

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1869, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—Austin H. Brown in the chair, and the following members:

Councilmen Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Pyle, Thalman, Weaver, Whitsit, and Wiles—12.

Absent—Councilmen Heckman, Kahn, Newman, Shepherd, Thoms and Woodburn—6.

Mr. Locke moved that the special order, viz., the consideration of the subject of Sewerage and Water Works, be postponed, and that the ordinance creating the Board of Health be taken up.

Which motion was lost.

By consent, Mr. W. P. Noble addressed the Council in regard to the privilege granted to Mr. E. S. Alvord at last meeting of Council to fill certain lots with dirt taken from an alley in out-lot No. 61.

After which Mr. Wiles moved to reconsider the vote taken at last meeting by which such privilege was granted.

Which motion was adopted.

And, on motion, the said petition was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Marsee moved to take up the report of the Committee on Sewerage.

Which motion, meeting with opposition, he withdrew, and on his (Mr. Marsee's) motion, was made the special order for the meeting to be held on Monday evening, Sept. 13, 1869.

Mr. Locke made an ineffectual attempt to bring the Health ordinance before the Council.

Mr. Marsee then moved that reports from City Officers be taken up.

Which was adopted.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 6, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—At your regular meeting, August 23d, 1869, you referred the petition of Thomas Wren to me, directing me to make him an estimate for work done on Tennessee street. I thought it best to make a statement of the facts in the case and await further instructions.

December 17, 1866, Mr. Staples, City Engineer, made Mr. Wren the following total estimate, if completed, less 40 feet for creek :

2,307.4 cubic yards embankment, at 70 cents,	-	-	-	\$1,615 80
2,070.2 cubic yards of gravel, \$1.60 cents,	-	-	-	3,312 32
Total amount,	-	-	-	\$4,928 12
One quarter retained,	-	-	-	1,232 03
Three quarters of full amount,	-	-	-	\$3,696 09
Deduct former estimate,	-	-	-	721 10
Amount due contractor,	-	-	-	\$2,974 99

I understand that Mr. Wren has not done any work since the above estimate was made.

In September, 1868, Mr. Wren made application to your honorable body for pay for the crossing of Garden, and also the crossing of McCarty street, alleging that he was directed by James Wood, deceased, late Civil Engineer, to grade and gravel the above crossings, which application was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys. The Committee directed me to make an estimate of all the crossings, including Garden and McCarty, which I did, as follows:

707.5 cubic yards of embankment, at 70 cents per yard,	-	-	\$495 25
199.5 cubic yards of gravel, at \$1.60 cents per yard,	-	-	319 20
Total of all the crossings,			\$814 45
Deduct former payment by the City, which was allowed on Mr. Staples' estimate,			89 03
Balance,			\$725.42

Which amount was reported by the Committee and allowed by the Common Council.

In the above estimate there was nothing allowed for excavation.

The contract is for grading 70 cents per cubic yard, and for graveling \$1.60 cents per cubic yard.

The embankment being the largest quantity the estimate was made for embankment, it being the custom of the city, in paying for grading, to estimate the largest quantity. Mr. Wren is now asking that he be allowed for the excavation at the crossing of McCorty street.

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

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The City Civil Engineer made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 6, 1869.

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

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

Hiram Seibert, assignee of Daniel Mahoney, for grading and graveling Buchanan street and sidewalks, from East street to Virginia Avenue:

Length on the north side,	-	-	2,131 feet 6 inches.
Length on the south side,	-	-	2,180 feet 4 inches.
Total length,			4,311 feet 10 inches.
At 80 cents per lineal foot,			\$3,449 46

Also, R. P. Dunning, for grading, paving and curbing the west sidewalk on Mississippi street, between Washington and Market streets:

Length of pavement 360 feet, at 63 cents per foot,	-	-	\$226 80
Length of curbing 351 feet, at 17 cents per foot,	-	-	59 67
Total estimate,			\$286 47

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

Which was concurred in.

The City Clerk made the following report:

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

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

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

1st. Contract and bond of Deloss & Jerome B. Root for furnishing one hundred cast iron lamp-posts, is presented for your approval.

2d. First and final estimate allowed Hiram Seibert, assignee of Daniel Ma-

honey, for grading and graveling Buchanan street and sidewalks from East street to Virginia Avenue.

3d. First and final estimate allowed R. P. Dunning for grading, paving with brick, and curbing the outside edge with White Oak curbing, the west sidewalk on Mississippi street from Washington to Market streets.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. RANSELL, *City Clerk.*

Which was concurred in, and the contract and bond approved.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Hiram Seibert, assignee of Daniel Mahoney, for grading and graveling Buchanan street and sidewalks from East street to Virginia Avenue, 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, Gimber, Harrison, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Pyle, Thalman, Weaver, Whitsit and Wiles—12.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed 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, 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 then being on the adoption of the resolution,

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Pyle, Thalman, Weaver, Whitsit and Wiles—12.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

The City Clerk made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 6, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to report that I have carefully examined the Receipts and Disbursements of the City Treasurer for the years 1867 and

1868, ending May 10, 1869, and have found the same correct and corresponding with his books and the report heretofore made by him.

Very respectfully,

Your ob't servant,

DANIEL M. RANSDELL, *City Clerk.*

Which was concurred in.

The Chief Fire Engineer made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 30, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The expenses of the Fire Department for the three months ending August 18, 1869, amounts to \$4,756.59.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES RICHMANN, *Chief Fire Engineer.*

Which was concurred in.

The City Sexton made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept 9, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Enclosed you will find my monthly report of interments in the City Cemeteries for the month ending with August 31, 1869.

Interments under 5 years	-----	35
Between 5 and 10 years	-----	2
" 10 and 20 "	-----	5
" 20 and 30 "	-----	3
" 30 and 40 "	-----	3
" 40 and 50 "	-----	2
" 60 and 70 "	-----	1
" 70 and 80 "	-----	1
Total	-----	52

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. H. HEDGES, *City Sexton.*

Which was concurred in.

The City Attorney made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 9, 1869

To Austin H Brown, Esq.:

DEAR SIR:—I am of opinion that the Council can lease the lot fronting on Maryland street on any terms they may deem proper.

Respectfully,

B. K. ELLIOTT, *City Attorney.*

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following motion by Mr. Brown:

That John Peabody be allowed the privilege of using the lot belonging to the City, on Maryland street, for the purpose of turning mules in out of his

stable, until January 1, 1870, provided he keep the fences in good repair and pays to the City Treasurer the sum of fifteen dollars, and that he give possession to the city at any time on notice.

Which was adopted.

The City Gas Inspector made the following report :

OFFICE OF CITY GAS INSPECTOR, }
Indianapolis, Sept. 6, 1869. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—During the month of August the illuminating power of the gas furnished the city and citizens of Indianapolis, by the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company, as by me ascertained, through photometrical experiments, was as follows :

Sunday, August 1, equal to	-----	11.86 Candles.
Tuesday, " 3, "	-----	11.30 "
Wednesday, " 4, "	-----	11.27 "
Thursday, " 5, "	-----	10.66 "
Friday, " 6, "	-----	11.44 "
Sunday, " 8, "	-----	12.62 "
Thursday, " 12, "	-----	12.88 "
Friday, " 13, "	-----	13.01 "
Sunday, " 15, "	-----	11.08 "
Wednesday, " 18, "	-----	11.44 "
Thursday, " 19, "	-----	11.63 "
Friday, " 20, "	-----	13.49 "
Sunday, " 22, "	-----	11.81 "
Thursday, " 26, "	-----	11.90 "
Monday, " 30, "	-----	10.35 "
Tuesday, " 31, "	-----	11.24 "

Respectfully submitted,

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

Which was concurred in.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 6, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee, to whom was referred the recommendation of the Chief Fire Engineer in reference to the purchase of hose for the use of the Fire Department, would respectfully report, that, in their opinion, the hose now in use are totally unreliable, and to make the Department as efficient as it should be will require the immediate purchase of 2,700 feet of hose.

We therefore recommend that the Chief Fire Engineer, with the Committee on Fire Department, be authorized to contract for 2,700 feet of first class hose, at a cost not to exceed one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per foot.

JOHN MARSEE, }
ISAAC THALMAN, } *Committee.*
A. H. BROWN, }

Which was concurred in.

By consent, Mr. Thalmau offered the following motion :

That the Civil Engineer be directed to set stakes for a proper grade of the gutters on Indiana Avenue west of the Canal to Fall creek, so that the water will run off, and that the Street Commissioner be ordered to open the same.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to build a foot bridge across the Canal on south side of Market street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Bridges.

By consent, Mr. Harrison, from the Committee on Printing, introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 38—1869, appropriating money to the Daily Evening Commercial for printing.

Which was read the first time.

By consent, Mr. Harrison presented the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 15, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Revision of Ordinances, which was instructed at the last meeting of the Council to report an ordinance on the "hog question," amending former ordinances, so as to raise the Marshal's fees to 50 cents in place of 25 cents, do herewith report an ordinance in accordance with said instructions.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Which was received.

Also, general ordinance No. 51—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to amend section three of an ordinance relative to hogs or swine running at large in the City of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time.

By unanimous consent, special appropriation ordinance No. 37—1869, appropriating money to the City Hospital for the month of August, 1869,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The ordinance was then read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass?

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Pyle, Thalman, Weaver, Whitsit and Wiles—12.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

a. On motion by Mr. Wiles, the Marshal was instructed to defer action in opening alley in square 87, and that the matter be referred to the City Attorney for his opinion as to whether the alley is private or public.

On motion the Council adjourned.

~~DANIEL MACAULEY, Mayor.~~

ATTEST:

Sam Russell
~~Sam Russell~~, City Clerk.