

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL }
OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, Jan. 2, 1871, 7 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, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Pyle, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Absent—Councilman Newman and Shepherd—2.

The proceedings of the regular session, held December 19, 1870, were read and approved.

Dr. Woodburn introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 1, 1871, entitled:

An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims on account of the City Hospital, for the month of December, 1870.

Which was read the first time.

The Civil Engineer made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 2, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN: The following is the second and partial statement allowed J. W. Dodd & Co., on account of Illinois Street Sewer:

810 Lineal feet of Sewer, \$3.25.....	\$2,632.50
71 House Connections, .75.....	53.25
3 Manholes, 30.00.....	90.00
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	\$2,775.75
Less 15 per cent.....	416.36
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	2,359.39
Less former payments.....	1,179.59
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Balance.....	\$1,179.80

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BROWN.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Wiles made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 2, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred the matter of providing and paying for the keeping of the city prisoners and transient paupers,

Report that we find that the Marshal obeying previous instructions of the Council, has made the necessary purchases of provisions for

the use of the inmates of the Station House for the month ending December 19th, 1870. But from the manner in which the books have been kept we find it impossible to arrive at the precise cost of each meal. Yet enough facts are given to show that the cost of each meal does not exceed twelve cents.

Your Committee are of opinion, after investigation, that the most economical method of paying the expenses of the institution will be for the city to make all necessary purchases of provisions. We therefore recommend that the matter be given in charge of the Board of Police with authority to make such purchases from time to time as necessity may require.

We also recommend that the Marshal be allowed for his extra care, house rent, fuel, light and board for self and family.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. WILES.

C. E. WHITSIT.

LEON KAHN.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Thoms introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1871—entitled:

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

Which was read for the first time.

Mr. Harrison offered the following resolution:

Resolved. That for the purpose of discouraging and discouraging laziness and vagrancy, the Marshal or other officer having charge or command of the Station House of said city, be, and he is hereby instructed to admit no able bodied person as a pauper or poor person into said Station House for the purpose of being fed and lodged, unless such person shall be a stranger in said city, and a non-sojourner, and in absolute need. And in case any person shall be admitted to said Station House who is sick or disabled, and unable to obtain a livelihood by labor, and void of means, such keeper of said Station House shall immediately cause such person to be sent to the Poor House of Marion County, if it is practicable to do so.

Mr. Brown offered the following amendment to Mr. Harrison's resolution :

Resolved. That the City Marshal be prohibited from receiving in the Station House all persons not regularly committed or brought to said Station House by a policeman for violation of city ordinances.

On motion by Mr. Thoms both the resolution and amendment were laid upon the table.

Mr. Kennington offered the following motion :

Moved. That the Rolling Mill Company be allowed the privilege of leaving their cars on the track on Tennessee street.

Which was laid on the table.

Mr. Marsee offered the following motion :

Moved. That the contracts for building the Kentucky Avenue and South Street Sewers, be, and the same are hereby extended ten months from this date: *Provided.* that the contractors, with their securities, file with the City Clerk their written acceptance of the same within ten days from this date.

Mr. Wiles moved to postpone the matter for one week.

Which was lost.

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

Which was lost by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilman Harrison, Kahn, Reagan, Wiles and Woodburn—5.

Negative—Councilman Brown, Cottrell, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Pyle, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver and Whitsit—11.

Mr. Marsee's motion was then adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Harrison, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Pyle, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver and Whitsit—11.

Mr. Harrison stated that he voted in the affirmative solely for the purpose of moving a reconsideration at the next meeting ; he being opposed to the motion.

Negative—Councilman Cottrell, Kahn, Reagan, Wiles and Woodburn—5.

Mr. Kennington moved to reconsider the vote just taken.

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

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Harrison, Heckman, Locke, Marsee, Pyle, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit and Wiles—12.

Negative—Councilmen Cottrell, Kahn, Kennington and Woodburn—4.

Mr. Woodburn presented the following :

Yearly report of the expenditures of the City Hospital, ending December 31, 1870 :

Total expenditures for the year.....	\$7,529 88
Aggregate number of days for which Subsistence, etc., was furnished	142 57
Average expense per capita per diem.....	46½

E. HADLEY, *Superintendent.*

Monthly Report of Contents of Register of Patients of City Hospital, ending December 31, 1870:

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	40
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	40
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	4
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report,	36
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	3
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report,	45

E. HADLEY, *Superintendent.*

Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the City Hospital, Ending Dec 31st, 1870:

Total Expenditures for the Month.....	\$723.84
Aggregate number of days for which Subsistence, etc., was furnished,.....	1359
Average expense per capita per diem,.....	.46

E. HEADLEY, *Superintendent.*

Annual Report of the expenditures of outfit of the City Hospital, ending Dec. 31st, 1870:

Total Expenditures,.....	\$625.16
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E. HADLEY, *Superintendent.*

Yearly Report of contents of Register of Patients of City Hospital, ending Dec. 31st, 1870:

Number of patients in Hospital at last report,.....	35
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	399
Number of patients born in Hospital since lost report,.....	27
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report,	387
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report,.....	29
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report,..	45

E. HADLEY, *Superintendent.*

Which were received.

Mr. Reagan offered the following motion :

Moved. That Frank Fiscus have leave to assign his contract for bouldering the first alley west of Illinois Street; running from the Union Railway Company's track to South Street, (at 58 cents per lineal foot front on each line improved,) to John L. Hanna, upon his filing the requisite bond for the completion of said work according to the terms of the contract, the work to be completed on or before the 31st day of January, 1871.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Weaver presented the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 2nd, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN: The following interments have been made in the City Cemeteries for the month of December, 1870, to-wit :

Under 5 years,.....	22
From 10 to 20 years,.....	2
From 20 to 30 years,.....	1
From 30 to 40 years,.....	5
From 40 to 50 years,.....	1
From 60 to 70 years,.....	1
From 90 to 100 years,.....	1
Total,.....	<u>33</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. H. HEDGES, City Sexton.

Which was received.

Mr. Whitsit presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 2nd, 1871.

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

We, the undersigned, property holder on Greer Street, respectfully petition your honorable body to open Greer Street to the width of fifty-five (55) feet, on a line with the east side of said street from the first alley south of Stevens to Stevens Street.

H. SEIBERT.

Which was referred to the City Commissioners.

Mr. Thalman called up Special appropriation Ordinance No. 76, 1870—entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money to aid in building abutments for a new bridge over White River at the West end of Washington street, which on motion by Mr. Thalman was laid on the table.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

On motion the following entitled ordinances were read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed :

Special appropriation ordinance No. 75, 1870.
 Special appropriation ordinance No. 76, 1870.
 Special appropriation ordinance No. 1, 1871.
 Special appropriation ordinance No. 2, 1871.
 Special ordinance No. 224, 1870.
 Special ordinance No. 223, 1870.
 Special ordinance No. 222, 1870.
 Special ordinance No. 221, 1870.
 Special ordinance No. 220, 1870.
 Special ordinance No. 218, 1870.

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

Special appropriation No. 2, 1871—entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Pyle, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Noes—none.

General Ordinance No. 93, 1870—entitled :

An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance authorizing the issuing of ten per centum two year city warrants for the City Sewerage purposes," ordained November 14, 1870.

Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Pyle, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Noes—none.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 75, 1870—entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims on account of Station House for the month of December, 1870.

Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Pyle, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Noes—none.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 1, 1871—entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims on account of the City Hospital for the month of December, 1870.

Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Pyle, Peagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Noes—none.

On motion the Council adjourned to meet January 16, 1871,
7 o'clock P. M.

DANIEL MACAULEY,
Mayor.

ATTEST:

D. M. RANSELL,
City Clerk.