

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
MONDAY, JUNE 11TH, 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 Brown, Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn,
Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman,
Thoms, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

Absent—Councilman Weaver—1.

The proceedings of the adjourned session, held June 11th, 1869,
were read and approved.

CALL OF THE ROLL.

Mr. Brown introduced general ordinance No. 25—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE prohibiting the standing of Hacks, Omnibuses, Express Wagons, and other vehicles on Louisiana street, between Tennessee and Meridian streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Brown offered the followed motion :

That the Street Commissioner give written notice to the lessee of the Bates House that he will be required to place a good drain-tile sewer under the street gutters of Illinois and South streets, so as to carry off the slops and waste water from said Hotel to Pogue Run, within thirty days, at his own expense, and in case that he fails to do so, the Common Council will direct the Street Commissioner to do such work and collect the expenses thereof of such lessee.

The question being on the passage of the motion,

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Shepherd and Thoms—11.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Newman, Pyle, Thalman, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—6.

So the motion passed.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

That the City Sexton be directed to place a gate in the Cemetery fence, so as to allow an entrance to persons on foot to the Cemetery on West street opposite South street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Cottrell presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 11, 1869.

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

Your petitioners would represent to your honorable body that at the last regular meeting of the Council an ordinance was passed providing for the grading and graveling of the alley running from Alabama street to the first alley east, through out-lot No. 104, in Merrill's subdivision.

Your petitioners, who are the sole owners of the property bordering on both sides of the proposed improvement, have never signed any petition praying for the granting of the same, and knew of no such petition until the passage of the ordinance. The alley is in good condition, and the grading and graveling of the same would entail a most grievous and unnecessary expense upon your petitioners, and we therefore pray that the ordinance ordering the same be rescinded.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. BROUGH, and others.

Which was received.

Mr. Cottrell moved to reconsider the vote by which special ordinance No. 29—1869, was passed at the meeting of Council held June 7th, 1869, the subject of which is referred to in the above petition.

The question being on reconsidering,

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

see, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the vote was reconsidered.

Cottrell introduced special ordinance No. 51—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling New Jersey street and sidewalks from Merrill street to the north side of the first alley north of Merrill street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Gimber offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair the sidewalk in front of Phipps street and Madison Avenue.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Harrison presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 21, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned respectfully request your honorable body to order the grading and graveling of Arch street and sidewalks between Broadway and Plum street, not already done. We are owners of the property below set opposite our names.

Johanna Kessler,
Ezra Munsell,
A. M. Lankford,
Jacob Voorhees,

T. P. Griffith,
S. Kessler,
C. King.

Which was received.

Also, special ordinance No. 52—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling Arch street and sidewalks between Broadway and Plum streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Kahn introduced special ordinance No. 53—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on Lockerbie street, between East and Liberty streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Locke presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 8, 1869

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, respectfully remonstrate against the paving of the sidewalks of Indiana Avenue, between West and St. Clair sts.

with brick, as in our opinion the said improvement is not necessary, and being poor people cannot pay for the same at the present time. We ask that the ordinance be amended so that it may be passed with good river gravel, with 3 inch oak curbing at the outer edge, with 3 or 4 inches of pit gravel on top of river gravel.

James Renihan,
John Gahm,
George Shubert,

A. E. Phelps,
E. Santa,
And 15 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Locke offered the following motion :

That the City Clerk, with the Committee on Streets and Alleys, are hereby directed to settle with the late Street Commissioner forthwith.

Which was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Thalman, the question of the erection and use of the building now being constructed by Helwig & Co., was referred to the Committee on Fire Department, Chief Fire Engineer, and City Attorney.

Mr. Marsee presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 13, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your petitioner would respectfully ask your honorable body to correct the assessment for the erection of gas posts on South street between New Jersey and East streets.

JOSEPH MARSEE.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas Light.

Mr. Marsee presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 14, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, property owners in out-lot No. 85, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance to grade and gravel the alley running east and west and through said out-lot, between lots 4 and 5 and 16 and 17. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

SPIEGEL, THOMS & CO.

Which was received.

Also, special ordinance No. 54—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling the alley running east and west through out-lot eighty-five, between lots 4 and 5 and 16 and 17, in said out-lot.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Marsee offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair the bridge over the gutter at the alley just west of the No. 3 Engine House.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Shepherd presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 14, 1869.

Messrs. Brown and McB. Shepherd, Councilmen of Fifth Ward :

GENTLEMEN:—The Street Commissioner says he cannot clean the gutter lying between Maryland and Georgia streets, on Tennessee street, without the Council shall so direct.

You are aware that this gutter has been in a deplorable condition for a number of years, indeed ever since the street was placed at its present grade.

The water intended to run from Maryland street southward collects in front of the Cathedral and my residence, and if any great amount falls it runs upon the pavement, and down the alley, and from the alley into my own yard. Will you please present these facts to the Council and ask for relief, that the same may be remedied.

Your obedient servant,

O. M. WILSON.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

By consent, Mr Newman presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 14, 1869.

Hon. John S. Newman :

DEAR SIR:—In Huffer vs. City, two cases, I have proposed to pay as a compromise \$650, costs to be taxed by the Court according to law.

I earnestly recommend that this be ratified by the Council, and that the sewer be enlarged. Will you please bring the matter before the Council this evening. It must be acted upon this evening or the case will be called for trial in the morning. From the papers placed in your hands you can form an opinion as to whether the proposed compromise is a just one or not.

The culvert to which I refer is that across Virginia river at Huron street.

Very respectfully,

B. K. ELLIOTT, *City Attorney.*

Which was received.

And, on motion, the City Attorney and Judiciary Committee were vested with power to settle with Mr. Huffer.

The Committee on Sewers, together with the City Attorney and Civil Engineer, were directed to examine into and report some plan by which the evil complained of, caused by the overflow of water along the line of Virginia river, can be remedied or avoided.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motions :

That the Street Commissioner be ordered to repair the stone crossing on Washington street, between Jennison's Jewelry Store and Norris's Shoe Store, as it is in a very dangerous condition, and liable to break down our Fire Engines at any time they pass that way.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to place a few loads of gravel and spall around the cistern on the corner of St. Clair street and Indiana Avenue.

Which were adopted.

Also, special ordinance No. 55—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling Blake street and sidewalks from the north side of Rhode Island street to Indiana Avenue.

Which was read the first time.

Also, special ordinance No. 56—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling Blake street and sidewalks from North street to the north side of Rhode Island street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Wiles offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to put a culvert over the east crossing of North Alabama street and Fort Wayne Avenue; also, to fill with gravel a mud hole in Fort Wayne Avenue near said crossing; also repair the culvert over north crossing of Delaware and North streets.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Wiles presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 12, 1869.

Mr. Bruner, Street Commissioner :

DEAR SIR:—In and at the east end of Cherry street there is a monstrous mud hole, terrible as the Slough of Despond, as wide as the street, and as long as it is wide, and as to its depth this deponent saith not, but it is certainly a great inconvenience and capable of breeding at least a dozen cases of well developed ague, fever, diarrhœa, dysentery, and cholera, &c., &c., and besides all this, it is a nuisance *per se*. And if you will have the goodness to remove it, or, if more convenient, to fill it up, I and every man living within a square of it will be under 1,001 lasting obligations to you, besides being proper glad.

Very respectfully,

A. G. WALLACE.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Whitsit presented the following petitions :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 14, 1869.

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

We, the undersigned petitioners, pray your honorable body that you will fill or cause to be drained some ponds on Buchanan street and between Bradshaw; and also, one on Dougherty street that empties into the one on Buchanan street; that said ponds are very stagnant water and considered very unhealthy. And for this we will ever pray, &c.

Alison S. Ray,
Wm. Martindale,
David Fleming,

Wm. B. Rogardus,
Chas. F. Martindale,
And 28 others.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 11, 1869.

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

We, the undersigned subscribers, being on and near Coburn street, respectfully petition your honorable body that the lot No. 52, out-lot No. 99, in Hendricks' subdivision in the City of Indianapolis, (which is now covered with water,) be drained off, which, in our opinion, will prevent a great deal of sickness, as the stench and smell arising from the water is very disagreeable and obnoxious. Said lot is the property of David Power.

Joseph Schrotz,
M. A. Huffington,

John Finn,
Joseph McVey.

Which were received.

Mr. Whitsit offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the owners of the following described real estate, to-wit: Lots numbered 72, 73, 74 and 75, in out-lot numbered 99, be, and they are hereby, required to fill and drain the same, as, in the opinion of this Council, there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant and noxious as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and of the inhabitants thereof, and that the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, required to notify the owners thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 23d, 1866, entitled "An ordinance providing for the drainage and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same," and that in case of the failure of the owners thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to drain or fill said excavation, as provided in said ordinance, and provided that the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the value of the aforesaid real estate as assessed upon the tax duplicate for city purposes.

The question being on the passage of the resolution

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

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.

Also, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the owner of the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot No. 323, in out-lot No. 97, be, and they are hereby, required to fill and drain the same, as, in the opinion of this Council, there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant and noxious as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and of the inhabitants thereof, and that the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, required to notify the owners thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 23d, 1866, entitled "An ordinance providing for the drainage and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same," and that in case of the failure of the owners thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to drain or fill said excavation, as provided in said ordinance; provided the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the value of the aforesaid real estate as assessed upon the tax duplicate for city purposes.

The question being on the passage of the resolution,

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

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the owners of the following described real estate, to-wit: Lots Nos. 11, 12 and 13, in out-lot No. 99, be, and they are hereby, required to fill and drain the same, as, in the opinion of this Council there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant and noxious as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and of the inhabitants thereof, and that the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, required to notify the owners thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 23d, 1866, entitled "An ordinance providing for the drainage and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same," and that in case of the failure of the owners thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to drain or fill said excavations, as provided in said ordinance, provided the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the value of the aforesaid real estate as assessed upon the tax duplicate for city purposes.

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No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the owners of the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot No. 52, in out-lot No. 99, be, and they are hereby, required to fill and drain the same, as, in the opinion of this Council, there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant and noxious as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and of the inhabitants thereof, and that the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, required to notify the owners thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 23d, 1866, entitled "An ordinance providing for the drainage and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same," and that in case of the failure of the owners thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to drain or fill said excavation, as provided in said ordinance, provided the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the value of the aforesaid real estate as assessed upon the tax duplicate for city purposes.

The question being on the passage of the resolution,

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

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.

Mr. Whitsit presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 8, 1869.

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

We, the undersigned property holders, do respectfully petition your honorable body to grade and gravel the alley running east and west between Coburn and Dougherty streets one square; the situation it now stands in makes it very unhealthy, as the water stands there in a perfect pond, and will undoubtedly cause a great deal of sickness this summer.

Joseph Schrotz,
Joseph McVey,
Robt. J. Pedlom,

Byron P. Flinn,
John Finn,
M. A. Huffington.

Which was received.

Also, special ordinance No. 57—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling the alley lying between Daugherty and Coburn streets, from East to Wright streets.

Which was read the first time.

Also, the following motions :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to open the gutter on the east side of Liberty street, under the Union and I. P. & C. Railroad tracks.

That D. M. Snyder be allowed to grade and pave the sidewalk with brick in front of his lot, No. 455, in out-lot 98, and that the Engineer be directed to set the grade stakes for the same, to be done at his own expense.

Which were adopted.

Also, the following motion :

That the Clerk advertise for proposals to build a culvert from the south side of South street to the west side of East street, the same to be walled up with stone and covered with plank, and made three feet in the clear, according to specifications of the Civil Engineer.

Which was referred to the Committee on Bridges.

Mr. Whitsit presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 22, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, your petitioners, pray your honorable body to grant us the privilege of putting down a tile drain on the east side of Vir-

ginia Avenue, in or near the gutter, from Grove street along said Avenue to the culvert through which Virginia river flows. The object of this request is that we may thereby be enabled to throw the surface water away from and effectually drain our cellars.

Your petitioners also pray that a part of such expense be paid by the city, at least so much as would be covered by street and alley crossings. And also that you cause the City Civil Engineer to set the proper stakes in order to give a free flow of water. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

Peter Routier,
Chas. Loehman,

Wils. Rustner,
F. H. Stuckmeyer.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following motions :

That the private parties owning the stone walks across Washington street, between Pennsylvania and Meridian streets, be notified by the Street Commissioner to forthwith repair the same.

That permission be granted to Erie Locke for the construction of one or more Bay Windows on the south side of his residence, extending into a 15 foot alley not over 20 inches.

That the City Attorney, City Civil Engineer, Chief Fire Engineer, Street Commissioner, and City Gas Inspector be hereafter required to be in attendance at all meetings of the Council.

Which were adopted.

Also, special ordinance No. 58—1859, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling Walnut street and sidewalks, from Tennessee to Mississippi streets.

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Also, special ordinance No. 59—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures comple to burn gas, except the service pipe, on Mississippi street from Indiana Avenue to First street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Shepherd presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 14, 1869.

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

We, the undersigned, pray that while we remonstrate against the paving with brick or stone the sidewalk on the north side of Indiana Avenue, between West and St. Clair streets, we pray your honorable body to pass an ordinance for the graveling of said sidewalk with good river or creek gravel, at least 6 inches deep, and covered with a thin sprinkle of pit gravel.

John Gahill,
Fr. Witthoft,
George Shubert,

J. Wielk,
M. Conlen,
And 7 others.

Which was received and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

His Honor, the Mayor, offered the following motion :

That the Committee on Streets and Alleys consider and report upon the feasibility of more permanently constructing such street culverts as may hereafter be considered necessary. To particularly report upon the plan of building them upon permanent stone foundations instead of wood, the plank to be laid either straight across or obliquely so, and that they be placed upon the foundations without permanently nailing or fastening, in order that repairs or cleaning out may be done without disturbing the entire culvert.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Sealed proposals for public work were referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys without reading.

His Honor, the Mayor, introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 22—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to appropriate twenty-five dollars to each Policeman, and also to the Deputy Marshal in charge of the Police Force, to be applied in part payment for the purchase of a Police uniform.

Which was read the first time.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Newman, from the Finance Committee, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 14, 1869.

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

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition of Theodore Zumbush to be relieved of certain taxes for the year 1868, beg leave to report that the question presented by the petitioner is simply one that appeals to the sense of justice and sympathy of the Council. The petitioner states that in February, 1868, he was assessed for city taxes on merchandise, and that the taxes, \$13.25, stand charged against him on the Treasurer's books; that on the 4th day of May, 1868, the merchandise was all stolen from him and never recovered. It is a great hardship on the petitioner and a similar misfortune may overtake any citizen in case of theft or the destruction of real or personal property by fire, and the committee submit the question of relief to the sound discretion of the Council, with the suggestion that it would have been a case for an appeal to the Council or the committee on equalization, at the proper time, before the taxes were assessed or carried to the proper books of the Treasurer.

J. S. NEWMAN, Chairman.

Which was received.

Mr. Kahn moved that Mr. Zumbush be relieved from paying said \$13.25 cents tax.

Mr. Brown moved to lay the motion on the table.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman, from the Committee on Streets and Alleys, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 14, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Streets and alleys would report that they have examined sundry proposals for the improvement of streets and alleys, and find the persons named below to be the lowest bidders as follows, to-wit, and recommend that contracts be awarded as follows :

1st. For grading and graveling Virginia Avenue from Louisiana to South street, to Samuel Hanway at 75 cts. per lineal foot front on each side.

2d. For grading and graveling Roanoke alley and sidewalks from St. Clair to Pratt streets, to David Sylvester, at 32 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

3d. For grading and graveling Illinois street and sidewalks from Ray st. to the Corporation line south, to Francis J. Blume, at 69 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

4th. For grading and graveling Bradshaw street and sidewalks from Virginia Avenue to the western terminus of Bradshaw street, to Daniel Mahoney, at 65 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

5th. For grading and graveling Buchanan street and sidewalks from East street to Virginia Avenue, to Daniel Mahoney, at 80 cts. per lineal foot front on each side.

6th. For grading and graveling New Jersey street and sidewalks from McCarty street south to the terminus of New Jersey street, to August Richter, at 94 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

7th. For grading, paving with brick, and curbing the outside edge of the sidewalk with White Oak plank, the west sidewalk on Illinois street, from South street to Pogue Run, we would recommend that the same be re-advertised, as there was an error in the advertisement.

8th. We would recommend that further time be granted the committee in regard to the improvement of Cady street, as there has been a remonstrance presented against the improvement of the said street.

9th. That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair East Market st., between Winston street and the Corporation line east, as we are of the opinion the same will not cost over twenty-five dollars.

10th. A motion was referred to your committee instructing the Street Commissioner to repair New Jersey street, between Massachusetts Avenue and Fort Wayne Avenue, with screened river gravel, the committee would refer the Council to section 6 of an ordinance on page 89 of printed ordinances, in relation to contracts, which reads as follows, to-wit :

"Sec. 6. No public work of which the supposed cost shall exceed twenty-five dollars, shall be authorized by said Council except by ordinance; and if any such work come under the supervision of the Street Commissioner of said city, and be likely, in his opinion, to cost more than said sum, he shall refer the matter to said Council."

And would recommend when a street needs repairing, and the cost of the same will be over twenty-five dollars, that an ordinance be passed for the improvement of the same in all cases, as money raised by taxation on the tax duplicate should not be expended for one street, and the property holders on some other street (in a different locality) be required to pay for the improvement of off the same, by an estimate made against the property fronting on the line improved. We would also report in favor of the Street Commissioner to repair East Market street, between Winston street and the Corporation line east, as said improvement will not exceed in cost twenty-five dollars. Also, that the order ordering the Street Commissioner to gravel Illi-

nois street from South street to Pogue Run, at the expense of the City, be rescinded, and if the property holders on the line proposed to be improved want it done, to have an ordinance passed to have it done at their expense.

11th. That the Street Commissioner be required to file his pay roll every Monday evening, setting forth the names and amount due each person, and what for, in order that this Council may know what amount of money we are expending for street repairs, &c.

12th. We would recommend that in the future the repairing of all the bowldered streets in the city be let out by contract, and that the making of all foot bridges be made in the same manner, as we are satisfied money can be saved by so doing.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC THALMAN,
JOHN L. MARSEE, } Committee.
C. HECKMAN,

On motion, the sixth paragraph was referred back to the Committee—the following petitions being filed :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 14, 1869.

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

We, the undersigned, property holders on New Jersey street, between McCarty street and the southern termination of said street, would respectfully request the City Council to improve said street, as bids are received for.

Respectfully,

C. F. Schmidt,
J. H. Kappes,
August Ritter.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned would most respectfully petition your honorable body to amend the ordinance to grade and gravel South New Jersey street, so as to read good river or creek gravel.

For further consideration we would inform your honorable body that some time in March we petitioned the Council to grade and gravel said street with good river or creek gravel ; in accordance with an ordinance which was afterwards, without the knowledge, and contrary to the wishes of said petitioners, withdrawn, and another one submitted, by which the street has to be improved five or six hundred feet beyond the terminus ; and also, the word "screened" inserted instead of "good;" the former clause was in our demand amended, but in the latter we did not demand an alteration, because we knew nothing of it until we saw it advertised for contract

The above we submit, most respectfully, for your consideration.

Geo. E. Hemmerle, Fred. Schilling,
Christian Wehn, Hermann Jasper,
Wm. G. Chetester, And 10 others.

On motion, the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th and 12th paragraphs were concurred in and the contracts awarded.

In reference to the 10th paragraph, Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

That the item in the report of the Committee relative to an ordinance being in force limiting expenditures for street repairs to \$25, be referred to the City Attorney for his report as to whether the same is in force or not. Also, that the City Attorney report whether he will undertake a revision of all the

public ordinances, including an index to the same, and if so, for what compensation.

Which was adopted.

The remainder of the section was concurred in.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Daniel Macauley
~~DANIEL MACAULEY~~, Mayor.

ATTEST:

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