

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
MONDAY, JULY 26TH, 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, Heckman, Kahn, Kenning-
ton, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver,
Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Absent—Councilmen Harrison and Locke—2.

The proceedings of the regular session held July 19, 1869, were
read and approved.

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

OPENING OF PROPOSALS.

The sealed proposals for public work were opened and read by the
Clerk and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Dr. Woodburn, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 26, 1869.

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

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred an ordinance appropriating three hundred dollars to the Young Men's Christian Association, report the same back and recommend its passage.

J. S. NEWMAN,
THOS. COTTRELL, } Committee.
J. H. WOODBURN, }

Which was concurred in.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, July 26, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Streets and Alleys report :

1st. That they have examined the proposals for grading and graveling Blake street and sidewalks from North street to the north side of Rhode Island street, and find that S. W. & R. H. Patterson are the lowest bidders, their bid being 78 cents per lineal foot on each side of the line improved.

2d. For grading and graveling Blake street and sidewalks, from the north side of Rhode Island street to Indiana Avenue, we find that John Scheier is the lowest bidder, his bid being 68 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved, and would recommend that they be awarded the contracts.

3d. A petition was referred to your Committee, signed by B. F. Tuttle and M. M. Landis, asking permission to grade and gravel, at their own expense, so much of St. Joseph street, running west from Meridian street 210 feet as lies fronting their property, and would recommend that they be granted permission to do so, on condition that they grade and gravel the same with good river or creek gravel, and complete the same in 60 days, and that the Civil Engineer set the stakes.

4th. A remonstrance was presented to the Council July 7th and referred to your Committee, signed by Katharina Reister and others, against the improvement of Oak street from Massachusetts Avenue to Cherry street. In our opinion the street should be improved, and would therefore report against granting the prayer of the remonstrants.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Which was concurred, and the contracts awarded.

Mr Gimber, from the Committee on Public Buildings, made the following minority report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 19, 1869

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

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Public Buildings, objects to that part of the majority report of said Committee, made on the 12th in-

stant, which recommends the removal of the material composing the foundation and basement of the Home of the Friendless, lying south of the city, believing that such an arrangement would not be economical, and that a better disposition can be made of said material where it now stands. The undersigned is authorized to state that Mr. S. A. Fletcher, Sr., is willing to donate the grounds to the Rev. A. Bessonies, for the purpose for which the original grant was made, and that Mr. Bessonies would pay a fair price, say \$2,000, for such foundation and basement, if the same can be purchased on from five to seven years.

HENRY GIMBER.

Which, on motion by Mr. Brown, was laid over for the present.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, July 26, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Gas Light, to whom was referred "An ordinance amendatory of an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance creating the office of City Gas Inspector, defining his duties, and fixing his salary,' passed Feb'y 17, 1868," would report that they held a conference with the Gas Company, and, at their suggestions, made several amendments to the ordinance as referred to your Committee, and now report the same back, and respectfully urge its passage this evening.

W. D. WILES,
ROBT. KENNINGTON, } Committee.
LEON KAHN,

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Thoms, from the Committee on Printing and Stationery, introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 58—1869, entitled :

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

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Shepherd, from the Committee on Printing and Stationery, submitted the following minority report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 26, 1869.

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

The undersigned, one of the Committee on Printing, respectfully presents this, his minority report :

The printing accounts of the "Indianapolis Journal" and "Telegraph," (German,) for advertising ordinances and for sundry kinds of job work, as more fully set forth below, were referred to the Committee on Printing for their approval or rejection. Upon a careful examination of the Journal account, the undersigned was much astonished to find that the charges were greatly in excess of what the work could and can be procured for from other printing establishments, and I am therefore reluctantly compelled to report adversely to the payment of said account, unless it is materially reduced in amount to correspond with the figures of others in the business who are willing to do the work. Justice to the tax payers demands that this Common Council shall be careful to guard its treasury against any and all leaks, be they large or small.

For the purpose of pointing out particularly the items of the Journal Com.

pany's amount, to suit my views of fair prices, I call your attention to the following:

They charge for the printing of 300 copies of pay roll blanks, -	\$15 00
The same work can and could be procured for, - - - - -	10 00
They charge for printing 200 affidavits, - - - - -	12 00
The same can and could be procured for, - - - - -	4 00
They charge for 200 copies warrants, - - - - -	12 00
The same can and could be procured for, - - - - -	4 00
They charge for remonstrances, - - - - -	
The same can and could be procured for, - - - - -	7 00
They charge for 200 copies of police certificate of appointment and oath of office, - - - - -	12 00
The same can and could be procured for, - - - - -	6 00
They charge for printing 100 cards of city ordinances, in 3 forms, -	14 00
The same can and could be procured for, - - - - -	7 00

The undersigned regrets that the Chairman of the Committee saw proper to refuse him the privilege of examining the prices of several other items, from the fact that I would not call upon the Journal and request a reduction of the amount of the account. But I am satisfied that the majority of the items are greatly in excess of the prices charged private persons for the similar kind of job work.

I also regret that the charge for advertising is not at the rate proposed, 20 per cent. less than private individuals, but it is at the full rates.

For the reasons set forth in the foregoing, I respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the account of the Daily Journal for advertising be returned to them, with the view of having the same reduced twenty per cent., and the bill of job work to be returned to them with a view to its correction, by placing the prices at the same figure that the work can and could have been done for by other responsible printing offices.

I also report adversely to the allowance of the Telegraph's bill for advertising, unless reduced twenty per cent. to correspond with the well understood arrangements regarding the printing of ordinances.

Very respectfully submitted,

JAMES McB. SHEPHERD.

On motion by Mr. Newman, the whole subject was referred to a Select Committee composed of Councilmen Woodburn, Wiles and Brown.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, July 26, 1869.

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

Your Committee, to whom was referred an ordinance regulating the weighing of coal and other purposes, report that they have examined the same and after a slight amendment, which they have made, they recommend its passage.

JOHN S. NEWMAN, } Committee.
AUSTIN H. BROWN, }

Which was concurred in.

Dr. Woodburn, from the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, made the following report :

RECAPITULATION OF THE WEEKLY REPORT OF CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING JULY 24, 1869.

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	24
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	5
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	5
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	24

Which was received.

Mr. Newman, from a Special Committee, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 26, 1869.

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

The Select Committee, to whom was referred a motion directing the Street Commissioner, under the direction of the City Gas Inspector, to cut down the locust shade trees at the north-west corner of Delaware and Market sts., and at the south-east corner of Delaware and Market streets, and at the north-west corner of Alabama and Market streets, have had that subject under consideration, and report that they have examined said shade trees and recommend that the locust tree at the north-west corner of Delaware and Market streets be cut down and removed, and that the others be trimmed and the dead limbs removed. The Committee also recommend that the locust shade trees in the city streets be trimmed by the Street Commissioner, and all the dead limbs removed.

JOHN S. NEWMAN,
 JAMES McB. SHEPHERD, } Committee.
 ISAAC THALMAN,

Which was concurred in.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, July 26, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Gas Light would call your attention to the accompanying communication of the City Gas Inspector relative to the "Miner Patent Street Lamp." We concur in the statement of the advantages of this lamp, as given in the communication of said officer, and would recommend that such lamp be approved, and hereafter used on all public lamps erected.

The General Western Agent of this lamp (Mr. H. C. Stout, of Chicago) has given us a written memorandum, by which he agrees to put down these lamps in Indianapolis, at \$3.50 per lamp for those used at the corner of streets (which price includes four street signs, painted on ground glass), and \$7.00 for intermediate ones. The so-called "New Pattern Lamps" have been costing the city \$7.50 each. The "Miner Lamp" is, therefore, fifty cents cheaper than the one now in use.

Mr. Stout also offers to keep his lamps in repair at fifty cents per annum, which is one-half the present allowance.

W. D. WILES,
 ROBT. KENNINGTON, } Committee.
 LEON KAHN,

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Wiles, from the Committee on Gas, presented the following communication from the City Gas Inspector :

OFFICE OF CITY GAS INSPECTOR, }
Indianapolis, July 26, 1869. }

To the Committee on Gas Light :

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GENTLEMEN:—I would respectfully request your examination of the "Miner Patent Street Lamp" ("Post Lamp, No. 1"), by myself procured from the manufacturers, and which I have, this day, placed on the gas post on Washington street next west of the city offices. The advantages of this lamp over the best pattern now in use in this city, are:

1. A globe of beautifully clear flint glass, fully four times the thickness of the sheets in the square lamp, has been substituted for eight rattling panes, which have to be removed when washed, are originally expensive, vary in shape and dimensions, and are greatly liable to breakage both in the transportation and in handling. Less resistance is offered to the wind by this globe, and therefore it is not likely to be broken thereby, while fully 50 per cent. of the glass put in the square lamps are thus destroyed. It would, also, require a squarely delivered and somewhat strong blow from a missile, intentionally thrown, to break it; and when broken, the globe is more readily and far more easily re-placed than a single pane of glass. There is no jointed or sectional frame to rust away or to obstruct the light; no door, with its liability to break at the hinges or latch, or to fly open in a wind storm or when not carefully fastened, a frequent cause of breakage of door lights, entailing considerable expense, annoyance and labor. If a stone or a billet of wood is thrown at a square lamp, by a mischievous boy or a rascally man, the chances are he may hit one of the corners, and thus wreck the entire concern, costing the city five dollars to re place, instead of breaking one or two panes.

2. The top is made of cast iron and of durable sheet metal; and, being hinged, the glass globe is easily inserted, removed, or cleaned. The lower and inner surfaces of the top are painted white, and, from their shape, form a compound reflector, throwing the rays of light both downwards and outwards, thus lighting the street or sidewalk at the base of the post as well as at more distant points; while the square lamp allows great wastage of light, from permitting the rays to pass upwards, where they are not wanted; and most patterns being closed at the bottom, about one fifth of the rays are prevented from lighting the ground close to the post. The edge of the top of the "Miner Lamp" projecting between two and three inches beyond the glass globe, and the globe itself being curved in form, no snow will lodge on the glass, endanger its breakage, or obstruct the light, while the drip and stain of rain and weather are measureably prevented.

3. The "Miner Patent Street Lamp" is far handsomer and much stronger, is not more costly, is easier to light, extinguish and clean, and, in every particular, is more convenient and lasting than the lantern of "ye olden time," and, therefore, it is decidedly preferable to the square ugliness now in use on our lamp-posts.

Cordially recommending its exclusive adoption and employment in the future, I respectfully submit to you this statement of its merits and advantages.

GEO. H. FLEMING, *City Gas Inspector.*

Which was received.

By unanimous consent Mr. Kahn presented the following invitation :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 26, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—You are respectfully invited to attend the laying of the corner stone of the County Asylum for the Poor, on Wednesday, July 28th inst., at 3 o'clock, P. M.

DR. WANDS, Com. of Invitation.

Which, on motion by Mr. Cottrell, was accepted.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Attorney presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 26, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have appointed my partner, Charles L. Holstein, Esq., Assistant City Attorney, and respectfully request your honorable body to confirm the appointment.

I respectfully ask a few weeks leave of absence. It is proper to say that my absence will not interfere with the publication of the ordinances; about one hundred and fifty pages have already been printed, the entire work is arranged for the printer, and the form of index prepared. The reading of proof and completion of index, by the insertion of pages, is in charge of a competent person.

Capt. Holstein will be in constant communication with me, and should my personal attendance be required he will notify me.

Respectfully,

B. K. ELLIOTT, *City Attorney.*

Which was received, and, on motion, leave of absence was granted and appointment confirmed.

The City Commissioners made the following reports :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 26, 1869.

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

The undersigned, Commissioners for the opening of Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of P. Hanling and others, beg leave to report that, in pursuance of notice given by the City Clerk, they met at the Council Chamber, in the City of Indianapolis, on the 28th and 29th days of June, 1869, and proceeded to view the property through which the proposed street runs, viz, the opening of Vermont street through out-lot 52 of T. R. Fletcher's subdivision thereof, from Liberty street west to East street, so as to extend Vermont street in a direct line to East street from the eastern projection of Vermont street, as the same is now located between Liberty and Noble streets. The majority of the Commissioners determined as follows:

1st. That no part of the damages occasioned by the opening of such street should be assessed against the City of Indianapolis.

2d. That the damages are assessed by them at the sum of three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$3,750).

3d. That the benefits to the property adjacent to the ground appropriated for said street are appraised at the sum of eighteen hundred dollars (\$1800); the remainder of the benefits, viz., nineteen hundred and fifty dollars (\$1950) to be assessed on property on Vermont street between Liberty and Noble streets, pro rata, in case the Common Council shall approve this report.

Your Commissioners further report that they find it is claimed that the owners of the real estate through which the street is proposed to be opened caused a plat to be made, and on that plat designated Vermont street as a street to be laid out through said real estate, and lots were purchased with reference to said plat and the streets shown thereon, but that said plat was never recorded. If such be the case, the Commissioners respectfully suggest that the street referred to is already a public street, and no measure of damages should be assessed; but inasmuch as there is a question of doubt as to whether any dedication has been made of such ground for public use, the

Commissioners have thought it their duty to make the assessment of damages and appraisement of benefits aforesaid.

JAMES N. RUSSELL,
WILLIAM BRADEN,
JOSEPH M. SUTTON.

The undersigned, a minority of the Commissioners aforesaid, acting under the advice of the City Attorney, make the following report, which is in the exact words of the City Attorney, as furnished us:

We find that the owner of the real estate through which the street is proposed to be opened caused a plat to be made, and on that plat designated Vermont street as a street to be laid out through said real estate, and lots were purchased with reference to said plat and the streets shown thereon. That said plat was never recorded.

We further find that if the aforesaid act of the owner led the purchaser of lots to purchase with the expectation that Vermont street would be opened, that there should be no damages assessed.

SAMUEL M. SEIBERT,
J. F. RAMSEY.

Which, on motion, were rejected.

Mr. Kahn offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Marshal be instructed to open Vermont street from East street to Liberty street, and that before proceeding to open said street he give each and all of the parties interested therein twenty-one days' written notice; that he preserve a copy of such notices and return the same, with his proceedings thereon, to this Council.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

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

Councilman Newman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

The Chief Fire Engineer made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, July 26, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I would herewith most respectfully represent that the Inspector of our Fire Alarm Telegraph and extra Hose Reel Driver, gets for his compensation eighty-five dollars per month, which would be, for the driving of the hose reel \$68.44 per month, and for taking charge of the Telegraph \$16.56 per month.

It appears that an agreement had been made between the former Committee on Fire Department and the present Inspector of Telegraph, that his salary should be the same as that of the Engineers, they now getting \$90 per month. I would ask that you grant him the additional \$5.00 per month, so as to make his pay the same as that of the Engineers.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES RICHMANN, *Chief Fire Engineer.*

Which was concurred in.

The Chief Fire Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 26, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your Chief Fire Engineer would herewith most respectfully report, that the hose now in use in the Fire Department are not very reliable, and that in my opinion said hose will be completely worthless within a short time.

I would, therefore, recommend the immediate purchase of new hose, and that the Committee on Fire Department, with the Chief Engineer, be directed to report to this Council what in their opinion may be the best and cheapest hose for this city to purchase.

Respectfully,

CHAS. RICHMANN, *Chief Fire Engineer.*

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

The City Clerk made the following report :

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, }
Indianapolis, July 26, 1869. }

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

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

1st. Contract and bond of Huffington & Foust for grading and graveling the alley lying between Daugherty and Coburn streets, from East to Wright streets, is presented for your approval.

2d. Contract and bond of R. P. Dunning for grading, paving with brick, and curbing the outside edge with White Oak plank, the west sidewalk on Indiana Avenue from West to St. Clair streets, is also presented for your approval.

3d. Contract and bond of R. P. Dunning for grading, paving with brick, and curbing the outside edge with White Oak plank, the west sidewalk on Mississippi street from Washington to Market streets, is also presented for your approval.

4th. Contract and bond of Hanway & Lefever for grading and graveling Arch street and sidewalks, between Broadway and Plum streets. Also, contract and bond of same for grading, graveling and 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; also the same street from from the north side of St. Clair to First street. Also, the contract and bond of Patterson & Dunning for the improvement of Illinois street from the north side of Ohio street to the north side of North street. Also, contract and bond of Hanway & Lefever for grading and graveling New Jersey street and sidewalks from Merrill street to the north side of the first alley north of Merrill street. Also, contract and bond of August Richter 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, are presented for your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL M. RANSELL, *City Clerk.*

Which was concurred in, and the contracts awarded and bonds approved.

By unanimous consent Mr. Wiles presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 26, 1869.

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

I would most respectfully ask of your honorable body permission to use the lamp-posts now in use in the city, or so many of them as shall from time to time be needed, for the purpose of attaching thereto Letter Boxes for the convenience of our citizens, and to facilitate the Free Delivery System inaugurated in our city by the Government.

W. R. HOLLOWAY, Postmaster.

Which was received and permission granted.

By unanimous consent His Honor, the Mayor, introduced general ordinance No. 43—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE for the protection of United States Letter Boxes.

Which was read the first and second times.

By unanimous consent the rules were suspended and the ordinance read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass ?

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Gimber, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

On motion, 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,

Was read the second time, and after being amended in certain particulars, was ordered engrossed.

On motion, general ordinance No. 38—1869, entitled :

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

Was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion, general ordinance No. 39—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE in relation to the vacation of streets and alleys in the City of Indianapolis,

Was read the second time and referred to the Judiciary Committee and City Attorney.

On motion, general ordinance No. 42—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE repealing an ordinance entitled "An ordinance prohibiting the standing of Hacks, Omnibuses, Express wagons and other vehicles on Louisiana street, between Tennessee and Meridian streets," passed June 21, 1869,

Was read the second time and referred to a Select Committee composed of Messrs. Brown, Woodburn and Shepherd.

Mr. Brown presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 19, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Having understood that a petition will be brought before your honorable body this evening praying for a repeal of an ordinance prohibiting Hackmen and Expressmen from standing their hacks and wagons upon Louisiana street, between Meridian and Illinois streets, for the purpose of securing loads, we, the undersigned, who are doing business upon said street, pray that your honorable body will not grant the petitioners behest as the same will be detrimental to our business. The petition which will be brought before your notice will be signed by a FEW of the business men upon our street who will not in any manner be affected by a granting of the petition. The Sherman House proprietor will not allow them to stand before his doors, and we, the undersigned, are the only ones upon the street whose business is affected by the Hacks and the Express wagons standing before our doors, as we rely to a great extent upon the traveling public for their patronage, who, while the hacks and wagons are standing before our doors, cannot see our places of business. Therefore, we pray that should your honorable body grant the petitioners behest for repeal of the said ordinance, that you, in your repeal, grant us the power of prohibiting the said Hackmen and Expressmen from standing before our doors, and only before the doors of those who have signed the said petition.

(Signed.)

Wm. P. Wallace,
Albert Christy,
B. Kaufman,

John Bach,
Martin Kuppel,
Adam Bretz.

Which was referred to the Select Committee along with the ordinance on the subject.

Mr. Kahn offered the following motion :

That Thomas & Bro. have the privilege of building a wooden awning on the corner of East and Ohio streets, the same to be covered with plank.

Which, on motion by Mr. Cottrell, was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Marsee presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 26, 1869.

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

We, the undersigned, property holders on Virginia Avenue, between Pogue Run and South street, respectfully remonstrate against the improvement of Virginia Avenue as now contemplated, for the reason that it is a great damage to our property, leaving a deep and impassable gutter so that wagons and other vehicles cannot approach our places of business and residences.

John Dougherty,
A. H. Boree,
Maria Toon,
John C. Smith,

E. Browning,
Thos. S. Wilson,
Louis Siersdorfer.

Which was received.

Mr. Marsee offered the following motion :

That the City Civil Engineer be directed to notify the contractors to stop work on the south side of Virginia Avenue, between Pogue Run and East street, until the Committee on Streets and Alleys, with the Engineer, can examine the same and report to this Council.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thoms presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 26, 1869.

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

We, the undersigned, property holders and residing on east side of North Alabama street, between Market street and Massachusetts Avenue, do hereby petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance ordering the paving of sidewalk nine feet wide on said North Alabama street as above defined.

Wm. B. Fletcher,
Joseph Wert,
Theophilus Parvin,

Mrs. Anna Thomson,
Albert E. Fletcher,
And 6 others.

Which was received.

Mr. Thoms introduced special ordinance No. 77—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and paving with brick the sidewalk on the east side of Alabama street, between Market street and Massachusetts Avenue.

Which was read the first time by title.

Dr. Woodburn introduced general ordinance No. 44—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE concerning wells and pumps.

Which was read the first time by title.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 26, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I am directed to inform you that this Company will grant the city a lease for ten years upon its property on the corner of Illinois street and Kentucky Avenue—a description of which is enclosed—on reasonable terms, or it will sell the same at a fair price, taking in payment ten per cent. bonds redeemable at the pleasure of the city, the ground owned by the city on Maryland street being taken in part payment if desired. In case of either sale or lease, this Company reserves forty feet off the south end of the lot upon which to build another office for its own use.

The building is in every way well adapted for the wants of the city, containing all necessary rooms for the city officers, with 4 large fire-proof vaults, a basement eight feet in height which could be arranged for a City Prison at small expense, metal roof, and walls three feet thick, with no exposures from other buildings, rendering it very nearly fire proof.

I am further instructed to request the appointment of a Committee on the part of the Council to confer with the Directors of this Company with regard to these propositions.

Very respectfully,

E. P. HOWE,

Secretary Franklin Life Ins. Co.

Which was received.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Daniel Macauley
DANIEL MACAULEY, Mayor.

ATTEST:

D. M. Russell
D. M. RUSSELL, City Clerk.