

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
MONDAY, JULY 12TH, 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, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—18.

The proceedings of the adjourned sessions, held June 30th, 1869, and July 7th, 1869, were read and approved.

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

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Brown, from the Special Committee, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 28, 1869.

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

The Special Committee, appointed at the meeting of the Council held on the 11th of June, 1869, to whom was referred a report of the City Treasurer relative to the straightening of Pogue Run, would report that they have in-

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quired into the subject, and recommend that no compromise is necessary. They further recommend that the contractor be required to complete the straightening of Pogue Run on that part of the line established by the Council between Illinois and Tennessee streets, and across the latter, as it is the opinion of the City Attorney that such action will not conflict with the existing suit of injunction, which refers only to that part of the line west of Tennessee street, and that the following resolution be adopted.

AUSTIN H. BROWN, }
LEON KAHN, } Committee.
ERIE LOCKE, }

I concur in the above.

B. K. ELLIOTT, *City Attorney.*

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Brown, also, offered the following resolution in relation to the same :

Resolved, That the contractor for straightening Pogue Run be required to complete so much of his work, according to contract, as covers that portion of the new channel of Pogue Run lying between Illinois street and the west side of Tennessee street, at the earliest time possible, and that the City Civil Engineer be directed to prepare plans and estimates for a bridge across such Run on Tennessee street, and report the same to the Council.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

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

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, July 7, 1869.

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

Your Committee, to whom was referred the appropriations for street improvement, would beg leave to report that in the judgment of your Committee the moneys should be equally distributed to the several Wards, and that the balances standing against some of the Wards be paid or balanced off. And we would further recommend that the Clerk be instructed not to issue any orders to any Ward for street improvements after the amount to their credit is exhausted.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON KAHN, }
C. HECKMAN, } Committee.
C. E. WHITSIT, }

To which Mr. Cottrell offered the following amendment :

Amend by striking out Clerk, and direct Street Commissioner to do no work in any Ward after the appropriation made is expended.

Which was adopted, and the report as amended concurred in.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, July 12, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Geo. Cimmerman, praying that damages be allowed him to the amount of \$15 for the damage sustained by him as set forth in the accompanying petition, would respectfully recommend that the sum of \$15 be allowed him.

AUGUSTUS BRUNER. *Srect Commissioner.*
W. D. WILES.

Which was concurred in, and the Com'tee on Accounts and Claims instructed to have the amount embodied in pending ordinance allowing claims.

On motion, the rules were suspended for the purpose of receiving reports from all Standing Committees.

Mr. Harrison, from the Committee on Revision of Ordinances, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, July 12, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Revision of Ordinances, to whom was referred the petition of E. F. Steffens, Esq., for permission to enter Circle Park for the purpose of testing the mathematical instruments which he manufactures, do hereby report that we have examined said subject and find an existing ordinance, passed October 9, 1867, prohibiting all persons from entering on said Park, except those employed in the improvement or care of the same, and that the prayer of the petitioner cannot strictly be granted without the passage of a new ordinance repealing said existing ordinance, which would involve the city in considerable expense for advertising the same. We therefore report back said petition for the further consideration of Council. And at the same time we would invite attention to the fact that the petitioner is the only manufacturer and adjuster of mathematical instruments in the State, and induces a branch of trade into our city from railroad men and others using such instruments which would otherwise go to Cincinnati or other places outside of the State where such work is done. There is no other view than Circle Park suitable to his purpose short of a mile from the city, and thus the petitioner and his customers are often put to a great inconvenience by the delay occasioned by being compelled to go so far away to make adjustments. We would, therefore, express our desire to encourage the petitioner in the scientific and useful pursuit in which he is engaged and submit the question whether or not his entry upon said Park for the purpose named in his petition, would really be a violation of the spirit of the ordinance now in force on said subject, and whether or not the petitioner cannot be nominally employed as a person in care of said Park, and by virtue thereof have the liberty of said Park.

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. HARRISON, }
ERIE LOCKE, } Committee,
T. COTTRELL, }

Which was received.

Mr. Harrison, from the Committee on Revision of Ordinances, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 12, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Revision of Ordinances, to whom was referred a motion to report an ordinance in regard to hogs, &c., beg leave to report that they have examined said subject, and find that on the 4th day of May, 1868, an ordinance was passed prohibiting hogs from running at large. In the same ordinance it is declared unlawful to erect hog pens within fifty feet of any dwelling house, or to suffer such pens to create offensive or noxious odors. On the 7th of June, 1869, the provisions of the ordinance prohibiting hogs from running at large was repealed, and hogs with metallic rings inserted in the rooster allowed to run at large.

The Committee are of the opinion that said ordinances, if properly enforced, are as good as can at present be enacted on the subject, if hogs are allowed in the city at all. We therefore report the matter back for the further consideration of the Council.

TEMPLE C. HARRISON, }
 ERIE LOCKE, } Committee.
 THOMAS COTTRELL, }

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

Mr. Harrison, from the Committee on Revision of Ordinances, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 12, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Revision of Ordinances herewith present a communication from the City Attorney suggesting amendments to two general ordinances, both of which we recommend to be passed.

Respectfully,

TEMPLE C. HARRISON, }
 ERIE LOCKE, } Committee.
 THOMAS COTTRELL, }

Also, the following communication from the City Attorney :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 12, 1869.

To the Committee on Revision of Ordinances :

GENTLEMEN:—I respectfully call attention to the first section of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance regulating the weighing of coal in the city of Indianapolis."

As the section now stands it is utterly ineffective. The defect can be remedied by inserting the words "to sell the same." I have prepared an ordinance amending this section which I herewith transmit. Should it meet your approbation please submit it to Council.

I respectfully request you to suggest to Council, that all general ordinances which are intended to form part of the edition upon which I am now engaged, be passed as early as convenient, as the printer will be ready for them as soon as they can be prepared.

I also call attention to the ordinance creating the office of Gas Inspector,

which is, in many particulars, defective. I have suggested some amendments which are necessary to make it effectually operative, and submit them for your approval.

Respectfully, B. K. ELLIOTT, *City Attorney.*

Which were received.

Mr. Harrison introduced general ordinance No. 36—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to amend section one of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance regulating the weighing of coal in the City of Indianapolis," passed August 1, 1867.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Harrison, also, introduced general ordinance No. 37—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE amendatory of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance creating the office of City Gas Inspector, defining his duties and fixing his salary," passed February 17, 1868.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Locke, from the Committee on Bridges, offered the following motion :

That the City Clerk re-advertise for building a bridge over the arm of the Canal at Geisendorff's Mill, in accordance with the specifications of the Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

That the City Clerk advertise for proposals for the building of a wooden bridge over the Canal on St. Clair street, in accordance with specifications of the Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, July 7, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Streets and Alleys respectfully report that we have examined sundry proposals for the improvement of certain streets and find the following-named persons the lowest bidders, and would recommend that contracts be awarded as follows :

1. For grading and graveling Vermont street and sidewalks, between California street and the first alley west of Bright street, to John Schier, at 65 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.
2. For grading and graveling Oak street and sidewalks from Massachusetts Avenue to Cherry street, to David Sylvester, at 69 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.



3. For grading and graveling Chestnut street and sidewalks from Ray to Morris streets, to Richard Carr, at 48 cents per lineal foot on each side of the line improved.

4. For grading the first alley south of Stevens street, running east and west between Water and Greer streets, to Thomas O'Conner, at 18 cents per lineal foot on each side of the line improved.

5. For grading and paving with brick the sidewalks on Tennessee street from Indiana Avenue to North street, to Charles Rooney, at 60 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

6. For grading and 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, to Charles Rooney at 20 cents per lineal foot front for curbing, and 63 cents per lineal foot front for paving.

7. For building a bridge on the Canal on McCarty street, to August Richter at \$3.80 per hundred feet, board measure.

8. 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, to D. Root & Co., at \$39 per post for the corner, and \$37 per post for the intermediate posts.

9. For grading, paving with flag stone, and curbing the outside edge of the sidewalk with stone, where the same has not already been curbed, in front and side of the building occupied by the State Officers, on the corner of Washington and Tennessee streets, Samuel Lefever is the lowest bidder, his bid being for curbing 75 cents per lineal foot front, and for paving per superficial foot 45 cents, or per square yard \$4.05 cents.

10. A remonstrance was referred to your Committee, signed by John Gahn and others, against paving with brick the sidewalk on the north side of Indiana Avenue from West to St. Clair street, and asking the Council to pass an ordinance to have the said sidewalk graded and gravelled with River gravel. The cost of paving over graveling would be so small that we recommend that the same be paved with brick as contemplated.

11. A communication was also referred to your Committee from O. M. Wilson, in relation to the gutter on South Tennessee street; in this case we recommend that the Street Commissioner be directed to clean out the gutter so the water can pass off.

12. A motion was also referred to your Committee directing the Street Commissioner to put a culvert over the east crossing of North Alabama street and Fort Wayne Avenue. In this case we would recommend that the gutter be repaired, and that he also be directed to fill with gravel a mud hole near said crossing.

13. A petition was also presented from Hon. John Coburn in regard to the gutters on North Delaware street, and would recommend that the Street Commissioner be directed to clean and repair the said gutters.

14. A communication was also referred to your Committee from Esquire Wallace in relation to a mud hole on Cherry street, which evil can only be remedied by the passage of an ordinance to improve said street from Ash st. to the first alley west of said street, or perhaps the same had better run as far as Oak street, and an ordinance is herewith presented for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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

In relation to the paragraph of the report in regard to the com-

munication from O. M. Wilson, in relation to the gutters on South Tennessee street, Mr. Brown offered the following amendment :

That the same be concurred in, and that the Street Commissioner be directed to change the grade of such gutter, provided the City Engineer thinks the same necessary, and that the same can be done at little expense.

Which was adopted, and the report, as amended, concurred in.

Mr. Thalman, from the Committee on Streets and Alleys, introduced special ordinance No. 69—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling Cherry street and sidewalks from Ash street to the first alley east of Ash street.

Which was read the first time by its title.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, July 12, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred various proposals for the improvement of streets, would recommend that contracts be awarded as follows, to-wit :

1. For grading and graveling Vine street and sidewalks, between Jackson and Ash streets, to Samuel Lefever at $78\frac{1}{2}$ cents per lineal foot on each side of the line improved.

2. For furnishing 1,000 yards of good River or Creek gravel for the use of the Street Commissioner, and to be delivered on any street he may direct at \$1.05 cents per cubic yard, to Samuel Lefever.

3. A remonstrance was referred to your Committee, signed by H. Busher and others, against bowldering Alabama street from Washington street to Pogue Run; we think the prayer of the remonstrants should be granted, but we believe the same should be graded and graveled with good River gravel, screened, and we herewith present an ordinance to have the same done.

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

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Thalman, from same Committee, introduced special ordinance No. 70—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling Alabama street from Washington street to Virginia Avenue, exclusive of the sidewalks and gutters.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Locke, from the Committee on Bridges, offered the following motion :

That the contract for the erection of the stone culvert at the intersection

of South street and Virginia Avenue, be awarded to August Richter, he being the lowest bidder, at \$5.80 per cubic yard.

Which was adopted.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following invitation :

CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND., July 9, 1869.

Genl. Macauley, Mayor of the City of Indianapolis :

DEAR SIR:—I write you at this time to invite you, with the City Council, to ride over our Railroad on Tuesday of next week. I want to convince the Council, by ocular demonstration, that we have a Railroad from your prosperous and large City to our beautiful little city. I want you to notify the Council at the earliest practicable moment, so that they may make their arrangements to make the trip. The invitation extends to your Clerk and City Attorney and the corps Editorial and Reporters.

I will be at the Council meeting on Monday evening, and I hope to have the pleasure of accompanying them to this place. Yours truly,

S. C. WILSON.

The train will leave Tuesday morning and return the same evening.

S. C. W.

Which, on motion, was received, and the invitation accepted.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, July 12, 1869.

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

Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of John R. Heim and others, asking that a cistern be located on the forks of the Michigan and National Roads, would respectfully report that in their opinion the intersection of Cady and Washington streets would be a much better location for the cistern than the one asked for.

JOHN L. MARSEE, }
AUSTIN H. BROWN, } Committee.
ISAAC THALMAN, }

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Weaver, from the Committee on Public Buildings, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 12, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee, to whom was referred the communication of His Honor, the Mayor, recommending the building of a City Jail, would respectfully report as follows :

We have examined the building material at the formerly proposed site for the Home for the Friendless, and find it, according to the estimate of a practical architect and builder, to be composed of about one hundred thousand brick and a large quantity of the best quality of dressed stone, nearly the whole of which is available, and worth about \$3,000.00 in the erection of the Jail.

We have further examined the building lot on the north side of Maryland street directly in the rear of the present City Offices, and purchased by the

city for the erection of a Station House or City Jail, and believe that the City can do no better for the present than to build upon it accordingly and without delay.

The lot is small, but a small building will answer all the City's demands for years, certainly until the people may feel able to erect spacious and costly public buildings. The location is central, and at the same time more retired than can well be obtained elsewhere within a reasonable distance of the City Offices.

Your Committee would respectfully ask that they be authorized to procure plans and specifications for a plain two story building, containing the necessary rooms for Jailor and Police Force, and iron cell room for twenty prisoners, to be built upon the lot aforesaid, such plan and specifications to be submitted for the approval of the Council, and we offer herewith a motion to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. WEAVER, }
JOHN PYLE, } Committee.

Also, the following motion :

That the Committee on Public Buildings be authorized to procure plans and specifications, showing cost, &c., of a suitable building for a City Jail or Station House, to be erected on the City's lot purchased for the purpose, such plans and specifications to be submitted to the Common Council for approval before adoption.

Mr. Cottrell presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 12, 1869

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

Should the City Council feel disposed to consider the proposition made twice by me in behalf of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, in relation to the land donated by Mr. S. A. Fletcher, for a Female City Prison and House of Refuge, the Committee appointed last winter, or any other to be selected now, may confer at any time with the original Committee, consisting of Dr. Athon, Wm. P. Fishback and the undersigned.

AUG. BESSONIES.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Common Council of Indianapolis, Indiana, will accept the proposition of Aug. Bessonies, in behalf of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, in relation to the land donated by Mr. S. A. Fletcher, Sr., for a City Prison and House of Refuge, Mr. S. A. Fletcher, Sr., consenting thereto.

Which were all laid over for one week.

Mr. Gimber presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 12, 1869.

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

We, the undersigned lot owners on Illinois street, between Ray and Morris streets, in the City of Indianapolis, remonstrate against the manner in which said street is being improved; the grade is uneven, the gravel used is not gravel proper, but principally sand or very fine gravel from a pit. That part which is put on the sidewalk is good plastering sand; also pit sand in-

stead of River gravel. We, the undersigned, desire your immediate attention to this improvement, as we are in favor of a good job of the same.

Wm. H. H. Johnson, Hannah Bishop,
Wm. C. Weiland, John Bryon,
James Kelly, And 16 others.

Which was referred to the Civil Engineer and Committee on Streets and Alleys, with instructions to stop the work if not being done according to contract.

Dr. Woodburn, from the Committee on Benevolence and Hospital, presented the following :

RECAPITULATION OF THE WEEKLY REPORT OF CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING JULY 10, 1869.

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	18
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	10
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	1
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	6
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	1
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	22

Which was received.

Mr. Wiles, from the Committee on Gas Light, made the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner, under the direction of the City Gas Inspector, cut down the locust trees at the north-west corner of Delaware and Market streets, at the south-east corner of Delaware and Market streets, and at the north-west corner of Alabama and Market streets, said trees greatly interfering with the light from the public lamps situated at such corners.

Which was referred to a Select Committee composed of Messrs. Newman, Thalman and Shepherd.

Mr. Heckman offered the following motion :

That the proposals for streets be referred in all cases to the Committee on Streets and Alleys. For the erection of lamp-posts to Committee on Gas. For building culverts and bridges to Committee on Bridges, for the present.

Which was adopted.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Attorney made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 12, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have examined the questions concerning the improvement of Louisiana street, and respectfully submit the following opinion :

I can find no contract of record requiring the Railway Company to improve Louisiana street. There can be no legal objection, however, to permitting the Company to improve said street as they propose to do.

I think the Council have power to order the crossings to be taken up whenever, in their judgment, it is required by the public interest. A party ob-

taining permission to lay crossings, or set up lamp-posts, is not invested with a privilege that cannot be revoked. The permission is subject to the right of Council to change or vary the grade or improvement of streets.

Respectfully,

B. K. ELLIOTT, *City Attorney.*

Which was concurred in.

His Honor, the Mayor, submitted the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 12, 1869.

To the Members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

GENTLEMEN :—The question of annexation of contiguous territory by our City has been for the past few years agitated by the people, and on more than one occasion thoroughly discussed by the Common Council. In the Council propositions have been entertained for the addition of several different portions of territory, but by the overloading of every such proposition with extravagant amendments all were rejected, and no definite result was reached.

I now respectfully recommend to your honorable body that a Committee, either regular or special, to which shall be added the City Assessor and City Attorney, be authorized and directed to consider and report upon the question of the annexation of that contiguous territory lying north of the City, between First and Tinker streets, and east and west within such boundaries as the Committee may deem best.

I recommend this, believing that adjoining property, so thoroughly improved and thickly settled, the owners thereof deriving in a great measure the comforts, security and privileges of city life, should be made to bear its proportionate burthen of taxation.

It may be argued that the improvements demanded by so large an addition to the City would draw from the treasury more than could be realized from it on the tax list. This might be so for the first year, perhaps two years, but it is believed investigation will show that a large pecuniary advantage to the city within three years would result from the annexation of this property.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL MACAULEY, *Mayor.*

Which, on motion, was laid over for one week.

The City Clerk made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 12, 1869.

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

The City Clerk respectfully reports—

1. The first and final estimate allowed John Schier for grading and graveling St. Clair street and sidewalks, between Tennessee and Missouri sts.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. RANDELL, *City Clerk.*

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed John Schier for grading and graveling St. Clair street, between Tennessee 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, Cottrell, Harrison, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

The City Clerk, also, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 5, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN :—The City Clerk respectfully reports to the Common Council that there are on file in his office the following affidavits for the collection of street assessments by precept, as follows :

Samuel Hanway against W. H. Otis, for \$10 80.
Samuel Hanway against Esther Walpole, for \$9.99.
James Mahoney against Rosina Schadd, for \$190.00.
James Mahoney against Gerald Schroe, for \$49.95.

And would respectfully recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully,

D. M. RANSDELL, *City Clerk.*

Which was concurred in, and the precepts ordered to issue.

The City Clerk, also, made the following report :

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, }
Indianapolis, July 5, 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 Estimate :

1st. Contract and bond of Samuel W. Patterson and R. P. Dunning for bowldering the gutters and curbing the outside edges of the sidewalks with Flat Rock or Putnamville stone, on Alabama street, from Washington street to Pogue Run.

2d. Contract and bond of Orlando Link for the removal of dead animals dying within the corporate limits of the City of Indianapolis.

3d. Contract and bond of James Mahoney for grading and graveling Alabama street and sidewalks from St. Mary's to St. Joseph streets.

4th. First and final estimate allowed Samuel Hanway for repairing South Delaware street, between Wyoming street and the Madison Road.

5th. Contract and bond of John Schier for grading and graveling the extension of Alabama street, between McCarty and Wyoming streets.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL M. RANSDELL, *City Clerk.*

Which was concurred in, with the exception of the paragraph in regard to bond of Orlando Link, for the removal of dead animals which was referred back for additional security.

The City Clerk, also, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Samuel Hanay for repairing South Delaware street, between Wyoming street and the Madison Road, 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, Cottrell, Harrison, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Wyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn--16.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

The City Sexton made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 7, 1869,

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

GENTLEMEN:—During the June flood in White River there was washed away, at the south-west corner of the City Cemetery, some fifteen or twenty rails of fence, and at this time it is needing repairs very much. It will require considerable expense to have it done at this time, if you will give me orders to do so.

I herewith present you a list of interments made by me, ending with June 1, 1869.

Interments under 5 years -----	20
Between 5 and 10 years -----	2
" 10 and 20 " -----	4
" 20 and 30 " -----	5
" 30 and 40 " -----	6
" 40 and 50 " -----	2
" 50 and 60 " -----	3
" 60 and 70 " -----	2
" 80 and 90 " -----	2
" 90 and 100 " -----	1

Total ----- 47

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAS. H. HEDGES, *City Sexton*.

Which was concurred in, and the Sexton instructed to have the work done.

Mr. Cottrell presented the following assignment of contract :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 12, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have made an assignment of my contract to grade and gravel Buchanan street and sidewalks, from East street to Virginia Avenue, to Him Seibert, and respectfully ask you to consent to the same.

Respectfully,

DANIEL MAHONEY.

Security—JAMES RENIHAN.

Which, on motion, was granted.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 5, 1869.

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

R. We, the undersigned, would respectfully represent to your honorable body that at a meeting of the Council late in December, 1868, or early in January 1869, we asked for an appropriation of \$300 to aid us in taking care of such persons as were in need of prompt attention in the way of food and shelter. Said petition was placed in the hands of the Committee on Benevolence who reported in favor of the appropriation, and the Council concurred in the report. This was January 18, 1869. But here the matter rests.

The above petition was made under the following circumstances, viz: The Council was, at that time, considering the propriety of fitting up the old Court House for the use of those without shelter, but as this would only do a part of the work, and thinking that we could serve the city and also destitute and unfortunate ones, proposed to save the city of this expense, if we could have some help.

When the above action was taken by the Council we supposed the matter would be properly adjusted in due time. Our Superintendent, therefore, asked the Police to take all destitute persons to our Boarding House where they were provided with comfortable beds and something to eat when it was necessary. Also, in other ways we have provided for a large number of destitute persons who would have been thrown upon the care of the city if the Court House had been fitted up, or any way provided to take care of them. We feel sure that in this we have saved the city more than twice the amount asked. As we had some money in the winter and spring we used it in carrying on this work, thinking that a portion of it would be refunded by action of the Council. We could not have undertaken to do much if we had been left entirely to depend upon our own resources. But we thought that together we could do the work cheaper and better than separately.

Our available means are now about exhausted, and we, therefore, most respectfully renew this prayer, and ask that it be acted upon soon, so that we may know what to depend upon, and how to arrange our work for the future.

Very respectfully yours,

JNO. B. BRANDT,

J. T. BOYD,

W. A. BELL,

Special Committee of Y. M. C. A.

Which was received.

His Honor, the Mayor, introduced general ordinance No. 38—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for charitable purposes in the City of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Brown introduced special ordinance No. 71—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling the alley running east and west through Square 76, and between Meridian and Pennsylvania sts.

Which was read the first time.

On motion, the sealed proposals for public work were referred to their appropriate Committees without reading.

On motion the Council adjourned until Thursday, July 15th, 1869, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Daniel Macauley
~~DANIEL MACAULEY~~, Mayor.

ATTEST:

M. Randall
~~M. Randall~~, City Clerk.