

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1870, 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, Thalman, Thoms,
Weaver, Whitrit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

Absent.—Councilmen Shepherd.

The proceedings of the regular session held March 28, 1870, and
of the called session held April 1, 1870, and of the adjourned ses-
sion held April 2, 1870, were read and approved.

Mr. Wiles from the Committee on Contracts made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Contracts to whom was referred sundry proposals for furnishing lumber for use of Street Commissioner, have examined the same, and find the proposals to be as follows, to-wit:

R. M. Cosby, per thousand feet.....	\$22 00
A. H. Dutton, per thousand feet.....	22 50
McCord & Wheatly, per thousand feet.....	20 00
W. W. Justice, per thousand feet.....	19 40

W. W. Justice being the lowest bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract, provided the lumber to be delivered suits the Street Commissioner.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. WILES,
ISAAC THALMAN, } Committee.

Which was concurred in.

CALL OF THE ROLL.

Mr. Brown presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your petitioners would respectfully ask a vacation of that portion of the plat of the city, recently annexed thereto, and known as "Crane and Wesson's" addition, the same lying north of the National Road, and east of Albert street, to, and including the streets and alleys of, and beyond Seymour street, running north of said National Road.

Said vacation is is asked for the following reasons :

First.—It is the wish of the owners of said ground, to enlarge the plat by adding thereto, adjoining ground, owned by the petitioners, but not now platted, said unplatted territory lying north, and east of said plat.

Second.—To lay off said grounds in conformity with other portions of said city, and open through the same a full width street from east to west.

Respectfully submitted,

ÆTNA LIFE INSURANCE CO.,
By B. B. MYRICH, Agent.

Which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, City Attorney and City Assessor.

Mr. Brown presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, Treasurer of the Indianapolis Rink Association, would respectfully represent to your honors, that the improvement on lot No. —, known as the Rink Building, is appraised for taxation, for city purposes, at \$10,000, the taxes having been paid amounting to \$101, and he would further represent that it is appraised for State and County taxes for \$5,000, and he would further represent that when the appraisement was made, it was based upon the price of stock, but that since then the stock has so depreciated that there is no market value for it; and he would further represent that while the building cost the association \$16,000, that the patent known as the "Freezing Patent," (the use of which the association is to have for sixteen years, was the larger part of the consideration,) the building alone costing only about \$4,000; and he would further represent that the building can be duplicated now for \$4,000.

In view of the above facts, the undersigned prays your honorable body to refund the amount of \$50 50, the amount deemed to have been erroneously assessed.

Your obedient servant,

T. B. McCARTY, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that the amount of \$50 50, of taxes paid by the above parties should in justice be refunded.

WILLIAM HADLEY, City Assessor.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance :

Mr. Brown presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned respectfully call your attention to the very bad condition of Tennessee street between Louisiana and South streets, and as the property owners on said street have already paid twice for improving the same, we think we are not asking too much to have the same properly graveled. Also, that the cistern on the corner of South and Tennessee streets is in danger of being injured from the bad condition of the street.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID BEAM,
JOHN COEN,
THOMAS GOTT,
And 5 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Brown presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned would represent to your honorable body, that in his personal property assessments for the years 1868 and 1869, he included his Foundry buildings. (standing upon leased ground,) on square 84, South Delaware street in this city, as personal property pertaining to manufacturing, and that he has recently learned that the said buildings have been sold for city taxes without his knowledge, and having paid the taxes thereon as included in his personal property list, he respectfully requests that said sale be set aside, and the money refunded to the purchasers.

A. D. WOOD.

MARCH 28, 1870.

STATE OF INDIANA, }
MARION COUNTY, } ss.

Personally came before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, A. D. Wood, who made oath to the above statement.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 28th day of March, 1870.

[SEAL.]

JOHN W. COONS,

Notary Public.

Which was referred to the City Attorney, City Treasurer and City Assessor.

Mr. Brown presented the following remonstrance:

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned respectfully remonstrate against paving the sidewalks on the north side of Maryland street between Tennessee and Mississippi streets.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. PHELPS,
WILLIAM KUGEHMAN,
ADAM SCOTT,

And 4 others.

Which was referred to Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Brown presented the following remonstrance:

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, property-holders on Pennsylvania street between Michigan and North streets, respectfully remonstrate against the proposed bouldering of said Pennsylvania street, and request that the best screened gravel be substituted for boulders.

First.—Because it is believed to be found in practice that, on a street used as this will ordinarily be used, such first class gravel roads are, for a wear of ten years, scarcely, if at all, inferior to our bouldered pavements.

Second.—Because long before the lapse of such ten years, experiments made here and elsewhere, may probably demonstrate the great superiority of wooden pavements, above all other kinds of pavement.

Respectfully submitted,

IND'PLS EDUCATIONAL ASSO'TION,
E. C. ATKINS,

By HENRY DAY, his att'y in fact.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Brown presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your petitioner respectfully recommends and desires to have the alley running as follows, graded and graveled, to-wit :

Alley running from Georgia street south, between Meridian and Illinois street, and thence to intersect with the alley running east and west from Meridian to Illinois street.

Respectfully submitted,

AARON KAUFMAN.

Which was received.

Mr. Brown introduced Special ordinance No. 64, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveled Severn alley between Vermont and New York streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Brown offered the following motions :

That the Sreet Commissioner be directed to construct a wooden culvert across the gutter on the east side of Meridian street, at the crossing Chesapeake alley.

Also the following :

That the Indianapolis Glass Works Company and Herman Hartrodt, have permission to grade and gravel in front of of their property on Sharpe street between Kentucky avenue and West street. The same to be graded according to stakes set by the Civil Engineer, and graveled to a width of twenty-five feet in the center, and to a depth of fifteen inches in the center, and

sloping to five inches at the sides. The sidewalks to be graveled eight inches in depth. The whole to be done with good river or creek gravel, under the direction of the Civil Engineer, and to be completed within ninety days from the passage of this motion.

Also the following :

That the Mayor be directed to correspond with the owners or agents of the so-called patent Nicholson pavement, and of other block or wooden pavements and invite and receive proposals for the sale to the city of the right to use such patent or patents, on any and all streets of the city, during the existence of such patent or patents.

Which were adopted.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following motion :

That the City Attorney be instructed to report whether the Common Council has the power to give the earth from the streets and alleys for private purposes, and also, whether in his opinion the surplus dirt and material in the streets belongs to the city or the adjoining property-holders.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following motion :

That the City Attorney be, and is hereby instructed to institute suit to enjoin C. F. Schmidt from continuing the nuisance occasioned by running the water from his brewery down the gutters of Wyoming street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Dr. Woodburn moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the ordinance fixing the night of meeting was passed.

Which was lost by the following vote :

Affirmative.—Councilmen Harrison, Kahn, Pyle, Thalman, Weaver and Woodburn—6.

Negative.—Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman and Wiles—9.

By consent Col. W. R. Holloway addressed the Council in regard to his history of Indianapolis, which he intends to publish, setting forth the advantages of his work, etc., and asking the Council for aid by furnishing lithographs, etc.

On motion the whole matter was referred to the Select Committee on Pamphlets.

Mr. Gimber offered the following motion :

That the Sisters of Charity be allowed the privilege of paving with brick the sidewalks around their school house, and curb the out edges with curbstones, back of St. Mary's Church, at their own expense, under the direction of the Civil Engineer, said work to be done within ninety days.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Gimber introduced Special ordinance No. 65, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on West street between Maryland and Georgia street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Gimber introduced Special ordinance No. 66, 1870, entitled :

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

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Harrison introduced Special ordinance No. 67, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE providing for grading and graveling Arch street and sidewalks from the old Corporation line to Christian Avenue.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Harrison presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN :—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Jackson street, between Christian avenue and Forest Home avenue, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the erection of lamp posts and fixtures, complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on said street, between the limits named.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. SHORTRIDGE,
G. D. MORRIS,
And 5 others.

Which was received.

Mr. Harrison introduced Special ordinance No. 68, 1870, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on Jackson street between Christian avenue and Forest Home avenue.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Heckman offered the following motion:

That the Civil Engineer be directed to give the contractors for building the wall on Louisiana street, a partial estimate, deducting a reasonable percentage to secure the city against any loss.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Heckman presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned would respectfully request permission to make the sidewalk in front of his premises, on the north side of the Michigan road, commencing at the south-east corner of the corporate limits, running thence north-west three and seventy-sixths (3:76) chains. Said work to be done under the direction of the Civil Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN RIDENOUR.

Which was granted.

By consent Mr. Brown offered the following motion:

That the report of the City Commissioners on the proposition to open Davidson street, between Market and Washington street, sixty feet wide, be accepted, and that the City Clerk, and City Attorney be directed to prepare and report an ordinance appropriating money for the damages assessed; *provided*, that the opening of such street shall not take place until the Common Council shall first have passed an order vacating Benton street between Washington and Market streets.

Which was adopted.

Also the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned respectfully represents that the Commissioners on Streets and Alleys have reported to your honorable body an assessment of damages and benefits caused by the proposed opening of Davidson street, sixty feet wide, between Market and Washington streets, through the grounds of your petitioner, and among other benefits assessed to your petitioner, is the value of the ground occupied by Benton street, between Washington and Market streets, which said Commissioners propose shall be vacated. Your petitioner asks that an order for such vacation be passed by your honorable body.

Respectfully submitted,

H. BATES.

Which was received.

Mr. Kahn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on alley running north and south, through out lot 49, from Michigan to North street, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of the same, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM TEAGER,
HENRY MILLER,
SAMUEL RODENBERGER.

Which was received.

Mr. Kahn introduced Special ordinance No. 69, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling the alley running north and south, through out lot 49, from Michigan to North streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Kahn offered the following motion :

That the Marshal be instructed to notify Wm. B. McDonald to remove the obstruction on the sidewalk before his premises, on Massachusetts avenue, and repair the same, to make it passable.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kennington offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to dig an open ditch on Morris street from Union street to Chestnut street, so as to drain the standing water at the foot of Union street, into the ditch heretofore dug to drain lake McCarty.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Locke introduced Special ordinance No. 70, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on the first alley west of Blackford street, north side of National road, at the end of Market street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Locke offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be authorized to place gravel upon the sidewalks immediately west of the Canal, at the end of the new foot bridges; and also to cause the pile of brick laying in Vermont street, between the Canal and West street, to be moved immediately.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Marsee offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair all the bouldered streets throughout the city.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Marsee moved that the vote by which the dirt on Vermont street was given to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd be reconsidered.

Dr. Woodburn moved to lay Mr. Marsee's motion on the table, and called for the ayes and noes.

The question being to lay on the table.

Those who voted in the affirmative were, Councilmen Brown, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kennington, Marsee, Newman, Thalman, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—12.

Those who voted in the negative were, Councilmen Cottrell, Kahn, Locke, Pyle and Thoms—5.

So the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. Newman presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Market street, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance putting down curb stone on the outer edge of the sidewalk, and bouldering the gutters eight (8) feet out from the curb stone, on each side of the street between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets, the curb stone to be put down only where there is not stone curbing already down. Contract for curbing and bouldering to be let separately.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. MARTINDALE,
THORPE heirs,
GEORGE B. YANDES
And 3 others.

Which was received.

Mr. Newman introduced Special ordinance No. 71, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for bouldering the gutters and curbing the outside edge of the sidewalks with Flatrock or Putnamville stone, Market street from Pennsylvania to Delaware street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Newman introduced Special ordinance No. 72, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk on New Jersey street from Washington street to Virginia avenue, excepting such parts are as already paved.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Pyle presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your petitioners represent that they own real estate fronting on Washington, Market, and the intersecting streets and highways, between Washington and Market streets, in that portion of East Indianapolis recently incorporated in the city limits. They further represent that there are now pending before your honorable body, two ordinances, one providing for the grading and graveling of the south sidewalk of East Washington street, or the National Road, and one for grading and graveling that portion of East Market street lying between the old Corporation line and a highway called Highland avenue. Your petitioners say that preparatory to fixing the grade of East Washington street, the City Engineer has surveyed and prepared a

profile thereof, or of the sidewalk on the south side thereof. Your petitioners further say that, as the future improvement of Washington street, Market street and the intersecting streets, must bear some relation to the grade which your honorable body may see fit to establish for the south side of Washington street, they desire that such grade may be established with a view to the healthful, harmonious and economical improvement of all said streets. Your petitioners believe and are informed by competent persons that said streets can be so graded and improved as to procure good drainage, an even and symmetrical grade, without requiring the use of any other material than can be taken from the said streets, without inflicting damage upon the property-holders along the lines of said streets. Your petitioners believe, and are informed, that to grade and improve the National road and intersecting streets so as to harmonize them with the present level of said road, will require the useless expenditure of thousands of dollars, and will cause great loss and damage to the greater portion of the real estate fronting thereon, as many fills will have to be made on Washington and the intersecting streets, the material for which must be purchased and hauled from other and distant localities. Your petitioners say that if either sidewalk of said National road is to be improved, they say that the pending ordinance may be so amended as to include the sidewalks on both sides thereof, at least as far as the Arsenal avenue. To show the extent of our interest in the improvement of the streets named, we append to our names the number of feet front owned by us respectively on the streets and highways mentioned within the city limits east of the old corporation line. We trust that before any ordinances are passed, or any of said grades are established, we may be permitted, in such way as your honorable body may determine, to have all the facts fully and fairly stated.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM P. FISHBACK,
JOHN W. RAY,
C. G. FRENCH,
J. L. MITCHELL,

And 5 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

That August Richter have permission to use the old bridge across the waste way of the Central Canal, for the purpose of draining the water, to enable him to put in the abutments for the new iron bridge.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman introduced Special ordinance No. 73, 1870, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for planting shade trees on Indiana avenue, between West and St. Clair streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thoms offered the following motion

That the thirty foot alley running from Washington street, or National road, to Market street, and running north and south between out lots 71 and 72, be called Cruse street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Thoms introduced Special ordinance No. 74, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling Cruse street, from Washington street, or National road, to Market street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Weaver introduced Special ordinance No. 75, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling the street, grading and paving with brick the sidewalks, and bouldering the gutters on Illinois street from First street to Tinker or Seventh street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Wiles introduced General ordinance No. 17, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE providing for the trimming of shade trees.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Wiles presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance for the grading and graveling of Plum street, including sidewalks, from Cherry street to Christian avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. PICKERELL,
THOMAS McHUGH,
J. A. WEBER & BRO.,
And 3 others.

Which was received.

Mr. Wiles introduced Special ordinance No. 76, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling Plum street and sidewalks, from Cherry street to Christian avenue.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Wiles presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 1870.

Hon. Daniel Macauley, Mayor of the City of Indianapolis :

SIR:—Having complied with the law relating to the organization of Military Companies, the evidence of which may be found on file in the proper offices; I, therefore, as the proper officer, make requisition for one hundred and twenty (120) stand of arms and accoutrements, to arm and equip Company A Indianapolis National Guards.

I will file bond with sufficient surety as soon as the arms can be obtained.

Respectfully,

JOHN L. HANNA,

Capt. Comd'g Co. A, I. N. G.

Which was received, and bond in conformity with the law ordered.

Mr. Wiles offered the following motions :

That E. S. Alvord be allowed to grade Ash street from Christian avenue to Forest Home avenue. Said work to be done according to the direction of the City Civil Engineer, and at the expense of the petitioner, to be done in ninety days.

Also the following :

That the City Clerk is hereby directed to advertise for proposals to furnish and erect three hundred lamps complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, under ordinances already passed, and according to specifications on file with, and under direction of the City Gas Inspector.

Which were adopted.

Mr. Wiles offered the following motion :

That the Committee on Fire Department be instructed to correspond with Mr. H. C. Silsby, and offer him the sum of four thousand eight hundred (\$4,800) dollars, for his new first class Fire Engine now on trial in this city, *provided* he will guarantee said engine to be equal to any engine of his make, in ability and durability. Said four thousand eight hundred (\$4,800) dollars to be paid said Silsby in three (3) years eight (8) per cent. coupon bonds of this city.

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

The question being to lay the motion on the table,

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

Those who voted in the negative were, Councilmen Marsee, Thaman, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—5.

So the motion to lay on the table was adopted.

Mr. Wiles moved that the Committee on Public Buildings be directed to act in conjunction with the Committee on Printing and Stationery, in distributing the new City offices.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Woodburn offered the following motion :

That the City Clerk have shade trees and boxes planted at west end and north side of Market square.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Woodburn presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I would respectfully recommend that steps be taken to procure a scraper for leveling up streets.

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUSTUS BRUNER, *Street Commissioner.*

Which was received.

Also the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be authorized to have a scraper constructed for the uses above named, to cost not more than \$25.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following motion :

That Murphy, Johnson & Co., be allowed the privilege of paving with flag-stones, the pavement in front of their building on the south-east corner of Meridian and Maryland streets, *provided* the same be done at their own expense, and that the same be done to the satisfaction of the City Civil Engineer ; and that when such work is done, the City Civil Engineer shall certify to the Common Council, the city's portion for allowance.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Woodburn introduced Special Appropriation ordinance No. 18, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating monies for the payment of sundry claims on account of City Hospital, for the month of March, 1870.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Woodburn also presented the following :

RECAPITULATION OF THE MONTHLY REPORT OF EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING MARCH 31, 1870.

Total expenditures for the month.....	\$606 75
Aggregate number of days for which subsistence, etc., was furnished ----	1446
Average expense per capita per diem.....	0.42

Also the following :

RECAPITULATION OF THE WEEKLY REPORT OF THE CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL ENDING APRIL 2, 1870.

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	37
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	6
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	6
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	37

Also the following :

RECAPITULATION OF THE MONTHLY REPORT OF CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING MARCH 31, 1870.

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	50
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	24
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	3
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	32
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	2
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	43

Which were received.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee to whom was referred sundry papers would respectfully report :

First.—A petition was presented from John Heim and others, to have an alley opened from the Central Railroad Company's track to Meek street, the same to be a continuation of the alley from the Michigan road through to the Central Railroad track, and running between out lots 74 and 75, we would recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the City Clerk give the required notice. a'

Second.—A petition was also referred to your committee signed by Frederick Thoms, Christian Spiegel, and others, asking Council to vacate the first alley south of Pogue's Run, running east and west through block or out lot 85, from East to Liberty street, as there is an alley in rear and on the side of every lot, we report in favor of the vacation of said alley, provided the petitioners go to the expense of giving the notice as required by law in such cases. a'

Third.—A remonstrance was also referred to your committee signed by Henry Boedecker and C. F. Wishmeyer, against the improvement of Davidson street, from North street to the north point of Davidson street. We have examined said street, and believe the ordinance for the improvement should be passed.

Fourth.—A petition was also referred to your committee signed by Walter W. Angus, W. H. Latham, and others, asking the Council to have Arsenal Avenue opened from Washington street, or the National Road, to the Michigan Road. Believing said Arsenal Avenue should be opened, we recommend that said petition be referred to the City Commissioners, and that the City Clerk give the notice required by law. a'

Fifth.—A petition was also presented from W. P. Fishback, and others, asking the Common Council to direct the City Civil Engineer to ascertain and fix the levels and grades of Market and Washington streets, east of the old corporation line, and extending east as far as the new limits extend. We would recommend that the Civil Engineer be instructed to do so.

Sixth.—A petition was also presented from the owners of real estate on Buchanan street, between East street and Virginia avenue, for the vacation of ten feet of ground in front of lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, in out lot 100, in McKernan's sub-division of said out lot. We would recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, on condition that the property holders interested, be at the expense of giving the notice required in such cases. b'

Respectfully submitted,

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

Which was concurred in.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred a remonstrance against the improvement of New Jersey street from Massachusetts Avenue to Fort Wayne Avenue, have examined said street, and find it in a very bad condition, and in view of such fact, we think the improvement contemplated should be made, and the prayer of the remonstrants not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Thalman from the same Committee also, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Streets and Alleys to whom was referred sundry papers in regard to paving North Delaware street with Nicholson pavement, respectfully report as follows :

After examining into the matter carefully, we find the following to be a true statement :

Total number of feet from Washington street to St. Clair street 6,150 and 11 inches.

Petitioning for improvement	3,344 feet 6 inches.
Remonstrating	1,551 " 8 "
Public property	806 " 6 "
Non-residents	357 " 0 "
Neutral	91 " 3 "

Total on the Street

6,150 ft. 11 inches.

Deduct public property	806 ft. 6 in.
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Non-residents	357 ft. 0 in.
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1,163 ft. 06 inches

Total owned by actual residents	4,987 ft. 05 inches
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Two-thirds of which is 3,324 feet and 10 inches. The number of feet petitioned for is 3,344 and 6 inches, a majority of nineteen feet and three inches over two-thirds.

We would recommend the passage of an ordinance to have the work done from Washington to St. Clair street, *provided* the contractor to whom the work is awarded, will take city bonds for the city's portion, payable in three years, bearing ten per cent. interest.

We believe where over a two-thirds majority of actual residents and property-holders petition for an improvement at their expense, in front of their property, it would show a very poor spirit of improvement on the part of the city to object to pay her portion. A large part of the street is in very bad order, and must be immediately improved. To gravel so fine and public a street as North Delaware street would be behind the age, and to boulder would cost almost as much as the Nicholson pavement. Most every town of any note has or is contemplating putting down the Nicholson pavement on their most public streets. We believe that Indianapolis should also make a test of it at once, which she now has an opportunity of doing, by consent and earnest desire of a large majority of the property-holders. The cost will not be oppressive to any one, as the more able parties have most liberally agreed to assist those on whom it might be burdensome.

We also find that the greater portion of the remonstrants are men of wealth, and well able to make the improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Which was concurred in by the following vote :

Affirmative.—Councilmen Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Kahn, Kennington, Marsee, Newman, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver and Wiles—11.

Negative.—Councilmen Brown, Heckman, Locke, Pyle, Whitsit and Woodburn—6.

Mr. Locke from the Committee on Bridges, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Bridges would respectfully report that they have examined the bids for the stone abutments for the bridge across Pogue's Run, on Tennessee street, and find that August Richter is the lowest responsible bidder, and would, therefore, recommend the awarding of said contract to him.

Your committee would further report that the Rolling Mill Company are disposed to be liberal in their assistance in the construction of a substantial bridge over Pogue's Run, on Tennessee street. They are willing to pay to the city the difference in the cost of constructing an ordinary roadway and a roadway sufficient to sustain a locomotive and a train of laden cars.

Your committee believe that as a matter of economy, all bridges to be hereafter built over Pogue's Run and the Canal, on the principal streets, should be stone and iron. At first, the cost is a little more than wood, yet the difference is more than compensated for in permanency and durability.

Your committee have in in their possession propositions from the following bridge builders :

Whelock, McKay & Goshorn, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
L. Rust, Buffalo, New York.
Joseph Davenport, Massillon, Ohio.
J. W. Miller, Muncie, Indiana.

We would, therefore, recommend that the City Engineer be instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the erection of iron bridges as follows :

Over Pogue's Run, on Tennessee street, forty by ninety, over Canal, on First street, sixteen by ———, with stone abutments, and that the City Clerk advertise for sealed proposals for the construction of said work.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIE LOCKE,
HENRY GIMBER, } Committee.
JOHN L. MARSEE, }

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Locke offered the following motion :

That the City Clerk be and he is hereby, authorized to advertise that sealed proposals will be received by the Common Council at its meeting on the 23d of April, 1870, for the construction of an iron bridge across Pogue's Run on Tennessee street, the whole width of said street, also the width of an ordinary roadway ; also an iron bridge with stone abutments, across the Canal on First street, in width sixteen by ———.

Which was adopted.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Fire Department would report that C. Ahrens & Co., of Cincinnati, who have been rebuilding the Latta Steam Fire Engine, have delivered the same to the Chief Fire Engineer of this city, in apparent good order, and by him placed in service.

We had the work on the Engine examined by some of the leading machinists of this place, and their report is herewith submitted.

We also report an ordinance appropriating \$2,600 for the payment of said work, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 1870

To John L. Marsee, Esq., Chairman Committee on Fire Department :

DEAR SIR:—The undersigned having been requested by your Chief Fire Engineer to examine the work and improvements lately put on your Latta Steam Fire Engine, would herewith most respectfully state that the work above named, is done in a thorough and workman-like manner, and is in every respect a credit to the men that have done the work, and we would further state, that in our opinion, the price for said work is very reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. SUITT,
J. G. LIGHTFORD,
T. E. CHANDLER.

Which was received.

Also, Special Appropriation ordinance No. 19, 1870, entitled :

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

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Whitsit moved that when the Council adjourn, it be to meet next Tuesday, April 12, 1870, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman from the Select Committee on Fire Alarm Telegraph, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9, 1870

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee to whom was referred the matter of Fire Alarm Boxes report as follows :

That after seeing both boxes working and having their advantages explained by both their representatives, we believe the Cleveland box will answer our purpose as well as the Gamewell box. The price of the Cleveland box being only about one-half as much as the Gamewell, we would recommend the acceptance of the proposition of the Cleveland Company.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC THALMAN, Committee.

Mr. Brown moved to postpone consideration of the subject until the second meeting in May, 1870.

Mr. Marsee moved to lay the whole matter on the table until other reports could be submitted.

During the pendency of which, Mr. Kennington moved to adjourn.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative.—Councilmen Brown, Gimber, Kahn, Kennington, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Thoms, Whitsit and Woodburn—10.

Negative.—Councilmen Cottrell, Harrison, Heckman, Locke, Thalman, Weaver and Wiles—7.

So the Councilmen adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 12, 1870, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Daniel Macauley
DANIEL MACAULEY, Mayor.

ATTEST:

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