the gutters thereof.

4,482 lineal feet property line, at 90 cents.....	\$ 4,033 80
Less 50 per cent.....	2,016 90—\$ 2,016 90

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, 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 partial estimate in behalf of August Richter, for improving Tennessee street, from Seventh street to Twelfth street, by grading and graveling the roadway and bowldering the gutters thereof, 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 passed by the following vote :

**AYES**, 15—viz. Councilmen Bernhamer, Dowling, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lamb, Morrison, McKay, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, VanVorhis and White.

**NAYS**—None.

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

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

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith report the following affidavit now on file in my office for the collection of street assessments by precepts, to-wit:

James Mahoney vs. James T. Crichton for..... \$19 80

And recommend you order the precept to issue.

Respectfully,

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

And the precepts ordered to issue by the following vote :

**AYES**, 18—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Bryce, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lamb, Morrison, McKay, O'Conner, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, VanVorhis and White,

**NAYS**—None.

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

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

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith submit an itemized statement, showing the amount of orders drawn on the city treasury during the month of December, 1880:

Board of Health.....	\$282 00
Bridges.....	66 85
City Assessor's Department.....	137 50
City Civil Engineer's Department.....	266 20
City Dispensary.....	299 78
City Hall.....	71 75
City Hospital and Branch.....	1,026 49
City Treasurer's percentage.....	181 42
Damages and Costs.....	44 10
Donation (to Friendly Inn).....	500 00
Fire Department.....	12,052 70
Fountains.....	25 80
Gas.....	5,160 07
Home for Friendless Woman.....	129 40
Incidentals.....	3 50
Interest on bonds.....	1,830 00
Markets.....	12 46
Market-Masters' Fees.....	203 76
Parks.....	105 00

Police .....	4,165 00	
Printing .....	426 12	
Salary .....	137 91	
Sewers .....	47 00	
Station Houses .....	291 75	
Street Improvements .....	1,470 28	
Street Repairs .....	966 63	
Taxes refunded .....	265 50	
Tomlinson annuity .....	3,500 00	
Water rent .....	7,339 00	
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School Fund .....		\$41,007 97
		530 72
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Total .....		\$41,538 69

Respectfully submitted,

Jos. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

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

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

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand November 30, 1880 .....	\$109,263 78
From current taxes .....	1,989 62
From delinquent taxes .....	4,526 77
From auction licenses .....	35 00
From benefits .....	93 00
From coal licenses .....	3 00
From dray licenses .....	4 90
From dog licenses .....	1 50
From express licenses .....	3 50
From fines and fees .....	306 12
From market masters' fees .....	222 70
From peddlers' licenses .....	11 00
From promiscuous (City Hospital) .....	40 75
Tapping sewers .....	1 00
Tax sale .....	21 84
Interest on "Belt R. R." bonds .....	15,000 00
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	\$131,529 48

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Board of Health .....	\$280 00
For bridges .....	68 86
For City Assessor's Department .....	137 50
For City Civil Engineer's Department .....	259 20
For City Dispensary .....	299 78
For City Hall .....	71 75
For City Hospital and Branch .....	995 01
For City Treasurer's percentage .....	181 42
For donation to "Friendly Inn." .....	500 00
For damages and costs .....	44 10
For elections .....	10 00
For Fire Department .....	12,068 79
For fountains .....	25 80
For gas .....	5,160 07
For incidental .....	3 50

For interest on bonds.....	1,830 00
For markets.....	12 46
For market-masters' fees.....	203 76
For parks.....	105 00
For Police.....	4,165 00
For printing.....	426 12
For salary.....	221 24
For sewers.....	47 00
For station houses.....	289 47
For street improvements.....	1,480 63
For street repairs.....	1,085 78
For Tomlinson annuity.....	3,500 00
For water rent.....	7,339 00
For Home for Friendless Women.....	129 40
Balance on hand.....	90,588 84
	<u>\$ 131,529 48</u>

## TOMLINSON ESTATE.

Balance on hand November 30, 1880.....	\$ 2,617 72
Received from rents.....	500 00
Balance on hand.....	<u>\$ 2,117 72</u>

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. WASSON, City Treasurer.

To JOSEPH T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The City Clerk presented the following communication in behalf of the Inspectors of Public Halls ; which was received :

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

*Gentlemen:* The "Inspector of Public Halls" met pursuant to the call of the City Clerk, in the Clerk's office, and found, on examination of the law in regard to the duties of Inspectors, that the Fire Board and Chief Fire Engineer are the legally authorized persons for the performance of duties prescribed for us.

The ordinance requiring the Fire Board and Chief Fire Engineer to perform the duties of "Inspector of Public Halls" was ordained January 29th, 1877, while the ordinance under which your honorable body acted electing the Inspectors of Public Halls in joint convention, was ordained November 12th, 1871.

Most respectfully,

Peter Routier,  
O. H. Hasselman,  
M. M. Reynolds.

Inspectors of Public Halls.

Councilman Morrison offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That all papers and motions that have been referred to the Inspectors of Public Halls, be and are hereby referred to the Chief of the Fire Department and the Fire Board, with instructions to make an early report.

The Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch submitted the following report ; which was received :



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

*Gentlemen:*—The following reports of the City Hospital and Branch, for the month of December, 1880, are respectfully submitted:

	First Week.	Second Week.	Third Week.	Fourth Week.	Two Days.	Monthly Totals
Number of paid Officers and Employes in Hospital .....	13					
Number of paid Officers and Employes in Branch.....	1					
Number of beds in Hospital .....	100					
Number of beds in Branch .....	10					
No. of adult patients in Hospital at beginning of week.....	53	58	56	50	54	53
No. of infant patients in Hospital at beginning of week.....	1	2	2	2	2	1
No. of adult patients received during week .....	15	8	9	8	2	42
No. of infant patients received or born during week.....	1	1	1			3
No. of adult patients discharged during week .....	10	9	15	4	4	42
No. of infant patients discharged during week.....			1			1
No. of adult patients who died during week.....		1				1
No. of infant patients who died during week.....		1				1
No. of patients in Branch at beginning of week.....						
No. of patients in Branch at end of week.....						
No. of adult patients in Hospital and Branch at end of week	58	56	50	54	52	52
No. of inf't patients in Hospital and Branch at end of week	2	2	2	2	2	2
No. of pay-patients at beginning of week.....						
No. of pay-patients at end of week .....						
Aggregate number of days of patients in Hospital .....	405	427	388	378	168	1766
Aggregate number of days of employes in Hospital .....						417
Number of prescriptions filled for December.....	1009					
<b>Total.....</b>						

Total expenditures for month ..... \$ 834 25

Cash collected from pay-patients and other sources, and paid to City

Treasurer..... \$80 75

Aggregate number of days subsistence furnished ..... 2183

Average daily cost of each patient ..... 42-2 cts.

Average daily cost for patients, officers, and employes..... 38-2 cts.

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

The Superintendent of the City Dispensary submitted the following report; which was received:

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

*Gentlemen:*—The following reports of the City Dispensary for the month of December, 1880, are respectfully submitted:

Number of Patients treated at Dispensary .....	124
Number of Medical cases at Dispensary .....	78
Number of Surgical cases at Dispensary .....	35
Number of Disease of Nervous System.....	7
Number of Disease of Eye and Ear.....	4
Number of Diseases of the Throat.....	0
Number of Out-door Patients treated .....	142
Number at Station House.....	8
Number at News Boys' Home.....	0
Total number of Patients treated during month.....	274
Total number of Visits made during month.....	496
Total number of Prescriptions filled during month.....	826
Number of Births during month.....	0
Number of Deaths during month.....	4

## EXPENDITURES FOR MONTH.

C. A. Ritter, Superintendent.....	\$ 61 66
F. A. Morrison, 1st Assistant.....	45 83
C. I. Fletcher, 2d Assistant.....	37 50
F. M. Ferree, Prescription Clerk.....	30 00
W. A. & I. N. Pattison, drugs.....	38 76
Drew & Co., coal.....	15 00
Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke Co.....	5 00

Total expenditures for month..... \$233 69

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

## REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Fire Board and Chief Fire Engineer, through Councilman Thaman, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

*Indianapolis, January 3d, 1880.*

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

*Gentlemen*:—The motion referred to us with reference to building a cistern at, or near, the corner of Clifford avenue and Jefferson street, would report that we have examined the location and recommend that the cistern be *not* built.

Respectfully,

James T. Layman,  
Isaac Thaman,

Fire Board.

J. G. PENDERGAST, Chief Fire Engineer.

The Fire Board and Chief Fire Engineer, through Councilman Thaman, presented the following estimates; which were approved:

*Indianapolis, Ind., January 3d, 1881.*

FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SHOVER & CHRISTIAN, Dr.

*Fourth and Partial Estimate on the Two (2) New Engine Houses.*

## ENGINE HOUSE NO. 9.

Plastering.....	\$ 75 00
Inside finish and stairs.....	800 00
Plumbing.....	150 00
Hardware.....	60 00
Painting.....	225 00
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	\$1,310 00

## ENGINE HOUSE NO. 10.

Painting.....	\$ 225 00
Inside finish and stairs.....	200 00
Plumbing.....	150 00
Hardware.....	60 00
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	635 00

Total..... 

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\$1,945 00

We recommend that \$1,626.80 of the above bill be allowed.

James T. Layman,  
Isaac Thaman,  
Fire Board.

JOHN G. PENDERGAST, Chief Fire Engineer.

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

Indianapolis, January 3, 1881.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—At a meeting of the Common Council held December 20, 1880, the following resolution was referred to the Police Board:

“*Resolved*, That the Police Board be, and is hereby, directed to pay patrolmen known as ‘extras’ the sum of one dollar per day, providing that the number of such extras shall not exceed five at any one time”

We have fully considered the resolution, and report that we are of the opinion that such compensation would be right and proper. Should five extras be constantly employed and none of the regulars be absent from duty, the cost would be \$1,825.00 per year. But at such times as any of the regular force failed to perform duty, the extras would be called on to supply the vacancy, and the pay provided for in this resolution would be saved, as the extra would receive the same pay which otherwise would have been credited to the regular. Judging from past experience we have estimated the additional expense to the city would accrue under this resolution at about \$1,200.00. For the remainder of the current year the expense would not exceed \$500.00.

It is necessary to have about five extras on the roll to supply the places of such of the regulars as may be sick, or from any cause absent from duty, and also that we may have men in training for regular service when vacancies occur. These extras are required to report at roll call each day, and are thereby, to a great extent, prevented from engaging in any other occupation. We are therefore of the opinion that they should be paid at least one dollar per day for each day they may report for duty. The outlay, as shown, would not be large. Small however as it is, it was not taken into consideration in making up the estimate for the pay of police for the current year, and we do not feel authorized to make the expenditure without the order of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

We recommend the passage of the resolution as a matter of justice to the worthy men who are now doing duty as “extras” without adequate compensation.

Respectfully,

D. W. Grubbs  
Jno. T. Downey,  
H. J. Prier,  
Police Board.

The resolution presented by Councilman McKay, as set forth in the above report, (see Council, page 775 *ante*) was then adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 16—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Downey, Fultz, Kahn, Koller, Lamb, Lang, Morrison, McKay, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, Van Vorhis and Yoke.

NAYS, 5—viz. Councilmen Bernhamer, Dowling, Harrold, O'Connor and White.

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

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

*Gentlemen:*—We herewith report expenditures of the Street Repairs Department for the month of December, 1880, together with total amount of expenditures to January 1st, 1881:

Pay-rolls .....	\$621 05
Freight on stone.....	87 60
Blacksmithing.....	26 90
Gravel.....	46 30
Freight on lumber.....	36 00



Lumber.....	165 34
Hardware.....	20 06
Coal.....	3 50
Serving official notices.....	24 50
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Total expenditures for December, 1880. ....	\$1,031 25
Total expenditures, per last report.....	24,374 34
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Total expenditures to January 1st, 1881.....	\$25,405 59

Respectfully submitted,  
 L. A. FULMER, Street Commissioner  
 Wm. 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 15th day of December, to the 31st day of December, 1880—inclusive.*

Under 1 year.....	17
1 to 2 years.....	6
2 to 5 ".....	5
5 to 10 ".....	5
10 to 15 ".....	2
15 to 20 ".....	2
20 to 25 ".....	2
25 to 30 ".....	3
30 to 40 ".....	6
40 to 50 ".....	7
50 to 60 ".....	5
60 to 70 ".....	5
70 to 80 ".....	3
80 to 90 ".....	1
90 to 100 ".....	1
100 and upwards.....	0
Unknown.....	0
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Total.....	70

Respectfully,  
 E. S. ELDER, M. D., President.  
 W. E. JEFFRIES, M. D., Secretary.

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

To the Members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Ind.:

*Gentlemen:*—In accordance with a resolution of your honorable body, the Board of Health of this city has been making some examination of the quality of water furnished the city by the Indianapolis Water Works Company

We have secured the service of Thomas C. VanNoys, M. D., Professor of Chemistry in the Indiana State University, in making an exhaustive and critical qualitative and quantitative analysis of various specimens of water from hydrants in the city, from the well at Water Works, from the river in front of the works, and from the river a few miles north of the city.

These analyses are not quite complete, and we are ignorant of their results. We shall be able, however, to lay them before you soon, probably at your next meeting. While we are unable to present you a complete table of the results of his examination, yet we are fully justified in expressing our opinion that the quality of water furnished our citizens for the past three months is not such as is conducive to good health. An almost universal complaint was made about the quality of water furnished during November and December last, and numerous cases of serious sickness were attributed to its use.



The Board of Health desire to be just, and we should very much hesitate to recommend anything that would embarrass or annoy any corporation, yet in justice to our position as the conservators of the health of this city, we can only pronounce the present supply of hydrant water frequently utterly unfit for use, for either domestic, cooking or drinking purposes. This conclusion is founded upon the examination of numerous specimens of the water as furnished us by citizens, by personal observations, and by visiting and examining the river at the Water Works while it has been frozen over. We found the water immediately over the filter literally full of animal matter in the shape of pieces of the intestines and other organs of hogs, and masses of hogs hair and other products that only wanted a higher temperature to become extremely offensive.

The Board of Health have in their possession certificates showing that there was taken from a hydrant in a store on Washington street a mass of hog hair with the epidermes attached, proving conclusively that it was in the same condition as when taken from the hog. We have another certificate from one of our well-known business men that the water passing through the hydrant in his office was very filthy, offensive, and mixed with blood. On several occasions we have had a sample of water from the hydrant, and a certificate from one of our best-known physicians, which shows that the water furnished by the hydrant in his house was utterly unfit for any domestic or family use. We also have a certificate from the employes of one of the most extensive hotels that from the pipes supplying a part of the hotel with water from the Water Works there was taken a piece of intestine (gut) eight inches long and weighing half a pound. There was no possible means by which this could have reached there only through the pipes from the Water Works.

We might add much more information that we have derived during the past few weeks, but deem it unnecessary.

We can only add that we regard it imperative upon the city authorities to, as speedily as possible, devise some method by which this evil can be corrected.

Very respectfully,

E. S. Elder, M. D.,

W. E. Jeffries, M. D.,

J. W. Elstun, M. D.,

Board of Health.

Councilman Van Vorhis offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the report of the Board of Health be received, and referred to the City Attorney, Committee on Judiciary and Committee on Public Health, with instructions to report to this body at our next meeting what action, if any, can be taken in the premises whereby citizens may be protected, and what legal remedy, if any, the city may have.

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

*Report of the Board of City Commissioners in the Matter of Opening Wilson Street.*  
To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, Ind.:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned respectfully show to your honorable bodies:

I.

1st. That they were duly appointed by the Judge of the Civil Circuit Court of Marion County, Indiana, to act as Commissioners to assess damages and benefits accruing to the owners of lands and lots through which any street is proposed to be constructed or altered, or any building appropriated, or through which any creek or water course is proposed to be straightened, or of which the course is proposed to be altered.

2d. They did, as required by law, take and subscribe the oath and affirmation by law required.

3d. They were and are duly qualified to act as such Commissioners, and do possess lawful authority to assess benefits and damages.

## II.

Your Commissioners do further report:

1st. That on the 10th day of November, 1880, they met in the City Clerk's office, pursuant to notice from the City Clerk, which notice is hereunto annexed, and marked Exhibit "A."

2d. That they did, at the time and place aforesaid, enter upon the consideration of the matter of opening Wilson street, the width of — feet, from its present southern terminous to the intersection of Pendleton gravel road, and 46 feet wide from said road to Brookside avenue, more fully described in the petition to us referred, and hereto annexed and marked Exhibit "B."

And they did, on the same date, examine the property proposed to be taken for such street; also the contiguous property, and property in the neighborhood, with a view of ascertaining what property would be benefitted and what property damaged and the owners names of the same, and did then file with the City Clerk their report, giving a description of the property, with the name of the owner of each property; which report instructed the City Clerk to have the Marshal notify each property owner to meet the City Commissioners on Friday, the 31st day of December, 1880, for the further consideration of such proposed opening; which report is hereunto annexed and marked Exhibit "C."

3d. That they met on the said 31st day of December and inquired into the service of notice upon the property owners, and do herewith report said notice with the Marshal's endorsement of service thereon; which notice and Marshal's return is hereunto annexed and marked Exhibit "D."

4th. The following named persons appeared in answer to said notice, viz: Louisa Haag, Frank Eberly and John Reardon.

## III.

The said Commissioners do further report, they did, at the time and place indicated by said notice, hear evidence touching the questions before them, and they did estimate—

- 1st. The value of the land and property to be appropriated for said street;
- 2d. The part thereof that should be born by the city;
- 3d. The real estate benefitted by said improvement.

## IV.

Your Commissioners do further report:

1st That the value of lands to be appropriated is five hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$525.00).

That we do assess damages as follows:

1 Geo. T. Dunn, lot 125, Ing. Fletcher's add. ....	\$ 25 00
2 J. and C. Roney, lot 127, Ing. Fletcher's add .....	15 00
3 Ing. Fletcher, lot 126, Ing. Fletcher's add. ....	15 00
4 Edith L. Morris, lot 128, Ing. Fletcher's add. ....	15 00
5 Edith L. Morris, lot 129, Ing. Fletcher's add. ....	15 00
6 Ing. Fletcher, lot 130, Ing. Fletcher's add. ....	15 00
7 Ing. Fletcher, lot 131, Ing. Fletcher's add. ....	15 00
8 Ing. Fletcher, lot 132, Ing. Fletcher's add. ....	15 00
9 L. and A. Crabtree, lot 133, Ing. Fletcher's add. ....	15 00
10 Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., lot 134, Ing. Fletcher's add. ....	25 00
11 M. J. Osgood, lot 54, Ing. Fletcher's add. ....	15 00
12 Louisa Haag, lot 55, Ing. Fletcher's add. ....	5 00
13 M. J. Osgood, lot 56, Ing. Fletcher's add. ....	5 00
14 M. J. Osgood, lot 57, Ing. Fletcher's add. ....	5 00
15 Ing. Fletcher, lot 76, Ing. Fletcher's add. ....	5 00
16 Lucian Norton, lot 52 and part of 53, Ing. Fletcher's add. ....	20 00
17 John Reardon, lot 51, Ing. Fletcher's add. ....	5 00
18 Adam Schlathaur, lot 50, Ing. Fletcher's add. ....	5 00
19 S. A. Fletcher, jr., lot 49, Ing. Fletcher's add. ....	5 00

20 S. A. Fletcher, jr., lot 48, Ing. Fletcher's add.....	5 00
21 Wiley J. Brown, lot 5, Wooten's sub. of A. E. Fletcher's add.....	25 00
22 P. E. Phillips, lot 6, Wooten's sub. of A. E. Fletcher's add.....	25 00
23 R. M. Huston, lot 8, Wooten's sub. of A. E. Fletcher's add.....	25 00
24 T. A. Carey, lot 3, Wooten's sub. of A. E. Fletcher's add.....	25 00
25 Frank Eberly, lot 2, Wooten's sub. of A. E. Fletcher's add.....	5 00
26 T. M. Robbins, block 18, A. E. Fletcher's add.....	25 00
27 S. A. Fletcher, jr., block 24, A. E. Fletcher's add.....	150 00
Total.....	<u>\$525 00</u>

## Damages:

To C. F. Weaver, lot 4, Wooten's sub. of A. E. Fletcher's add.....	\$250 00
To J. W. Bugbee, lot 7, Wooten's sub. of A. E. Fletcher's add.....	275 00
Total damages.....	<u>\$525 00</u>

## Benefits to be collected:

## Schedule number.

1 Geo. T. Dunn, lot 125, Ing. Fletcher's add.....	\$ 25 00
2 J. and C. Roney, lot 127, Ing. Fletcher's add.....	15 00
3, 6, 7, 8 and 15 Ing. Fletcher, lots 126, 130, 131, 132, 76, Ing. Fletcher's add.....	65 00
4 and 5 Edith Morris, lots 128 and 129, Ing. Fletcher's add.....	30 00
9 L. A. Crabtree, lot 133, Ing. Fletcher's add.....	15 00
10 Mass. Mutual Life Ins. Co., lot 134, Ing. Fletcher's add.....	25 00
11, 13 and 14 Mason J. Osgood, lots 54, 56 and 57, Ing. Fletcher's add.....	25 00
12 Louisa Haag, lot 12, Ing. Fletcher's add.....	5 00
16 L. Norton, lot 52 and part of 53, Ing. Fletcher's add.....	20 00
17 John Reardon, lot 51, Ing. Fletcher's add.....	5 00
18 Adam Schlathour, lot 50, Ing. Fletcher's add.....	5 00
19, 20 and 27 Stoughton Fletcher, jr., lots 48 and 49, Ing. Fletcher's add and block 24, A. E. Fletcher's add.....	160 00
21 Wiley J. Brown, lot 5, Wooten's sub. of A. E. Fletcher's add.....	25 00
22 P. E. Phillips, lot 6, Wooten's sub. of A. E. Fletcher's add.....	25 00
23 R. M. Huston, lot 8, Wooten's sub. of A. E. Fletcher's add.....	25 00
24 T. A. Carey, lot 3, Wooten's sub. of A. E. Fletcher's add.....	25 00
25 Frank Eberly, lot 2, Wooten's sub. of A. E. Fletcher's add.....	5 00
26 T. M. Robbins, block 18, A. E. Fletcher's add.....	25 00
Total benefits.....	<u>\$525 00</u>

William Hadley,  
M. Steinhauer,  
James C. Yohn,  
Geo. W. Hill,  
City Commissioners.

Councilman Yoke was excused for the remainder of this session:

## REPORTS, ETC., FROM COMMITTEES.

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

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Accounts and Claims, to whom was referred the claim of A. A. Zion (*ante* pages 345 and 346) for \$52.81, for damages sustained



to his horse and buggy on the 3d day of May last, at the crossing of Mississippi street and the railroad tracks on Louisiana street, find that said accident occurred at the crossing of the Indianapolis and Vincennes Railroad Company's track and Mississippi street; and believing the city only secondarily, and the said railroad company primarily, liable, recommend that a certified copy of said petition, with the proceedings of the Council thereon, be transmitted by the clerk to said railroad company.

F. J. Van Vorhis,  
Will F. A. Bernhamer,  
Committee on Accounts and Claims.

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

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

*Gentlemen:*—Your Joint Committee on Judiciary, together with the City Attorney, to whom was referred a plan proposed by the City Civil Engineer and presented to the Common Council by the Board of Public Improvements, for the improvement of Market, Ohio, Highland streets and vicinity, report back said plans without recommendation on the merits thereof; but say that if the plans proposed be adopted, any changes to be made in said streets where the grade has been already established, should be made on petition of the property owners interested, and that the damages if any, should be first assessed and tendered to the parties so damaged before the improvement is made.

William C. Lamb,  
James T. Dowling,  
James A. Pritchard,  
W. H. Tucker,  
D. W. Grubbs,  
Joint Committee on Judiciary.

JOHN A. HENRY, City Attorney.

Councilman VanVorhis moved that the report of the Board of Public Improvements, submitted to the Council December 6th, 1880 (see page 729 *ante*), with the provisions as set forth in the above report of the Judiciary Committee, be concurred in; which motion was adopted by the following vote:

**AYES**, 12—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Dean, Downey, Harrold Koller, Lamb, Morrison, McKay, Prier, Pritchard, VanVorhis and White.

**NAYS** 9—viz. Councilmen Bernhamer, Bryce, Dowling, Fultz, Kahn, Lang, O'Conner, Shilling and Thalman.

Councilman Thalman, in behalf of a Special Committee on Market House and City Hall, submitted the following report; which was received, and made a special order for the next regular meeting:

To the Mayor, Council, and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Special Joint Committee to whom was referred the motion to report some plan whereby the city could build a market house and hall on the East Market space, have carefully considered the matter and find no possible way by which the building can be erected unless provided for as hereinafter recommended, it requiring all of the present *revenue* to run the several departments of the City Government; and believing that such a building erected on the East Market space would be a great benefit to the city, and a source of revenue, we therefore submit the following and recommend the adoption of the same:

1st. That a building be erected to cost not to exceed \$225,000, \$75,000 of which can be realized from the sale of the Tomlinson estate, including the amount now on hand; the balance, \$150,000.00, to be raised by the issuing of city bonds, running 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years, the amount of each bond, \$30,000, to be raised annually by a special tax levy.

2d. That the City Attorney be, and, on the adoption of this report, is instructed to draft a bill and have the same presented to the Legislature, authorizing the City of Indianapolis to issue such bonds, upon the approval of the voters of the city at the election to be held in May for city officers.

3d. That after said bill shall have passed the Legislature, that the city authorities submit the question to the voters at the coming May election for and against the *issuing* of such bonds; and should a majority vote in the affirmative, that the city place upon the market said bonds for sale; and that the work be commenced as soon as plans and specifications for the building can be procured.

4th. That the revenue derived from the building be used in taking up of the bonds, so far as such revenue will go.

Most respectfully submitted,

W. H. Tucker,  
James T. Dowling,  
John R. Pearson,  
Isaac Thalman,  
Will F. A. Bernhamer.

#### MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen* :—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Wednesday December 22d, 1880, adhered to its former action in non-concurring in your action relative to the payment by the city for the improvement of West street, on the line of Greenlawn cemetery, and requested that a committee of conference be appointed to consider said matter.

Aldermen Seibert, Hamilton and Mussman were appointed as the Aldermanic members of said conference committee.

At the same session, the Board of Aldermen adhered to its former action of December 8th, by adopting the following motion:

That the Board of Public Improvements receive proposals for all plumbing work necessary for repairs of public fountains, or in other places, and let the same to the lowest and best bidder.

For the Board of Aldermen.

G. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

On motion, the action of the Board of Alderman in appointing a Committee of Conference was approved; and Councilmen Pritchard, Lamb and White were appointed to act as the Council members of said committee. And the second clause as set forth in the foregoing message was referred to said Conference Committee.

The following message was read:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen* :—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Wednesday evening, December 22d, 1880, adopted the following motions:

1st. That the Chief Fire Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to report what number of fire hydrants now in use can be dispensed with without impairing the utility of the water works for fire protection.

2d. That the City Civil Engineer advertise for proposals for street signs—samples to be furnished in all cases.

3d. At same session the Board of Alderman, approved the report of the Aldermanic committee recommending that the contract and bond of Aegidius Naltner, for the removal of garbage, etc., be approved; provided that the said contract shall take effect and begin March 1st, 1881.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

On motion, the action of the Board of Aldermen in adopting the first motion, as set forth in the foregoing message, was concurred in; the second motion, on motion by Councilman Thalman, was referred to the Joint Committees on Public Light and Streets and Alleys; and the matter relative to the contract and bond of Aegidius Naltner was referred to the Committee on Contracts.

#### APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

This being the regular appropriation night, the following entitled Appropriation Ordinances were introduced and read the first time, and were then placed on their second and third reading, and final passage, without suspension of the rules:

By the Fire Board, through Councilman Thalman:

Ap. O. 1, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department.

By the Hospital Board, through Councilman Bryce:

Ap. O. 2, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis on account of the City Hospital and Branch.

By the Police Board, through Councilman Downey:

Ap. O. 3, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station-Houses.

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

Ap. O. 4, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

By the Committees on Printing, through Councilman Bedford:

Ap. O. 5, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, and Advertising.



Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, 1881, were severally read the second time and ordered engrossed.

The following entitled ordinance was read the third time :

Ap. O. 1, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated \$712.06.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 18—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Bryce, Dowling, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Morrison, McKay, O'Conner, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman and VanVorhis.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the third time :

Ap. O. 2, 1881—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, \$1,053.98.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 18—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Bryce, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Morrison, McKay, O'Conner, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman and VanVorhis.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the third time :

Ap. O. 3, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station-Houses. [Amount appropriated, \$305.75.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 18—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Bryce, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Morrison, McKay, O'Conner, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, and VanVorhis.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the third time :

Ap. O. 4, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated \$14,747.15.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 18—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Bryce, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Morrison, McKay, O'Conner, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman and VanVorhis.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the third time :

Ap. O. 5, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery and Advertising. [Amount appropriated, \$554.62.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 18—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Bryce, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, and VanVorhis.

NAYS--None.

Councilman Downey was excused for the remainder of this session.

Councilman VanVorhis moved that the Council stand adjourned.

Which motion was lost.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Councilman Dowling offered the following motions ; which were adopted :

That J. L. Spaulding be granted ninety days additional time to complete his contract for the improvement of the first alley east of Virginia avenue, from Grove street to Elk street.

That J. L. Spaulding be granted ninety days additional time to complete his contract for the improvement of Cypress street, from Linden street to Olive street.

Councilman Dowling offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Committees on Public Light and Streets and Alleys.

That the Joint Committee on Public Light and Committee on Streets and Alleys be authorized to receive further plans and proposals for street signs.

Councilman Fultz offered the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously by a rising vote :

WHEREAS, It has pleased an Allwise Providence to remove from earth a late member of this Council ; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the sympathy of this Council be and is hereby extended to the family of Mr. McGinty in this the hour of their sad bereavement.

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

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

*Gentlemen*.—Your petitioner would respectfully represent that on the 30th day of June, 1879, he paid into the hands of the City Treasurer the sum of eight dollars and sixty-seven cents on lot No. three, (3,) in square No. forty-six, (46), in Frank's subdivision of B. F. Morris' addition, and for the personal and poll of Charles Abel, for the tax of 1878, and also on the 12th day of April, 1880, he paid on the same above described property, and for personal and poll of Charles Abel; being the tax of 1879.

The payment of the above taxes are erroneous from the fact that the property above described was assessed double for those years, and these amounts have been paid by your petitioner.

The property has been paid in the name of other parties, and your petitioner asks your honorable body to refund him the above amounts, and as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray.

CH. HILGENBERG, Petitioner.

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

*Indianapolis*, December 23d, 1880.

To the Mayor and the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Ind.:

*Gentlemen*.—The undersigned would respectfully represent and show that she is the owner by lease and purchase of lot 4, square 16, Johnson's heirs' addition to the City of Indianapolis, together with the improvements thereon, and that the improvements upon said lot, have been erroneously assessed for taxation; that when the notice of such assessment was made out and mailed to one Charles Haynes, from the fact that the title was still in his name, and that she had no notice or knowledge of such erroneous assessment, until long after the Board of Equalization had met and adjourned—such assessment being \$800 in excess of the assessment for state and county purposes.

Wherefore she asks that such matter be referred to the City Assessor, with instructions to make such correction as may be just and proper.

FRANCES E. SMOCK.  
By R. M. SMOCK.

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

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to order the Gas Company to remantle and relight the lamp at the corner of Arsenal avenue and Ohio street.

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 erect a wooden bridge over Pogue's Run on East New York street.

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

That the Board of Public Improvements be instructed to report to this body at our next meeting, what duty, if any, is being done by the City Civil Engineer.

Councilman McKay offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That A. Bruner be granted sixty (60) days further time to complete his contract for constructing the sewer in the first alley east of Meridian street, from Washington street to Maryland street.

Councilman VanVorhis moved that the Police Board be instructed to carry the name of Carter Temple on the police pay roll during the month of January, 1881.



Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Bernhamer, Bryce, Dean, Fultz, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Morrison, McKay, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, and VanVorhis.

NAYS, 2—viz. Councilmen Harrold and O'Connor.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

  
....., Mayor,  
President of Common Council.

Attest:   
..... City Clerk.