

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—JUNE 1, 1881.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Wednesday evening, June 1st, A. D. 1881, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—His Honor, President Layman, in the Chair, and Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Rorison, and Seibert—7.

ABSENT—Aldermen Newman, Tucker, and Wood—3.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the regular session held on May 25th, 1881, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, said Journals were approved as published.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following special message was read :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—The Common Council, in regular session, held in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, May 30th, 1881, adhered to their former action making the elective boards of the city to consist of three members each, thereby non-concurring in your action making said boards consist of five members each.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Common Council:

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

Aldermen Drew moved that the Board of Aldermen recede from their former action.

Alderman Hamilton moved to amend Alderman Drew's motion, that the former action of the Board of Aldermen be adhered to.

The question then being on Alderman Hamilton's amendment, it was lost by the following vote :

AYES, 2—viz. Aldermen Hamilton, and Mussmann.

NAYS, 5—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Rorison, Seibert, and President Layman.

Alderman Drew's motion to recede was then adopted; and on further motion, the action of the Common Council (in passing the ordinance G. O. 16, 1881), was concurred in by the following vote:

AYES, 5—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Rorison, Seibert, and President Layman.

NAYS, 2—viz. Aldermen Hamilton, and Mussmann.

The following message was read and received:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith transmit to your honorable body certain papers, which were favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its regular session, held on Monday evening, May 30th, 1881, for your action upon the same.

For the Common Council:

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The following report from the Committee on Contracts, was read:

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

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred sundry proposals presented to Council May 23d, 1881, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows, viz:

1st. For grading and graveling the alley between Linden and Laurel streets, from Orange street to Willow street.

Henry Clay, 32 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
C. S. Roney, 24 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
C. T. Langhorne, 24 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
J. L. Spaulding, 24 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
James Mahoney, 23 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

2d. For grading and paving with brick (except where already paved), the south sidewalk of St. Mary street, from Ft. Wayne avenue to Alabama street.

C. S. Roney, 39 cents per lineal foot front.
John Schier, 35 cents per lineal foot front.
M. Foust, 35 cents per lineal foot front.
J. W. Smith, 33½ cents per lineal foot front.
John L. Hanna & Co., 30 cents per lineal foot front.

John L. Hanna & Co. being the the lowest and best bidder, we recommend they be awarded the contract.

3d. For grading and paving the north sidewalk of Buchanan street, from East street to Greer street.

C. T. Langhorne, 65 cents per lineal foot front.
C. S. Roney, 42 cents per lineal foot front.
James Mahoney, 38 cents per lineal foot front.
John Schier, 38 cents per lineal foot front.
J. W. Smith, 37½ cents per lineal foot front.

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

4th. For grading and graveling the first alley east of Delaware street, from Bicking street to the first alley north of Coburn street.

- J. L. Spaulding, 26 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Michael Flaherty, 24 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- C. T. Langhorne, 23 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- James Mahoney, 23 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Robert Kennington, 17 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Robert Kennington being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

5th. For grading and paving with brick the south sidewalk of Michigan street, from East street to Massachusetts avenue.

- C. S. Roney, 62 cents per lineal foot front.
- John Schier, 61 cents per lineal foot front.
- M. Foust, 60 cents per lineal foot front.
- John L. Hanna & Co., 60 cents per lineal foot front.
- J. W. Smith, 54 cents per lineal foot front.

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

6th. For grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk of Virginia avenue, from Coburn street to the first alley south of Coburn street.

- C. T. Langhorne, 70 cents per yard.
- C. S. Roney, 95 cents per lineal foot front.
- J. W. Smith, 87½ cents per lineal foot front.
- John Schier, 87 cents per lineal foot front.
- Michael Faust, 75 cents per lineal foot front.

Michael Faust being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

7th. For grading and graveling Lincoln avenue and sidewalks, from Beeler street to Newman street.

- Henry Clay, 85 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- John L. Hanna & Co., 85 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Richard Carr, 84 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- R. H. Patterson, 73 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Charles S. Roney, 69 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Chas. S. Roney being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

8th. For grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk of Railroad street, from Market street to Ohio street.

- C. S. Roney, 49 cents per lineal foot front.
- John L. Hanna & Co., 48 cents per lineal foot front.
- John Schier, 46 cents per lineal foot front.
- J. W. Smith, 46 cents per lineal foot front.
- Michael Faust, 42 cents per lineal foot front.

Michael Faust being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

9th. For grading and graveling Newman street and sidewalks, from Hill avenue to the Pendleton Road.

- John L. Hanna & Co., \$1.25 per lineal foot front on each side.
- Richard Carr, 98 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- C. S. Roney, 95 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Robert H. Patterson, 87 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Robert H. Patterson being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

10th. For grading and graveling Newman street and sidewalks, from Pendleton Road to Brookside avenue.

- John L. Hanna, 98 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- C. S. Roney, 76 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Richard Carr, 70 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Robert H. Patterson, 65 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Robert H. Patterson being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

11th. For grading and graveling Newman street and sidewalks, from Brookside avenue to Clifford avenue.

- C. S. Roney, 98 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- R. H. Patterson, 93 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- John L. Hanna & Co, 90 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Richard Carr, 87 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Richard Carr being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

12th. For grading and graveling the first alley north of St. Joseph street, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street.

- J. L. Spaulding, 28 cents per lineal foot on each side.
- R. H. Patterson, 23 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Michael Flaherty, 22 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Charles S. Roney, 22 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

There being a tie bid, and believing them to be reasonable, we recommend the contract be awarded to Michael Flaherty.

13th. For grading and graveling the first alley east of Pennsylvania street from St. Joseph street to the first alley north of St. Joseph street.

- J. L. Spaulding, 28 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- R. H. Patterson, 23 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- C. S. Roney, 22 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Michael Flaherty, 20 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Michael Flaherty being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Thalman,
E. H. Kollar,
Edward H. Dean,
Committee on Contracts.

Alderman Rorison offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That neither estimate or contract for any work will be allowed by this board to James Mahoney until he completes the contract (to the acceptance of the City Civil Engineer), awarded him for grading and graveling the alley between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets, north of St. Marys street.

On motion, the favorable action of the Common Council in adopting the foregoing report of the Committee on Contracts (see page 104, *ante*) was concurred in, except as to the first clause, which, on the adoption of Alderman Rorison's motion, was not concurred in.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 106, *ante*) was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following estimates:

A first and final estimate in behalf of R. P. Dunning and James W. Hudson, for grading and bowldering the first alley south of Georgia street, from Illinois street to Tennessee street.

859 $\frac{6}{12}$ lineal feet bowldering, at 62 cents \$532 89

A first and final estimate in behalf of Henry C. Roney, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of the first alley south of Ohio street, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street.

761 $\frac{9}{12}$ lineal feet curbing, at 40 cents \$304 70

890 lineal feet bowldering, at 24 cents 213 60

To repairing gutters for drainage 3 50

\$521 80

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 107, *ante*) 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 R. P. Dunning and James W. Hudson, for grading and bowldering the first alley south of Georgia street, from Illinois street to Tennessee 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 concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 7—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Rorison, Seibert, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 107, *ante*) 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 C. Roney, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of the first alley south of Ohio street, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware 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 concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 7—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Rorison, Seibert, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 107, *ante*) was concurred in:

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

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

Contract and bond of John Stumph, for building one 2,000-barrel cistern at or near the corner of Seventh street and Howard street. Bond, \$2,000; surety, A. Seidensticker and John Grosch.

Contract and bond of C. T. Langhorne, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Virginia avenue, from the first alley south of Dougherty street to Coburn street. Bond, \$300 00; surety, Fred. Gansberg.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The following clauses of the report from the Board of Public Improvements (see favorable action of Common Council, page 110, *ante*) was read and referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys, and Sewers & Drainage:

1st. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner fill the chuck-hole situated at mouth of first alley south of Christian avenue on Ash street, east side.

Recommend the gutters be opened.

4th. Is a motion that the City Civil Engineer and Chief Fire Engineer investigate the propriety of lowering the crown of fire cistern on North street, near Pine street.

Recommend that the City Civil Engineer be directed to advertise for bids to lower the crown to conform to the grade of the street.

5th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner fill all the large chuck-holes on Indiana avenue, from Fall Creek to the corporation line.

Recommend that not to exceed twenty loads of gravel be put on said work.

9th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to place in good condition the city's portion of the sidewalk on North Tennessee street, from Ohio street to First street.

Recommend the work be done.

10th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner fill up all the chuck-holes on New York street, from Delaware street to Noble street.

Recommend the work be done.

11th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner clean the gutters and fill the chuck-holes on John street, from Peru avenue to Hanna street.

Recommend the work be done.

12th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters on Cherry street.

Recommend the work be done, where needed.

13th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to build a bridge across the State ditch, near Hill avenue.

Recommend that the City Civil Engineer be instructed to advertise for bids, if the bridge is within the city limits and upon a street.

15th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to place sufficient gravel at the intersection of Cherry and Ash streets.

Recommend the work be done.

17th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters on East McCarty, Coburn and Dougherty streets; also, to repair east end of Coburn street.

Recommend the chuck-holes on Coburn street be filled.

18th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner clean the gutters and fill the chuck-holes on Wilkins street, from Illinois street to Tennessee street.

Recommend the work be done.

19th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner clean the gutters and fill the chuck-holes on West street, from Merrill street to Morris street.

Recommend the chuck-holes be filled.

20th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner repair Georgia street, from Missouri street to West street, by filling the mud holes and other bad places; also, clean the gutters on north side of said Georgia street.

Recommend the work be done.

21st. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner clean the gutters on West street, from Washington street to Merrill street.

Recommend the work be done from Washington street to South street.

22d. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner clean the gutters in South street, from Missouri street to Kentucky avenue.

Recommend the work be done.

24th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner build the approaches to Fifth street bridge across the canal.

Recommend the work be done under contract, when the street is improved.

25th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner raise the gutter on west side of Illinois street at Tenth street, so as to remove the mud hole at that point.

Recommend the work be done.

26th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner clean the gutters and fill the chuck-holes on Court street, between Alabama and New Jersey streets.

Recommend the work be done.

27th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner build a culvert over the gutter on first alley south of Market street, on east side of Noble street.

Recommend the work be done.

29th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner clean the gutters on Seventh street, between Bellefontaine street and Columbia avenue.

Recommend the work be done.

30th. Is a petition of D. Ricketts, asking that the Street Commissioner be directed to raise the flag stone and deepen the gutter on the southeast corner of Pennsylvania and North streets; also, to enlarge the wooden chute under Pennsylvania street, along the south line of North street, so the water can get through it.

Recommend the gutter be cleaned under culvert.

31st. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner fill chuck-holes on English avenue, between Dillon street and L. C. & L. R. R. track.

Recommend the work be done.

34th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner fill chuck-holes in Michigan street, from Noble street to Randolph street.

Recommend the work be done from Noble street to Pine street.

35th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner lay a double stone crossing on the north side of Washington street, across Highland street; also, on the north side of Washington street, across Arsenal avenue.

Recommend the work be done when the street is improved.

37th. Is a motion that a street crossing be placed across Christian avenue, east side of Central avenue.

Recommend the work be done when the sidewalks are paved.

38th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner fill the chuck-holes on Meridian street, north of Seventh street; also, fill the gutters with gravel, where necessary.

Recommend the work be done.

39th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner put a plank crossing at the intersection of Peru and Seventh streets.

Recommend the crossing be made of broken stone.

42d. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner repair the bowldered part of Washington street.

Recommend the work be done.

The report of the Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, showing expenses of the Street Repair Department for the month of May, 1881, and the total expenditures of the fiscal year, ending with May 31st, 1881, was read and received.

The following report of the Board of Health was read; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 113, *ante*) was concurred in:

Indianapolis, May 27th, 1881.

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

Gentlemen:—In view of the long continued and severe cold of the past winter, and the sudden advent of high temperature—conditions that are certain to produce much sickness and a high mortality, we are making every effort to place the city in as good sanitary condition as possible. Our force is insufficient for the emergency which now exists. We respectfully ask that special orders may be given to the regular Police force to give particular attention to the cleaning of yards and alleys in their several districts.

By order of the Board:

W. E. JEFFRIES, M. D. Sec'y.

The following resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 113, *ante*) was read:

Resolved, That the following named persons be, and they are hereby, appointed as Inspectors and Judges of an Election to be held on the 11th day of June, 1881, for the election of one School Commissioner from each of the following Districts:

5th District—Adam Scott, Inspector; and John MacIntyre and John Rupp, Judges.

6th District—John Minteith, Inspector; and James Cummings and William Buehrig, Judges.

9th District—Thomas D. Amos, Inspector; and Joseph Cephus and John Schier, Judges.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 7—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Rorison, Seibert, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

The following report from the Committee on Public Property, was read; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 113, *ante*) was concurred in :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Public Property and City Attorney, to whom was referred a motion in reference to the cancellation of the lease of George W. Scott & Co. for the Southern Park, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and in view of the fact that the said lessees have failed to comply with the terms of their lease, by allowing said premises and the fences surrounding the same to be injured and destroyed, and by failing to keep the same in proper repair, as required by said lease, we recommend that said lease be declared forfeited, and that the said Geo. W. Scott & Co. be ejected after 20 days notice by the City Marshal.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Cowie,
Wm. H. Morrison,
John W. Fultz,
Committee on Public Property.

JOHN A. HENRY, City Attorney.

The following report from the Committee on Public Property, was read; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 114, *ante*) was concurred in .

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee, to whom was referred the motion of Capt. Edward Barry and Jacob Baas, for the use of the Southern Park for a picnic on July 4th, 1881, beg leave to report that said Barry and Bass be allowed to use said Park, provided they do not charge any fee for admission to said Park, and that no intoxicating liquors of any kind shall be sold in said Park.

Respectfully,

John R. Cowie,
Wm. H. Morrison,
John W. Fultz,
Committee.

The following report from the Committee on Streets and Alleys was read ; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 114, *ante*) was concurred in :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of "Brothers of the Sacred Heart," asking for the vacation of a certain alley south of Lots 12, 13, 14 and 15, Dougherty's subdivision of Out lot 99, and opening a fifteen foot alley on the west side of said Lot 15—the petitioners being the owners of said Lot 15;

Recommend that the prayers of the petitioners be granted, when said petitioners have filed with the City Clerk a deed of dedication to the city of so much of said Lot 15 as proposed in their petition.

Respectfully submitted,

George Weaver,
Simeon Coy,
B. W. Cole,
Committee.

The following report from the Committee on Water was read; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 115, *ante*) was concurred in:

the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Our Committee on Water, to whom sundry papers were referred, would report;

1st. Is relative to the Water Works Company, having notified the Fire Department that their works were out of fix, and that they could not furnish fire pressure until further notice, and for your committee to confer with the said company, and ascertain how long this state of affairs will continue, and whether such condition is liable to occur often;

The Water Works Company notified the Fire Department the morning after the fire at Hill's Planing Mill, that they could not furnish fire pressure until further notice. Said notice was not given until the following Tuesday—four days afterwards. The Water Works Company state that the accident is not likely to occur again.

2d. Is that the Water Works Company be directed to lay water mains on the following routes: From the corner of Nebraska street and Madison avenue, east to East street; thence north on East street to Coburn street, and on Illinois street from Seventh street to Twelfth street; thence east to Meridian street; thence south to Second street.

We are of the opinion that for the present the last named line should not be extended further north than Tenth street. We recommend the accompanying resolutions be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Ward,
Edward H. Dean,
F. Hartmann,
Committee.

The following resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 115, *ante*) was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the Water Works Company of Indianapolis be, and is hereby, required to lay water mains from the corner of Nebraska street and Madison avenue, east, in and along Nebraska street to East street; thence north, in and along East street to Coburn street: the hydrants to be located under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer, not to exceed one for every one thousand feet; and the City Clerk is hereby directed to notify said Water Works Company to lay said water mains.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 7—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Musmann, Rorison, Seibert, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

The following resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 116, *ante*) was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That it is necessary for the further and better protection from fire, that water mains be laid and extended in and along Illinois street, from Seventh street to Tenth street; thence in and along Tenth street, from Illinois street to Meridian street; thence in and along Meridian street, from Tenth street to Second street, connecting with the water mains now located at or near the intersection of Second and Meridian streets; that the Water Works Company be notified by the City Clerk to proceed to lay such mains and establish fire hydrants under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer: such hydrants to be established not less than one thousand feet apart, under the provisions of the charter of the Water Works Company.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 7—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Rorison, Seibert, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

On motion by Alderman Drew, the Committee on Water was instructed to confer with the Water Works Company as to the laying of water mains ordered by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

The following report from the Committee on Water was read; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 116, *ante*) was concurred in:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—On the motion of Councilman Pritchard, requiring your committee to inquire into and report the cost of erecting two bathing houses in the river, at some point above the pork houses, one for gentlemen and the other for ladies, the committee reports:

A partial plan, with estimates, has been kindly furnished by Rev. O. McCulloch. The plan contemplates a plain, rough board structure, with a roof 16 by 60 feet in length; containing 40 rooms, 3 by 6 feet; with a tight board fence, 75 feet in length, extending into the river from either end of the building.

The estimated cost, as given by Peter Routier, Esq., is \$500, for building fences and anchors complete.

It is suggested that one building would be sufficient, and could be used on alternate days by gentlemen and ladies.

We would recommend that the City Civil Engineer select the best locality for its erection.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Ward,
Edward H. Dean,
F. Hartmann,
Committee.

The following petitions were read; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see pages 121 and 123, *ante*) was concurred in:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of property on West street, between Wash

ington and Market streets, respectfully ask your honorable bodies to authorize Charles Jones to put in a water plug for street sprinkling purposes, on the west side of West street, near the rear end of Carlisle's block.

Respectfully, etc ,
 Frances Smith, surviving Trustee for John Carlisle;
 N. Kellogg, R. B. Emerson.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, property owners on the square on Virginia avenue between Stevens and Merrill streets, respectfully petition your honorable bodies to permit E. S. Wells to put in a water plug, for street sprinkling purposes, on the west side of said Virginia avenue, between the points named.

William H. Kramer, Henry Stolte, N. N. Morris &
 Co., per R; Charles E. Coffin, per H.

The following motions (adopted by the Common Council—see pages 121, 122, 124, 125 and 126, *ante*) were read and concurrently adopted :

That Marian Rogers be allowed a bowldered driveway across the sidewalk between Washington street and Market street, on West street.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to re-plank the railway crossing on Virginia avenue, and collect the same from the railway company.

That the City Marshal be directed to order the J., M. & I. Railroad to plank the sidewalks at their railroad crossing on Madison avenue.

That the City Marshal be instructed to notify the owner of the first block east of Hammond's block, northeast corner of New York and Delaware street, to repair the pavement in front of their property.

That as the improvements of West street necessitates the widening of the sidewalks and changing of the gutters, and that as the Vandalia Railroad Company has failed to open sewers across under their tracks to take away the water after being properly notified; therefore

Moved that they receive notice from the proper authority to open sewers on each side of West street, across under their tracks, according to directions of City Civil Engineer, within thirty days; and if not, that the Street Commissioner be instructed to do the work at the railroad company's expense

That A. Donges have permission to lay a brick sidewalk, and curb the gutter with stone, in front of his place, Nos. 436 & 440, south Meridian street, according to stakes to be set by the City Civil Engineer; work to be done at his own expense.

That the City Marshal be, and is hereby, directed to notify the Citizens' Street Railway Co. to take out the two bridges over the gutters on Tennessee street at the crossing of Indiana avenue, and to fill said gutters with gravel. Work to be done to the satisfaction of the City Civil Engineer.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to repave in front of Engine House No 3.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to take up the blocks and repave with blocks in front of Engine House No. 3.

That the City Marshal notify the property owners to remove the bridge over the gutters on Massachusetts avenue, across the street from the No. 2 Engine House, as it obstructs the flow of water, and is a nuisance; and, if not done in ten days, the Street Commissioner remove the same and collect off of the property owner.

The following motions (adopted by the Common Council—see pages 123, 125 and 126, *ante*) were read, and referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage :

That in view of the fact that the Union Depot Company has failed to put up gates across Illinois street, that they be again notified to attend to it by the City Marshal, and, if not attended to within five days, that the Street Commissioner be instructed to do it at the depot company's expense.

Inasmuch as the President of the Union Railway Company did not favor this Council with a report stating the intention of said company to erect or not erect the safety-gates at the Virginia avenue crossing of Union Railway tracks, as directed by this Common Council; therefore

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to erect safety-gates at the above crossing, under the direction of the Board of Public Improvements; and that the expense of erecting said gates be charged and collected from said Union Railway Company, unless said gates be erected within thirty days from June 1st, 1881, by the above Union Railway Co.

That the City Marshal be directed to notify the Union Railway Company to erect safety gates across Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey streets within thirty days; and, if not done in said time, said gates be erected by the Street Commissioner, at the expense of said Union Railway Company.

The following motion (adopted by the Common Council—see page 126, *ante*) was read, and referred to the Committees on Railroads and Public Charities, and Streets & Alleys, and Sewers & Drainage :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to lay a plank crossing on the east side of Tennessee street crossing Louisiana street, across the Union Railway Company's track, and crossing also the track of the Indianapolis Rolling-Mill Company; and charge, and collect, the cost of said work to each of said corporations in proportion to the amount of labor and cost of material done and placed over their respective tracks.

The following entitled ordinances (passed by the Common Council) were severally read the first time :

- S. O. 43, 1881.—An Ordinance to provide for re-grading and re-bowldering Meridian street, from Washington street to Louisiana street.
- S. O. 64, 1881.—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of the intersection of South street and Virginia avenue, from South street to Virginia avenue.
- S. O. 66, 1881.—An Ordinance to provide for improving New York street, from Delaware street to New Jersey street, by widening the sidewalks, curbing with stone the outer edges thereof, and bowldering the gutters.
- G. O. 17, 1881.—An Ordinance to prohibit geese from running at large within the city of Indianapolis, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof.

On motion, S. O. 43, 1881, was referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Judiciary Committee, through Alderman Rorison, submitted the following report; which was concurred in :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Judiciary, Ordinances and Rules, to whom was referred the report from the Council Judiciary Committee, submitted to the Board May 25th, 1881, have examined same and report as follows:

1st. Relative to the motion requiring A. Naltner, Garbage contractor, to file a new bond, on account of the decease of John Kistner.

We recommend that action be postponed until the Special Committee appointed to investigate the said contractor, shall have reported; the release of the Kistner estate would also release the other bondsmen, and the new bond, unless expressly stated therein, would not be retroactive, and would cover only future transactions.

2d. Is petition of F. McWhinney, asking for the allowance of interest on a void tax sale.

Recommend the Council action, in granting request, be concurred in.

3d. Is a petition of Home for Friendless Women, asking the payment by city, of the street improvement assessment on Tennessee street.

Recommend the request be granted.

4th. Is the petition of F. M. Finch, asking the refunding of erroneously paid taxes.

Recommend the favorable action of the Common Council thereon be concurred in.

6th. Is the petition of James Berryman, asking for the correction of erroneous tax return.

Recommend the favorable action of the Common Council thereon be concurred in.

7th. Is G. O. 54, 1879—An Ordinance to prevent horses or other animals or vehicles from standing within ten feet of any drinking fountain in the city of Indianapolis except while such horse or animal is engaged in drinking.

Recommend that the action of the Common Council in the passage of said ordinance, be not concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

Brainard Borison,
John Newman,
Committee.

The Committee on Railroads, through Alderman Drew, submitted the following report; which was referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred G. O. No. 21, 1881, granting Albert G. Porter the right to lay a railroad switch across south Pennsylvania street;

Report that a plat showing the location of said switch has been filed with the ordinance, and recommend that the ordinance be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Drew,
F. W. Hamilton,

The Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage, through Alderman Seibert, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage, to whom was referred the report of the Board of Public Improvements, relative to the employes in the Street-Repairs Department, would report:

Recommend the action of the Common Council in the payment of the following employes in said department be concurred in.

Teams.....	.....	\$3 00 per day.
Laborers.....	.....	1 35 " "
Sewer boss.....	.....	2 75 " "
Sewer men.....	.....	1 75 " "
Bowlder boss.....	.....	2 75 " "
Bowlder men.....	\$1 75 and	2 00 " "
Chain-gang guards.....	.....	1 75 " "

And further recommend that the following be reported back to the Common Council, for further consideration and action thereon:

That there shall be two general foremen, one who shall have charge of all gravel teams, and shall keep their time and number of loads hauled, and report the same to the Street Commissioner, and receive \$2.50 per day, and assistant foremen \$2.00 per day. And one general foreman, who shall have charge of all dirt scrapers, gutter gangs, and dirt teams, who shall keep the time of said employes, and report the same to the Street Commissioner, and shall receive \$2.50 per day, and assistants \$2 00 per day.

Two carpenters .....	.....	\$2 25 each per day.
Laborers with carpenters.....	.....	1 50 " " "

Respectfully submitted,

Hiram Seibert,
D. DeRuiter,
H. E. Drew,
Committee.

The Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage, through Alderman Seibert, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen.—Your Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage, to whom S. O. 57 and 58, 1881 providing for the improvement of north Meridian street, between New York and Seventh streets, by graveling the roadway, and paving with stone the gutters, and to report an estimate cost of the city's portion. The following is an estimate cost made by the City Civil Engineer:

- \$2.85 per lineal foot front on each side, between New York and St. Clair streets.
- \$2 05 per lineal foot front on each side, between St. Clair and Seventh streets.

The total cost of city's portion between New York and Seventh street, \$5,499.90.

The matter of improving Meridian street, between New York and Seventh streets, certainly has had thorough investigation. Ordinances have been introduced for several kinds of improvements, with petitions for, and remonstrances against, the kind of material to be used; and said matters have been referred and re-referred to committees for investigation, and reported on. January 17th, S. O. 2 and 3, 1881, were introduced as a compromise measure, to re-pave with wooden blocks the roadway, and bowlder the gutters.

We recommend that the action of the Common Council, in the passage of said S. O. 57 and 58, 1881, be not concurred in, and that said improvement, when made, be according to said ordinances 2 and 3, 1881, except that pine blocks be used instead of cedar.

Respectfully submitted,

Hiram Seibert,
D. DeRuiter,
H. E. Drew,
Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman Hamilton offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Attorney and Treasurer at once collect all arrears of rent due for the Washington street property, and hereafter compel prompt payment of such rent as it becomes due.

Alderman Rorison presented the following petition; which was received:

Indianapolis, May 11th, 1881.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on New York street, between Delaware street and New Jersey street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the improvement of the above named street, by widening the sidewalks, curbing the outer edges thereof, and bowldering the gutters. And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

B. W. Cole, 31½ feet; T. W. Brouse, 53 feet; R. R. Hammond, 68 feet; R. Hill, 57 feet; F. M. Rottler, 33 feet; Amelia A. Elder, by John R. Elder, 195 ft.

Alderman Rorison presented the following remonstrance; which was received:

Indianapolis, June 1, 1881.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owner of the real estate fronting on New York street, between Delaware street and Alabama street, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the improvement of said east New York street, between the points named.

And your remonstrator will ever pray, etc.

LAURA REAM, 60 feet.

Alderman Rorison offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That a committee, composed of the Mayor, City Attorney and Judiciary Committee of this Board, be requested to report at the next regular meeting, their opinion as to the extent of the power of the Board of Aldermen to amend ordinances.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

JAMES T. LAYMAN, President.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.