

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,  
May 16, 1898. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, May 16, 1898, at 8 o'clock, in regular meeting.

Present, Hon. John H. Mahoney, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 20 members, viz.: Messrs. Allen, Bernauer, Bowser, Clark, Colter, Costello, Crall, Harston, Higgins, Knight, Little, Madden, Merrick, Moffett, McGrew, Rauch, Scanlon, Shaffer, Smith and Von Spreckelsen.

Absent—None.

On motion of Mr. Moffett, the Council took a recess of twenty minutes.

The Council reconvened at 8:30 o'clock.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal, whereupon Councilman Bowser moved that the further reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which motion prevailed.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., April 29, 1898. }

*To the President and Members of the Common Council:*

Gentlemen—I have this day approved the following ordinance:  
G. O. No. 25, 1898. An ordinance providing for the separation of

garbage into separate vessels, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

Respectfully submitted,

T. TAGGART,  
*Mayor.*

Which was read and ordered spread on the minutes.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS. }  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 10, 1898. }

*To the President and Members of the Common Council:*

Gentlemen—I have this day approved the following ordinances:

G. O. No. 28, 1898. An ordinance authorizing the improvement of St. Joseph street, in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, from the east property line of Illinois street to the west property line of Pennsylvania street, by grading and paving the roadway with asphalt, and curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

G. O. No. 29, 1898. An ordinance authorizing the improvement of St. Joseph street, in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, from the east property line of Delaware street to the northwest property line of Fort Wayne avenue, except the crossing of Alabama street, by grading and paving the roadway with asphalt, and curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

G. O. No. 30, 1898. An ordinance authorizing the improvement of the roadway of Fourteenth street, in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, from the east property line of Pennsylvania street to the west property line of Delaware street, by grading and paving the roadway with asphalt, and curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

G. O. No. 31, 1898. An ordinance authorizing the improvement of the roadway of Fourteenth street, in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, from the west property line of Illinois street to the east property line of Senate avenue, except the crossing of Capitol avenue, by grading and paving the roadway with asphalt, and curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

G. O. No. 32, 1898. An ordinance authorizing the improvement of the roadway of Fourteenth street, in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, from the east property line of Meridian street to the west property line of Pennsylvania street, by grading and paving the roadway with asphalt, and curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

G. O. No. 34, 1898. An ordinance authorizing the improvement of the first alley east of Meridian street, in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, from the north property line of St. Joseph street to the south property line of Eleventh street, by grading and paving the roadway with brick, and curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

G. O. No. 35, 1898. An ordinance authorizing the improvement of New Jersey street, in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, from the south property line of Washington street to the northeast property line of Virginia avenue, except the crossings of all railroad tracks, as shown in the plan,

by grading and paving the roadway with asphalt, and curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

Respectfully submitted,

T. TAGGART,  
*Mayor.*

Which was read and ordered spread on the minutes.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

Communication from City Comptroller:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,  
OFFICE OF CITY COMPTROLLER,  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 16, 1898. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen—I respectfully recommend that there be appropriated to Frank Edenharter \$28.08 for the purpose of paying warrant 1779, dated July 15, 1896, issued by the Town of Haughville to A. J. Bruce, and since assigned by him to said Frank Edenharter.

Amount of warrant.....	\$27.00
Interest .....	1.08
	\$28.08

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. JOHNSON,  
*City Comptroller.*

Which was read and referred to Committee on Accounts and Claims.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Colter, on behalf of a majority of the Committee on Contracts and Franchises, to which was referred:

G. O. No. 37, 1898. An ordinance ratifying, confirming and approving the certain contract or agreement made and entered into on the — day of April, 1898, between the City of Indianapolis, by and through its Board of Public Works, and the New Telephone Company, whereby said company is authorized to construct in and over the streets, alleys, avenues and public places of the City of Indianapolis a telephone plant and system and to operate the same for a fixed period, subject to limitations and conditions therein contained, and providing for the taking effect of the same.

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, May 16, 1898.

*Mr. President:*

We, your Committee on Contracts and Franchises, have had under consideration G. O. No. 37, and desire to recommend the following changes, to-wit:

We desire and recommend that Section 13 of G. O. No. 37, 1898, be

amended to read as follows: "In consideration of the grant of privileges herein contained, the said company, party of the second part, agrees to bind itself, successors and assigns, to furnish to the inhabitants of the City of Indianapolis first-class telephone service of the best and most modern character, during the entire period covered by this contract, at and for the following rates and prices, to-wit, for and during the period of ten years after the taking effect of this contract, after which time said rates and prices shall be regulated by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis." And to strike out of said section the words "during the entire period covered by this contract, to-wit."

"For business houses situated within two miles from the center of Monument Place, in said city, per annum, \$40.

"For business houses situated beyond said two-mile limit, per annum, \$1.50 additional for each additional one-fourth mile from said Monument Place.

"For residence houses situated within a distance of two miles from the center of Monument Place, \$24 per annum, and \$1.50 per annum additional for each additional one-fourth of a mile from said Monument Place. Said distances to be in full force and effect for and during a period of five years from the taking effect of this contract, at which time said distances shall be increased one-fourth of a mile for each five years thereafter during the existence of this contract. It is understood by both parties hereto that the words 'service' and 'telephone service' used herein shall be construed and deemed to mean twenty-four hours' continuous telephone service for and during each and every day of the year, and that the rates above fixed shall not apply to party lines."

We further recommend that Section 17 be amended to read as follows: After the words "Board of Public Works," "and ratified by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis."

We desire to further recommend that Section 12 be amended to read as follows: After the words "adopted by said Board," in the sixth line, "and ratified by the Common Council of said City of Indianapolis."

We also recommend that Section 19 be amended to read as follows: The amount of said bond in said section shall be raised to fifty thousand dollars, instead of twenty-five thousand dollars, and add after the words "so renewed," "to be in full force until the said renewal is approved by said Board of Public Works and ratified by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis. And that no reduction of said bond shall be made without the consent of said Board of Public Works, and ratified by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis."

Our reasons for advising the change in Section 19, raising the amount of the bond from twenty-five thousand to fifty thousand dollars, is for the purpose of securing for the users of telephones the rates set out in this contract, and to prevent any secret collusions or alliances with any other competing company. That there is no provision in the franchise offered to prevent collusions and secret alliances with any other company already in the field. It provides for open alliances, such as consolidation and sale and assignment open and known to the public. But this does not go, we think, far enough. There is nothing to prevent secret manipulations with a company already in the field. While it is desirable to grant a franchise to the company in good faith, and operate a plant in this city and reduce the cost, it should be granted so that no one or company could use it secretly or otherwise as a club to compel a company in the field to get them out of the way. Under this contract the applicant may start in and construct the plant as proposed, and commence operations, and apparently run along in good faith, and purposely become involved with the secret understanding, have a sale on with the competing plant, have a receiver close up the affairs of this company, sell it to the competing line, and never operate it at all, but bring about the whole

thing in order to get the new applicant out of the way. Raising the amount of the bond, we think, will work no hardship upon the company, and thus prevent any possibility of this company selling out to the competing company, and thus prevent us from securing the cheaper telephone rates as offered by this contract.

The last paragraph of Section 11 provides for the consolidation of said company with any competing company with the consent of the Board of Public Works. This should be with the concurrence of the Common Council. It is in nature, if not in fact, making a new contract, and if it was the legislative intent to have the Council ratify in the start, why should this right be taken from them? If it is thought necessary to have the Council ratify a contract made by the Board of Public Works, then the Council should not be stripped of its powers in the changing or making a new contract. If the councilmanic action was not deemed necessary, such power would have been given exclusively to such Board. It puts too much power in the hands of three men, and is objectionable on that account. It was the intention of the Legislature, in passing the City Charter, to provide, and it did provide, that the City Council should ratify all contracts made by the Board of Public Works. This clause takes such power out of the hands of the City Council and places it in the hands of three men.

Our reasons for recommending a change in Section 12, providing for telephones within two miles of Monument Place at the rate of \$40 per year, and \$1.50 for each additional one-fourth of a mile or fraction thereof beyond two-mile limit, is that this contract is to run for twenty-five years, and that before the expiration of such time, the city will have increased in population, and will have extended its territory until a large number of telephones in use will be four and five miles from Monument Place. In fact, the greater number of telephones will be beyond the limit. At these rates telephones five miles will cost \$42 per year, and business telephones at the rate of \$58 per year. It must be remembered that within twenty-five years, in all probability, the larger number of telephones will be beyond the limit, and the rates will be almost equal to that charged by the present telephone company. This should not increase so fast in price, and original boundaries being two miles, we think the limit should be extended one-fourth of a mile every five years after the taking effect of this contract.

In Section 17 it is provided that the franchise shall not be assigned without the consent of the Board of Public Works. This is not as it should be. Again it is another way of defeating the legislative intent of councilmanic security of contracts of this character. If it had intended that the Board of Public Works should make such contract, such Board would have been given the power, but as the City Charter provides that such contracts shall be made by the Board of Public Works and ratified by the City Council, it was never the intention to confer the authority exclusively upon the Board of Public Works to make such contracts.

We therefore recommend that G. O. No. 37, 1898, be referred back to the Board of Public Works, and recommend that the changes above set out be made.

GEO. R. COLTER,  
JOHN A. VON SPRECKELEN,  
GEO. W. SHAFFER,  
E. W. LITTLE,  
ALBERT E. RAUCH,

*Committee.*

Which was read.

Mr. Scanlon, on behalf of a minority of the Committee on Contracts and Franchises, to which was referred G. O. No. 37, 1898, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 16, 1898.

*Mr. President:*

The undersigned members of the Committee on Contracts and Franchises, to whom was referred G. O. No. 37, 1898, known as the Telephone Ordinance, have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same do pass.

W. W. KNIGHT.

JOHN H. SCANLON.

Which was read.

Mr. Colter moved that the majority report be adopted.

Mr. Scanlon moved that the minority report be substituted for the majority report.

Mr. Little moved to lay Mr. Scanlon's motion on the table.

The ayes and nays being called for by Messrs. Higgins and Bowser, Mr. Little's motion was lost by the following vote:

AYES 10—viz: Messrs. Bernauer, Clark, Colter, Costello, Little, Merrick, Rauch, Shaffer, Smith and Von Spreckelsen.

NAYS 11—viz: Messrs. Allen, Bowser, Crall, Harston, Higgins, Knight, Madden, Moffett, McGrew, Scanlon and President Mahoney.

The question being on the adoption of the minority report.

The ayes and nays being called for by Messrs. Scanlon and Harston, Mr. Scanlon's motion was lost by the following vote:

AYES 10—viz: Messrs. Allen, Bowser, Crall, Harston, Higgins, Knight, Madden, Moffett, McGrew and Scanlon.

NAYS 11—viz: Messrs. Bernauer, Clark, Colter, Costello, Little, Merrick, Rauch, Shaffer, Smith, Von Spreckelsen and President Mahoney.

The question being on the adoption of the majority report.

Mr. Costello moved as a substitute for Mr. Colter's motion, that the Council go into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the majority report of the Committee on Contracts and Franchises on G. O. No. 37, 1898.

The ayes and nays being called for by Messrs. Harston and Higgins, Mr. Costello's motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES 12—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Clark, Colter, Costello, Merrick, Moffett, McGrew, Rauch, Shaffer, Smith, Von Spreckelsen and President Mahoney.

NAYS 9—viz.: Messrs. Allen, Bowser, Crall, Harston, Higgins, Knight, Little, Madden and Scanlon.

Thereupon the Council went into Committee of the Whole, and President Mahoney appointed Mr. Costello Chairman of the Committee.

At 10:05 o'clock President Mahoney called the Council to order.

Mr. Costello, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 16, 1898.

*Mr. President:*

We recommend that Section 13 of G. O. No. 37, 1898, be amended by inserting in line 17, after the words "Monument Place," the following: "Said distances to be in full force and effect for and during a period of five years from the taking effect of this contract, at which time said distances shall be increased one-quarter of a mile for each five years thereafter during the existence of this contract."

We further recommend that Section 17 be amended as follows: That after the words "Board of Public Works," the words "and ratified by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis" be inserted.

We further recommend that Section 12 be amended by inserting in the sixth line, after the words "adopted by said Board," the words "and ratified by the Common Council of said City of Indianapolis."

We also recommend that Section 19 be amended to read as follows: The amount of said bond in said section shall be raised to fifty thousand dollars, instead of twenty-five thousand dollars, and by striking out everything after the words "so renewed" in the twenty-second line, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "to be in full force until the said renewal is approved by said Board of Public Works and ratified by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis. And that no reduction of said bond shall be made without the consent of said Board of Public Works, and ratified by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis. Very respectfully,

JAMES H. COSTELLO,

*Chairman.*

Mr. Little moved that the report be adopted.

Mr. Harston moved to lay Mr. Little's motion on the table.

The ayes and nays being called for by Messrs. Little and Clark, Mr. Harston's motion was lost by the following vote:

AYES 10—viz.: Messrs. Allen, Bowser, Crall, Harston, Higgins, Knight, Madden, Moffett, McGrew and Scanlon.

NAYS 10—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Clark, Colter, Costello, Little, Merrick, Rauch, Smith, Von Spreckelsen and President Mahoney.

Before the roll was called, Mr. Shaffer received permission from the President to retire from the meeting.

Mr. Clark moved that the Council do now adjourn.

Which motion was lost.

Mr. McGrew moved that the report of the Committee of the Whole be amended as follows:

By striking out the following amendment to Section 13: "Said distances to be in full force and effect for and during a period of five years from the taking effect of this contract, at which time said distances shall be increased one-quarter of a mile for each five years thereafter during the existence of this contract."

And by striking out the following amendment to Section 19: "The amount of said bond in said section shall be raised to fifty thousand dollars instead of twenty-five thousand dollars."

Mr. Little moved to lay the amendment on the table.

Which motion was lost.

Whereupon Mr. McGrew's amendment was adopted by the following vote:

AYES 10—viz.: Messrs. Bowser, Costello, Harston, Higgins, Knight, Madden, Moffett, McGrew, Scanlon and President Mahoney.

NAYS 10—viz.: Messrs. Allen, Bernauer, Clark, Colter, Crall, Little, Merrick, Rauch, Smith and Von Spreckelsen.

Before the vote was announced Messrs. Allen and Crall changed their vote from the negative to the affirmative.

Mr. Clark asked for a verification of the vote on the amendment of Mr. McGrew.

President Mahoney ordered the roll re-called, which resulted as follows:

AYES 12—viz.: Messrs. Allen, Bowser, Costello, Crall, Harston, Higgins, Knight, Madden, Moffett, McGrew, Scanlon and President Mahoney.

NAYS 8—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Clark, Colter, Little, Merrick, Rauch, Smith and Von Spreckelsen.

Mr. Little moved that the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted as amended.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Costello, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, to which was referred:

Resolution No. 8, 1898.—

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, that the assessments of \$44 against lot No. 55 in Butler Grove addition to the



City of Indianapolis, Marion county, Indiana, in the name of Horace E. Kinney as owner of said lot, in the matter of opening and extension of Rohampton street to a width of fifty feet, between Seventh street and Lincoln avenue, as the same appears recorded in Mortgage Record No. 85, at pages 321 to 330 inclusive, of the records of Marion county, Indiana, be and the same is hereby declared null and void, and of no effect in law so far as the same affects the lot herein described.

And that the City Clerk of the City of Indianapolis be and is hereby directed to make proper entry upon the Mortgage Record showing this action and annulling said pretended assessment and lien.

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 16, 1898.

*Mr. President:*

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Resolution No. 8, 1898, have considered the same, and recommend its adoption.

JAS. H. COSTELLO.  
EDWARD E. BERNAUER.  
FRANK S. CLARK.  
J. R. ALLEN.  
RICHARD MERRICK  
J. W. MCGREW,  
ROBERT M. MADDEN.  
E. D. MOFFETT.  
W. F. SMITH.

*Committee.*

Which was read and concurred in.

And, on motion of Mr. Costello, Resolution No. 8, 1898, was passed by the following vote:

AYES 20—viz.: Messrs. Allen, Bernauer, Bowser, Clark, Colter, Costello, Crall, Harston, Higgins, Knight, Little, Madden, Merrick, Moffett, McGrew, Rauch, Scanlon, Smith, Von Spreckelsen and President Mahoney.

NAYS—None.

Mr. McGrew, on behalf of the Committee on Public Property and Improvements, to which was referred:

G. O. No. 10, 1898. An ordinance requiring all property owners or agents to obtain a permit from the Park Bureau before planting any tree or trees in or along the streets of the City of Indianapolis, and requiring all trimming or pruning of trees along said streets to be done under the direction of the Park Superintendent.

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 16, 1898.

*Hon. John H. Mahoney, President of the Common Council:*

We, your committee, to whom was referred G. O. No. 10, 1898, have duly considered same, and recommend that same do not pass.

J. W. MCGREW.  
RICHARD MERRICK.  
JOHN H. CRALL.

Which was read and concurred in.

## APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business, the following ordinance was introduced:

By Mr. Costello:

App. O. No. 6, 1898. An ordinance appropriating the sum of twenty-eight dollars and eight cents (\$28.08) for the use of the Department of Finance during the year 1897, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That there be and is hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the city treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of twenty-eight dollars and eight cents (\$28.08), to be expended by and for the benefit of the Department of Finance, for the purpose of payment of warrant held by one Frank Edenharter against the Town of Haughville.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Which was read a first time and referred to Committee on Accounts and Claims.

## INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business the following ordinances were introduced:

By Mr. Higgins:

G. O. No. 39, 1898. An ordinance designating the license fee to be paid to the City of Indianapolis by distilleries and breweries and the depots or agencies of all breweries and distilleries located or maintained in the territory immediately contiguous to the said City of Indianapolis, and lying between its corporate limits and a line drawn parallel to the line of said corporate limits at a distance of four miles from said corporate limits; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for the publication of the same, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm, association, company or corporation to establish, conduct or maintain within the territory lying contiguous to the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, and lying between its corporate limits and a line drawn parallel to the line of said corporate limits at a distance of four miles from said corporate limits at each point of said parallel line, any brewery, distillery, or the depot or agency of any brewery or distillery, without first paying the license fee or fees as hereinafter provided. Every person or persons, firm, association, company or corporation establishing, conducting or maintaining in the above-described territory a brewery or breweries, distillery or distilleries, depot or depots, or agency or agencies of breweries or distilleries, shall pay to the said city the sum of one thousand dollars for each such brewery, distillery, depot or agency so established, conducted or maintained, which said sum of one thousand dollars shall be the annual city license fee to be charged for each such brewery,

distillery, depot or agency. On payment of said sum of one thousand dollars the applicant for such license shall present the receipt therefor to the City Comptroller of said city, and such Comptroller shall thereupon issue to such applicant a license to establish, conduct and maintain such brewery, distillery, depot or agency, as the case may be, for one year from such time, which license shall designate the place where such brewery, distillery, depot or agency is to be established, conducted or maintained, and shall be signed by the Mayor of the city.

Sec. 2. Said City Comptroller shall keep a register of the names of every person or persons, firm, company, corporation, depot or agency receiving from said city such license, with the date when issued and the expiration of the same, for which services a Comptroller's fee of one dollar shall be paid by the person receiving such license.

Sec. 3. Any person or persons, firm, company or corporation, carrying on a distillery or brewery business in the above-described territory, or the owners or managers of the depots or agencies of any brewery or distillery business, who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100), and each day's continuation in violation of this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

Sec. 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication one day each week for two successive weeks in the Indianapolis Sentinel, a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the City of Indianapolis, Marion county, Indiana.

Which was read a first time and referred to Committee on Public Morals.

By Mr. Crall:

G. O. No. 40, 1898. An ordinance providing for the change of the name of Andrews street to Dewey avenue, and fixing the time when same shall take effect.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, that the name of Andrews street, running from Twenty-second street north to Twenty-fifth street, be and shall hereafter be known as Dewey avenue.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall be enforced from and after the passage and approval by the Mayor.

With the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 4, 1898.

*To the Common Council, City of Indianapolis:*

We, the undersigned residents and property owners in Andrews street, hereby petition that the name of said street be changed to Dewey avenue.

A. T. Potter, 2226 Andrews St.; H. F. Denison, 2406 Andrews St.; H. E. Denison; H. Hess, 2204 Andrews St.; H. R. Williams, 2232 Andrews St.; W. S. Jordon; Mrs. Eagle; H. M. Case; T. A. Hildreth, 2312 Andrews St.; Alvin J. Munson, 2310 Andrews St.; Mrs. J. M. Williamson, 2322 Andrews St.; Fred H. Denison; G. W. F. Pence; S. S. Jordon, 2301 Andrews St.; T. J. Harris, 2411 Andrews St.; John W. Fultz; C. L. Holden; A. Van Wie; R. Van Wie; J. L. Bottorff; Robert Waters; Thompson R. Bell; B. R. Jordan; H. F. Cooper; F. M. Gatch; J. W. Beck.

Which was read a first time and referred to Committee on Sewers, Streets and Alleys.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following communication was received from the Board of School Commissioners:

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS,  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 12, 1898. }

*Mr. Chas. H. Stuckmeyer, Clerk of City of Indianapolis:*

Dear Sir—I respectfully beg leave to notify you that the terms of Commissioners of Fourth, Seventh and Eighth school districts will expire on the last day of June, 1898, and, according to Section 141 of the School Law of the State of Indiana, there will be held an election of one Commissioner in each of said districts on the second Saturday of June, 1898, being the 11th day of said month.

Respectfully,

FRANK L. REISSNER,  
*Ass't Sec. Board of School Commissioners.*

N. B.—Voting places heretofore have been in District No. 4, at School No. 4, corner Blackford and Michigan streets; No. 7, at School No. 7, corner Bates and Benton streets; No. 8, at School No. 8, Virginia avenue and Huron streets.

Which was read and referred to Committee on Elections.

Mr. Moffett submitted the following petition:

PETITION.

*To the Honorable Board of the Council of the City of Indianapolis:*

The undersigned residents of the vicinity of St. Joe and Alabama streets respectfully petition your honorable Board to give us an ordinance whereby we may have a reasonable rate of speed on the Alabama-street car line between Fort Wayne avenue and Eleventh street. This being a very narrow street, and St. Joe also being a narrow street, it is a very dangerous crossing, and in view of the fact that we have had three very serious accidents within a year, and two deaths resulting from same, we believe you should give this your immediate and special attention.

Wm. Smith, 231 E. St. Joe; T. H. Adams, 231 E. St. Joe; W. V. Hartman, E. St. Joe; Charles G. Traub, 926 N. Alabama; Geo. Hoffman, 942 N. Alabama; Fred Fulke, 233 E. St. Joe; Sander Buck, 233 E. St. Joe; Frederick W. Wetter, 306 E. St. Joe; James Gogen, 302 E. St. Joe; C. L. Gogen, 302 E. St. Joe; Wm. Schaub, 925 N. Alabama; L. D. Moody, 219 E. Tenth (old St. Mary); F. W. Pugh, 311 E. St. Joe; Philip Rappaport, 1205 N. Alabama; C. P. Ingalls, 947 N. Alabama; W. C. Newcomb; J. E. Christian; J. E. Mills, 931 N. Alabama; J. K. Faulconer, 931 N. Alabama; C. A. Dussendofer, 944 N. Alabama; W. R. Copper, 930 N. Alabama; W. W. Benson, 227 E. St. Joe; F. J. McCarty, 930 N. Alabama; P. C. Smith, 238 E. St. Joe; Geo. T. Moore, 228 E. St. Joe; Geo. P. Marott, 918 N. Alabama; M. Bamberger, 1015 N. Alabama.

Which was read and referred to Committee on Ordinances.

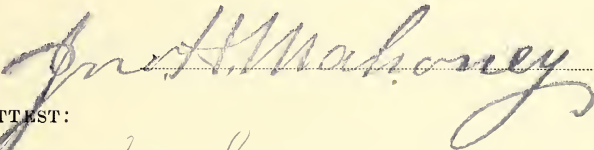
Mr. Little moved that the Council do now adjourn.

Which motion was lost.

Mr. Colter moved that G. O. No. 37, 1898, and the recommendations of Committee of the Whole, be referred to Board of Public Works.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Colter, the Common Council, at 11:00 o'clock P. M., adjourned.



President.

ATTEST:



City Clerk.