

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
MONDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 1867, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, Daniel Macauley, in the chair,
and the following members :

Councilmen Brown, Burgess, Coburn, Colley, Cottrell, Davis, Geisel, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—14.

Absent—Councilmen Goddard, Schmidt and Stanton—3.

The proceedings of the regular session held August 12, 1867, and of the adjourned sessions held August 15th and 16th, 1867, were read and approved.

His Honor, the Mayor, announced that the special order of business for the meeting was the consideration of the vacation of Biddle street.

Mr. MacArthur, from the Select Committee, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 19, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your special committee appointed to visit Biddle street and vicinity, beg leave to make the following report :

That after having visited the premises in question we find, in our opinion,

that by the vacation asked for, in the present condition of the street and alley, the property holders are not inconvenienced at all by the proposed vacation, and it will be a great benefit to the Bellefontaine Railway Company in protecting their property. We therefore recommend that Biddle street and the first alley south of the same be vacated, as asked for by the Bellefontaine Railway Company.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. MACARTHUR,

WM. H. HENSCHEN,

P. H. JAMESON, except the 2d clause,

} Committee.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Brown presented the following communication :

OFFICE OF THE BELLEFONTAINE RAILWAY CO., }
Indianapolis, Aug. 17, A. D., 1867. }

The Bellefontaine Railway Company being the owner in fee simple of lots Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, in Biddle's sub-division of a part of out-lot No. forty-five (45), and that portion of said out-lot immediately south of that part of Biddle's addition above described—the entire property immediately adjoining that part of Biddle street lying between lots Nos. 16, 17, 18, and lots Nos. 19, 20 and 21, and that portion of the alley south of said sub-division, between lots Nos. 19, 20 and 21, and the southern part of out-lot No. 45, thereby consent to the vacation of that part of the street and alley above described and sought to be vacated by the Bellefontaine Railway Co.

THE BELLEFONTAINE RAILWAY CO.,

Per. E. KING, Secretary and Treasurer.

STATE OF INDIANA, }
MARION COUNTY, } ss:

Personally appeared before me, D. J. Hinckley, a Notary Public in and for said county, Edward King, Sec'y and Treas'r of the Bellefontaine Railway Company, and acknowledged the execution of the above consent. Witness my hand and notarial seal this 17th day of August, 1867.

D. J. HINCKLEY, Not. Public.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 31, 1867.

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

The undersigned, owners of property fronting on Biddle street, in the City of Indianapolis, after carefully considering the question of vacation as proposed in the petition of the Bellefontaine Railway Company, now before the Council, hereby consent to such vacation for the reasons stated in said petition.

Edward King, owning lot 5, fronting 150 feet on Biddle street.

Bellefontaine R. W. Co., per Edw. King, Sec., owning lot 23, fronting 40 feet on Biddle street.

Bellefontaine R. W. Co., per Edw. King, Sec., owning lot 22, fronting 40 feet on Biddle street.

James Breen, owning lot 6, fronting 150 feet on Biddle street. In all 380 feet.

The entire frontage on both sides of Biddle street, excepting that part proposed to be vacated, is only 700 feet, of which 380 feet consent, as above, to the vacation, it being 30 feet over half of the entire frontage on both sides of that portion of Biddle street not proposed to be vacated.

Which was received.

On motion by Mr. Brown, the vote was taken on vacation.

The question being, shall the vacation be ordered? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Burgess, Cottrell, Davis, Henschen, Loomis, MacArthur and Woodburn—8.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Coburn, Geisel and Seidensticker—3.

Councilmen Colley, Jameson and Kappes present but not voting.

Mr. MacArthur offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That until the legal question is settled as to the power of the Council to make the vacation asked for by the Bellefontaine Railway Company in Biddle's sub-division, said Company be, and is hereby, permitted to build and maintain a fence across Biddle street at the point designated for vacation in their petition now before the Council, and across the first alley south of said street, on the western line of their lots, in said Biddle's sub-division.

Mr. Geisel moved to lay the resolution on the table, and called for the ayes and noes.

The question being on laying the resolution on the table, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Colley, Geisel and Seidensticker—4.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen, Brown Burgess, Cottrell, Davis, Henschen, Loomis, MacArthur, and Woodburn—8.

So the motion to lay on the table was not adopted.

The question then being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Burgess, Cottrell, Davis, Henschen, Loomis, MacArthur and Woodburn—8.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Coburn, Colley, Geisel and Seidensticker—4.

So the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to build wooden culverts over the gutters on both sides of Meridian street at the crossing of Maryland st., and, also, over the gutters on said street where the alley running east and west through squares 74 and 75 crosses said Meridian street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Coburn presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 19, 1867.

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

I will manufacture for said City of Indianapolis one of Silsby's First Class Rotary Steam Fire Engines within about 60 days from date of acceptance of this proposal by said Council. I agree that said engine shall be built of the best materials and in the most workmanlike manner, with all our recent improvements, including copper tubes and flues, and brass jacket for boiler, and will warrant the same to work in a satisfactory manner. I will also put in thorough repair steam engine No. 3, now owned by the city, at such time as the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department shall designate. In order that there shall be no misunderstanding as to what is meant by "thorough repair of the old engine," I would respectfully suggest that when the engine is sent on for repairs, the engineer of the machine be sent with it, to superintend and to direct what repairs shall be made, and I hereby agree that whatever he declares on his judgment is necessary to be done shall be done.

In full payment for the new engine and for the repairs on the old engine the City of Indianapolis shall pay to H. C. Silsby the sum of six thousand dollars, in current funds, at the time of the delivery of the new engine, the city paying freight.

R. BICKFORD,

Agent for H. C. Silsby, Island Works, Seneca Falls, N. Y.

Mr. MacArthur moved to refer the communication to the Fire Committee.

Mr. Coburn moved to amend by receiving the communication and proposition, and that the Chief Fire Engineer be instructed to make a contract on the terms proposed.

Mr. Davis moved to amend Mr. Coburn's amendment by deferring the matter until the Committee on Fire Department could correspond with the Amoskeag and others.

After long discussion, Mr. Burgess called for the previous question, which was sustained.

The vote was then taken upon Mr. Davis' amendment to Mr. Coburn's amendment.

The ayes and noes being called for, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Colley, Davis, Kapes and Seidensticker—4.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Burgess, Coburn, Cottrell, Geisel, Henschen, Jameson, Loomis, MacArthur and Woodburn—10.

So the amendment of Mr. Davis was not adopted.

A division of Mr. Coburn's amendment was called for.

The vote was then taken upon the motion instructing the Chief Fire Engineer to make a contract on the terms proposed.

Which was adopted.

Then upon the question to receive the communication and spread it upon the minutes.

Which was adopted.

The vote was then taken upon the original motion as amended.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the appointment of Wm. W. Smith as Judge of elections for the Fifth Ward, heretofore made by the Common Council, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded, and that the Council now proceed to elect a judge to fill such vacancy.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were were Councilmen Brown, Burgess, Cottrell, Davis, Geisel and Henschen—6.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Coburn, Colley, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—8.

So the resolution was not adopted.

Mr. Cottrell introduced general ordinance No. 100, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE prohibiting officers or agents of the City of Indianapolis from purchasing from any member of Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, any article of personal property for the use or in behalf of said city, and to repeal an ordinance entitled "An ordinance prohibiting officers or agents of the City of Indianapolis from purchasing from any city officer," ordained and established the 29th day of May, 1867,

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Geisel presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 19, 1867.

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

Your petitioners, residents of the City of Indianapolis, along and near the track of the Bellefontaine Railroad Company, within the city limits, would respectfully represent to your honorable body that the passenger trains which pass on said track are in the habit of running (within the city) at a speed far too great, whereby the lives of the children of your petitioners are greatly endangered.

Wherefore, they pray your honorable body that such action be taken in the premises as to stop the fast running of such trains within the city.

J. W. Dailey,
 Gotlieb Trims,
 Henry Wielke,

T. G. Stumpf,
 Henry Bulk,
 And 73 others.

Which was received.

Mr. Geisel offered the following motion :

That the Marshal and the members of the Police Force are hereby instructed to enforce the ordinance regulating the running of locomotives, page 121, section first.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Geisel, also, offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby instructed to notify Christian Wishmeyer to raise his track on North street, between Noble and Davidson streets, level with the street.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Jameson presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 19, 1867.

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

The lot owners on the line of the alley passing through square 68, in the First Ward, running from Walnut to St. Clair streets, would respectfully represent that the grade is so constructed as to cause the water collecting from most of the square to pass north to St. Clair street, instead of the proper course to Walnut street. This water can get no outlet, and will consequently flood near one-fourth of the said square and lie there to the serious injury not only of the immediate lot holders but endangering the health of the whole neighborhood.

On behalf of the property holders,

F. M. FERREE.

Which was referred to the City Civil Engineer.

Mr. Kappes presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 19, 1867.

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

The undersigned, property holders on St. Joseph street, between Delaware and Alabama streets, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance for laying of the mains, erection of lamp-posts and fixtures, and lighting said street.

Respectfully,

Israel Traub,
W. L. Ramsay,
A. Gass,

John F. Mayer,
Charles Bals.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. Kappes introduced special ordinance No. 71—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on St. Joseph street, between Delaware and Alabama streets,

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Loomis presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 12, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to petition that I be allowed to go to work on Tennessee street, as I have now extra facilities for pushing the work through. I can now put the dirt on at a cost, to me, of 20 cents per yard, thus clearing 50 cents per yard on my contract, whereas, if I do no work on the street I am continually at a loss, as small contracts, such as digging cellars, &c., &c., will not pay, unless I have some place to throw the dirt. I trust that something will be done at once. Also, I have received two partial estimates for grading and graveling on said street and have not received the money due from the city for the crossings of the streets and alleys, there being due for all crossings between the north side of Garden street and the south side of McCarty street, I having worked according to the stake set by the late James Wood, Civil Engineer.

THOMAS WREN,

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Loomis offered the following motion:

That the Citizens Street Railway Company be permitted to erect hay scales on Tennessee street near their stables.

The ayes and noes being called for, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Burgess, Coburn, Colley, Hensehen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Seidensticker and Woodburn—10.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Cottrell, Davis, Geisel and MacArthur—4.

So the motion was adopted.

Mr. Loomis introduced special ordinance No. 72—1867, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for lighting the line of the Union Railway track with gas between South East street, near Maryland street, and South Mississippi street, at the crossing on Louisiana street,

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Loomis introduced special ordinance No. 73—1867, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling Cady street from Harrison street to Bates street,

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Loomis introduced special ordinance No. 74—1867, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading the alley running north and south through the south half of out-lot No. 101, between Greer and Water sts., from McCarty street to the 20 foot alley on the line between the north and south half of said out-lot No. 101; and so much of the 20 foot alley on the line east and west, between the north half and south half of out-lot No. 101, as extends from the east side of the alley first above named, running west to the east side of Greer street and the alley running north and south

between lots Nos. 33 and 34, in the north half of said out-lot No. 101, to Stevens street,

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Loomis introduced general ordinance No. 101—entitled:

AN ORDINANCE creating the office of meat inspector in and for the City of Indianapolis, and defining his duties,

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Loomis introduced general ordinance No. 102—entitled:

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Indianapolis and Vincennes Railroad Company to construct a track within and through the City of Indianapolis, prescribing the terms thereof,

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. MacArthur offered the following motion:

That MacArthur & Blake be granted the right to erect a hay scale in front of their premises, No. 15 South Delaware street.

The ayes and noes being demanded, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Burgess, Colley, Geisel, Henschen and Jame-son—5.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Stanton and Woodburn—9.

So the motion was not adopted.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 17, 1867

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

The undersigned would respectfully call the attention of your honorable body to the fact that the north gutter of Vermont street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets, is at least two inches lower immediately in front of their residences, Nos. 82 and 84, than at its outlet at Tennessee street, and they earnestly request that you order it to be properly graded.

Respectfully submitted,

SILAS T. BOWEN,
EDWARD T. SINKER.

Which was received.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following motion:

That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the Citizens' Street Railway Company that an ordinance is pending before the Common Council for the bowldering of that part of Illinois street between the south side of Market street and the north side of Ohio street, and that said Company will be required to bowlder that part of the street lying between the rails and

two feet on the outside of each rail prior to the contractor commencing work on such proposed improvement.

Which was adopted.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 19, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to represent that the City Court Room is so meagerly supplied with seats that the Marshal is compelled to move the chairs and settees back and forth from the Council Chamber in order to accommodate the prisoners and witnesses in my Court. The consequence is that during the session of Council I am without the proper seats. I have, therefore, to request that provision be made for the proper seating of my Court Room.

Respectfully,

JNO. N. SCOTT.

Which was referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

His Honor, the Mayor, also, presented the following invitation :

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 19, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—By direction of the Committee of Arrangements I have the honor to invite you to take part in the ceremonies of reception and welcome of the Singer-guests on Tuesday afternoon, September 3d, 1867, in the new Concert Hall. Trusting that you will accept this invitation, and honor the occasion with your presence,

I remain, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

FRED. KNEFLER,

Sec'y Committee of Arrangements.

Which was received, and the invitation accepted and ordered to be printed in the proceedings.

Sealed proposals were then opened and read by the City Clerk, and referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

On motion by Mr. Davis, the Board of Public Improvements was required to make reports from time to time of the value of the improvements awarded by them.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS.

Mr. MacArthur, from the Board of Public Improvements, made the following report :

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, Aug. 16, 1867. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements would respectfully report to your honorable body that we have instructed the Street Commissioner to place new culverts at the intersection of Mississippi and Garden

streets. Also, to either raise the gutter or build a culvert at the intersection of Bluff Road and Ray street. Also, to raise the sidewalk on south side of Illinois street, at the crossing of Merrill and vicinity.

We have, also, examined the remonstrance of W. E. Featherstone and others in regard to the paving and curbing of the sidewalks on Washington street, between Mississippi and Missouri streets, and find that said improvement is very much needed; the sidewalks, where there is no pavement, is in a very bad condition. We therefore recommend that the prayer of the remonstrants be not granted, and that the City Auditor be instructed to advertise for proposals for said work.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. B. MACARTHUR, } *Board.*
W. H. LOOMIS,

Which was concurred in.

Mr. MacArthur, from the Board of Public Improvements, also made the following report:

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, Aug. 16, 1867. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements to whom the bids were referred, would respectfully report that we find that Feary & Dillon are the lowest bidders for paving with brick the sidewalk of McNabb street, their bid being 70 cents per foot front.

Also, that Joseph Schwartzter is the lowest bidder for grading the alley between Liberty and Noble streets, at $4\frac{1}{2}$ cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Also, that Dan. Mahony is the lowest bidder for grading and graveling Charles street and sidewalks, his bid being $62\frac{1}{2}$ cents per lineal foot front on each side of street.

Also, that the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company are the best bidders to erect lamp-posts and fixtures on North street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets.

We recommend that the above be awarded.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. B. MACARTHUR, } *Board.*
W. H. LOOMIS,

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Loomis, from the Board of Police, made the following report:

OFFICE BOARD OF POLICE, }
Indianapolis, Aug. 16, 1867. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your Board of Police, at their regular session held at the above named date, confirmed as "Merchants' Police," under Col. Rose, the following named gentlemen to constitute said force, agreeable to the ordinance of the city, and clothed with "police Powers:"

- Col. A. D. Rose, Chief, residence 29 West Pratt street.
- No. 1. Robert Campbell, residence 34 Union street.
- " 2. David May, residence 33 West Maryland street.
- " 3. J. G. Colman, residence 33 Maryland street.

- " 4. Henry P. Thomas, residence 30 North Pennsylvania street.
- " 5. B. F. Lucas, residence 426 Virginia Avenue.
- " 6. John Scantlin, residence 79 Elizabeth street.
- " 7. John Spellman, residence 311 Massachusetts Avenue.
- " 8. Robert Batler, residence 117 South Illinois street.
- " 9. John Trask, residence 25 Greer street.
- " 10. J. F. Miller, residence 260 North Noble street.
- " 11. Henry Slusher, residence 290 West Washington street.

Eash numbered in their order as named, and marked "Merchants' Police," with the following uniform:

Cloth coat, pants and vest, blue, dressed with Police buttons, light blue stripe on pants and around coat sleeve—cap same material, with gold cord at top of band—the same to be worn at all times while they are on duty.

UNION DEPOT POLICE,

have also been nominated by the Union Railway Company, and confirmed as "Union Depot Police," in the order named:

Depot Marshal—Jacob Bisbing.

- Assistant No. 1. Arthur Sullivan.
- " " 2. Dennis Redman.
- " " 3. Patrick Riley.

Uniform same as regular force, with silver cord down outer legs of pants, silver stripe around coat sleeve below elbow, and silver cord on cap above the lower band.

The following rules have, from time to time, been adopted by your Board for the government of the Police Force of the city. Under the ordinance lately passed by Council the "Merchants' Police" and the "Union Depot Police" are specially charged, as, also, the regular force, to faithfully carry out all the provisions, "Rules and Regulations for the general government of the Police Department of Indianapolis," and in addition thereto to observe the following:

1st. When such Police appear on the street, or elsewhere, they shall be deemed (if in uniform as provided) to be on duty, and subject to all the rules applicable to the government of the Police of the city.

2d. Any Policeman visiting any saloon, house of ill fame, beer garden, or any gaming house, or houses of bad repute, recognised as such, shall be forthwith discharged, and they shall not again be placed on said force during the ensuing year after such discharge: *Provided*, Should any one of such force deem it necessary to visit such places while discharging his official duties as such officer, then, in that case, this rule is not to apply, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Members of Council and citizens knowing any policeman to violate any rules of the Council, ordinances thereof, or orders of the Police Board, are requested to furnish the Board with the correct data upon which to base a removal from office of such offender.

For a more perfect government of the Police force of the city, your Board are constrained to ask Council for the privilege of preparing a condensed form of City Ordinances governing the police, and, also, of the orders of your Board, and that the same be printed and copies thereof furnished to the members of the Police for their government.

Respectfully submitted,

AD. SEIDENSTICKER, } *Board of*
W. H. LOOMIS, } *Police.*

Which was concurred in.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Dr. Jameson, from the Finance Committee, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug 19, 1867.

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

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred an ordinance providing for an increase of the salary of the Market Master, have amended the same, and would respectfully present it to your honorable body for your immediate consideration.

P. H. JAMESON, }
THOS. COTTRELL, } *Committee.*

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Coburn, from the Committee on Fire Department, submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 19, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Fire Department, to whom was referred the report of the Fire Engineer locating cisterns, would report that cisterns be built at the following points—Alabama and Cumberland streets, and at Gregg and East streets. We find that all the other points are tolerably well protected, and can be dispensed with for the present season, believing that the city would do better to purchase a new engine than build any more cisterns at present.

HENRY COBURN, }
J. H. KAPPES, } *Committee.*
J. W. DAVIS, }

Mr. Seidensticker called for the ayes and noes upon concurring in the report.

The question being, shall the report be concurred in, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Burgess, Coburn, Cottrell, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis and Woodburn—8.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Colley, Davis, Geisel, MacArthur and Seidensticker—6.

So the report was concurred in.

Mr. Kappes, from the Committee on Benevolence and City Hospital made the following report:

RECAPITULATION OF THE WEEKLY REPORT OF CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING AUGUST 17, 1867.

Number of patients in the Hospital at last report.....	16
Number of patients received in the Hospital since last report.....	2
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	4
Number of patients died in the Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients remaining in the Hospital at present.....	14

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Bridges, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 19, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee, to whom was referred the petition of property owners on New Jersey street, asking for the repair of the Bridge on said street across Pogue's Run, have had the matter under consideration, and would report that said bridge is in a very bad condition, and will require a new bridge.

Your committee would recommend that the old bridges on said street be removed, one to the crossing of Mississippi street and Pogue's Run, and the other to the crossing of the Canal and South street; and that a new bridge be constructed on New Jersey street the full width of said street.

J. W. DAVIS,
HENRY GEISEL, } Committee on Bridges.
JAMES BURGESS, }

Which was concurred in.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug 19, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Permit me to report the following work finished according to contract:

The Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on McNabb street, between Illinois and Meridian streets.

Two corner posts at \$35,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$70	00
Two intermediate posts at \$33,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66	00
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$136	00

Also, John Cogill and William Cogill for grading and graveling Gregg st. and sidewalks. between New Jersey and East streets.

Length on north side	-	-	-	404 feet 4 inches.
Length on south side	-	-	-	404 " 2 inches.
Total length	-	-	-	808 " 6 inches.
At 64 cents per lineal foot,	-	-	-	64
Total,	-	-	-	\$517 44

Respectfully, R. M. PATTERSON, Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

The City Civil Engineer, also, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 19, 1867.

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

Permit me to report the following work finished according to contract:

Daniel Mahoney for grading and graveling Michigan street, between Noble and Davidson streets.

Length on north side	- - - - -	507 feet 6 inches.
Length on south side	- - - - -	507 " 6 inches.
Total length,	- - - - -	1,015 "
At 37½ cents per lineal foot	- - - - -	37½
Total,	- - - - -	\$380 62½

Respectfully, R. M. PATTERSON, *Civil Engineer.*

Which was concurred in.

The City Auditor made the following report:

GENTLEMEN:—The City Auditor respectfully reports the following:

1st. First and final estimate allowed Samuel Lefever for grading, bowldering and curbing McNabb street, between Meridian and Illinois streets.

Respectfully, JOHN G. WATERS, *City Auditor.*

Also, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Samuel Lefever for grading, bowldering and curbing McNabb street, between Meridian and Illinois streets, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

In reference to which Mr. Seidensticker offered the following motion:

That the final estimate for bowldering McNabb street be referred to the City Attorney, with instructions to report who is the owner of and ought to be assessed for the 50 feet occupied by the bed of Pogue's Run.

Which was adopted.

The Street Commissioner made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 10, 1867.

To the Board of Public Improvements:

The following money is expended for the city and in the different Wards of the City of Indianapolis, from July 16th up to August 10th, 1867:

For the First Ward the sum of.....	\$219 75	
For the Second Ward the sum of.....	84 22	
For the Third Ward the sum of.....	121 80	
For the Fourth Ward the sum of.....	17 75	
For the Fifth Ward the sum of.....	59 00	
For the Sixth Ward the sum of.....	89 65	
For the Seventh Ward the sum of.....	235 45	
For the Eighth Ward the sum of.....	176 40	
For the Ninth Ward the sum of.....	116 00	
Expended for the city.....		\$1,120 02
		\$995 30
Total expenses.....		\$2,115 32
The First Ward's expenses was, from June 17th up to August 10th, \$279.32, leaves a balance on \$1,000.....		\$720 68
The Second Ward's expenses was, from June 17th up to August 10th, \$290.89, leaving a balance on \$1,000 of.....		709 11

The Third Ward's expenses was, from June 17th up to August 10th, \$281.55, leaving a balance on \$1,000 of -----	\$718 45
The Fourth Ward's expenses was, from June 17th up to August 10th, \$210.65, leaving a balance on \$1,000 of -----	789 35
The Fifth Ward's expenses was, from June 17th up to August 10th, \$98.03, leaving a balance on \$1,000 of -----	901 97
The Sixth Ward's expenses was, from June 17th up to August 10th, \$507.49, leaving a balance on \$1,000 of -----	492 51
The Seventh Ward's expenses was, from June 17th up to August 10th, \$750 80, leaving a balance on \$1,000 of -----	249 20
The Eighth Ward's expenses was from June 17th up to August 10th, \$197.95, leaving a balance on \$1,000 of -----	802 05
The Ninth Ward's expenses was, from June 17th up to August 10th, \$217.60, leaving a balance on \$1,000 of -----	782 40

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUST RICHTER, *Street Commissioner.*

Which was concurred in.

The Street Commissioner, also, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 14, 1867.

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

Report of the Street Commissioner to the Board of Public Improvements of the City of Indianapolis :

1. Opened the gutters on Davidson street, between Market and Ohio sts.
2. Opened the gutters on Market street, between Liberty street and the Corporation line east.
3. Opened the gutters on Chatham street, between St. Clair street and Massachusetts Avenue.
4. Opened the gutters on St. Clair street, between Railroad and East sts.
5. Opened the gutters on Noble street, between North street and Massachusetts Avenue.
6. Opened the gutters on East street, between Virginia Avenue and Bicking street.
7. Opened the gutters on McCarty street, between Delaware street and Virginia Avenue.
8. Opened the gutters on Virginia Avenue, between Pogue's Run and the Corporation line.
9. Opened the gutters on Huron street, between Noble and Cedar sts.
10. Opened the gutters on Noble street, between Virginia Avenue and Washington street.
11. Opened the gutters on Cedar street, between Virginia Avenue and Huron street.
12. Opened the gutters on Elm street, between Noble and Grove streets.
13. Opened the gutters on Hosbrook street, between Cedar and Grove sts.
14. Opened the gutters on Benton street, between Meek and Bates sts.
15. Opened the gutters on Bates street, between Noble street and the Corporation line east.
16. Filled the crossings on Ohio and Spring sts. with gravel and spaulds.
17. Filled the holes on Benton street, between Washington, Market and Groqe streets.
18. Filled the holes on Washington street, between Noble street and Corporation line east with gravel.
19. Filled the holes on Alabama street, between Virginia Avenue and Washington street with gravel.
20. Filled the holes on Cedar street, between Virginia Avenue and Huron street.
21. Filled the crossings on Vermont and Tennessee streets with gravel.

22. Filled the holes on Liberty street, between Washington and Ghio sts. with gravel.
23. Built a new culvert on Market street with intersection of Illinois st.
24. Built a bridge on Vermont street across the Canal.
25. Put a new hand-rail at the bridge on New York st. across the Canal.
26. Repaired the bridge on Market street across the Canal.
27. Straightened Pogue's Run with intersection of Winston street.
28. Built a new bridge on Market street across the arm of the Canal, and shortened the same 34 feet, and hauled 225 yards of dirt and gravel at the same place.
29. Cleaned Washington street between East and Noble streets.
30. Repaired the bowldering on Delaware street, between Washington st. and Pogue's Run.
31. Repaired the bowldering on Virginia Avenue, between Pogue's Run and Delaware street.
32. Repaired the bowlderinr on Illinois street, between Washington and Maryland streets.
33. Repaired the culvert on Massachusetts Avenue and New York street.
34. Repaired the bridge on Meridian street and Pogue's Run.

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUST RICHTER, *Street Commissioner.*

Which was received.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Seidensticker called up general ordinance No. 97 :

Which was read the second time.

Mr. Seidensticker moved that the ordinance be engrossed.

Mr. Colley called for the ayes and noes.

The question being, shall the ordinance be engrossed? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Burgess, Colley, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur and Seidensticker—7.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Davis, Geisel, Henschen and Woodburn—6.

So the ordinance was ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Burgess, special ordinance No. 68—1867, was taken up, read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Kappes, special appropriation ordinance No. 50—1867, was taken up and read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

Dr. Jameson called up general ordinance No. 99, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE amending an ordinance prescribing rules and regulations for the government of the Common Council, and so forth.

Which was read the third time, and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Burgess, Cottrell, Davis, Geisel, Henschen, Jameson and Woodburn—7.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Colley, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur and Seidensticker—6.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Geisel called up special ordinance No. 61—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the paving, with good hard-burned brick, and curbing the outside edges of the sidewalk with Flat Rock stone, the south sidewalk on Washington street, between Noble and East streets, where the same has not already been paved and curbed.

Which was read the third time, and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Burgess, Colley, Cottrell, Davis, Geisel, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—13.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Kappes called up special appropriation ordinance No. 50—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims on account of City Hospital for the month of July,

Which was read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Burgess, Colley, Davis, Geisel, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—12.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. MacArthur called up special appropriation ordinance No. 49—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of the Registers and Clerks of the City of Indianapolis,

Which was read the third time, and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Burgess, Colley, Davis, Geisel, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—12.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Seidensticker called up general ordinance No. 97, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE providing for the appointment of an additional Lieutenant of Police and making appropriation for his pay,

Which was read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Burgess, Colley, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—8.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Davis, Geisel and Henschen—4.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Davis offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to notify the Jeffersonville Railroad Company to so fill up their track as to prevent the water from running into the cellars at the corner of South street and their track on the west side of the Depot; and if the same shall not be done by said Company within five days, then the Commissioner shall do the same at the expense of said Company.

Which was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Brown, the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY, *Mayor.*

ATTEST :

D. M. RANSELL, *City Clerk.*