

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
MONDAY, JUNE 7TH, 1869, 7½ 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 Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Ken-
nington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms,
Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

Absent—Councilman Brown—1.

The proceedings of the regular session held May 31st, 1869, were
read and approved.

Business was resumed in the order in which it was left off at last
meeting, viz. :

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

On motion, the following ordinances were read the second time and
ordered to be engrossed :

Special ordinance No. 39—1869.

Special ordinance No. 38, “

Special ordinance No. 19—1869.
 Special ordinance No. 37, “
 Special ordinance No. 36, “
 Special ordinance No. 40, “
 Special ordinance No. 35, “
 Special ordinance No. 34, “
 General ordinance No. 20, “
 Special appropriation ordinance No. 19—1869.
 General ordinance No. 18—1869.
 General ordinance No. 19, “

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

His Honor, the Mayor, called up general ordinance No. 19—1869, entitled:

a AN ORDINANCE to prevent the running at large of certain animals within the limits of the City of Indianapolis during certain hours.

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 Cottrell, Harrison, Kahn, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Thalman, Wiles and Woodburn—9.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Shepherd, Thoms, Weaver and Whitsit—8.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Wiles called up special ordinance No. 19—1869, entitled:

Je AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on Fort Wayne Avenue, between Delaware and street and the Corporation line east.

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 Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Wiles, from the Committee on Gas Light, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Gas Light, to whom was referred the ordinance providing for lighting the south side of St. Mary's street, between Delaware and Alabama streets, with gas, would respectfully report :

That the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company, through its proper officers, has waived the petition and bond required by the provisions of their Charter, and have consented to take all risk regarding number of private burners, &c., upon themselves. We therefore report back said ordinance, and recommend its passage as amended.

W. D. WILES,
ROB'T. KENNINGTON, } Committee.
LEON KAHN,

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Wiles then called up special ordinance No. 37—1869, entitled :

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

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 Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Pyle, Marsee, Newman, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Cottrell called up special ordinance No. 39—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading the alley running north and south through out-lot No. 104, between Sinker street and the first alley north of said street. a'

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 Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Cottrell called up special ordinance No. 38—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading the alley running east and west from Alabama street to the first alley running north and south through out-lot No. 104.

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 Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Locke called up general ordinance No. 9—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE for the protection of the public grounds and Parks 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 Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—15.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Cottrell and Kennington—2.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Locke called up special ordinance No. 75—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading, paving with brick, and curbing the outside edges of the sidewalk with Flat Rock or Putnamville stone, the west sidewalk on Mississippi street between Washington and Market sts.

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 Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Cottrell called up special ordinance No. 40—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the extension of Alabama street between McCarty and Wyoming streets. a

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 Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Cottrell called up special ordinance No. 35—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and bowldering, with bowlder stone Alabama street, excluding the gutters, from Washington street to Virginia Avenue. a

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 Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Cottrell called up special ordinance No. 31—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on Delaware street between McCarty street and the Madison Road, thence along the Madison Road from its intersection with Delaware street south to the Corporation line. D

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 Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.

Mr. Cottrell called up special ordinance No. 30—1869, entitled :
 S' AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling Sinker street and sidewalks, between Alabama and New Jersey streets.

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 Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Hennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Cottrell called up special ordinance No. 34—1869, entitled :

a' AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and bowldering the gutters and curbing the outside edges of the sidewalk with Flat Rock or Putnamville stone, where not already done, on Alabama street from Washington street to Virginia Avenue.

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 Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Kahn called up special appropriation ordinance No. 17—1869, entitled :

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

Waich 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 Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Kahn called up special appropriation ordinance No. 19—1869, entitled:

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

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 Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

His Honor, the Mayor, called up general ordinance No. 18—1869, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE to prevent loitering on sidewalks, street corners, or near the mouth of alleys in the City of Indianapolis. S'

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 Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Cottrell called up general ordinance No. 20—1869, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE relative to hogs or swine running at large in the City of Indianapolis. a'

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 Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Shepherd, Pyle and Whitsit—10.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Kahn, Newman, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Wiles and Woodburn—7.

So the ordinance passed.

CALL OF THE ROLL.

Mr. Cottrell presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1869.

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

I notify you to build the bridge on Tennessee street, and let the Civil Engineer set the stakes for me, as I am ready and willing to finish my work according to my contract, as it is a shame for you that you will not let me finish my contract, as you all know that my property, that I have worked hard for for this 18 or 19 years, is going away from me through the means of this delay.

Respectfully yours,

THOMAS WREN.

Which was referred to the City Attorney and Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Cottrell introduced special ordinance No. 44—1869, entitled :
AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on Alabama street, between Washington street and Pogue Run.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Gimber offered the following motions :

That the City Engineer be directed to stake off the ground belonging to the city used for burying dead animals.

m That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to notify Mr. McKernan to open McCarty street between the Canal and Pogue Run.

Which were adopted.

Mr. Heckman offered the following motions :

That the Street Commissioner repair the culvert on the corner of Noble and Washington streets, as it is in a dangerous condition.

That the Street Commissioner open the ditch between Lord street and the I. and C. Railroad, and between Grove street and the Corporation line.

Which were adopted.

Mr. Kennington offered the following motions :

L. G. J. That the Gas Inspector be instructed to report to the Common Council in what way the office of Gas Inspector is an advantage to the tax payers of the city, and whether the Gas Company furnish all the gas required by their contract in lighting the street lamps.

That J. Cline be authorized to remove the posts that are in front of his property on Missouri street.

Which were adopted.

Mr. Kahn offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair the gutters on New York street between Liberty and Noble streets.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair New Jersey street, between Massachusetts Avenue and Ft. Wayne Avenue, with screened river gravel.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Kahn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1869.

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

We, the undersigned, citizens of said city, would respectfully call your attention to a lot belonging to the city, in out-lot No. 54, which is a nuisance to the neighborhood, and should be attended to. It lies between Liberty and Noble streets, and between Vermont and Lockerbie streets.

C. C. Heiser,
J. Taylor,
A. Nichols,

A. Kramer,
James Pierce,
And 21 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Kahn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your petitioner, Theodore Zumbush, a citizen of Indianapolis, Ind., respectfully represents that he is now charged some thirteen dollars and twenty-five cents or more on the books of the City Treasurer, for the year 1868, on merchandise in his store, No. 93 East Washington street. That on the 4th day of May, 1868, the whole of said merchandise for which he is now taxed was stolen from his store, none of which has been recovered. He asks your honorable body to relieve him from payment of taxes on said merchandise. And thus he will ever pray, &c., &c.

Very respectfully,

THEODORE ZUMBUSH.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Locke introduced special ordinance No. 45—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading, curbing and paving with stone the sidewalks on the corner of Washington and Tennessee streets, known as the State Buildings, and occupied by State Officers and Supreme Court.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Marsee offered the following motions :

That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, instructed to draw orders on the Treasury for the amounts due all ex-Councilmen and City Officers.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to repair the bouldered streets throughout the city.

Which were adopted.

Also, the following motion :

That the Ind. Central Railroad Company be allowed the privilege of moving their tracks on Virginia Avenue, from where they are now located, a suf-

ficient distance north to accommodate the plan of their new Freight Depot, provided the same be done to the satisfaction of the City Civil Engineer.

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Marsee presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, citizens of Indianapolis, Ind., and owners of real estate fronting on Alabama street between Washington street and Virginia Avenue, respectfully represent that whereas an ordinance is now pending before your honorable body "to grade and bowlder with bowlder stone Alabama street, excluding the gutters, from Washington street to Virginia Avenue," now, therefore, as such grading and bowldering would be of little benefit to us at this time, we would respectfully ask that such ordinance shall not be passed. Trusting our wishes in this matter may be favorably considered, we are, very respectfully, &c.

John R. Heim,
William Dell,
Thomas Wren,

Margaret Mahoney,
Mary Warren,
And 5 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

By consent, the City Assessor submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The following is the report of the Board of Equalization :

J. We have heard and adjusted all complaints brought before us, and return to you the total amount of taxable for the year 1869, \$21,606,197—and 5,394 polls.

WILLIAM HADLEY, *City Assessor.*

DANIEL M. RANSELL, *City Clerk.*

JAMES H. WOODBURN, }
ISAAC THALMAN, } Board of Equal-
HENRY GIMBER, } ization.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Newman introduced general ordinance No. 23—1869 :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for raising a revenue for city purposes for the current year.

9. SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,* That there be levied and collected a tax of ninety cents on the one hundred dollars on the valuation and appraisalment returned by the City Assessor, for the purpose of defraying current expenses of the city and pay interest on the city indebtedness, and for such purposes as may be appropriated for by the City Council; two and a half cents on the one hundred dollars of the foregoing levy shall be set aside for a sinking fund to purchase and pay off bonds of the city issued for the purpose of aiding in the construction of certain railroads.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Newman moved that the rules be suspended and that the ordinance be read the second and third times and placed upon its passage.

The question being on a suspension of the rules,

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the rules were suspended and the ordinance read the second time.

Mr. Cottrell moved that ten cents of the above levy be set apart for sewerage purposes.

Dr. Woodburn demanded the ayes and noes.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Cottrell, Kennington, Pyle, Shepherd, Thoms and Whitsit—6.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Thalman, Weaver, Wiles and Woodburn—11.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Whitsit moved that the levy be increased to ninety-five cents, and that five cents be set apart for sewerage.

The question being on the passage of the motion,

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Cottrell, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Pyle, Shepherd and Whitsit—7.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Harrison, Kahn, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Wiles and Woodburn—10.

So the motion was lost.

The ordinance was then ordered to be engrossed, read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass?

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, New-

man, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Shepherd offered the following motions :

That the City Marshal be instructed to prevent the crossing of bridges with the frame building now being moved on South Meridian street.

That a committee of three be appointed to examine an ordinance passed July 2, 1849, granting the use of parts of Louisiana street to the Terre Haute and Richmond Railroad Company; then to examine the said Louisiana st., and report if the conditions of said ordinance have been complied with, the said report to be made at the next regular meeting of this Council.

That the Vincennes Railroad Company be ordered to plank the culvert at the intersection of West street and Kentucky Avenue within the next thirty days, in case of failure on their part—the Company—with said order within the prescribed time, the Street Commissioner be ordered to do the same and charge to said Company.

That the Vincennes and Terre Haute Railroad Companies be ordered to plank their respective roads at the crossing of alley on Canal bank, between Louisiana and Missouri streets, the same to be done in such a manner as to allow a passage way for teams; the said work to be completed within thirty days, and that the Street Commissioner be ordered to report such order to the officers in charge of said roads, and upon their failure to comply with his order, within the prescribed time, he, the Street Commissioner, be ordered to do said work and charge the same to the said Companies.

Which were adopted.

Mr. Shepherd presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1869.

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

We, the undersigned property holders, would most respectfully ask that there be two gas lights erected on Pearl street between Meridian and Illinois streets, and you will much benefit the citizens of Indianapolis, and more especially the undersigned.

W. R. Hogshire,
C. Frese,
Charles Mayer,

J. N. Conklin,
Geo. F. Meyer,
And 15 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas Light.

Mr. Pyle offered the following motion :

That the Butchers who have rented stalls in the East or West Market Houses be protected in the retail market of meats in said Market Houses, and that it shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to sell any article of meat on said Market Space in less quantity than a quarter at a time.

Which was referred to the Committee on Markets, with instructions to report an ordinance.

Mr. Pyle introduced general ordinance No. 24—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to prevent persons from riding Velocipedes on Sunday.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be ordered to clear the gutter and repair the sidewalk crossing on the south side of Market street between West street and the Canal.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman introduced special ordinance No. 46—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk on Indiana Avenue from West street to St. Clair street, and the outside edge with White Oak plank 3 inches thick.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thoms offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters on Ohio street between Noble and New Jersey streets.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thoms offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner repair East Market street between Winston street and the Corporation line.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Wiles offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to remove the derrick now standing at the corner of Meridian and Vermont streets.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Whitsit presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your petitioners would respectfully ask your honorable body to grant them the privilege of grading and graveling Liberty street between Washington street and the Union Railroad track, the same to be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

J. MARSEE & SON,
EUGENE RENNARD.

Which was granted.

Mr. Weaver introduced special ordinance No. 47—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on Vermont street between Meridian and Illinois streets.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1869.

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

The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable body for permission to re-pave the sidewalk in front of his building on North Illinois street between Market and Wabash streets. Very respectfully,

SAMUEL MILLER,
By D. W. GRUBBS, Agent.

Which was granted.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 1, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, pray your honorable body to authorize the construction of a bridge over the Canal on St. Clair street the width of the road way; as it now is it necessitates all travel from the north and west to go two squares south and about six squares north of St. Clair street to reach the manufactories on the east side of the Canal north of North street. Such an improvement would not only be of great benefit to the manufacturing interests but to all the property holders in this end of the city.

Hoping our prayer may be speedily answered, we most respectfully submit our petition.

Jeremiah Miller,
L. D. Fuller,
H. A. Moore,

J. R. McCormick,
E. Bless,
And 8 others.

Which was received.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following motion :

That the Committee on Bridges be, and they are hereby, authorized to so alter the contract with Bennett Brooks for constructing the bridge across the Central Canal at St. Clair street as to make the bridge of such a length as not to obstruct the navigation of said Canal; provided said Brooks will make such alteration at a cost of not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars in addition to the price agreed, in the existing contract, to be paid him.

Which was referred to the Committee on Bridges.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, property owners on North Illinois st., respectfully petition your honorable body to pass ordinances to grade and improve said North Illinois street between Ohio and First streets, as follows, namely :

Bowlder the gutters and fill balance of said street, except between the rails of Citizens' Street Railroad Company, with sifted river gravel.

Your petitioners would further pray that you require said Street Railroad Company to make their tracks and side tracks conform to the grade of said street before street is graveled.

And your petitioners further pray that said ordinances be passed and con-

tracts let as speedily as can be, in order that the work may be completed, if possible, before the State Fair is held here in the Fall.

J. H. Woodburn,
Wm. W. Weaver,
F. M. Herron,

Wood G. Tousey,
Geo. W. Sloan.
And 38 others.

Which was received.

Also, special ordinance No. 48—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for leveling and repairing Illinois street from Ohio street to the north side of North street, and bowldering the gutters and crossing of streets and alleys.

Which was read the first time.

Also, special ordinance No. 49—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling the street, bowldering the gutters and the crossings of the streets and alleys of Illinois street from the north side of North street to the north side of St. Clair street.

Which was read the first time.

Also, special ordinance No. 50—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling the street and bowldering the gutters and the crossings of the streets and alleys of Illinois street from the north side of St. Clair street to First street.

Which was read the first time.

Also, special appropriation ordinance No. 22—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims on account of the City Hospital for the month of May, 1869.

Which was read the first time.

His Honor, the Mayor, offered the following motion :

That the City Marshal be directed to have placed four additional gas burners in the Council Chamber, in order to better light the north and south sides.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas Light.

Also, the following motion :

That the Committee on Streets and Alleys, in connection with the City Clerk and Civil Engineer, be instructed to devise and perfect a plan for the re-numbering of streets throughout the city, in view of the proposed new system of post office delivery, and to report the same at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Which was adopted.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your petitioners pray that your honorable body adopt an ordinance for the erection of an arched stone bridge across the waste way, or lower arm, of the Canal on the National Road, and that said bridge be the whole width of said street.

The present structure has been in use many years and has become absolutely dangerous. The amount of tonnage and travel daily crossing the Canal at this point is enormous, and is daily increasing; it is not an unfrequent occurrence for teams to wait for turn, in order to pass, in consequence of the extreme narrowness of said bridge. As it now exists all vehicles have to yield to the passage of the Street Cars.

C. E. Geisendorff & Co.,
Chandler & Taylor,
Sohl, Gibson & Co.,

N. Kellogg,
Corbaley & Cassel,
And 8 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Bridges.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—At your last meeting you granted Charles Helwig permission to erect a dry kiln on Ellsworth street, which was protested against by myself and others. Since then, I have been informed by Mr. Abromet, Agent of the Aetna Ins. Co., that my policy would be worthless, and offered to pay my money back. The kiln to be built is the same as that which was burnt belonging to Messrs. Carey & Co., and the one burnt last Saturday. We are poor people and can't afford to have our property damaged and the value depreciated by what is considered a nuisance. We respectfully, as for some redress, ask your honorable body for further investigation, and we will ever pray, &c.

GEORGE SPRANDEL, and others.

Mr. Locke moved to reconsider the vote taken at the last meeting granting permission to Helwig & Co. to erect a dry kiln on Ellsworth street.

The question being on reconsidering,

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Wiles and Woodburn—15.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Newman and Whitsit—2.

So the motion to reconsider was adopted.

On motion, the petition was referred to the Chief Fire Engineer and Committee on Fire Department, with instructions to notify Mr. Helwig to discontinue the erection of said dry kiln.

Sealed proposals for public work were opened and read, and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Also, sealed proposals for the erection of lamp-posts, &c., were opened and read, and referred to the Committee on Gas Light.

By consent, the Civil Engineer made the following reports :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I hereby report the following work finished according to contract :

Samuel Lefever, for grading and paving the west sidewalk on Delaware st., between Ohio and St. Clair streets. Length of pavement 2,298 feet 7 inches, at 75 cents per lineal foot, \$1,723.93.

Respectfully,

R. M. PATTERSON, *Civil Engineer.*

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I hereby report the following work finished according to contract :

James Mahoney, for grading and graveling Ohio street and sidewalks, between Davidson and Harvey streets, on Corporation line east.

Length on the north side 918 feet—length on the south side 918 feet—making total length of 1,836 feet, at \$1.35 per lineal foot, \$2,478.60.

Respectfully,

R. M. PATTERSON, *Civil Engineer.*

Which were concurred in.

The City Clerk made the following report :

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, }
Indianapolis, June 7, 1869. }

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

The City Clerk respectfully reports to the Common Council the following Contracts and Estimates :

1. That, in pursuance of an order passed by your honorable body, I have re-advertised for proposals for grading and graveling North Alabama street, between St. Joseph and St. Mary streets, proposals to be received June 7th, 1869.

2. First and final estimate allowed Hiram Seibert for grading and bowldering Wabash alley from Meridian street to the west side of the first alley west of said street, which is presented for your approval.

3. First and final estimate allowed Samuel Lefever for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk on Delaware street, from Ohio to St. Clair streets, is also presented for your approval.

4. Contract and bond of John Feary and Thomas Dillon for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk on Meridian street, between Pratt and St. Joseph streets. is also presented for your approval.

5. Contract and bond of John Feary and Thomas Dillon for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk on North street, between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets, is also presented for your approval.

6. First and final estimate allowed James Mahoney for grading and graveling Ohio street and sidewalks from Davidson street to the Corporation line east, is also presented for your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. RANSELL, *City Clerk.*

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Hiram Seibert for grading and bowldering the alley from Meridian street to the west side of the first alley west of said 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 passage of the resolution,

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Samuel Lefever for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk on Delaware street, from Ohio to 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 passage of the resolution,

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed James Mahoney for grading and graveling Ohio street from Davidson street to the Corporation line east, 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 passage of the resolution,

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman; Pyle, Shepherd, Thalmon, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.

The City Clerk submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee, to whom were referred the bids for removing the dead animals from the streets and alleys of the City of Indianapolis, would report that we find that Orlando Link is the lowest bidder.

He proposes to do said work without any compensation from the city, and gives good security for the faithful performance of his duty.

We recommend that the contract be awarded said party.

Respectfully,

DANIEL MACAULEY, }
ROBERT S. FOSTER, } Committee.
DAN. M. RANSELL, }

Which was concurred in, and the contract awarded.

On motion, the Council adjourned to meet Friday, June 11, 1869, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Daniel Macauley
~~DANIEL MACAULEY, Mayor.~~

ATTEST:

D. M. Ransdell
~~D. M. RANSELL, City Clerk.~~