

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL }
OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, May 8, 1871, 7½ o'clock P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, Daniel Macauley, in the Chair, he having been elected and qualified as such in accordance with the City Charter. and the following Councilmen holding over:

- From the First Ward—John S. Newman.
- From the Second Ward—Wm. D. Wiles.
- From the Third Ward—Wm. W. Weaver.
- From the Fourth Ward—Erie Locke.
- From the Fifth Ward—Edward Reagan.

From the Sixth Ward—Austin H. Brown.
 From the Seventh Ward—John L. Marsee.
 From the Eighth Ward—Christopher Heckman.
 From the Ninth Ward—Frederick Thoms.

The following persons having filed their certificates and oath of office with the City Clerk, within the time specified in the Charter, appeared and took their seats as Councilmen :

From the First Ward—Wm. H. Craft.
 From the Second Ward—Jno. H. Batty.
 From the Third Ward—James H. Woodburn.
 From the Fourth Ward—Isaac Thalman.
 From the Fifth Ward—Henry Gimber.
 From the Sixth Ward—Robert Kennington.
 From the Seventh Ward—Thomas Cottrell.
 From the Eighth Ward—Courtland E. Whitsit.
 From the Ninth Ward—Hayden S. Bigham.

The proceedings of the regular sessions held April 24, 1871, were read and approved.

By unanimous consent the regular order of business was suspended.

The City Clerk presented the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN : The following members elect to the Common Council have filed their certificates of election and oaths of office with me as follows, to-wit : First Ward, Wm. H. Craft ; Second Ward, John H. Batty ; Third Ward, James H. Woodburn ; Fourth Ward, Isaac Thalman ; Fifth Ward, H. Gimber ; Sixth Ward, Robert Kennington ; Seventh Ward, Thomas Cottrell ; Eighth Ward, Courtland E. Whitsit ; Ninth Ward, H. S. Bigham, and also the following city officers elect : Mayor, Daniel Macauley ; Treasurer, John W. Coons ; City Clerk, J. R. Clinton ; City Marshal, Thomas D. Amos, and also the follow-

ing official bonds: Daniel Macauley, as Mayor; John W. Coons, as City Treasurer; John R. Clinton, as City Clerk; Thomas D. Amos, as City Marshal.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL M. RANSELL,

City Clerk.

Which was received.

The City Clerk presented the following official bonds of the general city officers elect, who, having otherwise qualified in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter, entered upon the duties of their respective offices, after having their bonds approved as follows, to-wit:

Daniel Macauley, Mayor, giving as security H. Bates and Deloss Root—penalty of bond \$3,000.

John R. Clinton, City Clerk, giving as security Geo. W. Parker—penalty of \$5,000.

John W. Coons, City Treasurer, giving as security Robert S. Foster, Geo. W. Parker, Nicholas R. Ruckle, George F. McGinnis, Fred'k Knefler, William W. Leathers, John D. Evans, Jos. P. Wiggins, Aaron McCray, Frederick Ritzinger, Valentine Butsch, John Stumph, Wm. C. Smock, John Grosch, Charles Brinkman, Jacob Voegtle, Wm. J. Wallace, Charles Bals, Chas. F. Hahn, and J. M. W. Langsdale—penalty of bond \$600,000.

Thomas D. Amos, City Marshal, giving as security Fred'k Knefler, Geo. W. Parker, and J. M. W. Langsdale—penalty of bond \$2,000.

His Honor, the Mayor, offered the following motion:

Moved, That the City Clerk be required to have inserted in the city papers, for at least two weeks, the following notice to taxpayers:

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the provisions of Sec. 59 of the City Charter, "The Common Council together with the City Clerk and City Assessor, will meet at the Council Chamber in the

city of Indianapolis, on Monday, May 22, 1871, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., as a Board of Equalization, to hear and decide all complaints, (if there be any.) in relation to the city appraisements, for the year 1871."

Which was adopted.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Common Council now proceed to the election of the following officers :

Civil Engineer.
 City Attorney.
 Chief Fire Engineer.
 Street Commissioner.
 Market Master.
 Wood Measurer for East Market.
 Wood Measurer for West Market.
 Sealer of Weights and Measures.
 City Measurer.
 City Sexton.
 City Gas Inspector.
 Chief of Police.
 President *pro tem.* of Council.
 Janitor of City Offices.
 Board of Police.
 Board of Health.

Which was adopted.

His Honor appointed Messrs. Brown and Thalman as tellers.

The Council then proceeded to ballot for the above named officers, which resulted in the election of the following named persons, to-wit :

For Civil Engineer—R. M. Patterson.
 For City Attorney—Jonathan S. Harvey.
 For Chief Fire Engineer—Daniel Glazier.
 For Street Commissioner—Augustus Bruner.
 For Market Master—John Unversaw.

- For Wood Measurer East Market—John J. Wenner.
For Wood Measurer West Market—John Ford.
For Sealer of Weights and Measures—Wm. H. Phillips.
For City Measurer—B. V. Enos.
For City Sexton—James H. Hedges.
For City Gas Inspector—Wm. S. Cone.
For Chief of Police—Eli Thompson.
For Janitor of City Offices—William Regenour.
For President, *pro tem*, of Council—John S. Newman.
For Board of Police—Wm. D. Wiles, John L. Marsee, and James H. Woodburn.

Mr. Whitsit moved that the person receiving the highest number of votes be considered the President of the Board of Police.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Bigham, Brown, Cottrell, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms and Whitsit—10.

Negative—Councilmen Batty, Craft, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Weaver and Wiles—7.

Mr. John L. Marsee having received the highest number of votes cast, was declared duly elected as President of the Board of Police.

For Board of Health—Guido Bell, Jno. A. Cominger, and Jno. M. Gaston.

The City Marshal presented the following communication:

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN: I have appointed Albert Hardin as Deputy City Marshal, and ask you to confirm the appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. D. AMOS,

City Marshal.

Which was received and appointment confirmed.

The regular order of business was then taken up.

The Sealed Proposals were opened and read by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES.

Mr. Thalman presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on California street, (west side,) between New York street and ——— street, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the grading and paving of the sidewalk in front of and adjoining said property, with the Leffler patent cement stone, four feet wide.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

B. K. ELLIOTT,
OSCAR B. HORD.
WM. COUGHLEN.

Which was received.

Mr. Thalman introduced special ordinance No. 38, 1871, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with "Lefler patent stone" the west sidewalk of California street from New York to Vermont street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thalman presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., April 18, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN : The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on the north side of New York street, between Missouri street and Blackford street, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the grading and paving of the sidewalk in front of and adjoining said property, with what is known as the "Lefler patent cement stone." Said walk to be five feet wide with a space of two feet between the line of said property and the walk.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

S. E. PERKINS,
OSCAR B. HORD.
MARY J. HORD.
WM. COUGHLIN.
E. A. ELDER.
E. L. NOEL,
W. H. D. MERRILL.
ISAAC THALMAN.
C. E. GEISENDORFF.
CHARLES HELWIG.

Which was received.

Mr. Thalman introduced special ordinance No. 39, 1871, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with what is known as Lefler's Patent Cement Stone, the north sidewalk of New York street between Missouri and Blackford streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thalman presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 1, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN : The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on north side of Vermont street, between Blackford street and Missouri street, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an

ordinance providing for the grading and paving of the sidewalk in front of and adjoining said property with what is known as "Lefler patent cement stone." Said walk to be five feet wide with a space of two feet between the inner line of said walk and the line of said property.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

F. TAYLOR.
T. E. CHANDLER.
J. B. HAMPTON.
AARON ROZIER.

Which was received.

Mr. Thalman introduced special ordinance No. 40, 1871, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with what is known as Lefler's Patent Cement Stone, the north sidewalk of Vermont street from Missouri to Blackford street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Bigham introduced special ordinance No. 41, 1871, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the first alley east of Alabama street running from Washington street to Potomac alley.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Bigham introduced special ordinance No. 42, 1871, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of Alabama street between Potomac alley and Market street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Brown introduced general ordinance No. 12, 1871, entitled :

An ordinance abolishing the office of City Sealer of Weights and Measures, and repealing sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 of "An ordinance describing the powers, functions and duties of general city officers," ordained May 4th, 1864.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Brown introduced special ordinance No. 13, 1871, entitled:

An ordinance abolishing the office of City Gas Inspector, and repealing an ordinance passed August 2d, 1869, entitled, "An ordinance amendatory of an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance creating the office of City Gas Inspector, defining his duties and fixing his salary," passed February 17, 1868.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Brown introduced general ordinance No. 14, 1871, entitled:

An ordinance abolishing the office of Wood Measurers, and repealing sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, of an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance preventing frauds in the sale of wood, and providing for Wood Measurers," ordained November 23, 1863.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Cottrell presented the following remonstrance:

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned respectfully informs your honorable body that she does not wish her signature, heretofore signed to a petition, praying that South East street should be bouldered, to be counted as favorable to such bowldering, but on the contrary, desire to remonstrate against the same for the following reasons:

1st. The grade as established is much too high, and the addition of the boulders thereto will be injurious to the property.

2d. The expenses attending the said improvement, payable by

property valued at only fifteen to twenty dollars per foot, is too great to be borne.

3d. The encroachments upon the line of the streets of sundry persons' fences and houses will prevent the improvement being made, and lead to litigation in the collecting of estimates.

4th. Quite a number of those upon the line of the proposed improvement, are unable to pay for the proposed improvement.

I trust your honors will see the force of the argument adduced and refuse to grant the prayer of the petitioners for said improvement, and by so doing you will grant a favor to many other property-holders as will as the undersigned.

Respectfully yours,

MELISSA E. DOWNEY.

Referred to the Committee on Streets and alleys.

Mr. Cottrell introduced general ordinance No. 15, 1871, entitled:

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to appoint all officers and members of the Police of the City, and empowering such Mayor to remove from office, for cause, any officer or member of such Police.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Weaver presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8, 1871.

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

GENLEMEN: The undersigned property-holders on Illinois street, between Washington street and Market street, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance for curbing with stone the east sidewalk of said Illinois street, sixty-seven feet, commencing at Market street and running south.

DAVID MACY,

By John S. Spann & Co., Agents.

Which was received.

Mr. Weaver introduced special ordinance No. 43, 1871, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for curbing with stone sixty-seven feet of the east sidewalk of Illinois street, from Market street south.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN : The undersigned, property-holders on Illinois street, north of Tinker street, respectfully petition the City Council to cause gas-posts to be erected on said street, as soon as the Gas Company lay their mains on said street, from said Tinker street to the north line of the corporation.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

WILLIAM SHEETS.
E. A. HALL.
ED. L. AUGHINBAUGH.
E. OVER.
N. S. BYRAM.
JAMES A. TARLTON.

Which was received.

Dr. Woodburn introduced special ordinance No. 44, 1871, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on Illinois street, from Tinker street to the corporation line north.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 8, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN : The undersigned, owners of lots fronting on the south side of North street, between Meridian street and Tennessee street,

respectfully petition your honorable body to pave with good, hard-burned brick, the south part of said sidewalk to the width of nine feet.

CHARLES MAYER.
W. HAMISEN.
W. W. NORTHROP.
THEO. PFAFFLIN.
O. J. R. HANNA.

Which was received.

Dr. Woodburn introduced special ordinance No. 46, 1871, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick the south sidewalk of North street, between Meridian and Tennessee streets.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Woodburn introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 19, 1871, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims on account of City Hospital for the month of April, 1871.

Which was read the first time.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, April 24, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Contracts to whom was referred sundry proposals for building the fire engine house, have examined the same and find them to be as follows, to-wit :

Thos. Rickards, \$26,723.00, and if hard brick are used, \$300.00 additional.

Michael Hyland, \$27,867.00, and if hard brick are used, \$800.00 additional.

Conarroe & Rogers, \$30,373.00, and if hard brick are used, \$400 00 additional.

Dewey & Twiname, \$29,300.00, and if hard brick are used, \$920.00 additional.

Loucks & Perry, \$33,989.00, and if hard brick are used, \$592.00 additional.

Frederick Dickman, \$30,900.00, and if hard brick are used, \$600.00 additional.

J. C. Carter, \$28,000.00, inclusive; we suppose all hard brick.

Henry Neiman, \$31,425.00, and if hard brick are used, \$600.00 additional.

J. Gorge Hereth, \$29,640.00, and if all hard brick are used, \$920.00 additional.

Peter Routier, \$32,000.00, including all hard brick.

Thomas Rickards being the lowest and best bidder, we would recommend that he be awarded the contract for the said engine houses.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. WILES,
C. E. WHITSIT, } Committee.
LEON KAN.

Which was concurred in.

On motion by Mr. Newman, the vote by which the report of the Finance Committee on the petition of L. B. Wilson, was concurred in, was reconsidered and recommitted.

The Civil Engineer made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8, 1871.

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

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

To Hanway & Rubush, for grading and graveling Christian avenue and sidewalks, from Ash to Peru streets. Length on north side, 685 feet; length on south side, 685; total lineal feet, 1,370, at 75 cents per lineal foot..... \$1,027 50

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON,
Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 1, 1871.

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

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

To James Mahoney, for grading and bowldering the gutter and curbing with white oak curbing, the west sidewalk on New Jersey street, from the south line of lot 6, in out-lot 22, to the south end of lots 1, 2 and 3, in out-lot 19.

422 feet bowlring in gutter, at 68 cents per lineal foot.....	\$286 96
382 feet of curbing, at 20 cents per lineal foot...	76 40

Total estimate.....	\$363 36
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Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON,

Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

The City Clerk made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN : The City Clerk respectfully reports to Council :

FIRST.

Contract and bond of John Schier, for grading and graveling Ellsworth street, from New York street to Vermont street.

SECOND.

First and final estimate for grading and graveling Christian avenue and sidewalks, between Ash and Peru streets.

THIRD.

Contract and bond of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling Broadway street and sidewalks, from Christian avenue to Forest Home avenue.

FOURTH.

Contract and bond of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling Walnut street and sidewalks, from Liberty to street.

FIFTH.

Contract and bond of John T. Macauley, for grading and paving with Leffler patent stone, the west sidewalk on Tennessee street, from the first alley north of First to Second streets.

Respectfully submitted,

DAN. M. RANSDELL.

City Clerk.

Which was concurred in.

Also the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Hanway & Rubush, for grading and graveling Christian avenue and sidewalks, from Ash to Peru streets, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property-owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Craft, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

Negative—none.

The Street Commissioner made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 1, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN : I have the honor to report the following work done in the street repairing department since April 1, 1871.

FIRST WARD.

Put in a cement culvert on New York and Penn. streets.....	
Cleaned Delaware street between New York and North sts....	\$ 27 00
Opened the gutters on Meridian street.....	17 00

Repaired the culvert on Mass. avenue and Michigan street.....	11 00
Opened the gutters on Vermont street three squares.....	15 00
Covered Alabama street with pit gravel and opened the gutters on the same for two squares.....	95 00
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	\$165 00

SECOND WARD.

Opened the gutters on Meridian street.....	\$ 11 00
Put in cement culvert on Alabama and St. Clair streets.....	37 00
Opened the gutters on North street.....	17 00
Opened the gutters on Walnut street.....	18 00
Opened the gutters on Alabama street.....	24 00
Cleaned Delaware street between North and St. Clair sts.....	33 00
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	\$150 00

THIRD WARD.

Opened the gutters on Meridian street.....	\$ 18 00
Put in a cement culvert on Illinois and Walnut streets.....	130 00
Cleaned Illinois street.....	25 00
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	\$173 00

FOURTH WARD.

Repaired crossings on North and West streets.....	\$ 11 00
Opened the gutters on Center street.....	13 00
Cleaned Washington street between Miss. street and Canal....	14 00
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	\$ 38 00

FIFTH WARD.

Opened the gutters on Tennessee street.....	\$ 23 00
Opened the gutters on Mississippi street.....	17 00
Opened the gutters on West street.....	33 00
Opened the gutters on Georgia street.....	16 00
Opened the gutters on Maryland street	20 00
Opened the gutters on Russell street.....	11 00
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	\$120 00

SIXTH WARD.

Opened the Gutters on Maryland street.....	\$ 11 00
Cleaned south Delaware street.....	17 00
Cleaned Washington street.....	14 00

Put in a cement culvert on Meridian and Pearl streets.....	47 00
Put in a cement culvert on Pearl and Penn. streets.....	58 00
Raised the pavement at the crossing of Pearl and Illinois sts..	18 00
Cleaned Pearl street and the allies running into it.....	27 00
	\$192 00

SEVENTH WARD.

Leveled up New Jersey street between Merrill and South sts..\$	43 00
Fill the well that was in the sidewalk on Sinker street.....	8 00
Filled the hole in the first alley east of East street running south from Merrill street.....	13 00
Repaired the gutters on Wyoming street.....	7 00
Cleaned Delaware street.....	23 00
Cleaned Cumberland street.....	14 00
Cleaned Virginia avenue.....	17 00
Repaired the culverts on Virginia avenue and East street.....	3 00
	\$127 00

EIGHTH WARD.

Filled the mud holes in the first alley East of Virginia avenue running south from McCarty street.....	\$ 18 00
Opened the gutters on Bates street.....	17 00
Opened the gutters on Georgia street.....	19 00
	\$ 34 00

NINTH WARD.

Cleaned Washington street.....	\$ 23 00
Cleaned Court street.....	10 00
Cleaned Pennsylvania street.....	14 00
Cleaned Delaware street.....	27 00
Repaired the alley crossings on Ohio street between Noble and East streets.....	11 00
	\$ 85 00

BRIDGES.

Repaired the bridge over Pogue's Run on Virginia avenue....	\$ 9 00
Built a new foot bridge across the Canal on Washington st....	70 00
Repaired the bridge over the Canal on Michigan street.....	7 00
	\$ 86 00

RECAPITULATION BY WARDS.

Showing the amount on hand April 1, 1871, the amount expended since April 1, 1871, and the amount on hand at the present date.

WARDS.	Deficit April 1st, 1871.	Bal. on hand April 1, '71	Approp'n	Total with Appropri- ation.	Am't exp. since April 1, '71	Bal. on hand.	Deficit
First.....		\$368 00			\$165 00	\$203 00	
Second ...		546 00			150 00	396 00	
Third.....		114 00			173 00		59 00
Fourth.....		412 94			38 00	374 94	
Fifth.....		387 00			120 00	267 00	
Sixth.....		69 00			192 00		123 00
Seventh...		498 00			128 00	370 00	
Eighth....		419 00			54 00	380 00	
Ninth.....		224 00			85 00	139 35	
Brg. fd....	344 00				86 00		430 00
Misc. fd ...	368 00						368 00
Total ...	712 00	\$3 038 29			\$1,191 00	2115 39	980 99

Most Respectfully Submitted,

A. BRUNER,

Street Commissioner.

Which was received.

Mr. Batty offered the following motion :

Moved, That William H. Morrison be permitted to put down a stone pavement in front of his premises on Maryland street. Work to be done at his own expense, and to be completed within sixty days under direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Bigham offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee of five (5) be appointed to be called the "Auditing Committee," and such committee is hereby instructed to meet on to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the City Clerk's Office, and immediately commence an examination of the books, accounts, and papers of the Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and other City Officers, whose duty it to receive and disburse moneys and continue such examination from day to day until completed; and when completed to make report to this council the result of such investigation.

Such report must show the aggregate amount expended during the last fiscal year, commencing in May 1870, for all the different objects or departments for which money has been appropriated; the amount of money paid over to the Mayor, and by him accounted for to the school fund officers, or to the City Treasurer, the amount of money received by the City Treasurer for taxes, current and delinquent, from loans, licenses, fees, &c., and the amount of money on hand belonging to the city. And it shall be the duty of the Auditing Committee to see that money in the hands of the out going City Treasurer is paid over to the newly elected City Treasurer, and the amount of money in the hands of the Mayor, belonging to the city, (if any there be) is paid over to the City Treasurer, and such committee is hereby authorized to employ a competent accountant to aid in such examination whose services shall be compensated by the Common Council.

Resolved, That such Auditing Committee will be required to meet at the office the City Clerk on the first Saturday in each month hereafter, 10 o'clock, A. M., and make personal examination of all the accounts of the Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer, Street Commissioner, Chief Fire Engineer and Chief of Police and of expenditures of the Station House and City Hospital and report them at the next following meeting of the Common Council.

Which, on motion by Mr. Newman, was postponed for two weeks.

His Honor, the Mayor, offered the following motion :

Moved, That a "Committee on Public Parks" be added by the Mayor to the list of regular committees.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Brown presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 19, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN : I propose to remove all dead animals from the streets and alleys of the city of Indianapolis, in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance providing for the removal and burial of dead animals, for the unexpired term of the present incumbent, or so long as your honorable body may see fit to make such contract.

I will take the contract on the same terms of the present contractor, and will give good freehold security for the performance of my contract, if awarded to me.

DAVID STREIF.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 19, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN: If you award to David Streif, the above work, we agree to become security for the faithful performance of his contract to do said work, according to specification.

DEITZ & REISSNER.

Which was received.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion:

Moved, That in making contracts hereafter for the removal from city limits of dead animals, the City Attorney be required to insert a provision requiring the removal of all dead animals at least two miles beyond the city limits.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Heckman presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned would respectfully ask that the grade of Market street, from east side of Arsenal avenue, thence east to corporation line be established, and that I be authorized to grade the same under the direction of the City Engineer, as designated on the plat on record of J. M. Ridenour's sub-division north of Washington street, and east of Arsenal avenue.

J. M. RIDENOUR.

Which was granted.

Mr. Heckman presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN: Finding that I was the lowest bidder for the improvement of McCarty street, at the Council meeting held on the 17th of

April, after the bids were read, Mr. Seibert requested and was granted the privilege of improving the part of said street fronting his property, at his own expense, for which reason I decline having anything more to do with said street.

JOHN GREENE.

Which was referred to the Committee on Contracts.

Mr. Heckman offered the following motion :

Moved, That Mr. Julius A. Taylor, J. C. Gordon, C. C. Foster, W. N. Burt, and E. J. Foster be and are hereby permitted to grade and pave with bricks, a sidewalk in front of their property on the north side of Washington street, between avenue and the east corporation line, and that the Civil Engineer be and is hereby directed to set the proper grade stake, and said work to be done within ninety days.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kennington offered the following motion :

Moved, That Samuel E. Morran be allowed the privilege of erecting a lamp on the corner of McNab street and the corner of Illinois street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kennington offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Clerk be directed to advertise for proposals for constructing a sewer in Union street, of cement drain pipe, from the culvert now crossing Union street, between McCarty and Ray streets, to the Ray street sewer.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Kennington presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 8, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN: Your petitioner, Thomas A. Hendricks, respectfully represents to your honorable body that he is the owner of twenty-two and one-half acres of land in the south part of the east half of

the north-west quarter of section 10, in township 15, range 3 east, lying south of the city of Indianapolis, that at the meeting of your honorable body in the evening of April 3, 1871, a resolution was adopted annexing certain lots and parcels of land to said city, among which is the following, to-wit: "B. F. Morris' addition; being the south end of the east half of the north-west quarter of section 13, town 15, range 3 east, shown and defined by metes and boundaries, in the plat and description of said addition, as recorded in plat-book No. 1, pages 59 and 60, and plat-book No. 2, page 51, in the Recorder's office of said county. Your petitioner further shows that in the lands so described, your petitioner owns $22\frac{1}{2}$ acres, and Mrs. Hand about 5 acres, and the residue of said land is owned by two other parties; that all of said lands are used for farming or agricultural purposes, and that no part thereof is in any sense city property, and that the advantages of city government cannot be enjoyed by the parties living thereon, and that if the land be included within the extended city limits, the owners thereof will be subjected to the burthens incident thereto, and your petitioner suffers without enjoying any benefit whatever. Until within a few days your petitioner was not informed of the adoption of said resolution and he supposes the said other proprietors are not yet informed thereof; and that they would be opposed to the same if informed. Your petitioner also submits that said land having been sub-divided by B. F. Morris, by a plat, into tracts of two and one-half acres, and not into ordinary lots for sale, and being used as farm land, the same is not subject to the 84th section of the city charter; and not in fact being adjoining to the city thereof not so subject. Your petitioner respectfully prays your honorable body so to modify or amend said resolution as to exclude the said lands known as B. F. Morris' addition from its operation.

T. A. HENDRICKS.

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

Mr. Kennington offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the owners of the following described Real Estate, to-wit: Lot number 23 of the sub-division of out-lot number 16, of the City of Indianapolis, said lot fronting on Madison avenue, between South and Merrill streets, be and the they are hereby required to fill

the same, as, in the opinion of this Council, there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant and noxious as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health and comfort of said City and of the inhabitants thereof, and that the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby required to notify the owners thereof, as provided by an Ordinance passed April 23d, 1866, entitled "An Ordinance providing for the drainage and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same," and that in case of the failure of the owners thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to drain or fill said excavation, as provided in said Ordinance; *Provided*, That the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the appraised value thereof, as appraised for city taxation.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Batty, Bigham, Brown, Craft, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Negative—none.

Mr. Locke presented the following communication:

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN: You will be good enough to appropriate \$150 to be used in mowing the grass, watering the trees and keeping in repair the Circle Park during the present summer, any part of the appropriation remaining unexpended will be returned to the Treasurer.

ALFRED HARRISON,

Forestre.

Which was referred to the Committee on Parks.

Mr. Newman asked and obtained leave of absence for ten days.

Mr. Newman offered the following motion:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner do remove the water pipes and other obstructions from the gutter at or near the south-west cor-

ner Delaware and North streets. and have the expense of the same charged to the Water Works Company, so as to permit the free flow-
age of waste water through such gutter.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Reagan offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner dig a culvert crossing Maple street near lots 42 and 44, in order to to carry away the strgnant water that is lodged in that portion of the city, and the citizens in that vicinity declare it a nuisance.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 4, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN : We the undersigned property owners in out-lot number 174, in the City of Indianapolis, do most respectfully but earnestly remonstrate against the vacation of an alley or changing the same, as prayed for by Wm. C. Smock and — Gray, presented to Council some time since and to come before your honorable body for final action at the meeting of the Common Council, to be held on the 8th day of May 1871, and your remonstrants will ever pray, &c.

JAMES LOWMAN,
WM. H. LOWMAN,
N. D. LOWMAN,

And three others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Moved, That permission be granted L. Waerner to erect a hay scale in front of his place of business, No. 154 Indiana avenue.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Moved. That John Rowland have permission to grade and gravel on the line of his property, the first alley west of Blake street running south from New York street, and that the Civil Engineer be directed to set the grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8, 1871.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City Indianapolis :

GENTLEMEN: Your petitioner would again respectfully present his account against the city for the allowance made him by the City Council in their report of January, 1871, for damages in removing his brick building out of the way of Vermont street extension, two hundred and twenty-five (225) dollars. He would represent to your honorable body that he does not place his claims before the Council wholly as founded upon the legal question of indebtedness, but that he is justly and equitably entitled to the allowance, and as he has laid out of his money since September, 1870, it is but fair that he should be reimbursed, without reference to the present or future extension of Vermont street. He therefore places his claims before the Council as one due from the city, in justice and equity, and respectfully refers to a statement herewith enclosed, made by three of the City Commissioners, whose signatures are thereto attached. The remaining Commissioners he did not get to see. He therefore asks that the Council would grant his allowance.

AMOS H. LINTNER.

To the Committee on Accounts of the City Council :

GENTLEMEN: The amount allowed by the City Commissioners, (\$225,) to Mr. A. H. Lintner, as damages for removing his improvements from the line of the contemplated extension of West Vermont street, is a just claim on his part, and should be allowed by the city. He moved his improvements on the assurance of the Commissioners that they would report in favor of the street, and the petition has

since been suffered to lie on the table by the Council without action.

IGNATIUS BROWN,	} Street Com's.
J. T. RAMSEY,	
SAMUEL E. SEIBERT.	

Which was referred to a select committee composed of Messrs. Thalman, Marsee and Brown.

Mr. Thoms offered the following motion :

Moved, That John W. Ray and Isaac N. Phipps, be, and are hereby granted permission to grade the sidewalk in front of their property on East Washington street or National Road, the same to be done at their own expense and to the satisfaction of the Civil Engineer who is hereby directed to set the grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thoms offered the following motion :

Moved, That the bridge over Pogue's Run on Benton street, be removed to and placed over Pogue's Run on Ohio street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Bridges.

Mr. Whitsit presented presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 24, 1871.

To the Mayor and Common Council of City of Indianapolis :

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on the 30 foot alley, between McCarty and Bradshaw streets and running from Virginia avenue to out-lot 100, respectfully petition your honorable body to call said alley, between the points named, Bismark street, and your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

SAM'L KEELY,
JOHN W. LINGENFELTER,
CHARLES LANG,

And four others.

Which was granted.

Mr. Whitsit presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN : We the undersigned property holders on the line of the Indianapolis and Cincinnati Junction Railroad between Noble and Cady streets, would respectfully represent that they have suffered great damage by the careless manner of building said road along the line of our property, cutting almost to the line of our fences and leaving high banks of earth without any protection, which are crumbling away and carrying our fences and buildings with it ; we respectfully ask that they be compelled to build a protection wall at that point, and your petitioners will ever pray.

MIKE SULLIVAN,
MAURIS MURPHY,
CON SULLIVAN,
And seven others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Whitsit offered the following motions :

Moved, That cement pipe be placed in Cady street, to carry the water from Lord street to the Cincinnati R. R., and the Civil Engineer is hereby instructed to have the work done before the street is graded and graveled.

Moved, That James M. Buchannan and M. Chevalier be allowed to grade and gravel Pearl street between their property, and that the Civil Engineer be ordered to set the grade stakes.

Which were adopted.

Mr. Wiles offered the following motions :

Moved, That the Civil Engineer be instructed to furnish profile of the grade of North Delaware street from First street to the Corporation line north.

Moved, That the Indianapolis Journal Company be allowed to put up a portable boiler, temporarily, in the alley on the east of their printing house, to remain for a period not exceeding sixty days.

Moved, That Fred. Prange be granted permission to grade and gravel the street in front of his property, lots number 101 and 102, of out-lot 55, on Peru street, and that the Civil Engineer be instructed to set the grade stakes.

Which were adopted.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following resolution :

Resolved. That the owner of the following described real estate, to-wit : The south one-half of lot 11, in square 14, on the east side of Tennessee street, between Vermont and Michigan streets, owned by George W. Joseph, be and is hereby required to fill and drain the same, as in the opinion of this Council, there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become stagnant and noxious as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and inhabitants thereof, and that the Street Commissioner be and is hereby required to notify the owners thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 23, 1866, entitled : "An Ordinance providing for the drainage and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to drain or fill said excavation as provided in said ordinance. *Provided*, the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the appraised value, as appraised for city taxation."

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Therman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Negative—none.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following :

Weekly report of contents of Register of Patients of City Hospital, ending April 29, 1871 :

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	29
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	15
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	0

Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report...	2
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	41

E. HADLEY,
Superintendent.

Also the following :

Monthly Report of Expenditures of the City Hospital, ending April 30, 1871.

Total Expenditures for the Month.....	\$562 10
Aggregate number of days for which Subsistence, etc., was furnished.....	1014
Average expense per capita per diem.....	54

E. HADLEY,
Superintendent.

Also the following :

Monthly report of contents of register of patients in City Hospital, ending April 30, 1871 :

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	44
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	31
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	23
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	4
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	44

E. HADLEY,
Superintendent.

Also the following :

Weekly report of contents of Register of Patients of City Hospital, ending May 6, 1871 :

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	42
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	8
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	1
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	11
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	40

E. HADLEY,
Superintendent.

Which were received.

His Honor the Mayor presented the following petition.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN: I have respectfully to address your honorable body and state that the pigeons roosting upon the window caps, water sheds and other projections of the front of the new State building, corner Washington and Tennessee streets, have become so numerous as to be a positive nuisance and great annoyance to all connected with the various State offices in said building, and I am directed to address your honorable body and ask permission to shoot, or have shooting done, under my authority, in order to drive them away. It is believed they can be driven off if shot at each morning for several weeks. The shooting should be done early in the morning, and occasionally through the day.

If such authority be granted me I will attend to the matter personally, and have it done in suitable manner, so as not to endanger the safety of life or property in the vicinity.

Very respectfully,

J. G. GREENWALT,
Adj't Gen'l of Indiana.

Which was received.

Also the following motion:

Moved, That J. G. Greenawalt have permission, under the direction of the City Marshal, to shoot or otherwise dispose of the pigeons at the State Offices Building in this city.

Which was adopted.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY,

Mayor.

ATTEST:

JOHN R. CLINTON,

City Clerk.