

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 1867, 7 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, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Kapps Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—15.

Absent—Councilmen Jameson, Schmidt and Stanton—3.

The proceedings of the regular session held December 9, 1867, were read and approved.

In accordance with a motion adopted at the regular session held December 2, 1867, Prof. Brown addressed the Council at some length on the subject of Artesian Water.

Mr. Davis presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 16, 1867.

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

The Bellefontaine Railway Company hereby consents to the use of the Well recently sunk by it, with the understanding that the city appropriate \$1,000, or so much of the same as may be necessary for a satisfactory test of

artesian power in said Well. If the test is successful the city to have the right to use so much of the water procured as may be needed to fill and keep filled any or all the public cisterns, and to lay pipes through the grounds of said Company to procure the same in such a manner as not to interfere with its present or future use by the Company for railroad purposes. Should the Well have sufficient head to supply the water tanks of the Company with suitable water for railroad purposes so as to accomplish the original object of the company in commencing the Well, it will refund to the city any amount under \$1,000 so appropriated and used for this purpose, and take control of the Well, subject to the right of the city to use water for its public cisterns as aforesaid. The amount so refunded to be used in sinking a Well at some other point in the city to be named by the Council.

The Bellefontaine Railway Company, by

E. KING, Secretary.

Which was received.

Mr. Loomis offered the following motion :

That the Committee on Revision of Ordinances be directed to report an ordinance appropriating not exceeding \$600 for the purposes of an Artesian Well, the same as contemplated by the recent action of Council on this subject.

Mr. Seidensticker offered the following amendment :

Provided that the same amount be raised by private contributions of citizens for the same purpose.

Which was adopted.

The question then being on the adoption of the motion as amended, the ayes and noes were called.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Burgess, Coburn, Colley, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Kappes and Loomis—12.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Seidensticker and Woodburn—2.

So the motion, as amended, was adopted.

Mr. Coburn presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 16, 1867.

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

The undersigned respectfully represents that during the winter months he will need from time to time small quantities of alcohol to thaw out the frozen pipes. As there was some difference of opinion formerly as to the liability of the city to pay for the alcohol then needed, I respectfully call your attention to the matter, respectfully requesting that speedy provision be made, since otherwise it will take much larger quantities, to thaw out the lamps, and some may keep frozen up during the winter.

Respectfully,

FREDERICK SCHUYLMAYER.

Which was received, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Gas, with instructions to furnish the requisite supply.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to give notice in writing to the proper officers of each and every Steam Railroad Company entering this city, that they must properly plank each and every street crossing that is crossed by their respective roads. Said planking to be the entire width of the street, including the sidewalks.

Resolved further, That after said notice shall have been served thirty days, and on failure of any or all of said Railroad Companies to comply with the conditions of this order, the Street Commissioner shall proceed to plank the same and present the bill for payment to the delinquent roads, and on their failure to pay the same, after ten days' notice, the City Attorney is hereby directed to institute suit against said Railroad Companies for the City's claim against the respective Railroads who may have failed to comply with the order as above.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Burgess, Coburn, Colley, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Kappes, Loomis, Seidensticker and Wooden—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Foster offered the following motion :

That Thomas Carr be allowed to grade and gravel one half the width of Merrill street and sidewalk, in front of his property, and the same to be done at his own expense, and within sixty days, and the Civil Engineer is hereby directed to set the proper grade stakes for the same.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Geisel offered the following motion :

That Boetticher & Co. be, and is hereby, permitted to erect a stairway on North street near Davidson street, provided that they will consent to remove the same whenever the City Council sees proper.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Geisel, also, offered the following motion :

That the City Council take some action in regard to the appointment of Gas Inspector for the city.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. Goddard presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 16, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your petitioners respectfully represent to your honorable body that they are the owners of the north-west half of square No. 92, in said city, adjoining Kentucky Avenue, and lying between Louisiana and West streets; that by the terms of certain ordinances passed by your honorable body, the first on the — day of February, 1867, and the second on the

— day of September, 1867, the Indianapolis Furnace Company, and the Indianapolis and Vincennes Railway Company are each granted a right of way to construct along said Kentucky Avenue, between said Louisiana and West streets, and in front of said real estate of the petitioners, a railway track, and thus providing for the construction of two tracks on said Avenue in front of said property.

Your petitioners respectfully represent that they were, as they thought reliably informed during the pendency of the said ordinance granting right of way to said Vincennes Road, and after its passage, that it did not provide for the construction of a track in front of said real estate in addition to the one heretofore provided for in the ordinance granting right of way to said Furnace Company, and therefore did not then remonstrate against the same.

Your petitioners say that the construction of two tracks on said Avenue, at the place above mentioned, will cause a great and irreparable damage to their said property, that there is no great necessity for more than one track at said point, that the construction of two tracks is not of such public importance as to overbalance the damage which will thereby be done to the said property of your petitioners.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that said ordinance may be so modified and amended as to provide for the construction of but one railway track along and upon Kentucky Avenue, between Louisiana and West streets, and that the same be located in the center of said Avenue. Inasmuch as one of said Companies, your petitioners know not which, is already setting stakes for its road on said Avenue, your petitioners respectfully pray the immediate attention of your honorable body to the matters therein set forth.

Respectfully submitted,

SCOTT & NICHOLSON.

Which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Seidensticker presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 16, 1867.

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

The undersigned respectfully asks permission to pave with brick the sidewalk in front of his property on Madison Avenue, being lot No. 116, in out-lot 110, in the City of Indianapolis, and to erect a platform across the gutter.

JOHN NUTZEL.

Which was granted.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 16, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee appointed to receive propositions for the erection of the Fire Alarm Telegraph, would respectfully submit the following proposition from Messrs. Firman & Elliott, Agents for the American Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph. Your committee are of the opinion that the price charged is high; yet the benefits to be derived from its adoption are so great that the subject is worthy of investigation. Your committee are unacquainted with the practical workings of telegraph, and as the amount to be expended is large, it is important that we secure the latest and most improved telegraph, (should the Council think of erecting it). We think that

a committee should go to some city where it is in operation and examine into its practical workings before accepting any proposition.

HERNY COBURN, J. H. KAPPES, J. W. DAVIS, AUSTIN H. BROWN,	}	Committee.
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Which was received, and, on motion by Mr. Brown, the same committee and the Chief Fire Engineer were instructed to visit some other city and examine into the practical workings of the Fire Alarm and Telegraph.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 11, 1867.

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

SPECIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR THE AMERICAN FIRE ALARM AND POLICE TELEGRAPH FOR THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, proprietors of the American Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph, respectfully propose to erect and put in readiness for operation, their system of Automatic Telegraphic Fire Alarms, according to the following specifications, and upon the conditions thereunto annexed, to-wit;

FOR THE CENTRAL OR BATTERY STATION,

One Automatic Electro Magnetic Repeater, arranged for at least four independent circuits, sounding a general alarm on the bell and gongs, and giving the return signal in the signal boxes; four Relay Magnets; four Telegraphic Keys; four Galvanometers; all the lightning arresters necessary for the proper protection of the same; all the tables or stands upon which the foregoing apparatus is to be properly arranged, together with all the necessary commutators for changing circuits, or connections, and testing the integrity of the same; sixty cups of the improved sulphate of copper battery; all the wire used inside of the Central Station, to be of copper, well insulated, and the joinings well soldered.

FOR THE SIGNAL STATIONS,

Thirty-five cottage-shaped, cast iron boxes, with hinged doors, and combination locks, five keys to each, said keys to be uniform throughout the city, each station to contain the necessary mechanism and electrical arrangement for indicating to the Central Station (by simply moving a slide) its exact locality, and receiving therefrom signals indicating scenes of danger in other sections of the city. Each station to contain a telegraphic key for Police and Engineer signals, and an electro magnetic call bell as a safeguard against false alarms, and to receive telegraphic communications.

These stations are to be securely fastened on walls, or buildings when practicable, or on poles where houses cannot be had, at a height of not less than four feet from the ground. Each station to be distinctly numbered with its own number, and to have conspicuously on or near it plainly lettered directions for procuring the key of easiest access in its vicinity. The wire entering and leaving each station to be enclosed in gas pipe for a distance of at least sixteen feet above the ground. Each station to be furnished with lightning arrestor and proper ground escape for the same. These stations to be located by the Fire Department Committee.

FOR THE ENGINE HOUSE GONGS,

Four of our best electro magnetic mechanical gong strikers, with gongs at least fifteen inches in diameter, with lightning arrestor, with proper ground escape for the same.

FOR THE ALARM BELL,

One electro magnetic striking machine, of sufficient capacity to give the full tone of such bell, as may be selected for the purpose of a general alarm, together with the hammer, weights, chains, and lightning arrestor in the bell tower, necessary for the proper operation of the same. Bell to be selected by the Fire Department Committee.

FOR THE SIGNAL AND ALARM CIRCUITS,

A sufficient quantity of the best quality annealed and galvanized iron wire to connect the various boxes, alarm bell and engine-house gongs with the Central Station. Said wire to be properly insulated on strong supports, attached to the highest houses obtainable near the line of circuits; where houses cannot be obtained, then said wires are to be well insulated on poles, at a height of not less than twenty feet above the ground, and with not less than thirty fastening to the mile. The signal and alarm circuits to be entirely metallic.

FOR THE POLES.

All the poles used to be of sound timber, not less than twenty-five feet long, firmly set at least four feet in the ground.

The foregoing specified material and work we propose to furnish and perform, in the most thorough and workmanlike manner, and of the best quality, so that the ordinary repairs for years to come will be a nominal matter.

And we do hereby convey, transfer, and assign to the city, on the completion of, and payment for, the work herein proposed to be done, the absolute and unrestrained right to use and perpetuate the apparatus to the extent enumerated during the full term of our various patents, and have the entire system completed, and in readiness for operation within five months after the date of the contract herein contemplated, for the sum of twelve thousand dollars, upon the following

CONDITIONS, TO-WIT:

The City of Indianapolis, represented by its Honorable Mayor and Council, shall place at the disposal of the undersigned within one month after the signing of the contract, (if required,) a suitable room, or rooms, for the Central Station, shall guarantee the right of way through the public highways for the wire circuits, and secure the use of such bell as may be selected for the purpose of a general alarm; and shall, when notified that the system is ready for inspection, forthwith inspect and test the same, when, if found completed in accordance with the foregoing specifications to the satisfaction of the Fire Department Committee and Chief Fire Engineer of said city, the aforesaid sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) shall be paid to the undersigned, in city six per cent., one and two years, warrants, one-half payable April first, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine (1869), and one-half payable April first, eighteen hundred and seventy (1870).

Respectfully submitted,

GAMEWELL & CO.,

Per L. B. FIRMAN,
J. THOMAS ELLIOTT, } Agents.

Which were received.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 16, 1867.

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

RECAPITULATION OF THE WEEKLY REPORT OF CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING DECEMBER 7, 1867.

Number of patients in the Hospital at last report.....	19
Number of patients received in the Hospital since last report.....	2
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report	3
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	1
Number of patients died in the Hospital since last report.....	.0
Number of patients remaining in the Hospital at present.....	23

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following :

RECAPITULATION OF THE WEEKLY REPORT OF CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING DECEMBER 14, 1867.

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	23
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	2
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	3
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	22

Which was concurred in.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Judge made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 16, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to report the amount of forfeits for violation of city ordinances collected by me during the month of November just past, to be three hundred and ninety-eight dollars and forty-three cents, which amount I this day turned over to the City Treasurer, as will appear by the accompanying voucher. I am, gentlemen,

Very respectfully,
Your ob't serv't,

JOHN N. SCOTT, *City Judge.*

Which was concurred in.

The Civil Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 16, 1867.

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

I hereby report the following work finished according to contract :

Aaron Frazee, for grading and paving the north-east sidewalk on Indiana Avenue, between Illinois and Mississippi streets.

Length of sidewalk 1126 feet 5 inches at 64 cents per lineal foot,	\$720 89
31 feet of curbing at 90 cents per foot,	27 90
Total estimate,	\$748 79

Also, Samuel Hanway, for grading the sidewalks on Huron street, between Cedar street and the Corporation line east.

Length of north side	- - - - -	932 ft. 9 in.
Length of south side	- - - - -	979 "
Total length,	- - - - -	1911 " 9 in.
At 9½ cents per lineal foot,	- - - - -	9½
Total estimate,	- - - - -	\$181 60

Also, That Thomas Huskins be allowed, as a partial estimate on the fence around the Governor's Circle, \$500.00.

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

Which was concurred in.

The City Treasurer made the following report :

OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER, }
Indianapolis, Dec. 16, 1867. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to transmit herewith my report of Receipts and Disbursements from May 14, inclusive, to November 14, inclusive, 1867.

To cash from Wm. H. Craft, late City Treasurer	-----	\$74,207 27
To United States 7-30 bonds, (Craft)	-----	3,000 00
To fines and fees from City Judge and Mayor Caven	-----	1,717 47
For ten per cent. bearing City Bonds	-----	13,300 00
To dog licenses	-----	53 25
To peddler licenses	-----	373 00
To dray licenses	-----	139 00
To Express licenses	-----	274 00
To auction licenses	-----	130 00
To hack licenses	-----	235 00
To printing on precepts	-----	112 00
To Circus, Menagerie, Side Shows and Minstrels	-----	220 00
Te Market Stalls	-----	968 55
To overcharge on 18 Public Lamps from Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company	-----	261 47
To money allowed for use of Fire Department and not expended (from Richmann, Engineer	-----	433 79
To filling lot on East street by Street Commissioner	-----	42 90
To money kept out of Silby's bill from G. W. Buchanan, Chief Fire Engineer	-----	10 88
To Hand Engine sold	-----	350 00
To articles sold by Street Commissioner	-----	98 80
To Hospital Fund paid by Dr. Woolen	-----	75 00
To Delinquent Taxes collected from May 14 to November 14, 1867, inclusive	-----	36,932 33
To Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co., City Orders, which were credited on the \$30,000 note given by said Company to the City	-----	11,505 06
Total receipts	-----	\$144,440 60
By City Orders redeemed and turned over to the City Auditor	-----	\$115,440 44
Balance remaining in City Treasury	-----	\$29,000 00

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

ROBT. S. FOSTER, *City Treasurer.*

Which were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and the City Auditor.

The City Auditor made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 16, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—A communication was referred to me by your honorable body from Mr. John Smither, who claims to have had a certificate of sale assigned to him from Henry C. Smither for street improvement; the record of sales shows that Henry C. Smither was the purchaser of part of lot 6, in square 70, owned by C. G. Werbe, and sold for street improvement on the 5th day of September, 1863, but the record does not show that the certificate had ever been assigned to John Smither.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. WATERS, *City Auditor.*

Which was concurred in.

The City Auditor, also, made the following report :

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR, }
Indianapolis, Dec. 16, 1867. }

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

GENTLEMEN—The City Auditor would respectfully report the following first and final estimates, to-wit:

Allowed the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co. for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on East street, between Massachusetts Avenue and Saint Clair street.

Allowed the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co. for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on South street, between New Jersey street and Virginia Avenue.

Allowed the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co. for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Illinois street, between South and Garden streets.

Allowed the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co. for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Tennessee street, between Washington and Maryland streets.

Allowed the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co. for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Massachusetts Avenue, between New Jersey and Noble streets.

Allowed the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co. for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Market street, between Circle and Delaware streets.

Allowed the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co. for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Georgia street, between Pennsylvania and Meridian streets.

Allowed the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co. for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Georgia street, between Meridian and Illinois streets.

Allowed William Kowan, for grading and graveling the alley running east and west through square 14, between Illinois and Tennessee streets.

Allowed Feary & Dillon, for paving with brick and curbing the outside edges with stone, of the sidewalk on the south side of Washington street, between Mississippi and Missouri streets.

Allowed Feary & Dillon, for paving the sidewalk and curbing the outside edges of the same with stone, on the north side of Washington street, between Mississippi and Missouri streets.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. WATERS, *City Auditor*

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Georgia 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.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Feary & Dillon, for paving with brick, and curbing the outside edges with stone, of the sidewalk on the south side of Washington street, between Mississippi and Missouri 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.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co., for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on South street, between New Jersey street and Virginia Avenue, 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.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed William Kowan for grading and graveling the alley running east and west through square 14, between Illinois and Tennessee streets, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of this Council, and the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co. for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Tennessee street, between Washington and Maryland 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.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co. for erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on Illinois street, between South and Garden 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.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co. for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Massachusetts Avenue, between New Jersey and Noble 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.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Feary & Dillon for paving the sidewalk and curbing the outside edges of the same with stone, on the north side of Washington street, between Mississippi and Missouri 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.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co. for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Georgia street, between Pennsylvania and Meridian 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.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed the Indianapolis Gas light and Coke Co. for erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on East street, between Massachusetts Avenue and St. Clair street, 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.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co. for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Market street, between Circle and Delaware 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.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

The City Auditor, also, introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 72—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time by its title.

The Chief Fire Engineer made the following report :

OFFICE CHIEF FIRE ENGINEER, }
Indianapolis, Dec. 9, 1867. }

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

The Chief Fire Engineer would respectfully report to your honorable body the expenses of the Fire Department from the 21st day of May, 1867, to the 1st day of December, 1867, as follows, to-wit :

The total amount expended, including the pay-roll, for the month of May, is \$11,731.28.

Of this sum the Pay-Rolls amount to.....	\$8,720 82
Leaving for all other expenses the sum of	3,010 46

Total	\$11,731 28
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There has been appropriated by the Council \$5,134.50. Of this amount \$500 was paid to H. C. Silsby for one Hose Reel, purchased by the former Chief Fire Engineer.

Leaving for running expenses a balance of \$4,634.50. From which amount has been expended the sum of \$2,510.46, as per annexed statement herewith.

There now remains unexpended of the appropriation \$2,124.04, and there is remaining on hand forage and fuel to the amount of \$503, making the total amount unconsumed \$2,627.04.

Your attention is respectfully called to the extra services of Daniel Glazier in running and keeping in order the pumping engine for the filling of cisterns. It was found inexpedient for the former Chief Fire Engineer to have the different men of the several engine houses handling the steam pump, and Mr. Glazier was put in charge of it. Since that time he has done all the pumping where the steam engine could not be used, in addition to his regular work. In consideration of these facts I would recommend to the Council that one hundred dollars per annum be allowed him for extra services.

Herewith is presented a statement of expenditures:

Repairs on Engine House and Platform	\$331 86
Cistern boxes in Pogue's Run and repairing wells, and constructing Waterdam on Canal	129 34
Bedsteads, bedding and blankets	173 70
Coal for three engine houses	261 36
Forage for four stables	895 51
One hose reel	500 00
Blacksmithing and shoeing	77 90
Repairs on Hook and Ladder Wagon	60 00
Repairs on Engine and Hose Reels	89 23
Harness repairs	60 00
One set Hose Reel harness	32 50
Bill of Drugs	57 20
Hose coupling	32 10
Hardware bill	14 77
Difference paid in exchanging horses	25 00
One Bay Horse purchased of M. H. Vert	130 00
One dozen brooms	10 00
Kindlings	31 25
Lanterns	5 80
Horse blankets	9 00
Glass for Tower	8 44
Six months ground rent to D. Seibert	40 00
Waste for cleaning Engines	22 50
Four saddles	13 00
Total	\$3,010 46

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. BUCHANAN, *Chief Fire Engineer.*

Which was accepted.

The Chief Fire Engineer, also, made the following report:

OFFICE OF CHIEF FIRE ENGINEER, }
Indianapolis, Dec. 9, 1867. }

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

The Chief Fire Engineer would respectfully report that the cistern built by Messrs. Kruger & Roney, at the corner of East and Gregg streets, has been filled and found to hold water without leakage, and recommend the acceptance of the same.

Also, that the cistern built by Messrs. Feary & Dillon, at the corner of North and Winston streets, has been filled and found to hold water without leakage, and recommends its acceptance. Respectfully,

GEO. W. BUCHANAN, *Chief Fire Engineer.*

Which was concurred in.

The Chief Fire Engineer, also, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 16, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Chief Fire Engineer would report that the cistern built by Messrs. Kruger & Roney, at the corner of Tennessee and Walnut streets, upon second filling, was found to hold water without leakage.

Respectfully,

GEO. W. BUCHANAN, Cf. Fire Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

The City Attorney made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 9, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have examined the ordinance relative to Meat Inspector, and submit the following :

I think the prohibition of the Charter, that the compensation of officers cannot be increased, imperative, and that although your honorable body possesses power to add to the duties of Market Master, his compensation cannot be increased.

Respectfully,

B. K. ELLIOTT, *City Attorney.*

Which was concurred in.

The City Attorney, also, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 10, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have examined the petition of R. P. Brown, praying an allowance for injuries sustained by a horse owned by him falling through a bridge on Massachusetts Avenue.

The facts stated in the petition are not sufficient to entitle Mr. Brown to recover. It is almost an impossibility to ascertain the true state of facts in reference to a claim like Mr. Brown's without a legal investigation. I cannot but think that in all such cases it is better to pay something in the way of costs, than to allow such claims. The claimant in such cases can never recover unless he can show that he was *entirely free from negligence*, and it is only by a judicial investigation that this and other defences can be brought forth.

Respectfully,

B. K. ELLIOTT, *City Attorney.*

Which was concurred in.

The City Assessor made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 15, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have examined the petition of W. M. Jones, and find his statement, subscribed and sworn to before Deputy Assessor Henning, containing an item of \$500 of money on hand or deposit. I enclose the statement, and remain,

Your obedient servant.

WM. HADLEY, *City Assessor.*

Which was received, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Geisel called up special appropriation ordinance No. 72—1867, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

Mr. Seidensticker moved that \$600 be embodied in the ordinance in favor of Feary & Dillon on their contract for building cistern.

The question being on the adoption of the motion, Mr. Brown called for the ayes and noes.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Colley, Davis, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—11.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell and Foster—3.

So the motion was adopted.

The ordinance was then read the second time and considered as engrossed.

Mr. Seidensticker moved that the rules be suspended and the ordinance read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being on the suspension of the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the rules were suspended.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 72—1867, was then 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, Coburn, Colley, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

On motion by Mr. Brown, the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY, *Mayor*

ATTEST:

D. M. RANDELL, *City Clerk*.