

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—MAY 15, 1882.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, May 15th, A. D. 1882, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Daniel W. Grubbs, Mayor, and *ex officio*, President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and Councilmen Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Cowie, Coy, Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, Ward, Weaver and Yoke—22.

ABSENT, 3—viz: Councilmen Bedford, Knodel and Pearson.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session, held May 8th, 1882, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

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

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

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred sundry proposals presented to Council May 8th, 1882, have examined the same and find them to be as follows, viz:

1st. For grading and graveling the alley between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets from Seventh street to Eighth or Williams street.

R. H. Patterson, 43 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Henry Clay, 35 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

D. A. Haywood, 32 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

R. P. Dunning, 31 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

J. D. Hoss & Co., 29½ cents per lineal foot front on each side.

C. S. Roney, 29 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Richard Carr, 29 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

J. L. Spaulding, 27 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

J. L. Spaulding being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

2d. For grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Fletcher avenue, from Dillon street to Linden street.

- R. H. Patterson, 71 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering, and 45 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing.
- August Richter, 62 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering, and 52 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing.
- J. L. Spaulding, 66 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering, and 47 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing.
- C. S. Roney, 64 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering, and 46 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing.
- J. W. Hudson, 65 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering, and 45 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing.
- D. A. Haywood, 60 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering, and 46 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing.
- R. P. Dunning, 63 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering, and 43 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing.
- Fred. Gansberg, 63 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering, and 42 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing.
- H. C. Roney, 58 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering, and 45 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing.

H. C. Roney being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

3d. For grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of Dillon street, from Prospect street to English avenue, where not already properly paved.

- August Richter, 65 cents per lineal foot front.
- R. P. Dunning, 61 cents per lineal foot front.
- J. L. Spaulding, 53 cents per lineal foot front.
- James W. Hudson, 52 cents per lineal foot front.
- D. A. Haywood, 46 cents per lineal foot front.
- C. S. Roney, 45 cents per lineal foot front.
- John Schier, 45 cents per lineal foot front.

There being tie bids, and believing same to be reasonable, we recommend the contract be awarded to C. S. Roney.

4th. For grading and graveling the alley between Eddy and Tennessee streets, from Garden street to Merrill street.

- C. S. Roney, 28 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- R. H. Patterson, 25 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- James Mahoney, 24½ cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- R. Kennington, 20 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- D. A. Haywood, 20 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- J. L. Spaulding, 19 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

J. L. Spaulding being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

5th. For grading and graveling the first alley south of Henry street, from Mississippi street to Missouri street.

- James W. Hudson, 42 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- James Mahoney, 35 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- C. S. Roney, 32 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- R. H. Patterson, 30 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- D. A. Haywood, 30 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- R. Kennington, 30 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- J. L. Spaulding, 27 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

J. L. Spaulding being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

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

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor the Mayor presented the following invitation; which was accepted, a vote of thanks tendered, and Councilmen Pritchard, Reichwein and Coy were appointed to act as members of a special committee to make such arrangements as may be necessary:

Indianapolis, Ind., May 15, 1882.

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

Gentlemen:—Your honorable joint bodies are hereby cordially invited to attend the formal opening of the Park of the Indianapolis Target Shooting Association, taking place on the 21st, 22d and 23d inst.

Trains on the Kankakee line hourly, commencing on May 21st at 12:30 P. M., leaving Virginia avenue and stopping at Union Depot, Washington street, and North street, will run into the Park. The last train will leave the Park at 8 P. M.

We hope you will favor the society with your presence.

For the Directors,

ERNEST KITZ,

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

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

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith report a first and final estimate in behalf of James Mahoney for grading and graveling Pearl street, and sidewalks from Benton street to Pine street, work done according to contract; 840 lineal feet at 70c, \$588.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved, By the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, of the City of Indianapolis, that the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of James Mahoney for grading and graveling Pearl street and sidewalks from Benton street to Pine 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, 17—viz. Councilmen Brundage, Bryce, Cole, Cowie, Coy, Fultz, Harold, Hartmann, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, Ward and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—According to your direction of April 24, 1882, I have prepared a plan and estimate of a sewer in Reed street from English avenue to Pleasant Run. To carry the volume of water accumulating at this point would require a three-foot sewer. Estimated cost as follows:

3,721 feet of sewer at \$2 per foot.....	\$7,442
9 manholes at \$25.....	225
8 catch basins at \$40.....	320
360 feet 12 inch Akron sewer pipe at 75 cents.....	270
Total.....	\$8,257

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Brundage offered the following motion:

That the City Civil Engineer be and is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for constructing a brick sewer in and along Reid street, from English avenue to Pleasant Run, according to plans and specifications on file in his office.

Councilman Thalman moved to refer above motion to Committee on Sewers.

Councilman Pritchard moved, as a substitute, to refer the motion, together with the ordinance now on the files, to the City Attorney, to prepare a new ordinance.

Which motion, as a substitute, was adopted.

The City Clerk submitted the following report:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

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

Richard Carr vs. Adolph Seidensticker, for.....	\$53 75
Richard Carr vs. John V. Martin, for.....	53 75
J. D. Hoss & Co. vs. Catharine Reinken, for.....	155 20

And recommend you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

On motion, the above report was concurred in, and the precepts ordered to issue, by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Cowie, Coy, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Ward, and Yoke.

NAYS, 2—viz.: Councilmen Dowling, and Thalman.

The City Clerk presented the following communication from Austin Corbin, President of the I., B. and W. R. R. Co.; which was received:

This is to certify that the Indiana, Bloomington & Western Railway Company hereby accepts the terms and conditions of an ordinance passed by the Common Council and adopted by the Board of Aldermen, of the city of Indianapolis, on Monday, May 8, 1882, which said ordinance is entitled as follows:

“An ordinance authorizing the Indiana, Bloomington & Western Railway Company to construct certain tracks within and through a certain portion of the city of Indianapolis, Indiana”

The Indiana, Bloomington & Western Railroad Company, by

AUSTIN CORBIN, President.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 11, 1882.

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

Indianapolis, May 15, 1882.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—I was instructed by the Board of Aldermen to prepare and have introduced at this session of the Council, an ordinance providing that all through freights upon the several railroads shall be transferred around the city on the Belt Road, making it the duty of the police force to enforce the provisions thereof, prescribing penalties, etc.

A provision that all freight trains shall be carried around the city on the particular road mentioned, is so clearly beyond the power of the city to enforce, that I have felt justified in omitting to insert such a provision in the ordinance. Otherwise, I have followed the letter of the motion directing me to prepare the ordinance.

I have also prepared the ordinance requiring the P., C. & St. L. and C., H. I. Railway Companies to erect and maintain safety gates at the intersection of Noble and Maryland streets, as directed by your honorable body.

I have handed said ordinances to His Honor, the Mayor, for introduction.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. DENNY, City Attorney.

His Honor, Mayor Grubbs, presented the following entitled ordinances, as per foregoing report; which were read the first time:

G. O. 39, 1882—An ordinance to prevent the shipping of through freight in rail road cars through the city of Indianapolis.

G. O. 40, 1882—An Ordinance requiring the Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railway Company, and the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Indianapolis Railway Company, to erect and maintain safety gates, for the protection of the public, at the crossing of the tracks of said roads and Noble street, in the city of Indianapolis.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman Dean, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—The Board of Public Improvements submit the following report for consideration : Heretofore all appropriations made for the Street Repairs Department, have been made for payment of claims for labor on the streets, alleys, sidewalks, gutters, catch-basins, sewers, etc., and material used in the prosecution of said work. We would recommend that the appropriations be made separate for each branch of the department, viz.: Street Repairs, Street Cleaning, Bridges and Sewers. In this manner the monthly report will show just how much has been expended in each of said branches. In making the appropriations in the usual way it shows the entire amount appropriated for street repairs, and many persons are under the impression that it is all expended in filling chuck-holes, and such like work on the roadway of the streets. This is not the fact. This year there has been expended, of the amount appropriated, \$5,066 for material, such as boulders, brick, cement, freight on lumber and stone, gravel, hardware, sand, stone spawls, lumber, stone crossings, curb, etc. In the department each year, about one-half of the amount expended (after the material is paid for) is for street cleaning, which is not properly street repairs. We herewith submit an appropriation ordinance drafted in the manner above stated and recommend said ordinance be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Cowie,
Wm. H. Morrison,
Board of Public Improvements.

The following entitled ordinance, presented with the above report, was read the first time :

Ap. O. 30, 1882—An ordinance appropriating money on account of the Street Department of the city of Indianapolis.

Councilman Morrison moved a suspension of the rules, for the purpose of placing the foregoing entitled ordinance on its final passage.

Which motion was adopted ; and the rules were suspended by the following vote :

AYES, 22—viz.: Councilmen Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Cowie, Coy, Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, Ward, Weaver, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 30, 1882, was then read the second time, ordered engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

AYES, 22—viz.: Councilmen Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Cowie, Coy, Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, Ward, Weaver, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

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

Report of Deaths in the City of Indianapolis, from the 30th day of April, 1882, to the 15th day of May, 1882—inclusive.

Under 1 year.....	10
1 to 2 years.....	3
2 to 5 ".....	4
5 to 10 ".....	2
10 to 15 ".....	2
15 to 20 ".....	0
20 to 25 ".....	4
25 to 30 ".....	1
30 to 40 ".....	7
40 to 50 ".....	5
50 to 60 ".....	2
60 to 70 ".....	3
70 to 80 ".....	1
80 to 90 ".....	0
90 to 100 ".....	0
100 and upwards.....	0
Unknown.....	0
Total.....	44

J. A. SUTCLIFF, M. D., Pres't.,
 E. S. ELDER, M. D., Sec'y.,
 M. S. RUNNELS, M. D.,
 Board of Health.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

Indianapolis, Ind., May 15th, 1882.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

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

1. The first is the petition of David F. Ratts, wherein he sets out the contract between himself and the city in regard to the dumping ground southwest of the city, made September 20th, 1880, for three years.

By the terms of this contract, he was to pay \$100 per year rent. He states in his petition that he paid on rent to the city \$50, and he asks in his petition that this be refunded.

Your committee fail to see any reason why this should be done, and therefore recommend that the prayer of petition be not granted.

2. The second is the petition of Daniel Taggart, showing that in making his list for taxation for the year 1881, he reported his credits at \$8,000, and failed to list debts he owed on the 1st of April, 1881, to the amount of \$5,416.24. He shows by his own affidavit, together with the affidavits of J. N. Church and his brother, Alexander Taggart, that he was indebted to J. N. Church in the sum of \$5,141.24, to Orlando Furnass, \$275; or a total indebtedness of \$5,416.24. He was entitled to deduct this indebtedness from his credits. Failing to do so, his taxes are \$58 too much. He asks that this amount be certified off of the duplicate.

Believing that he was so indebted, your committee recommend that the sum of \$58 be certified off of duplicate, when petitioner comes to pay balance of taxes assessed against him; provided, he pay balance without sale.

3. The third is the petition of George P. Bissell, trustee, by D. M. Bradbury, attorney, showing that on the 11th day of February, 1880, S. A. Fletcher & Co. purchased at tax sale 30×90 feet southeast corner lot 31 out-lot 101, paying therefor the sum of \$55.57, and afterwards paying accruing taxes amounting to \$9.16; total, \$64.63.

In July, 1880, petitioner purchased the above property; and to protect his property, he purchased the tax certificate of Fletcher & Co. for \$92.45. He asks that \$92.45 be refunded, on the ground that the sale was void, the property being taxed double on the duplicate, and taxes paid. The sale was void for reason stated, but all the city is required to refund is the amount paid at void tax sale with six per cent interest

Your committee recommend that \$64.63 with interest from the 11th day of February, 1880, be refunded; provided the petitioner will accept the same in full of demands against the city on account of said void tax certificate, and look to S. A. Fletcher & Co. for the balance of money paid to them on said certificate.

Respectfully submitted,

Jas. A. Pritchard,
N. Yoke,
John W. Fultz,
Judiciary Committee.

C. S. DENNY, City Attorney.

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

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Public Charities and City Attorney, to whom was referred back our report of May 8, 1882, on "The Home of Friendless Women," after further consideration of the matter, withdraw so much of our recommendation in said report as provides for 20 per cent. of the gross receipts of the income from market rents, or proceeds of the Sellars farm be set aside for an annual donation to said Home, and recommend that the shortage of \$346, mentioned in said report, be given them, and that the City Clerk be directed to include the same in the next appropriation ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

George Weaver,
P. Harrold,
Committee on Public Charities.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Weaver, submitted the following report:

To the Mayor, and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred S. O. 57, 1882, an ordinance to provide for improving Blake-street gutters and sidewalks from National Road to Indiana avenue, together with two remonstrances against said improvement. Recommend that said ordinance be not passed.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE WEAVER,
SIM COY,
B. W. COLE,
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Councilman Mauer moved to refer the above report back to the committee.

Councilman Thalman moved that the report be received.

Councilman Mauer's motion was then adopted.

Councilman Mauer, in behalf of the Committee on Markets, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Markets, to whom was referred the petition of Mathias Roman, asking for the passage of an ordinance permitting him to establish a licensed market would report favorable, and that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Mauer,
Allen Caylor,
P. Harrold.
Committee on Markets.

REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES.

Councilman Dowling, in behalf of a certain select committee, submitted the following report:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your special committee to whom was referred a report of a former special committee in reference to the condition of the Fire Department, beg leave to report.

We visited every house in the department, and must testify to the uniform courtesy shown your committee by the employes. Our information necessarily came from them, and in asking it we invariably demanded the truth, for so far as your committee is concerned we have no friends to reward, nor any enemies to punish.

In our investigation we have been guided by such a course of inquiry as would best subserve the interests of the city, without regard to political considerations, and we your committee desire to report now the condition of the department, assuring you that our examination has not been influenced in the least by any political bias.

We have taken the report of a former committee and we have without the least prejudice investigated the whole matter as we believe for the interest of the city and the welfare of the Fire Department.

Commencing at Engine Company No. 1, we would report:

1st. The floors in the stalls are very bad, the windows and sills are also very bad; the engine is in good condition, but the reel is bad; the wheels are dangerous; the horse in the reel is old and needs to be replaced, he is thirteen years old, eight of which he has served in the department; three hundred feet of the hose now on the reel can not be depended on in case of an emergency; other small matters like stove and fixtures, buckets, etc., are in bad condition, and as they necessarily add to the welfare of the department we suggest they be replaced by new ones.

Engine No. 2:

The valves in pump, wheels, and suction, in this engine are bad; blankets, both for the horses and men are bad; cots are bad; harness and fixtures are bad; the mattresses, comforts, etc., are in the worst condition of any house in the department; the oil-cloth, chairs and other things need to be replaced, and while we find the reel and hose in this house in good condition, almost everything else has been allowed to go to ruin.

Engine No. 3:

The wheels and suction on this engine are bad; the double harness and fixtures are bad; the reel is in very bad condition and needs a general overhauling, and then it is doubtful if it would not be economy to purchase a new one; the horses here are old and in bad condition; the hose as well as the minor articles are in good condition.

Engine No. 4:

The hind wheels on this engine are in very bad condition, in fact are dangerous; double harness and fixtures are bad, so is the single harness; the hose and reel in this house are in good condition, but the saddles, brooms, stove, tables, buckets and minor articles are bad.

Engine No. 5:

Everything in this house is in good condition, except one set of single harness, and the tower needs a covering of some kind, and we would call the attention of the Board to the fact the sooner it is done the better it will be for the house and the city.

Engine No. 6:

This house is in the best condition of any in the department, everything there is in No. 1 shape; good horses, good engine, reel, etc., and we your committee are pleased to be able to make such a report for at least one house in the department.

Hose Reel No. 7:

The suction on this engine is bad, and the roof needs repairing, although it is but a short time since repair work was done on the house, with this exception everything is in good condition.

In the other houses, No. 8, 9 and 10, we find in No. 10, 750 feet of hose wholly unreliable and in bad condition; we find the two new houses, viz: No. 9 and 10, in a deplorable condition; built as they have been for the cheapest sum possible, we are now reaping the benefit of such false economy. These two new houses are in such a condition as to need and demand immediate attention, for the longer it is delayed the care that should be now bestowed on them the worse will be the condition of those houses, and we trust the Board will immediately attend to their repair.

In reference to what is known as the "Skinner Truck" your committee would urgently recommend that the "Skinner Truck" be transferred from South street, its present location, to the house on Maryland street, and when there be run independently as a "Skinner Truck." Do not hamper it as at present by loading it down with other ladders, thereby rendering it useless for its original purpose as well as a complete failure as a hook and ladder truck. We would in addition to recommending the transfer of the "Skinner Truck" to Maryland street, recommend the location of a light "hook and ladder" company at the present location of the Skinner. We feel sure that would be all that would be necessary.

While your committee are as anxious as the balance of our colleagues in the Council to administer the affairs of the city as economically as possible, we feel that there are departments of the city government where we might be "penny wise and pound foolish;" and in the opinion of your committee the Fire Department is one which, under no circumstances, should be allowed to fall into decay. Whether brought into active service once or thirty times a month, is not the question. At all times and under all circumstances, our Fire Department should be in first class condition; and we can not too severely condemn the notion prevalent for the last few years of conducting and managing the Department with an eye solely to the question of dollars and cents, without regard to the efficiency of the Department. If we are to maintain and support a Fire Department in our city, it behooves us to be prepared to pay for it; no system of false economy should deter us from maintaining it in a state of its highest efficiency, and therefore your committee would urgently recommend that every foot of hose not proven to be good be condemned, and replaced with new hose; that every engine and reel needing it be immediately repaired; every old and worn-out horse be replaced; and if new axes, buckets and other minor articles are needed in the different houses, we trust no quibbling on the part of the city will prevent their being purchased.

In the report of the late Chief, of an inventory taken by him of the Fire Department, we find that the city is credited with all the furniture, "bed-clothing," carpets, etc., in each of the different houses. While in one sense these articles do belong to the city, and certainly must be considered in its custody, still the members of the Department who exerted themselves in beggin the money from our citizens to furnish their respective houses, should undoubtedly receive credit for the interest manifested in fitting up their houses in a becoming manner.

That the Department, taken as a whole, is now in good condition, we your committee can not agree with the report of your former committee.

The system of so-called economy wh ch, for the purpose of making an economical record for one subordinate, would allow the engines, reels, horses, etc., to become worn out and comparatively useless, can not be too severely condemned; and we trust that the Board will, as speedily as possible, place every branch of the Department in first-class condition, and allow no ideas of false economy to govern them.

Respectfully submitted.

James T. Dowling,
John W. Fultz,
Simeon Coy,
Special Committee.

Councilman Pritchard offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, It has been affirmed in this Council that the Fire Department is in bad condition; and,

WHEREAS, A report is now submitted by a committee composed wholly of Democratic members of this Council, "who have no friends to reward, nor any enemies to punish," showing in detail the property in said department in bad condition after careful examination; and,

WHEREAS, The items of property so reported in bad condition in comparison with all the items of the same kind in said department is as follows, o-wit:

Total No.	Engines in Dep't.	8 Wheels thereon...	32	Rep'd Bad.	Bal. Good.
"	"	Suctions	" 8	.....	10 22
"	"	Valves	" 144 (18 on each)	.....	3 5
"	"	Reels	" 12 two w., one 4 w.	.....	18 126
"	"	Double har's	" 9	.....	4 24
"	"	Single "	" 13	.....	3 6
"	"	Hose "	" 12	.....	2 11
"	"	H. & L. T'ks	" 2	.....	2 10
"	"	Feet of hose	" 8,700	.....	2 2
"	"	Horses in	" 35	.....	1,050 ft. 7,650
"	"	Sets beds & b.	" 12	.....	3 32
"	"	Stalls in	" 39	.....	1 11
"	"	Stoves in	" 23	.....	2 37
Total value of department property.....					\$277,034 00
Cost of making new all articles reported bad.....					2,761 40
Value of department property reported good.....					275,272 60

Books and accounts of Chief Pendergast found by Democratic committee all straight and correct; therefore,

Resolved, That the condition of the Indianapolis Fire Department, as shown by the report of the Democratic committee, is excellent, and when taken as a whole its quality is surpassed by few, if any department in the country.

Councilman Pritchard moved to refer the foregoing report and resolution to the Fire Board.

Councilman Pritchard moved the *previous question*; which was demanded by the following vote:

AYES, 11—viz.: Councilmen Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Dean, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, Ward, and Yoke.

NAYS, 11—viz.: Councilmen Cowie, Coy, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Koller, Mauer, Morrison and Weaver.

There being a tie vote, the name of His Honor, Mayor Grubbs, was called, and he voting in the affirmative, the motion was declared adopted.

The report and resolution was then referred to the Fire Board by the following vote:

AYES, 13—viz.: Councilmen Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Dean, Morrison, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, Ward, Weaver, and Yoke.

NAYS, 9—viz.: Councilman Cowie, Coy, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Koller, and Mauer.

By consent, Councilman Morrison presented the following communication:

In the motion made by me to refer the report of the special committee as asked for by the late Chief of the Fire department, I have been somewhat severely criticised by some members of the Council, and in order that the record may show my intention in making said motion, I submit the following as my reasons for offering the same.

1st. I have always expressed and entertained the opinion that the late Chief was strictly honest in all of his official relations with the city.

2d. I was informed, and what I based my objections on, was that when the inventory was made by the late Chief and Mr Webster, that the condition of each article was marked on said inventory and denominated as either good, bad, or worthless, and that it was the express understanding of Mr. Webster, that when the inventory was printed it should contain said notes as to such condition. We find the printed report, however, has no mention of what any article is worth and no mention as to its condition.

I also think the inventory as taken should not have included in the general inventory the articles bought by the men in the several houses on the private subscriptions as made by citizens for the fire boys and for their personal comfort and benefit.

I also believe that in justice to the new Chief of the department, the condition of the goods referred to should have been shown in the inventory, in order that the Council might not have cause to think him extravagant.

My motion was not intended in any manner to reflect upon the integrity of the ex-Chief, but only for the reasons given, that justice might be done the present officer, and that he be placed in such a position that doubts or misunderstandings in regard to the matter referred to as to him might not arise.

Councilman Pritchard moved to refer the above back to Mr. Morrison.

Councilman Egger moved to lay the whole matter on the table; which failed of adoption by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz.: Councilmen Brundage, Bryce, Dean, Egger, Reichwein Thalman, Ward and Yoke.

NAYS, 14—viz.: Councilmen Caylor, Cole, Cowie, Coy, Dowling, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, Pritchard, Stout, and Weaver.

Councilman Bryce moved to refer the communication to the Fire Board.

Councilman Cole moved that the communication be received; which was adopted.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read, and the action of the Board of Aldermen (as set forth therein) was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, at a regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, May 15, 1882, concurred in the following report:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

"Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Police, Finance and Public Light, to whom was referred the report of the Police Board in reference to improving the efficiency of the police force, would recommend a concurrence in the report, with the exception that two (2) men be employed in addition to the present force instead of four (4), and that the two additional men, making four, be taken from the present force by abolishing the office of Coal Inspector and Turnkey at Sixth-street Station, for a patrol wagon."

Respectfully submitted, W. H. Tucker, Police.

F. W. Hamilton, }
D. Musmann, } Finance.
H. Seibert, }

F. W. Hamilton, }
D. Musmann, } Public Light.
W. H. Tucker, }

I submit the above for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

GEO. T. BRENIG, Clerk.

The following message was read:

To the Mayor and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, May 8, 1882, non-concurred in your action in concurring in the following recommendation:

1st The first clause recommends the payment of interest to W. H. Lyons on \$29.55, from March 1, 1873, to August 5, 1880.;

2d. The fifth clause recommends the refunding of \$48.44 to Ann Allen, being amount of taxes paid, from 1867 to 1881, inclusive, on an alley 15×33 feet; and, also for the payment by the city of a sewer assessment on said alley amounting to \$18.95.

We recommend the Council action relating to the first part of above clause be not concurred in; and that their action on the latter part (payment of \$18.95), be concurred in.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

Geo. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

Councilman Thalman moved that the action of the Board of Aldermen, on the first clause of the above message, be concurred in, and the second clause be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Which motion was adopted.

The following message was read; and the motion (as set forth therein) was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

To the Mayor and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, May 8th, 1882, adopted the following motion:

“That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby instructed to lay a double stone crossing across the north side of St. Mary street, at the intersection of New Jersey street.”

I submit the same for your consideration,

For the Board of Aldermen:

Geo. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

The following entitled ordinance was passed by both bodies, and a new ordinance having been introduced for the same improvement, it was ordered stricken from the files:

S. O. 52, 1882—An Ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curb and gutter the gutters of South street, from East street to Noble street.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

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

By Councilman Bryce:

S. O. 73, 1882—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the first alley west of Meridian street, from South street to Garden street.

By Councilman Cowie:

S. O. 74, 1882—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick the the south sidewalk of New York street, from Missouri street to West street.

S. O. 75, 1882—An Ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Vermont street, from West street to Blackford street.

By Councilman Cole :

S. O. 76, 1882—An Ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters and widening the sidewalks of New York street, from New Jersey street to East street, and to repeal an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters and widening the sidewalks of New York street from New Jersey street to East street," ordained May 8, 1882.

By Councilman Weaver :

G. O. 41, 1882—An ordinance to increase the public revenues of the city of Indianapolis by licensing Saloons, Telegraph Companies, and wagons or other vehicles used by Bxpress Companies, doing business in said city, and to provide for the erection of a City Hall and Market House.

Councilman Thalman, in behalf of a certain special committee, reported back the following entitled ordinance (referred to them, May 8th, 1882), without recommendation :

G. O. 9, 1882—An ordinance requiring proper fire escapes to be provided for all large buildings.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Bryce offered the following motions: which were adopted :

That the City Marshal notify the J., M. & I. R. R. Co. to repair the street along their tracks at the crossing of South street, and if not attended to within ten days from the time of notice, that the Street Commissioner be instructed to do the repairs at the expense of said J., M. & I. R. R.

That the J., M. & I. R. R. Co. repair the sidewalk in front of their property, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets on the south side of South street.

Councilman Cowie offered the following motion; and action thereon was postponed:

Resolved, That the Common Council and Board of Aldermen each appoint a committee of three (3) to confer with the Adjutant General and see if the city can be of any service in assisting to prepare for the coming Encampment.

Councilman Egger offered the following motion; which was referred to the Fire Board:

That the Fire Board be and are hereby instructed to locate, at the intersection of Lincoln Lane and East street, a twelve hundred barrel fire cistern; there being no fire protection within eight squares of the above.

Councilman Egger offered the following motion; which was referred to the Police Board:

That the Police Board be, and they are hereby, instructed to station a policeman at the crossing of the Union tracks with Virginia avenue, from 6 o'clock, A. M., to 10 o'clock, P. M., each day trains are running, whose duty it shall be to enforce the ordinances now in force in regard to speed of trains and blocking streets, and to file against all employees violating the provisions of any such ordinances.

Councilman Egger offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Marshal be and is hereby directed to notify the Citizens' Street Railway Company to at once fill up the space between the rails of its tracks as required by existing ordinances, with river or creek gravel, from Louisiana street to the terminus of Virginia avenue.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, requested to fill the chuck holes on Maple street between McCarty and Morris streets.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, requested to fill chuck holes on Illinois street between Merrill and Morris streets.

Councilman Hartmann offered the following motions; which were adopted:

At the Council meeting, February 20th, 1882, the following motion was adopted:

"That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, ordered to make repairs and make connection with water pipe, so that water will escape at the first alley east of Oriental street, at the north side of the Panhandle tracks."

Said work has not been done yet, and the water is still there overflowing the lots and houses joining on said alley, and can not escape. Therefore moved,

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, ordered to immediately and without delay, make said repairs and connection, at an expense not to exceed five dollars.

WHEREAS, By the grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Bates street, and by spreading gravel in the alley crossings, thereby causing a waterpool at the mouth of the first alley east of Pine and Bates streets, which makes said alley at said place unpassable, and said alley having been graded and graveled. Therefore be it moved that the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to immediately fill said waterpool with gravel and make said alley passable.

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

That the gutters on Michigan street, between Noble and Pine streets, be cleaned by the Street Commissioner.

Councilman Koller presented the following petition; which was referred to the City Civil Engineer, to prepare a proper ordinance:

Indianapolis, May 15th, 1882.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Highland street, between Washington and Market streets, respectfully petition for the passage of an

ordinance providing for the improvement thereof by grading and graveling the same, both the road bed of said street and the sidewalks thereof; the same to be done according to the plan adopted by the Common Council, January 3d, 1881, and by the Board of Aldermen, March 23d, 1881, upon the following grade, to wit: Beginning with station 0 at the north line of Washington street, on a sub-grade elevation of 55.9 feet, and running to station 3+58 (the center of Market street), on a descending grade of 1.85 feet per hundred feet. And your petitioners will ever pray.

Fred. Knefler, 333 feet
Henry Latham and
Charles Latham, 333 feet.

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

34 That a coat of gravel be placed upon Howard street, from Second street north to Fifth street, by the Street Commissioner; and the gutters at the crossing of Howard and Third streets be made open gutters, and old tiling removed so that the water may run in the gutters.

Councilman Pritchard presented the following petition; which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Indianapolis, Ind., May 15th, 1882.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned respectfully represents unto your honorable bodies, that he is the owner of lot No. 16 in M. rtindale's addition; that said lot was assessed with \$45 benefits on account of the opening of Second street from Meridian to Pennsylvania street in 1875; that, subsequently, the Superior Court, in the case of Yandes vs. Ruschaupt, The City, *et al.*, held that the proceedings of the Council and City Commissioners in the matter of said opening and assessment of said damages was void, on account of various irregularities; that all persons who were assessed with benefits, as your petitioner was, in said matter, who have petitioned the Council therefor, have secured a release of the lien, or apparent lien, on their property, by the Clerk being ordered to enter such satisfaction on the record in the Recorder's office; and I supposed until now that the action of the Council already had authorized the Clerk to enter satisfaction of all these apparent liens. Finding that this is not the case, however, I respectfully ask your honorable bodies to direct the Clerk to enter satisfaction of the record as against my property, which appears in Mortgage Record No 77, pages 423 to 428.

And your petitioner will ever pray.

S. C. HANNA.

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

That the Street Commissioner, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, take up the bouldered pavement on the west sidewalk of Ft. Wayne avenue, between North and Walnut streets—except immediately in front of the driveways to the stables—and pave the same with brick.

Councilman Ward offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to put in good condition, previous to July 1st, the following streets and gutters of the same, to-wit: Mississippi, Tennessee, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Alabama, New Jersey and East streets.

Councilman Weaver offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That the Board of Public Improvements be and are hereby authorized to use the money appropriated for putting a driven well in Circle Park, etc., or such part thereof as they may deem expedient for the purpose of sinking driven wells in various localities in the city. Such work to be done under the supervision of the Board of Public Improvements.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

DANIEL W. GRUBBS, Mayor.

President of the Common Council

Attest: Jos. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REGULAR SESSION—MAY 15, 1882.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, May 15th, A. D. 1882, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. James T. Layman, President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, and Tucker—9.

ABSENT—Alderman Wood—1.

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, favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its regular session, held on Monday evening, May 8th, 1882, for your action upon the same.

For the Common Council:

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The following report from His Honor, the Mayor (see page 1462, *ante*), was read and received:

Indianapolis, Ind., May 8th, 1882.

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

Gentlemen: I report collections for the month of April as follows:

Policemen's witness fees.....	\$161 90
Mayor's fees.....	113 90
Fines.....	8 00
Total.....	\$283 80

Which amount I have this day paid to the City Treasurer, and filed his receipt therefor with the City Clerk.

Very Respectfully,

D. W. GRUBBS, Mayor.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 1463, *ante*) was concurred in :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the contract and bond of J. H. Forrest, for ripping the west bank of White river. Bond, \$6,700. Surety, Geo. F. Branham.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read ; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see pages 1463 and 1464, *ante*) was concurred in :

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

Gentlemen:—According to your direction, I have advertised for bids for an iron railing over the East Washington street culvert at Pogue's Run. I have since been informed that there is a probability of Pogue's Run, at this point, being used for railway purposes. In that event, no railing would be needed. I would most respectfully recommend that action in this matter be deferred until the question of location of the railroad is determined.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The report of the City Attorney, showing the number of cases tried (see page 1464, *ante*), was read and received.

The following report from the City Attorney was read ; and the action of the Common Council thereon (see page 1464, *ante*) was concurred in :

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

Gentlemen:—In obedience to instructions from your honorable bodies, I prepared a deed from Mary T. Tomlinson to the city for the various pieces of property known as the Tomlinson estate, and after ascertaining the address of Mrs. Tomlinson, sent the same to her to be executed. She promptly signed, acknowledged and returned the same to me. I hand the same herewith to the City Clerk, and suggest that he be instructed to have the same recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. DENNY, City Attorney.

The following resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 1471, *ante*) was read :

Resolved, That the owners of the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot 79 in Yeiser's heirs' addition, on Downey street, of the City of Indianapolis, be, and they are hereby, required to fill or drain the same, as, in the opinion of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant or noxious as to be a nuisance, and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and of the inhabitants

thereof; and that the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, required to notify the owners thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 28, 1866, entitled "An ordinance providing for the drainage and filling up of Ponds, Excavations and Holes, and prescribing Penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same;" and that, in case of the failure of the owners thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to fill or drain the said hole or excavation as provided in said ordinance, *provided*, that the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the value of the aforesaid real estate, as assessed upon the tax duplicate for city purposes.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

The following motion (adopted by the Common Council—see page 1472, *ante*), was read:

That the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific Railway Company, and the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis Railroad Company (Bee Line), be, and are hereby directed to repair and put in good order, the crossings at Ohio and Market streets across their railroad tracks; and the Marshal be instructed to notify said railroads to do said repair work inside of ten (10) days; if not done inside said limit, the Street Commissioner be notified by the Marshal to do the work.

On motion by Alderman Tucker, the above motion was *not received*, and ordered returned to the Common Council.

The following motion (adopted by the Common Council—see page 1470, *ante*), was read:

That the Marshal instruct the owners of the switches at the crossing of the Union tracks and Pennsylvania streets, to repair the same, and if not done within ten days, the same to be done by the Street Commissioner, and charged to the said owners.

Alderman Tucker moved to refer the above motion to a special committee, the City Attorney, and Street Commissioner.

Which motion was adopted; and Aldermen Tucker, Seibert and Newman were appointed as members of such special committee.

On motion, the action of the Board of Alderman was *reconsidered* on the motion immediately preceding the last one as shown above, and was then referred to the above special committee.

The following entitled ordinance (passed by the Common Council) was read the first time:

G. O. 8, 1882—An ordinance punishing the reckless use and handling of firearms.

REPORTS ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committees on Contracts and Bridges, Finance and Accounts and Claims, through Alderman Rorison, submitted the following report and resolution :

To the President and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen.—Your Committees on Contracts and Bridges, Finance and Accounts and Claims, respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution as corrected.

Respectfully submitted,

Brainard Rorrison,
John Newman,
Contracts and Bridges.

F. W. Hamilton,
H. Seibert,
D. Mussmann,
Finance, Accounts and Claims.

Resolved, That from this date, no claim or account against the city for goods furnished for the Committees on "Printing," "Office Fixtures and Supplies," and "Markets and Public Property," shall be allowed by the "Committee on Accounts and Claims," or placed in any appropriation ordinance by the City Clerk and allowed, unless such claim or account is accompanied with the proper requisition, in every case, signed by a majority of the members of such committee.

On motion, the above report was concurred in, and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz.: Aldermen DeRuitter, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman Drew,.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts and Claims, through Alderman Hamilton, submitted the following report; which was received :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—We submit the following statement, showing the estimates for the various Departments of the City Government of Indianapolis, for the fiscal year ending June 1st, 1882; also the amounts expended for each Department to the 1st day of May, 1882, and proportionate overdraws, to-wit :

Estimated Revenue for year.....			\$499,000 00
Estimated Expenses for year.....			507,775 00
Departments.	Estimates.	Expended to May 1, '82.	Am't overdr'n in proportion.
Board of Health.....	2,500 00	2,482 08	over
Bridges.....	2,500 00	733 58	under
City Assessor's Department.....	3,000 00	3,152 25	over
City Engineer's Department.....	2,500 00	1,878 81	under
City Dispensary.....	3,000 00	2,897 89	over
City Hall.....	2,500 00	3,011 10	over
City Treasurer's per cent.....	5,000 00	5,199 28	over
City Hospital and Branch.....	10,500 00	11,499 19	over
Cisterns.....	3,000 00	1,613 59	under
Elections.....	700 00	691 75	under
Fire Department.....	70,000 00	64,277 93	over

Fountains	300 00	261 35	under
Garbage.....	5,400 00	3,150 00	under
Gas.....	62,500 00	57,633 81	over
Garfield Park.....	1,500 00	1,434 15	over
Incidentals.....	2,000 00	1,873 96	over
Insurance	000 00	62 50	over
Interest.....	139,670 00	130,874 25	
Judgment and Costs.....	12,000 00	11,998 61	
Markets.....	300 00	178 80	under
Market Master's Fees.....	2,000 00	2,304 32	over
Parks.....	1,300 00	1,339 48	over
Police.....	50,000 00	43,710 00	under
Printing.....	5,800 00	6,749 39	over
Salaries.....	21,805 00	18,524 25	under
Sewers	15,000 00	15,420 77	over
Station Houses	3,000 00	2,051 44	under
Street Improvements	15,000 00	14,594 69	over
Street Openings.....	200 00	508 00	over
Street Repairs.....	30,000 00	27,922 46	over
Street Signs.....	300 00	695 40	over
Taxes Refunded.....	500 00	2,386 49	over
Tomlinson Estate.....	7,000 00	7,000 00	
Water Rents.....	27,000 00	28,781 25	over
Totals.....	\$507,775 00	\$476,892 82	\$11,432 41

Respectfully,

F. W. Hamilton,
H. Seibert,
D. Mussmann,
Finance Committee.

Alderman Hamilton, in behalf of the Committees on Police, Finance, and Public Light, submitted the following report:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committees on Police, Finance and Public Light, to whom was referred the report of the Police Board in reference to improving the efficiency of the police force, would recommend a concurrence in the report, with the exception that two (2) men be employed in addition to the present force instead of four (4), and that the two additional men, making four, be taken from the present force by abolishing the office of Coal Inspector and Turnkey at Sixth-street Station for a patrol wagon.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Tucker,
Committee on Police.
F. W. Hamilton,
D. Mussmann,
H. Seibert,
Committee on Finance.
F. W. Hamilton,
D. Mussmann,
W. H. Tucker,
Committee on Public Light.

Alderman Rorison moved that the report of the Police Board (see page 1405, *ante*) be substituted for the above report.

On motion by Alderman Seibert, the foregoing motion was laid on the table by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz.: Aldermen Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS, 3—viz.: Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, and Rorison.

The report, as presented by Alderman Hamilton, was then concurred in.

The Committee on Judiciary and Finance, through Alderman Rorison, submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and the motion adopted:

Any department of the City Government having exhausted its estimate for any fiscal year before the expiration of such year, shall be allowed no further appropriation by ordinance or otherwise until approved by the Board of Aldermen or an estimate is made and approved for the succeeding fiscal year.

The above named committees recommend the passage of the above motion as amended.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Hamilton,
D. Mussmann,
Committee on Finance.

Brainard Rorison,
John Newman,
W. H. Tucker,
Committee on Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman Seibert moved a reconsideration of the action of the Board of Aldermen, at the last regular meeting, by which G. O. 19, 1882, "an ordinance giving the I., B. and W. Railroad Company certain rights," was passed, for the purpose of referring said ordinance to the Committee on Railroads and Public Charities, and the City Attorney.

Which motion was adopted, and the action of the Board of Aldermen reconsidered by the following vote:

AYES, 5—viz.: Aldermen Drew, Mussmann, Rorison, Seibert, and Tucker.

NAYS, 4—viz.: Aldermen DeRuiter, Hamilton, Newman, and President Layman.

On motion by Alderman Drew, the ordinance was then referred to the Committees on Railroads, Streets and Alleys, and Judiciary, and the City Attorney.

Alderman Tucker was granted the privilege to record his vote, against the passage of the ordinances for the improvement of North Meridian street, viz., S. O. 41 and 42, 1882, passed at the last regular meeting.

Alderman Tucker offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Attorney prepare a special ordinance and present the same to the Council at their next meeting, providing for special licenses for vehicles for carrying of passengers throughout the city during the Encampment week, commencing

July 1, 1882, and continuing till July 7, 1882, and that the license be fixed at \$1 for each vehicle so licensed, not including vehicles already licensed under general ordinance, and that the City Clerk receive for his fees five cents for each license so granted.

Alderman Hamilton offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That a committee of three be appointed to visit the museum on South Illinois street, and report to the Board.

Alderman Tucker moved that the committee consist of Aldermen Hamilton, Drew, and President Layman.

Alderman Drew moved to lay the motion on the table; which failed of adoption.

The motion, as offered by Alderman Tucker, was then adopted.

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 the following invitation and ordinance, favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its regular session, held this Monday evening, May 15th, 1882, for your action upon the same.

For the Common Council:

JOSEPH T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The following invitation (see page 1503, *ante*) was read:

Indianapolis, Ind., May 15, 1882.

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

Gentlemen:—Your honorable joint bodies are hereby cordially invited to attend the formal opening of the Park of the Indianapolis Target Shooting Association, taking place on the 21st, 22d and 23d inst.

Trains on the Kankakee line hourly, commencing on May 21st at 12:30 P. M., leaving Virginia avenue and stopping at Union Depot, Washington street, and North street, will run into the Park. The last train will leave the Park at 8 P. M.

We hope you will favor the society with your presence.

For the Directors:

ERNEST KITZ.

Alderman Tucker moved, that the above invitation be accepted; that a special committee be appointed, and President Layman to be a member of such committee.

Which motion was adopted, and Aldermen DeRuiter and Drew were appointed as the additional members of such committee.

The following entitled ordinance was then read the first time:

Ap. O. 30, 1882—An ordinance appropriating money on account of the Street Department of the city of Indianapolis.

Alderman Hamilton moved that the Board of Aldermen do now adjourn; which failed of adoption.

Alderman Rorison moved a suspension of the rules, for the purpose of placing the above ordinance, Ap. O. 30, 1882, on its final passage.

Alderman Tucker moved to refer the ordinance to the Committees on Finance and Streets and Alleys; to report at the next regular meeting.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion by Alderman Rorison, the claims of "Ferdinand Minter, \$26.82," and "Boettcher Bros., \$43.03," stricken out of the ordinance, at a previous meeting, were presented, with the accounts itemized, were approved and ordered inserted in the next appropriation ordinance.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

JAMES T. LAYMAN, President.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.