

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—JULY 21, 1884.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, July 21st, A. D. 1884, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT--Hon. John L. McMaster, Mayor, and, *ex officio*, President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 22 members, viz: Councilmen Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

ABSENT, 3--viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, and Sheppard.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session, held on July 7th, 1884, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

The Committee on Contracts, through Councilman Newcomb, submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and the contracts severally awarded as recommended:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred the proposals for street improvements received July 7th, 1884, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows, viz:

1st. For grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of West street, from McCarty street to Merrill street.

Bids per lineal foot front.

Names of bidders.	Paving.	Walk-stones.	Bowl. wings, sq. y'd.
H. C. Roney	47 cents	69 cents	60 cents.
Richter & Twiname.....	42 cents	60 cents.....	60 cents.
John Schier	41 cents	68 cents.....	70 cents.
C. S. Roney	40 cents	66 cents.....	60 cents.

C. S. Roney being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

2d. For grading and bowldering the first alley west of New Jersey street, from Ohio street to the first alley north of Ohio street.

Richter & Twiname.....	\$1.23 per lineal foot front on each side.
S. W. & R. H. Patterson..	1.09 per lineal foot front on each side.

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Henry C. Roney.....	1.05 per lineal foot front on each side.
James W. Hudson.....	1 05 per lineal foot front on each side.
Hanway & Cooper. ..	1.05 per lineal foot front on each side.
R. P. Dunning.....	1.03 per lineal foot front on each side.
Geo. W. Buchanan.....	94 per lineal foot front on each side.

(Geo. W. Buchanan being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

3d. For grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of North street, from Noble street to Pine street.

Bids per lineal foot front.

Names of bidders.	Paving.	Walk-stones.	Bowl. wings, sq. y'd.
H. Solomon & Bro.	39 cents	Walk-stone and bowldering	wings, \$1.15
H. C. Roney.....	39 cents.....	69 cents.....	65 cents.
John Schier.....	37 cents.....	68 cents.....	70 cents.
J. L. Spaulding.....	37 cents.....	64 cents.....	59 cents.
Richter & Twiname.....	36 cents.....	60 cents.....	60 cents.
R. P. Dunning.....	35 cents.....	65 cents.....	65 cents.
Chas. S. Roney.....	34 cents.....	64 cents.....	60 cents.

Chas. S. Roney being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

4th. For grading, bowldering the roadway, curbing the gutters and paving the sidewalks of Wabash street, from Illinois street to Tennessee street.

Bids per lineal foot front on each side.

H. Solomon & Bro.....	bowldering ... cents;	curbing ... cents;	paving 33 cents.
Chas. S. Roney.....	bowldering 80 cents;	curbing 41 cents;	paving 30 cents.
Geo. W. Seibert.....	bowldering 80 cents;	curbing 40 cents;	paving 30 cents.
James Mahoney.....	bowldering 75 cents;	curbing 41 cents;	paving 32 cents.
Hanway & Cooper.....	bowldering 70 cents;	curbing 44 cents;	paving 35 cents.
Henry C. Roney.....	bowldering 70 cents;	curbing 40 cents;	paving 29 cents.
Richter & Twiname....	bowldering 70 cents;	curbing 41 cents;	paving 30 cents.
S. W. & R. H. Patterson	bowldering 69 cents;	curbing 42 cents;	paving 35 cents.
R. P. Dunning.....	bowldering 69 cents;	curbing 41 cents;	paving 29 cents.
James W. Hudson.....	bowldering 65 cents;	curbing 41 cents;	paving 32 cents.
Geo. W. Buchanan.....	bowldering 65 cents;	curbing 40 cents;	paving 30 cents.

Geo. W. Buchanan being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

5th. For grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of First street, between Illinois and Meridian streets.

Bids per lineal foot front on each side.

James W. Hudson.....	bowldering 40 cents;	curbing 41 cents.
Henry Clay.....	bowldering 38 cents;	curbing 41 cents.
H. C. Roney.....	bowldering 57 cents;	curbing 40 cents.
Geo. W. Seibert.....	bowldering 36 cents;	curbing 41 cents.
Hanway & Cooper.....	bowldering 35 cents;	curbing 42 cents.
S. W. & R. H. Patterson...	bowldering 35 cents;	curbing 41 cents.
J. L. Spaulding.....	bowldering 35 cents;	curbing 41 cents.
R. P. Dunning.....	bowldering 35 cents;	curbing 41 cents.
Richter & Twiname.....	bowldering 34 cents;	curbing 41 cents.

Richter & Twiname being the lowest and best bidders, recommend they be awarded the contract.

6th. For grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of Fourth street, from Meridian street to Illinois street, where not already done.

Bids per lineal foot front.

Names of bidders.	Paving.	Walk-stones.	Bowl. wings, sq. y'd.
Hanway & Cooper.....	35 cents.....	68 cents.....	60 cents.
H. Solomon & Bro.	34 cents..	Walk-stone and bowldering,	\$1.15
H. C. Roney.....	33 cents.....	65 cents.....	60 cents.

Names of bidders.	Paving.	Walk-stones.	Bowl. wings, sq. y'd.
Richter & Twiname	32 cents.....	60 cents	60 cents.
C. S. Roney.....	32 cents.....	.. cents.....	.. cents.
John Schier.....	31 cents.....	68 cents.....	60 cents.
R. P. Dunning.....	30 cents.....	.. cents.....	.. cents.

R. P. Dunning being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

7th. For grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of Arsenal avenue, from Washington street to Ohio street.

Bids per lineal foot front.

Names of bidders.	Paving.	Walk-stones.	Bowl. wings, sq. y'd.
H. Solomon & Bro.....	46 cents	Walk-stone and wings, \$1.15.	
James Mahoney.....	45 cents.....	66 cents.....	60 cents.
Chas. S. Roney.....	44 cents.....	.. cents.....	.. cents.
Henry C. Roney.....	44 cents.....	66 cents.....	60 cents.
Richter & Twiname.....	44 cents.....	60 cents	60 cents.
John Schier.....	42 cents.....	68 cents.....	70 cents.

John Schier being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

8th. For grading and graveling Walcott street and sidewalks, from Michigan street to Koller street.

Henry C. Roney.....	98 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Geo. W. Seibert.....	94 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Hanway & Cooper.....	88 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
S. W. & R. H. Patterson..	84 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Geo. W. Buchanan.....	83 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Richter & Twiname.....	74 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
J. H. Forrest.....	55 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

J. H. Forrest being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

9th. For the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Spann avenue, between Dillon and Linden streets.

Freaney Bros	bids \$21.00 per lamp-post complete.
Thos. H. S. Peck.....	bids \$18.39 per lamp-post complete.

Thos. H. S. Peck being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Newcomb,
M. M. Reynolds,
Philip J. Doyle,
Committee on Contracts.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication:

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

Gentlemen:—The ladies of the Indianapolis Flower Mission, in charge of the Training School for Nurses, would respectfully represent that they have now maintained their training school for ten months; that the lowest sum expended in any one of the ten months was \$250.00. The winter months it has required \$300.00.

The average monthly expenditure has been \$270.00. The most rigid economy has been observed in the management of the house.

A contract was made by the managers of the house, soon after it was established and when they had but five nurses, to do the nursing at the City Hospital for the sum of \$75.00 per month.

Under the services of these trained nurses, supervised and directed by the skill and energy of Miss Traver, the principal of the school, the condition of the City

Hospital has been very greatly improved, under the efficient superintendency of Dr. W. N. Wishard, so that now it is the pride of the city.

The Training School is now, and for some months past, has been furnishing eight nurses, two of whom are head nurses; doing all the nursing and much of the house-keeping at the hospital. These nurses have all been boarded at the Training School, and have paid all their own expenses of every description.

The amount received from the city in the ten months, was \$750 00, while the amount expended in the same ten months for maintaining the school has been about \$2,700 00, nearly \$2,000.00 in excess of the receipts from the city.

If the city should undertake to perform the nursing by the employment of eight unskilled domestics, their weekly wages would be \$3.00 each per week, or \$24.00. The actual cost of boarding them would be not less than \$3.00 each per week, making \$24.00, equal in all to \$200.00 per month. The difference in what the city is paying and what it would cost the city to have the same work done by unskilled domestics is therefore \$1,500.00 per year.

If the city should pay the Training School \$200.00 per month, what it would cost under the old system, then the Training School would run it at a loss of \$840.00 per year, which sum they would undertake to make up from entertainments and charitable donations from persons who have witnessed the wonderful change in the hospital.

The funds belonging to the Flower Mission, as well as those set apart to maintain the Training School, amounting in all to the sum of \$1,700.00, have been rendered unavailable by the failure of the bank where they were deposited, and the Training School is without funds, and must therefore close at once unless immediate relief is offered by the city.

They therefore ask that the compensation for nursing be fixed at a sum, monthly, equal to what it would cost the city to perform the same work by unskilled domestics, and that an appropriation be made by you at once for the services for the month of July.

That with this relief, and the money they hope to make during the present week by the entertainment at the rink, they will be enabled to pay their current bills and maintain the Training School for the present, and with reasonable encouragement for the year coming.

If the reasonable relief herein asked is declined by the City Council, they will be compelled to close the school at once.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah G. Chapman, Pres't Flower Mission; Hannah
C. Haughey, Pres't Training School; Oscar C. McCulloch, E. B. Martindale, Henry S. Fraser, Wm. Wallace, Advisory Board.

Rev. O. C. McCullough being present, on invitation, addressed the Council in explanation of the subject-matter of foregoing communication.

Councilman Thalman then offered the following motion:

That the Hospital Board be directed to employ the Flower Mission nurses for six months, at an expense not to exceed \$200.00 per month, the sum equal that it would cost to employ unskilled nurses, deeming it better to employ skilled nurses than unskilled, when the cost is no more.

Councilman Dowling moved to amend the above motion, by striking out the words "Flower-Mission nurses," and substituting "Sisters of Charity."

On motion of Councilman Pearson, the proposed amendment was laid on the table, by the following vote:

AYES, 18—viz. Councilmen Coy, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS, 4—viz. Councilmen Curry, Dowling, Downey, and Moran.

The original motion was then adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 18—viz. Councilmen Coy, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS, 3—viz. Councilmen Curry, Dowling, and Downey.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, and the estimates (presented therewith) approved:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following estimates of work done according to contract:

A first and final estimate in behalf of John C. Scheir, Jr., for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk of Ash street from Massachusetts avenue to Christian avenue.

881.25 lineal feet paving, at 42 cents.....	\$370 11
111.20 lineal feet double walk-stone, at 68 cents.....	75 62
49.70 lineal feet curb, at 42 cents.....	20 87
71.75 square yards of bowldering, at 75 cents.....	53 81

Total.....\$520 41

A first and final estimate in behalf of Fred Gansberg, for grading and graveling Willow street and sidewalks, from Shelby street to Laurel street.

2,161 lineal feet, at 41 cents.....	\$886 01
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A first and final estimate in behalf of Fred Gansberg, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Beaty street, from the first alley south of McCarty street to the first alley north of Buchanan street.

966 lineal feet, at 16 cents.....	\$154 56
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A first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and graveling the first alley south of Seventh street, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street.

864 lineal feet, at 12 cents.....	\$103 68
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A first and final estimate in behalf of R. P. Dunning, assignee, for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Broadway street, from Home avenue to Seventh street.

2,520.75 lineal feet, at 50 cents.....	\$1,260 40
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A first and final estimate in behalf of R. P. Dunning, for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of South street, from Virginia avenue to Delaware street.

1,121.80 feet brick walk, at 47 cents.....	\$527 01
162.50 feet of double walk-stone, at 65 cents.....	105 62
102.34 square yards of bowldering, at 63 cents.....	64 47

Total.....\$697 10

A first and partial estimate in behalf of Hanway & Cooper, for raising the grade of East street, from a point 250 feet south of Washington street to a point 750 feet south of Washington street.

351 lineal feet of gravel, at 64 cents.....	\$224 64
520 square yards bowldering, at 65 cents.....	338 00
Total.....	\$562 64

A first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of First street, from Tennessee to Mississippi street.

408 lineal feet of brick walk, at 36 cents.....	\$146 88
12.85 square yards bowldered wings, at 60 cents.....	7 63
25.70 feet of walk-stone, at 65 cents.....	16 70
Total.....	\$171 21

A first and final estimate in behalf of C. S. Roney, for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Ruckle street from Eighth street to Tenth street.

2,321.80 lineal feet of brick walk, at 34 cents.....	\$789 41
70.49 square yards bowldered wings, at 55 cents.....	38 76
116 feet of double walk-stone, at 66 cents.....	76 56
Total.....	\$904 73

A first and final estimate in behalf of A. Bruner, for constructing a brick sewer, two and one-half feet internal diameter, in and along Hill street, and through the private grounds, from Meridian street to the bed of old Canal.

880.50 feet of 2½ ft. sewer, at \$1.15.....	\$1,012 57
15.80 feet of 2 ft. sewer, at \$1.15.....	18 17
546 brick, at \$14.00 per 1000.....	7 64
4.28 cubic yards rubble masonry, at \$5 00.....	21 40
58 feet of 12 inch sewer pipe, at 75 cents.....	43 50
24 feet of 15 inch sewer pipe, at \$1.00.....	24 00
1 catch-basin, extra depth.....	101 25
Total.....	\$1,228 53

A second and final estimate in behalf of Thos. Cummings, for building stone abutments for Wilkins street bridge over Pogue's Run.

1,159.33 cubic yards dry excavation, at 15 cents.....	\$173 90
451.80 cubic yards wet excavation, at 50 cents.....	225 90
1,681 cubic feet of foundation timbers, at 23 cents.....	386 63
5,043 feet B. M. plank, at \$23.00 per M.....	115 98
196.24 cubic yards masonry, at \$4.85.....	951 76
Total.....	\$1,854 17
Less amount of former estimate.....	1,428 61

Amount allowed by this estimate..... \$ 425 56

A first and final estimate in behalf of Aaron Grube, for constructing a wooden bridge over Pogue's Run, on Wilkins street..... \$670.00

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of John C. Schier, Jr., for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk of Ash street, from Massachusetts avenue to Christian avenue, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Coy, Curry, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Fred. Gansberg, for grading and graveling Willow street and sidewalks, from Shelby street to Laurel street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Coy, Curry, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Fred. Gansberg, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Beaty street, from the first alley south of McCarty street to the first alley north of Buchanan street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote;

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Coy, Curry, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and graveling the first alley south of Seventh street, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Coy, Curry, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of R. P. Dunning, assignee, for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Broadway street, from Home avenue to Seventh street, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Coy, Curry, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of R. P. Dunning, for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of South street, from Virginia avenue to Delaware street, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Coy, Curry, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of First street, from Tennessee street to Mississippi street, be, and same is hereby adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Coy, Curry, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Chas. S. Roney, for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Ruckle street, from Eighth street to Tenth street, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Coy, Curry, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, the contracts severally concurred in, and the bonds approved:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following contracts and bonds:

Contract and bonds of J. L. Spaulding, with Fred. Gansberg as surety:

For grading and paving the sidewalks of New York street, from Noble street to Pine street. Bond, \$800.00.

For grading and paving with brick (where not already done), the south sidewalk of Walnut street, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street. Bond, \$400.00.

For grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of Bismarck street, from Sullivan street to Virginia avenue. Bond, \$900.00.

For grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Vermont street, from Noble street to Pine street. Bond, \$400.00.

For grading and paving the sidewalks of Michigan street, from Noble street to Pine street. Bond, \$400.00.

For grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of Tenth street, from Illinois street to Tennessee street. Bond, \$400.00.

For grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of Eighth (or Williams) street, from Illinois street to Tennessee street. Bond, \$400.00.

For grading and paving with brick the south sidewalk of Sixth street, from Illinois street to Mississippi street. Bond, \$400.00.

For grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Pine street, from Harrison street to the C, I., St. L. & C. Railroad tracks. Bond, \$500.00.

For grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of Dillon street, from Harrison street to English avenue. Bond, \$400.00.

For grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of St. Joseph street, from Alabama street to Fort Wayne avenue. Bond, \$500.00.

For grading and graveling the roadway of Eighth street, from Tennessee street to Mississippi street. Bond, \$400.00.

Contracts and bonds of James Mahoney, with James Renihan as surety:

For grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of Linden street, from Prospect street to Orange street. Bond, \$700.00.

For grading and graveling the first alley south of Daugherty street, from Wright street to Virginia avenue. Bond, \$900.00.

For grading and graveling the roadway, and paving with brick the sidewalks of Williams street, from Arsenal avenue to State avenue. Bond, \$1,500.00.

Contract and bond of J. D. Hoss & Co, for grading and graveling Elliott street and sidewalks, from Bloyd street to Greenbrier Lane. Bond, \$1,700.00; surety, David R. Marshall.

Contract and bond of George W. Buchanan, for grading and graveling Laurel street and sidewalks, from Prospect street to Lexington avenue. Bond, \$2,500.00; surety, H. C. Roney.

Contract and bond of H. C. Roney, for grading, bowldering the roadway, curbing the gutters and paving with brick the sidewalks of Sciota street, from Ohio street to New York street. Bond, \$2,500.00; surety, Fred. Gansberg.

Contract and bond of Thos. H. S. Peck, for the erection of lamp-posts on Broadway street, between Ninth and Twelfth streets. Bond, \$150.00; surety, H. W. Bennett.

Contracts and bonds of Richter & Twiname, with Frederick Lang as surety:

For grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Michigan street, from Liberty street to Noble street. Bond, \$2,000.00.

For grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Park avenue, from Massachusetts avenue to St. Clair street. Bond, \$2,500.00.

For grading, bowldering and curbing the south gutter of Vermont street, from Liberty street to Noble street. Bond, \$800.00.

Contract and bend of C. S. Roney, for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of Ohio street, from Noble street to Pine street. Bond, \$800.00; surety, John Schier.

Contract and bond of Richter & Twiname, for grading and bowldering the gutters, paving with brick and curbing with stone, the sidewalks of Benton street, from Washington street to Bates street. Bond, \$2,800.00; surety, D. V. Burns.

Contract and bond of Henry Clay, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Fourth street, from Mississippi street to Fayette street. Bond, \$800.00; surety, John Schier.

Contract and bond of Thos. H. S. Peck, for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Spann avenue, between Dillon and Linden streets. Bond, \$320 00; surety, H. W. Bennett.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, and the recommendations concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:--Under your instructions I have located the line of the lot on the north bank of P. gue's Run, just east of Tennessee street, owned by Catherine Mad-den, and find the line of the lot lies on top of the bank, and that no part of the lot is in the Run.

I have examined the alley between Shelby and Olive streets, running from the first alley south of Prospect, and find that the alley has been improved some years ago, and that the cause of the bad drainage is the presence of some dirt and ashes near the first alley south of Prospect, which if removed, and two or three loads of gravel spread in the low place, would place the alley in proper condition.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The City Clerk submitted the following report:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:--I submit herewith the following affidavits, now on file in my office, for the collection of street improvement assessments by precepts, to wit:

Richter & Twiname vs. Reeder S. Brigham, for	\$129 00
Richter & Twiname vs. Thomas Shannon, for.....	22 79
Richter & Twiname vs. Nancy J. and Eliza E. Lowman, for.....	23 22
Richter & Twiname vs. George W. Stout and Bank of Commerce, for.....	25 80
Richter & Twiname vs. John D. Evans' heirs, viz: Frederick Ev- ans, for.....	129 00

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

Which was received, and the precepts ordered to issue, by the follow-
ing vote :

AYES, 18—viz. Councilmen Coy, Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS, 2—viz. Councilmen Edenharter, and Thalman.

The City Attorney submitted the following report; which was received :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen:—I am directed to answer the following questions in writing:

1st. "Can the Common Council and Board of Aldermen compel the Citizens' Street Railway Company to extend their lines in this city upon a petition signed by a majority of the citizens along the proposed route or routes asking for extension?"

2d. "Has the city any rights, under the Street Railway charter, that the Citizens' Street Railway Company are bound to respect?"

By the terms of the ordinance of January 18th, 1864, the Citizens' Street Railway Company is granted the right to lay lines of railway along all the streets of the city, and to extend the same, but there is no provision in that or any subsequent ordinance *requiring* it to lay or extend any line. The nearest approach to such a provision, is the following, found in section 15: "Whenever the Common Council may deem it expedient that a line of street railway should be constructed along any street or streets, or part of a street, upon which said company has not constructed any line of street railway, * * * they may declare the same by resolution, and order and direct that said company shall construct the same; and it shall be the duty of the City Clerk to serve a copy of such resolution, attested by the Mayor and City Clerk, upon the President, or, in his absence, upon any other officer or director of said company; and it shall be the duty of said company, within thirty days after the service of such notice, to officially certify to the Common Council a copy of a resolution of the Board of Directors, ordering the construction of said line of street railway, with the affidavit of the President attached, that it is the design of said company, in good faith, to proceed immediately to the construction of said line of street railway; and on failure to do so, the Common Council may, by resolution, declare all privileges and rights-of-way over and to the line of street railway designated in the resolution requiring its construction as forfeited."

The only penalty provided for a non-compliance with the order of the Council is, that the city may construct the desired line herself, or grant the right to do so to any other person or association.

(It may not be considered out of place to suggest, in connection with this saving clause of the city's rights, however, that the provision was wholly unnecessary, as the city would always possess the undoubted right to authorize any other company to construct and maintain lines upon any unoccupied streets, at any time, regardless of any attempted *exclusive* privilege contained in the ordinance of 1864.)

I find no mention of petition by citizens in the street car ordinances at all; and I conclude, therefore, that the Citizens' Street Railway Company is not bound to consider or respect any such petition, looking to an extension of its lines.

Treating your second question as having been propounded in the same sincerity as your first, I will answer it by saying, that the city has reserved to herself many rights, by the terms of the company's charter. These rights of the public may of course be violated by the Street Railway Company, but a strict compliance with the provisions of the ordinances may always be enforced by legal process.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. DENNY, City Attorney.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Hospital Board, through Councilman Newcomb, submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, to whom was referred the motion asking our opinion as to the advisability of making a separate department of the Pest House, and creating the office of Medical Superintendent for its government, &c., beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the matters involved.

We are convinced that it would be a good thing to have a distinct department for the treatment of infectious diseases; but in the present state of the city's finances, we do not feel justified in recommending its establishment at this time. We do believe, however, that there ought to be a competent physician employed by the year, to take charge of all cases sent to the Pest House, under the general supervision of the Superintendent of the City Hospital and Hospital Board, whose services can at all times be demanded and relied upon.

We would therefore recommend that such a physician be employed, provided his services can be procured at a reasonable price; and to this end we suggest that the Superintendent of the City Hospital be instructed to procure, if he can, a physician to take charge of the Pest House work, at a price not to exceed \$..... per annum—no contract to be made, or liability against the city incurred, however, until the action of said Superintendent be concurred in by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Newcomb,
Philip J. Doyle,
P. M. Gallahue,
Robert McClelland.

C. S. DENNY, City Attorney.

On motion of Councilman Newcomb, the compensation of the Pest House physician was fixed "at a sum not exceeding \$1,000 per annum."

On motion of Councilman Thalman, it was ordered that "before the appointment be made, the Hospital Board should report the matter back to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen for further action."

The foregoing report and motions were then concurred in and approved, by the following vote:

AYES, 12—viz. Councilmen Curry, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Smither, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS, 7—viz. Councilmen Dowling, Downey, Haugh, Moran, Reinecke, Spahr, and Wolf.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman Reynolds, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom sundry papers were referred, report thereon as follows:

1st. Is a motion "That the Street Commissioner be instructed to grade the City Hospital yard, and is hereby authorized to do the same."

In our opinion this matter should be referred to the Hospital Board. The Board desires to call the attention of the Council to the fact that the appropriations made, are for street repairs. This being new improvement, we believe there is too much outside work asked for to be done by the Street Commissioner out of said appropriations; therefore recommend the work be not done.

2d. Is a motion "That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, directed to make the protection of the bank of Fall Creek, below Indiana avenue, as set forth in the report of the special committee and estimate of the City Civil Engineer (see

Council Proceedings, 1884, page 134); said protection to be made a distance not to exceed three hundred (300) feet, at such point as the City Civil Engineer and Street Commissioner may think proper." We recommend that the Street Commissioner advertise for bids for the above work.

3d. Is a motion adopted by the Board of Aldermen June 9th, 1884, "That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, directed to at once level up all uneven places on Meridian street, and hereafter keep the same thoroughly swept."

Recommend the work be done.

4th. Is a motion "That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to fill chuck-holes on McNabb street, between Meridian and Illinois streets."

Recommend the work be done.

5th. Is a motion "That the Street Commissioner, under the direction of the Civil Engineer, be, and is hereby instructed to change waste pipe on south Delaware street, from the intersection of Chesapeake street to Pogue's Run, so as to prevent the overflow of water, present pipe being too small to carry off the water."

Recommend that it be kept properly cleaned, and repaired if necessary.

6th. Is a motion "That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to put down a double stone crossing on the north side of Michigan street, at the alley between Alabama and New Jersey streets." Recommend the work be done.

7th. Is a motion "That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to take up and re-lay the west gutter of Pennsylvania street, from St Clair street to First street, so that the water will run off; and the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to set the proper grade stakes."

Recommend the work be *not* done.

8th. Is a motion "That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to lay a double stone crossing on both sides of the corner of Michigan and Blake streets." Recommend the work be done.

9th. Is a motion "That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to put down a stone crossing across Central avenue on line of north sidewalk of Christian avenue." Recommend the work be *not* done.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Rees,
M. M. Reynolds,
Wm. Curry,
Isaac Thalman,
Board of Public Improvements.

The Board of Public Improvements presented the following petitions; which were received, and, on motion, the extension of time prayed for were severally granted:

Indianapolis, July 21, 1884.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I would respectfully petition to have ten days further time in which to complete my contract for paving with brick the sidewalks on Bellefontaine street, between Seventh and Eighth streets. I have been unable to get brick until the present time.

We recommend the time be granted.

H. C. RONEY,
Isaac Thalman,
M. M. Reynolds,
Wm. Curry,
R. H. Rees.

To the Board of Public Improvements:

Gentlemen:—I desire an extension of time for thirty days on the following contract, for the reason it is impossible to obtain material for the completion of the work: For grading, curbing, bowldering the north gutter and paving the sidewalk of Christian avenue between Central avenue and Ash street

D. A. HAYWOOD.

Subscribed and sworn to this 21st day of July, 1884.

[Seal.]

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Notary Public.

We recommend the extension of time be granted.

M. M. Reynolds,
Wm. Curry,
Isaac Thalman,
R. H. Rees,

Board of Public Improvements.

To the Board of Public Improvements:

Gentlemen:—I wish an extension of time for sixty days on the following contracts, for the reason that it has been impossible for me to obtain the necessary material for completing the the work: For grading and paving the sidewalks of Park avenue, from Eighth street to Twelfth street; for grading, bowldering and curbing the south gutter of Christian avenue, from Central avenue to Ash street.

R. P. DUNNING.

Subscribed and sworn to this 21st day of July, 1884.

[Seal.]

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Notary Public.

We recommend the extension of time be granted.

M. M. Reynolds,
Wm. Curry,
I. Thalman,
R. H. Rees,

Board of Public Improvements.

The Board of Health submitted the following Mortality report; which was received:

Report of Deaths in the City of Indianapolis, from the 30th day of June, 1884, to the 15th day of July, 1884.

Under 1 year	40
1 to 2 years	2
2 to 5 "	4
5 to 10 "	2
10 to 15 "	2
15 to 20 "	4
20 to 25 "	1
25 to 30 "	6
30 to 40 "	5
40 to 50 "	5
50 to 60 "	2
60 to 70 "	4
70 to 80 "	3
80 to 90 "	4
90 to 100 "	0
100 and upward.....	0
Unknown.....	0
Total.....	84

J. A. SUTCLIFFE, M. D., Pres't.

E. S. ELDER, M. D., Sec'y.

M. T. RUNNELS, M. D.

Board of Health.

The Board of Health presented the following communication; which was, on motion, referred to the Board of Public Improvements and the Street Commissioner, with instructions to clean *all* street gutters, both bowldered and dirt:

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—We respectfully call your attention to the fact that Epidemic Cholera is prevailing in several parts of Europe with great virulence, and that with the rapid transit now existing between America and that land, there is danger of the malady reaching our country.

Recognizing the possible danger, the Board of Health for the past three weeks have been laboring earnestly to place our city in a good sanitary condition. Comparatively speaking, it is; but it can be made more so. In order to do this, we respectfully suggest that you order the Street Commissioner to place an increased force at work cleaning the gutters and removing the vegetation from the margins of the gutters and sidewalks, draining and filling up wet and foul places along the sidewalks and streets of the city.

We respectfully request that you order the Street Commissioner to at once drain all foul ponds and gutters which the Board of Health may refer to him; also we ask authority to order the abandonment and filling up of shallow wells in gutters and low places upon our streets and sidewalks. Such wells are unfit for use and are liable to become centers of infection.

The contractors putting the arches in Pogue's Run, near the depot, placed a dam across the run near to Washington street sewer, thus turning all the water out of the creek. We have made arrangements for flushing the creek and sewer which will obviate further trouble.

Our sanitary force is utterly inadequate to the present demands upon it. We have requested the Police Commissioners to detail two men for our use for the next two weeks.

We would respectfully urge, as a sanitary measure, that the curbing and bowldering of the gutters along the streets of the city be pushed as rapidly as possible.

Very truly,

J. A. SUTCLIFFE, M. D., Pres't.
E. S. ELDER, M. D., Sec'y.
M. T. RUNNELS, M. D.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Spahr presented the following petitions; which were referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Indianapolis, May 23, 1884.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your petitioner would respectfully represent and show that he purchased, at tax sale, Lot 65, J. W. King's subdivision of Bryan's addition, and gave therefor the sum of ten dollars and fifty-two cents (\$10.52), tax sale 1880, certificate No. 13,080. He would respectfully ask that said sum be refunded to him, with interest, for the reason that said lot was outside of the city limits, and the city had no right to sell the same.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. STUBBS,
By Orlando Knowlton, Agent.

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen

of the City of Indianapolis, in the State of Indiana:

Gentlemen:—The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents that they have a valid claim against the City of Indianapolis for the sum of nine hundred and thirty-four dollars and twenty-five cents (\$934.25), money paid by S. A. Fletcher & Co. for Lot five, in "Butsch & Goepfer's" subdivision of St. Clair's addition to the City of Indianapolis. That said lot was sold by the Treasurer of said city at public vendue, October 17th, 1876, for the amount assessed against the same in the name of William Braden, as benefits resulting thereto from the opening of Second street, from Meridian street to Pennsylvania street, in said city. That the said S. A. Fletcher & Co. held a mortgage upon said Lot five, and purchased the same at said public sale, to protect their said mortgage lien, bidding and paying therefor said

sum of \$934.25, and that the undersigned are now the owners of the claim for said sum of money, and entitled thereto. That the proceedings in opening said Second street, and assessing said benefits, and in selling said Lot five, were all illegal and void, and that no interest in, or title to, said lot was conveyed by said sale to said S. A. Fletcher & Co. That said sum of \$934.25, so bid and paid for said lot, was received into the treasury of said city, and is now retained therein, and that said city unlawfully retains said money and wrongfully withholds the same from your petitioners. Wherefore, the undersigned hereby demand that said sum of money, \$934.25, be paid over to them by said city through the proper action of your honorable bodies.

Stoughton J. Fletcher and Francis M. Churchman, by
John S. Tarkington and Williams & Pickett, their
Attorneys.

Dated April 28, 1884.

Councilman Spahr offered the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light:

Resolved, That the Gas Company be, and it is hereby, directed to extend its gas mains on Ash street, from Seventh street to Lincoln avenue, locating a lamp-post midway between said Seventh street and Lincoln avenue; and also locating a lamp-post at the intersection of Ash street and Lincoln avenue.

Councilman Spahr offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Citizens' Street Railway Company be, and they are hereby, requested to extend their line of tracks on College avenue, north to Bruce street.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 16—viz. Councilmen Curry, Downey, Edenharter, Haugh, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS, 4—viz. Councilmen Dowling, Doyle, Mack, and Reinecke.

Councilman Spahr offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Board of Health be, and they are hereby, directed to examine into the condition of the State Ditch, and report to this Council whether or not the condition of said Ditch, or any part thereof, is injurious to the health of the citizens living along the line of said Ditch; and if found to be injurious, what can be done to relieve the same; also, Pogue's Run, below Washington street.

Councilman Spahr offered the following motion:

WHEREAS, It is reported that the committee to whom was referred the matter of painting and repairing of bridges belonging to the City of Indianapolis has awarded the contract for such work to the highest bidder, thereby making a difference to said city of seven hundred and fifty dollars for the doing of said work; therefore,

Moved, That Messrs. Rees, Downey and Edenharter be, and they are hereby, appointed a committee to make full investigation of the matter of letting the contract for the doing of said work, and that they report to this body, at the next regular meeting, the matter and result of such investigation, including the manner of advertising for bids, and the amounts bid, and by whom bid.

Councilman Gallahue offered the following as a substitute for the above motion:

That the Committee on Bridges report to this Council, to-night, the bids received from the sundry bidders for painting the (27) bridges in the city.

Councilman Thalman offered the following as a substitute for both of the preceding motions; and it was duly adopted:

That the Committee on Bridges and City Attorney notify the contractor to whom was given the contract for painting the city bridges, that the Common Council will not approve said award; and it is hereby ordered, that such work be not commenced until further action by the Common Council.

Councilman Thalman introduced the following Appropriation Ordinance; which was read the first time:

Ap. O. 36, 1884—An ordinance appropriating \$1,428.61 to Thomas Cummings, on account of bridges.

And then, on his motion, the rules were suspended, by the following vote:

AYES, 22—viz. Councilmen Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

Foregoing ordinance was then read the second time; ordered engrossed; was read the third time, and was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 22—viz. Councilmen Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Thalman presented the following petition, and, on his motion, the prayer of the petition was granted:

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned would respectfully represent unto your honorable body that heretofore, to-wit, on the 3d day of May, 1884, your honorable body granted said petitioners "Auctioneers' License" to sell goods at auction for the period of one year from said date, at No. 68 east Washington street, in said city. Your petitioner further represents that he has removed his place of business to No. 22 east Washington street, where he has taken a lease for the period of eight months. That said petitioner is now engaged in selling, under the orders of the Superior Court of Marion County, Indiana, a portion of the stock formerly owned by the firm of Gillett & Jenison, and intends to continue permanently in the business of auctioneering goods in said city; and he therefore asks your honorable body to transfer the unexpired term of the license granted by your honorable body from said No. 68 to said No. 22 east Washington street, and that he may be permitted, under and by virtue of said license, to sell goods at said No. 22 for the remaining term of said license.

Respectfully,

C. R. WARDELL & Co.

Councilman Thalman offered the following resolution:

SIG. 63.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, directed to give the proper legal notice, by publication, of the meeting of this Common Council, Board of Aldermen, the City Clerk and City Assessor, as the Board of Equalization; such meeting to be held on Monday evening, August 4th, 1884, at 8 o'clock.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motions; which were severally adopted:

That Kingan & Company have permission to grade and gravel Pearl street, between Helen street and first alley west, said work to be done at their own expense and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That the City Civil Engineer be directed to prepare an ordinance for the re-bowldering and lowering the grade of Washington street, as petitioned for by the property owners.

That the Judiciary Committee and City Attorney be requested to report whether any additional steps are necessary to be taken for the interest of the city in regard to re-grading Morris street.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to protect the end of the Washington street gutters emptying into the canal.

That J. L. Spaulding be permitted to grade and gravel the sidewalk in rear of lots 6 and 7, out-lot 12, west of White River, the same to be done at his own expense and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, who is hereby directed to set the necessary grade stakes.

Councilman Trusler offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, instructed to procure plans and advertise for proposals for the erection of an engine house on the city's Prospect street lot, the total cost of said building to be within \$4,300.00, the said amount being the unexpended balance of \$5,000.00 ordered by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen for this purpose, and which was to have been expended by the Fire Board, City Attorney, and Chief Fire Engineer.

Councilman Spahr offered the following amendment; which was adopted;

Provided no money shall be expended for any plans and specifications until the same shall have been accepted by the Council and Board of Aldermen, and used in the construction of such Engine House.

Foregoing resolution, as amended, was then adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Coy, Curry, Downey, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS, 2—viz. Councilmen Dowling, and McClelland.

Councilman Trusler offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Robert Braxton was discharged from the Fire Department without any charges being preferred against him, and P. Johnson was appointed in his stead; believing that the safety of the property of our citizens depends greatly on the good working of the Fire Department, and that an old and experienced fireman should not be discharged simply to give a friend a place; it is, therefore

Resolved, That the Chief Fire Engineer be requested to reinstate said Robert Braxton, and remove P. Johnson who was appointed in his place.

Councilman Dowling moved to refer foregoing resolution to the Fire Board.

Councilman Trusler made the point of order, That the Fire Board had been abolished by the concurrent vote of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen; therefore, the motion to refer could not be entertained.

Vice President Pearson (in the Chair) decided the point of order was well taken.

Councilman Dowling then moved that the resolution be referred to Councilmen Benjamin, Spahr and Wharton, as a select committee.

Councilman Thalman moved to lay the above motion on the table.

Which was done, by the following vote:

AYES, 12—viz. Councilmen Curry, Doyle, Gallahue, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reynolds, Smither, Thalman, and Trusler.

NAYS, 10—viz. Councilmen Coy, Dowling, Downey, Edenharter, Haugh, Moran, Reinecke, Spahr, Wharton, and Wolf.

The resolution was then adopted by the casting vote of the Mayor, as follows:

AYES, 12—viz. Councilmen Curry, Doyle, Gallahue, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reynolds, Smither, Thalman, Trusler, and His Honor, the Mayor.

NAYS, 11—viz. Councilmen Coy, Dowling, Downey, Edenharter, Haugh, Moran, Rees, Reinecke, Spahr, Wharton, and Wolf.

Councilman Trusler offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Board of Health order immediately that the first alley on north West street, above Mayhew street, adjoining Segar's Row, be cleaned up, and steps taken to dispose of said filth, as it has become a nuisance.

It being now nearly eleven o'clock, on motion of Councilman Trusler, the time was extended, by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS, 2—viz. Councilmen Haugh, and Newcomb.

Councilman Wharton offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The lease of the present West Market Space has expired; and
Whereas, It is necessary that the City of Indianapolis should enter into a lease for a term of years for permanently establishing a West Market; therefore, be it
Resolved, That the Reagan Market Space be leased for one year, at the rate of fifty dollars per month, with the privilege of leasing it for five years; and that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare the necessary papers; it being the intention that the present market be removed to the Reagan Market Space, and being under the control of the present Market Master.

Councilman Haugh moved to make the lease period "three years," instead of "one year."

Councilman Doyle moved to lay the whole matter on the table.

Which motion was lost by the casting vote of the Mayor, as follows:

AYES, 11—viz. Councilmen Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, and Reynolds.

NAYS, 12—viz. Councilmen Coy, Downey, Gallahue, Haugh, Moran, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf, and His Honor, the Mayor.

The amendment proposed by Councilman Haugh was then adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Coy, Dowling, Downey, Gallahue, Haugh, Moran, Pearson, Rees, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS, 8—viz. Councilmen Curry, Doyle, Edenharter, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Reinecke, and Wolf.

Foregoing resolution, as amended, was then adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 16—viz. Councilmen Coy, Downey, Doyle, Gallahue, Haugh, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS, 6—viz. Councilmen Curry, Dowling, Edenharter, Mack, Rees, and Reinecke.

Councilman Spahr moved that the above vote be reconsidered.

On motion of Councilman Thalman, the motion "to reconsider," was laid on the table, by the following vote:

AYES, 15—viz. Councilmen Coy, Downey, Gallahue, Haugh, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS, 7—viz. Councilmen Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Mack, Rees, and Reinecke.

Councilman Wharton offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light:

That the lamp-post on the north side of Fourth street, between Mississippi street and the Lafayette Railroad, be dis-mantled, and that the one at the northwest corner of Fourth and Howard streets, be re-mantled.

Councilman Wolf presented the following petition; which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen.—The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable bodies, and says that during the years 1881, 1882 and 1883, he was engaged in retailing coal oil, &c, from his warehouse within the City of Indianapolis, the same being delivered in tank wagons through the city's streets and alleys, to customers, and through misapprehension and ignorance of existing ordinances and laws, he paid, without right or justice, a peddlers' license, to-wit: April 4th, 1881, \$16.00; March 22d, 1881, \$6.00, and April 21, \$16.00; all of which he petitions and prays your honorable bodies to refund him.

HENRY P. WILCOX,
per William C. Lamb.

Councilman Coy offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be directed to place a stone crossing on Delaware street, at the north side of Merrill street.

Councilman Curry offered the following motions; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to advertise for bids for the raising of the grade of Morris street, between the River bridge and Dakota street to the point designated in the report of the Engineer at the last meeting of this body; said work to be paid for at the expense of the city.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to build a dry stone wall along the west bank of Pogue's Run, from Ray street to the north side of McCauley street, to protect the alley and property along said bank, as it is now washing out. The cost of the same not to exceed five hundred dollars.

Councilman Dowling offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That James McCool be, and is hereby, authorized to place an oak platform in front of his premises, No. 294 South Illinois street, said platform to be laid over the gutter in front of his property, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer and City Attorney.

Councilman Mack offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to furnish horses and help to run the mower to be used in the parks for cutting the grass, whenever needed.

Councilman Reinecke offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light:

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to re-mantle and light the lamp-post in front of the Bristor Block, between Bradshaw and Buchanan streets.

Councilman Reinecke offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to fill with broken stone the chuck-holes in Virginia avenue, between South and Coburn streets.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read and received:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber Monday evening, July 14th, 1884, approved the following report, and instructed the Engineer to purchase a horse:

“To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I respectfully beg leave to inform you that the horse used in my department died last Saturday morning. As it is absolutely necessary that I should have a horse, I applied to the Chief Fire Engineer for the temporary use of one until some provision could be made. I was informed that the department had no horse that could be spared. I therefore hired a horse, until such time as I may be authorized to procure one for my department. I most respectfully ask that you give me instructions in the matter, and also to approve my action in hiring the horse.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.”

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

The following communication was then read:

Indianapolis, July 21, 1884.

To the Honorable Councilmen of Indianapolis:

This is to certify, the gray horse belonging to the Civil Engineer died of gastric enteritis.

Very respectfully yours,

E. H. PRITCHARD.

Councilman Spahr offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Civil Engineer be, and he is hereby, authorized to purchase a horse for the use of his department.

The following message was read, and the Board's action was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, July 14th, 1884, amended G. O. 39, 1884, “An ordinance authorizing William H. Hildebrand to lay and maintain a railroad switch track from the main track of the C., I., St. L. & C. R. R. Co. across the west side of Lafayette Railroad street, between Third and Fourth streets,” by inserting after the word “streets” the words “and across Fourth street.” The ordinance as amended was then passed. I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

The following message was read; and on motion the Common Council determined to adhere to its former action:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber Monday evening, July 14th, 1884, non-concurred in your action of June 2d, 1884, in recommending the extension of a sewer pipe from Railroad street to Massachusetts avenue.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

The following message was read, and was referred to the Judiciary Committee and City Attorney:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session held in the Aldermanic Chamber Monday evening, July 14th, 1884, granted the prayer of the following petition:

“To the Honorable Board of Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—Your petitioners respectfully ask the privilege of constructing a fire proof passage way between the store room occupied by them, known as 97 and 99 south Meridian street, and number 28 east Georgia street, spanning the fifteen foot alley between the two rooms, at a height of sixteen (16) feet from the ground.

We also ask the privilege of constructing a tunnel under said alley, to connect the two buildings.

MURPHY, HIBBEN & Co.”

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business the following entitled ordinances were introduced, and severally read the first time:

By Councilman Mack:

G. O. 58, 1884—An ordinance supplemental to an ordinance entitled, “An ordinance regulating the digging of trenches and the making of other forms of excavations in the streets, alleys, sidewalks, and public places of the City of Indianapolis, and requiring certain persons to be duly licensed and under bonds before undertaking such work;” ordained April 23, 1878.

By Councilman Spahr:

G. O. 59, 1884—An ordinance making it unlawful for any person to make any connection with the mains or service pipes of the Indianapolis Water Company, without a permit so to do obtained from said company.

G. O. 60, 1884—An ordinance requiring plumbers to file bond with the Indianapolis Water Company, and obtaining permits from said company before doing any work in making connections with water-mains or extensions of service-pipes or repairs thereon.

G. O. 61, 1884—An ordinance repealing an ordinance entitled, “An ordinance granting the Pan Electric Telephone Company the privilege of using the streets and alleys of the City of Indianapolis in constructing, operating, and maintaining lines of telephone in said city.”

G. O. 62, 1884—An ordinance granting the American Co-operative Electric Company the privilege of using the streets and alleys of the City of Indianapolis in constructing, maintaining, and operating lines of telephone therein, and in furnishing electric light to said city and its inhabitants.

By Councilman Edenharter:

G. O. 63, 1884—An ordinance requiring the C., C., C. & I., the W., St. L. & P., and the I., B. & W. Railway Companies to station and maintain a flagman at the Michigan street crossing of said roads.

Councilman Spahr moved to refer G. Os. 58, 59, and 60, 1884, to the Committee on Water.

A division of foregoing motion being called for, his Honor, the Mayor, decided that the matter of reference should be taken on each ordinance.

Councilman Newcomb moved to refer G. O. 58, 1884, to the Committee on Water; which reference was refused by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz. Councilmen Gallahue, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, and Wharton.

NAYS, 12—viz. Councilmen Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Moran, Reinecke, Trusler, and Wolf.

Councilman Dowling moved to suspend the rules so as to place G. O. 58, 1884, on its passage; which motion failed of adoption for the want of a two-thirds vote, as follows:

AYES, 12—viz. Councilmen Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Moran, Reinecke, Trusler, and Wolf.

NAYS, 10—viz. Councilmen Gallahue, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, and Wharton.

On motion of Councilman Mack, the vote by which the Council refused to refer G. O. 58, 1884, was reconsidered by the following vote:

AYES, 22—viz. Councilmen Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

On motion of Councilman Pearson, G. Os. 58, 59 and 60, 1884, were then referred to the Committee on Water, with instructions to report them back at the next meeting of the Council.

On motion of Councilman Pearson, the rules were suspended, for the purpose of placing G. O. 63, 1884, on its passage, by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Coy, Curry, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Thalman, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS, 1—viz. Councilman Spahr.

The following entitled ordinance was then read the second time, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

G. O. 63, 1884—An ordinance requiring the C., C. & I., the W., St. L. & P., and the L., B. & W. Railway Companies to station and maintain a flagman at the Michigan street crossing of said roads.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Curry, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS, 1—viz. Councilman Spahr.

Councilman Spahr moved that the rules be suspended, for the purpose of placing G. O. 62, 1884, on its passage; which motion failed for want of a two-thirds vote, as follows:

AYES, 13—viz. Councilmen Coy, Curry, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reynolds, Spahr, Thalman, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS, 5—viz. Councilmen Doyle, Mack, Moran, McClelland, and Reinecke.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Accounts and Claims, through Councilman McClelland, submitted the following majority and minority reports:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Ann Russel, asking \$1000 damages for injury to her lot in McKernan & Pierce's sub-division, on account of the diversion from its natural channel of the waters of Pogue's Run, beg leave to report, that they have examined the premises and fully considered the matter. While we recognize the fact that Mrs. Russel, and other lot owners in her neighborhood, have been unfortunate in losing portions of their ground, yet we believe the claim presented by Mrs. Russel is out of all proportion to her actual losses, and, if for no other reason, would feel it our duty to report against its allowance. But in addition to this, we have not been convinced that the city has been in fault, and therefore are not prepared to say that she is either legally or morally bound to pay any damages in this case.

We therefore recommend that said claim be not allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert McClelland,

P. M. Gallahue,

Committee on Accounts and Claims.

C. S. DENNY, City Attorney.

I do not concur in the foregoing recommendation, and ask that \$500 be tendered in full of all damages in this case.

WM. CURRY.

Councilman Pearson moved that the minority report be *not* concurred in; which motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 13—viz. Councilmen Downey, Edenharter, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, and Wolf.

NAYS, 7—viz. Councilmen Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Gallahue, Mack, Moran, and Trusler.

On motion of Councilman Newcomb, the majority report was then concurred in.

The Judiciary Committee, through Councilman Newcomb, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of Frederick Lang, administrator, Joseph H. Clark, and others, asking certain relief in reference to the contract to improve the sidewalk on the south side of South street between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets, beg leave to report, that they do not believe the Council has control over the matter, the ordinance for the improvement having been regularly passed and the contract let. The owners of the abutting lots have the power to protect themselves in their rights to the old material, as against any unlawful demands of the contractor, without aid from the Council, and if any of the brick now in use can be relaid, it will be proper for any arrangement to that effect to be made between the property owners and contractor, which can be mutually agreed on.

We recommend that the prayer of the petition be not attempted to be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Newcomb,
P. M. Gallahue,
Geo. F. Edenharter,
Judiciary Committee.

C. S. DENNY, City Attorney.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Reynolds, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of Fidela Schuler, et al., owners of lots 39 and 40, in Bradshaw sub-division, claim damages to said lots by reason of the carrying out of contracts between the City of Indianapolis and certain railroads, wherein it enjoins, "that the railroad company shall, open, extend and improve North street across its grounds to the full width of its grounds immediately west thereof," and by reason of such change of North street, the petitioners claim to be greatly damaged. Your Committee, after an examination of the above petition, would recommend the prayer of the petitioners be not granted.

M. M. Reynolds,
J. W. Wharton,
Julius F. Reinecke,
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Councilman Doyle presented the following bond; which was approved:

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, Kingan & Co, L'd, John Moore, Robert S. Sinclair, Robert W. Reid, and William J. Reid, as principals, and John Ferguson, as surety, are held and firmly bound unto the City of Indianapolis, in the penal sum of two hundred dollars (\$200), for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents.

The conditions of the foregoing obligation are as follows, to-wit: Whereas, said Kingan & Co., L'd, Moore, Reid, Sinclair and Reid have petitioned the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, to vacate eighteen feet off of the west side of Helen street, from the north line of Georgia street to a point two hundred and fifty (250) north of said line:

Now, therefore, If said petitioners shall pay all costs and charges occasioned by said vacation, or the consideration of said petition, including the per diem allowed to the City Commissioners, and recording of the report, plat, etc., in the Recorder's office, then this bond shall be void; else, to be and remain in full force and effect.

Witness our hands and seals this 14 July, 1884.

KINGAN & Co. [Seal.]

Per R. S. Sinclair.

JOHN MOORE, [Seal.]

R. S. SINCLAIR, [Seal.]

WM. J REID, [Seal.]

For { Robt. Wm. Reid. }
 { Wm. J. Reid. }

JOHN FERGUSON, [Seal.]

Councilman McClelland submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen.—The undersigned, members of your Special Committee, to whom was referred G. O. No. 38, of 1884, concerning the removal of dead animals from the city, have considered the same, and believing its provisions to be good, recommend its passage.

We have some doubt, however, as to the validity of that clause of Section 1, which seeks to give the contractor an absolute property in all carcasses, even as against the *owner*; and we therefore recommend that no contract be made for the removal of dead animals from the city, without a special provision being inserted, saving the city from damages, should the contractor fail to enforce its provisions.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert McClelland,
R. H. Rees,
J. W. Wharton,
Jno. T. Downey,
Fred J. Mack,
Special Committee.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor,
President of the Common Council.

Attest: GEC. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.