

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.

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REGULAR SESSION.

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COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
*Indianapolis, June 8, 1863.* }

The Council met in regular session, this evening, at 8 o'clock.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, and Councilmen Allen, Brown, Boaz, Blake, Colley, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb, and Staub—16.

Absent—Messrs. Thompson and Wallace—2.

Alfred Harrison, Esq., James M. Ray, Esq., and Hon. Albert G. Porter, appeared before the Council on behalf of the Sanitary Commission of the city of Indianapolis, for the purpose of asking the Common Council to appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars for the relief of sick and wounded Indiana soldiers.

By Mr. S. A. Fletcher, Jr.:

*Resolved*, That the sum of five thousand dollars be appropriated out of the City Treasury for the use of the Sanitary Commission of the city of Indianapolis, to be used for the relief of sick and wounded Indiana soldiers.

The question being, shall the resolution pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Allen, Boaz, Colley, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Lefever, McNabb and Staub—13. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

The proceedings of the special session held June 1st, 1863, were read and approved.

By Mr. Allen—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 8, 1863.

*To the Hon. Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :*

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, owners of property on Cady street, between Washington and Bates streets, represent that the grading and graveling of said street between the points named would be a public benefit. For a half square of the south part of Cady street, extending to its intersection with Bates street, there is a low piece of ground, a sort of basin, occupying the whole of Cady street, and extending west on the alley running from said street some 80 feet between lots numbered 73 and 84, in out-lot 89, which is often filled with water, and renders the street almost impassable, which would be mainly obviated by the grade asked for; and if such part of the surplus dirt is put in said alley as will bring it up to the proper grade, the bad effect of a stagnant pond will be removed.

Your petitioners, therefore, respectfully request that an ordinance be passed to carry out the object above expressed.

James Pascoe.....	130 feet.
Wm. Allen..	130 "
Samuel C. Vance.....	481 "
E. H. Bates.....	481 "
H. Bates.....	130 "
H. Bates.....	130 "
Chas. W. Moores.....	130 "
Calvin R. Loucks.....	130 "
P. T. Yarbrough..	130 "

On motion of Mr. McNabb, the petition was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

By Mr. Boaz—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 8, 1863.

*To His Honor, the Mayor, and Members of the Common Council :*

GENTLEMEN:—Your petitioners respectfully showeth that they were the contractors for the improvement of Pennsylvania street; that resistance was made to the collection of the estimate allowed them, and that precepts were issued, and from them the property owners appealed, but were finally defeated.

A mistake upon the part of the corporate officers caused three of the cases to be dismissed; that is, in a description of property of Morris' heirs, and in failure to embody in the transcript the ordinance for the improvement of said street. By reason of this dismissal, costs were taxed against your petitioners to the amount of \$31, and fee bills issued for the amount.

It is but just that this amount should be paid by the city. In all cases heretofore the city has, at her own costs, prosecuted such cases; but this was not done for your petitioners, and they ask, therefore, that the sum may be paid to the Sheriff.

Respectfully,

WM. & R. JOHNSON.

On motion of Mr. Boaz, the prayer of the petitioners was granted, and the amount allowed.

By Mr. Allen—Petition :

*To the Hon. Common Council, of the City of Indianapolis :*

For the purpose of testing the practical use of steam as a means of transit upon common roads, your Honorable Body, the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, are asked that the exclusive privilege of running steam carriages upon any, or all, of the streets of the City of Indianapolis, for the conveyance of passengers and merchandise, be granted to Thomas L. Roberts, and others that may be associated with him in the business of said steam carriages, for the term of ten years, to be subject to the ordinances passed by the City Council for the government of the same ; said privileges not to interfere with steam carriages used upon railroads.

Isaiah Haslep,	Sinker & Vance,	Jas. Lowden,
J. E. Ludlum,	Edward Greenleaf,	E. King,
John McKenna,	J. W. Davis & Co.,	D. Root & Co.,
Justus L. Cozad.	Cottrell & Knight,	Cox, Lord & Peck,
Ezra D. Sargent,	Andrew Wallace,	George D. Young,
A. E. Vinton,	William M. Graham,	Hugh Thomson,
L. W. Hasselman,	Geo. J. Langsdale,	P. W. Stripp,
William Spotts,	W. H. Loomis,	Z. P. Keller.
James B. Smith,		

Which, on motion of Mr. Allen, was referred to a special committee of three.

The Mayor appointed as said committee Messrs. Allen, Blake, and Emerson.

By Mr. Staub—Communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 1, 1863.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Permit me, through the representatives of the 8th and 9th Wards, to call your attention to, and solicit your earliest aid in the improvement of Washington street, east of Pogue's Run, a distance of about 600 feet, to the donation line, it has been already graded, but being a mud surface and cut into a great many ruts and holes, makes it, in wet weather and through the winter, almost impassable. This part of the city, as well as adjoining it east, is improving very fast, and this street, being the great thoroughfare of the city, needs this work more perhaps than any other in the place; if attended to soon it can be done at a great deal smaller expense than after awhile. Of course, the Council will not consider this a petition, the object is merely to call your attention to it now, as there is no one else seems to have time to do so; if it should be necessary that a petition should be presented on the subject, I will see that that is done.

Anxiously hoping that something in the way of improving that street may soon be done

I am respectfully yours,

I. N. PHIPPS.

N. B. Since writing the above, I have seen Mr. H. Bates, who owns most of the ground on the street, and he not only wants it done, but wants it fixed with clear river gravel. I. N. P.

On motion of Mr. Staub, the communication was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

By Mr. S. A. Fletcher, Jr.—Communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 25, 1863.

*To His Honor, the Mayor and Common Council :*

GENTLEMEN :—Some weeks ago at the request of Mr. Titcomb, I presented him a bill for services rendered in the case of *Macy, et al., vs. The City of Indianapolis, et al.*, to be by him presented to your Honorable Body.

The bill was by Mr. Titcomb presented to you, and by you referred to the former City Attorney, James N. Sweetser, Esq., who reported against the allowance of my claim. This report was made under a misapprehension of the circumstances and facts of the case. Had Mr. Sweetser been fully informed as to the facts of the case, I am satisfied he would have made a different report, and for that reason I beg leave to set the facts fully before you.

During the time in which I was City Attorney, Messrs. Macey and Turner instituted an action against the city and Mr. Titcomb, and obtained a temporary injunction, arresting, temporarily, the improvement of Noble street. I tried and argued the cause for the city, and the injunction was dissolved and the city was successful. From the judgment in favor of the city, Messrs. Macy and Turner appealed to the Supreme Court.

After the expiration of my term of office, at the request of former members of your body, I argued the case in the Supreme Court for the city—no one appearing for the city but myself. The city was again successful, and the judgment in her favor affirmed.

Many questions were discussed, but the principal one was whether the city could alter the grade of a street after it had been once established? The Supreme Court held that it could.

Had the city been unsuccessful, very heavy liabilities to property owners would have been entailed upon her.

For the opinion of the Supreme Court, I refer to report of the case in the 17th volume of Indiana Reports, page 267.

Mr. Taylor, the counsel for Messrs. Macy and Turner, filed two able, lengthy and elaborate briefs, and as evidence of what services I performed in investigating and presenting authorities, I append the arguments and briefs submitted by me.

I have made this explanation, deeming it due to myself, that the matter should be fully presented to you.

Respectfully, B. K. ELLIOTT.

On motion of Mr. Haughey, the communication was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Boaz—Remonstrance :

We the undersigned, your petitioners, would respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance for grading and graveling of Railroad avenue ; as, in our opinion, it would be better to provide a permanent outlet for the water before said work is put under contract.

<i>Names of Owners.</i>	<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Inches.</i>
James J. Brown .....	42	.....
George Lyons .....	42	.....
E. McCallion .....	42	.....
John B. Kelley.....	40	.....
Thomas Chill .....	42	.....
Andrew Logan.....	23	.....
James Charters.....	42	.....
James Harrison .....	42	.....
Joseph Iseman.....	55	.....
Martin Kœllisch .....	45	.....
Joseph Jordan.....	42	.....
James A. Johnson.....	42	.....
Elizabeth Yewell .....	42	.....
Henry Balts.....	42	.....
Sarah Sanders.....	42	.....
J. P. Duvall.....	42	.....
Abraham Brown.....	84	.....

On motion of Mr. Boaz, the remonstrance was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

By Mr. Colley, Chairman Judiciary Committee :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 8, 1863.

*To the Honorable, the Mayor and Common Council :*

Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of John Stumph, in reference to the approval of bond for constructing sewer in the south part of the city, would respectfully report that it is entirely with the Council to say whether they will approve the bond and order the work to go on.

Respectfully submitted.

SIMS A. COLLEY,  
S. A. FLETCHER, JR. } *Committee.*  
AUSTIN H. BROWN, }

I concur in the above report.

J. CAVEN, *Mayor.*

Which, on motion, was accepted.

Mr. Boaz then moved that the bond of John Stumph, for constructing a sewer in the south part of the city, be approved.

The ayes and noes being called for, those who voted in the affirmative were, Messrs. Brown, Boaz, Lefever and McNabb—4.

Those who voted in the negative were, Messrs. Allen, Blake, Colley, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson and Staub—12.

So the bond was not approved.

By Mr. Haughey, Chairman Finance Committee :

AN ORDINANCE to impose additional duties upon the City Assessor, and to provide compension therefor.

Which on motion of Mr. Brown, was referred to the Judiciary Committee for amendment.

By Mr. Allen, Chairman Committee on Fire Department :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 25, 1863.

*To the Hon. Common Council :*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Fire Department, to whom was referred the communication from the attorney, at that place, employed by the Council to enforce the collection of notes given by the town of Elkhart in payment for the Fire Engine and Hose sold the Trustees of said town, after mature consideration and consultation with John Davenport, Esq., of the town of Elkhart, believe that the Council had better take the amount tendered and have the case settled. The corporation of Elkhart agree to pay the city \$444, and deliver the Engine and Hose to the city in as good condition as when they received it, the usual wear and tear excepted.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM ALLEN,  
THEO. P. HAUGHEY, } *Committee.*  
JOHN BLAKE,

On motion of Mr. McNabb, the report was accepted, and the recommendations of the Committee concurred in, on the conditions that the town of Elkhart pay all costs in the case now pending, and deliver to the Chief Fire Engineer in this city the Engine, Hose and apparatus in as good condition as when received by them, the usual wear and tear excepted.

By Mr. Allen, Chairman Committee on Fire Department :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 25, 1863.

*To the Hon. Common Council :*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Fire Department, to whom was referred the annual account of the late Chief Fire Engineer, Joseph W. Davis, present the following as the result of their investigation :

On the 27th day of May, 1862, he drew, by order of the Common Council, three hundred dollars, in city orders, which he sold at ninety cents on the dollar, realizing.....	\$270 00
On the 16th day of June, 1862, he also drew the sum of two hundred and eighty-eight dollars, in city orders, which he sold at ninety cents, making.....	259 20
On the 21st October, 1862, he drew three hundred dollars in city orders, which he sold at ninety-five cents.....	285 00
On the 21st day of January, 1863, he drew three hundred dollars, in city orders, which he sold at 95 cents .....	285 00
On the 10th of January, 1862, he received the sum of \$15 for old brick.....	15 00
On the same date, 291 lbs. old brass, at 12 cents per lb .....	34 92
On the same date, 57 lbs. old copper, at 15 cents per lb .....	8 55
February 5th, 1863, cash received for storage of engine for one year.....	35 00
February 10th, 1863, amount received for hook and ladder wagon .....	75 00
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	\$1,267 67

He has produced receipts for amounts paid to sundry persons as follows :

1862.

May 26,	amount paid E. B. Drake & Co.....	2 06
" 26,	" " J. Pierson, for hay.....	7 25
" 26,	" " H. Rhoads, for oats.....	7 75
June, 1,	" " J. H. McLaughlin, hay...	24 00
" 5,	" " A. Wallace, oats.....	18 66
" 16,	" " T. Huggins, hay.....	27 30
" 16,	" " C. Cayler, horse.....	130 00
" 26,	" " W. E. Hadley, oats.....	6 45
" 30,	" " T. Huggins, hay.....	33 61
July 29,	" " W. E. Hadley, oats.....	20 70
" 30,	" " H. W. Schooley, horse...	93 75
August 6,	" " G. W. Hill, saw dust.....	2 75
" 18,	" " W. H. McLaughlin, hay..	55 14
" 23,	" " L. Johnson, corn. ....	8 00
Sept. 16,	" " C. Glazier, feed.....	98 94
" 19,	" " J. Hoffman,, corn .....	10 15
" 20,	" " W. N. Wolf, corn.....	8 52
" 23,	" " Sundries .....	75
Oct. 11,	" " Simon Foltz, corn.....	3 25
" 30,	" " J. Foltz, wood.....	7 11
" 30,	" " E. Woche, soap,,.....	12 55

Nov.	5,	amount paid	M. Dunbar, corn.....	9 00
"	5,	"	S. Rybolt, corn.....	10 68
"	6,	"	Express Co.....	25
"	11,	"	A. B. & E. Latta, valves,	\$10 00
"	15,	"	E. M. Silvers, hay.....	11 00
"	21,	"	G. W. Hill, saw dust.....	1 00
"	24,	"	E. M. Silvers, hay.....	13 87
"	29,	"	J. Hendrick, wood.....	4 50
"	29,	"	M. Coverdale, corn.....	11 60
"	29,	"	M. Coverdale, corn.....	9 00
Dec.	16,	"	A. Wallace, corn.....	3 90
"	18,	"	D. A. Brewer, corn.....	11 20

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Jan.	16,	"	T. Huggins, hay.....	58 50
"	19,	"	H. H. Scrown, brick.....	8 50
"	20,	"	W. White, for straw.....	2 50
"	22,	"	M. Blew, corn.....	9 88
"	27,	"	B. Pine, straw.....	18 22
"	28,	"	G. Bryan, straw.....	7 32
"	31,	"	H. Kortepeter, straw.....	17 40
"	31,	"	T. Mullin, corn.....	11 60
Feb.	2,	"	Express Co.....	3 25
"	7,	"	G. M. Dawson, corn.....	14 16
"	7,	"	R. Hammond, corn.....	11 65
"	10,	"	F. Glazier, wood.....	1 50
"	15,	"	Telegraphic dispatch.....	2 55
April	27,	"	J.W. Davis, brass castings,	58 28
				\$ 900 05
Balance.....				\$ 367 62

The Committee would report that the above amount of \$367 62 is due from Joseph W. Davis, not allowing the sum claimed by him for office rent and storage on machinery for forty-two months, which is \$420. As the Chairman of the present Committee was not a member of the Council when said bill was contracted, we think said bill should be referred to the Committee on Accounts, or some other special committee, for investigation.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM ALLEN,  
THEO. P. HAUGHEY, } Committee.  
JOHN BLAKE,

On motion of Mr. Brown, so much of the above report as refers to receipts and expenditures was concurred in, and so much as refers to office rent and storage of machinery, was referred back to the Committee on Fire Department, with instructions to have Mr. Davis separate the office rent from the storage account.

By Mr. Jameson, Chairman Committee on Revision of Ordinances:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 8, 1863.

*To the Mayor and Common Council :*

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Revision of Ordinances, to whom was referred so much of the late message of His Honor, the Mayor, as relates to that subject, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report that a thorough revision of the city ordinances at the earliest practicable period is urgently demanded. The Committee are advised that there is considerable confusion and imperfection in the ordinances regulating the various departments of the city government. Before the same are printed, they should be carefully examined and corrected, which will require considerable care and labor, as well as some additional legislation on the part of the Council. We would recommend that a competent person be employed by the Committee, who shall revise and prepare the ordinances for printing, agreeably to the recommendation of the late message of the Mayor.

P. H. JAMESON,  
S. A. COLLEY,  
CHAS. GLAZIER, } *Committee.*

On motion of Mr. Colley, the report was concurred in, and the Committee instructed to report the probable expense per day of a competent person to revise the ordinances, and prepare them for printing.

By Mr. Jameson, Chairman Committee on Revision of Ordinances:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 8, 1863.

*To His Honor, the Mayor, and Members of the Common Council :*

GENTLEMEN :—The undersigned, Committee to whom was referred the ordinance to amend section twelve of an Ordinance numbered seventeen, entitled An Ordinance regulating Cemeteries, prescribing the duties of the Sexton, and guarding the sanctity of the dead, report back the ordinance, and would state that they have stricken out that portion requiring that said Sexton shall demand and receive such pay in advance, and would recommend that the ordinance as amended be passed.

P. H. JAMESON,  
CHAS. GLAZIER,  
S. A. COLLEY, } *Committee.*

On motion of Mr. McNabb, the report was concurred in, and the ordinance laid upon the table.

By Mr. Brown—Motion :

That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Street Commissioner, under the direction of the Committee on Streets and Alleys, in paying for labor in repairs of streets

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Brown, Chairman Committee on Streets and Alleys :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 8, 1863.

*To the Mayor and Common Council :*

I propose to grade and gravel the sidewalk on the north side of Georgia street, between the east side of Meridian and Pennsylvania streets, with good pit or river gravel. Grading, 38 cents per cubic yard; graveling, with good river gravel, 90 cents per cubic yard; graveling, with good pit gravel, 75 cents per cubic yard.

CORNELIUS COLLINS.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 8, 1863.

*To the Mayor and Common Council :*

GENTLEMEN:—If you award to Cornelius Collins the above work, or any part thereof, we agree to become security for the faithful performance of his contract to do said work, according to specifications.

JAMES MAHONY.  
JERRY WARREN.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 8, 1863.

*To the Mayor and Common Council :*

I propose to grade and boulder Kentucky Avenue, between Washington and Tennessee streets, for the sum of 86½ cents per superficial yard for paving.

JOHN STUMPH.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 8, 1863.

*To the Mayor and Common Council :*

GENTLEMEN:—If you award to John Stumph the above work, or any part thereof, we agree to become security for the faithful performance of his contract to do said work, according to specifications.

JOHN B. STUMPH.  
F. H. TAPKING.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 8, 1863.

*To the Mayor and Common Council :*

GENTLEMEN:—We propose to grade and boulder Kentucky Avenue, between Washington and Tennessee streets. For grading and paving, per superficial yard, 85 cents. Also, for grading and paving with brick the sidewalk on the west side of Meridian street, between North street and the corporation line north, 60 cents per superficial yard.

KRUGER & CO.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 8, 1863.

*To the Mayor and Common Council :*

GENTLEMEN:—If you award to Kruger & Co. the above work, or any part thereof, I agree to become security for the faithful performance of their contract to do said work according to specifications.

GEORGE F. MEYER.

Which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

By Mr. Brown :

*Resolved*, That the following first and final estimate, allowed James Stewart for grading Vermont street, and graveling the sidewalks between Tennessee and Mississippi streets, dated June 8, 1863, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council; and the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being shall the resolution pass? those who voted in the affirmative were, Messrs. Allen, Brown, Boaz, Blake, Colley, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb and Staub—16. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

*First and Final Estimate allowed James Stewart for Grading Vermont Street and Sidewalks, and Graveling the Sidewalks between Mississippi and Tennessee Streets, made at 39 cents per lineal foot :*

OWNERS' NAMES.	Lot.	Square.	Feet.	Inches.	Assess-ment.
J. S. Fugate, off e. side.....	2	28	131	6	\$ 51 28½
Sarah L. Doggett, off w. side.....	2	28	35	.....	13 65
Samuel Lefever, off e. side.....	1	28	28	.....	10 92
George Merritt, w. side.....	1	28	161	10	63 11½
Wm. Mansur.....	5, 6	13	135	.....	52 65
James S. Ruker.....	4	13	67	6	26 32½
Henry F. Fletcher, off e. side.....	3	13	23	6	9 16½
Henry Allen, off w. side.....	3	13	44	.....	17 16
Robert Harbison's heirs, e. ½.....	2	13	33	9	13 16¼
Joseph Levi's heirs, w. ½.....	2	13	33	9	13 16¼
William Coughlin.....	1	13	67	6	26 32½
Common Council .....	.....	.....	15	.....	5 85
			776	6	\$ 302 80

I certify the above estimate correct, and made in accordance with an order of the Common Council.

JAMES WOOD, *Civil Engineer.*

INDIANAPOLIS, June 8, 1863.

By Mr. Emerson :

*Resolved*, That James Stewart be allowed first and final estimates for grading and graveling Ohio street and north sidewalk, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets, and for grading and graveling Market street, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets, when finished to the satisfaction of the Civil Engineer.

The question being, shall the resolution pass? those who voted in the affirmative, were: Messrs. Allen, Brown, Blake, Boaz, Colley, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb and Staub—16. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

By Mr. Emerson :

*Resolved*, That a first and final estimate be allowed Samuel R. Mann for grading and graveling Market street, between West and Tennessee streets, when finished to the satisfaction of the Civil Engineer.

The question being, shall the resolution pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Allen, Brown, Boaz, Blake, Colley, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb and Staub—16. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

From the Chief Fire Engineer—Report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 24, 1863.

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

GENTLEMEN:—On taking charge of the fire department, permit me to make the following report :

By request of your Committee on Fire Department, several persons have been dismissed from the department in Company No. 1. I have appointed John Riggs, James Hamilton and James A. Isgrigg, to fill the vacancies, and ask that you concur in said appointments.

Engine House No. 3 is in bad condition : the roof leaks, and the back part of the wall is nearly ready to fall down. I would recommend that said wall be rebuilt, and also a brick stable be built to this house at the same time. The alarm bell on this house is broken, and is not sufficient to give an alarm. It is necessary that a new bell should be purchased, or the old one recast. The Hook and Ladder building needs new doors in front, and some flooring. Some small repairs are necessary at some of the other houses. Of the cisterns constructed for last year, but one has been finished, and it leaks.

The cistern at the corner of North and California streets has had the water pumped out of it several months since, for the purpose of being repaired, but Mr. Woods, the contractor, says the water is too high in the ground for him to do anything to them now. There has been a hole dug for a cistern on the corner of Vine and Huron streets, which has been full of water all winter, to the great annoyance of the citizens in that neighborhood. The cistern at the corner of Meridian and Ohio streets leaks bad, and I am told that said cistern cannot be repaired, unless by building a new wall inside of the old one, and re-plaster the same. Some repairs are necessary to several other cisterns.

I would recommend that one or two extra large cisterns be built in the business part of the city, near Washington street, for, with the present number, in case of a large fire, the water would give out.

I have gathered up all the apparatus, hose, and other traps, and stored them in the old hook and ladder and other engine houses. There are two, nearly new, fire engines getting badly rusted. There are, also, the old engines, Victory, and Marion, badly out of repair, and too old to sell for fire purposes. I should like to be advised as to what shall be done with them. There are besides, one hose-wagon and about 2,500 feet of hose, some of which are unfit for fire purposes.

I call your attention to the petition of the hosemen and pipemen of the fire department, asking an increase of pay. They are getting \$50 00 per year, which is not sufficient to justify the men in running to fires, and assist in filling cisterns.

The department is in good working order.

Most respectfully,

CHARLES RICHMANN,

*Chief Fire Engineer.*

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

From the Market Master—Report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 12, 1863.

*To the Honorable Common Council :*

GENTLEMEN :—I respectfully report to your honorable body that I have collected for the year ending May 10th, 1863, as market rents, the sum of eight hundred and sixty-seven dollars and sixty-eight cents, which I have paid over to the Treasurer, and have taken his receipt for the same. Respectfully,

CHARLES JOHN,

*Market Master.*

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Markets.

From the Sexton of the City Cemeteries—Report:  
Report of the Sexton for the month ending May 12, 1863.

## NUMBER OF INTERMENTS.

Under 1 year.....	17
1 to 5 years.....	10
5 to 10 years.....	4
10 to 20 years.....	6
20 to 30 years.....	11
30 to 45 years.....	5
40 to 50 years.....	4
50 to 60 years.....	2
60 to 70 years.....	1
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Total .....	60
From the Country.....	4

G. W. ALLRED, *Sexton.*

Report of the Sexton for the month ending June 8th, 1863.

## NUMBER OF INTERMENTS.

Under 1 year.....	6
1 to 5 years.....	20
5 to 10 years.....	4
10 to 20 years.....	4
20 to 30 years.....	2
30 to 40 years.....	8
40 to 50 years.....	2
50 to 60 years.....	2
70 to 80 years.....	2
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Total.....	50
From the Country.....	4

G. W. ALLRED, *Sexton.*

By Mr. H. A. Fletcher:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and bouldering of the alle running east and west through square fifty-four (54), between Illinois and Tennessee streets.

The ordinance was read the first time, and, on motion of Mr. H. A. Fletcher, was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. McNabb, the following ordinances were taken up on the third reading:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of Tennessee street and paving the sidewalks with brick, between Washington and Maryland streets.

SECTION 1. *Be it Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,* That the whole width of the above named street be

properly graded, and 40 feet in width of the centre of said street be graveled with screened river gravel 14 inches in depth in the centre, sloping to 4 inches at either edge, and over said gravel shall be placed a coating of good river gravel 2 inches in depth; and 9 feet in width of the inner edge of the sidewalks be paved with hard burned brick, and that the expense of grading and graveleving and paving such street and sidewalks as aforesaid, (except so much thereof as is occupied by the crossings of streets and alleys,) be assessed against, and collected from, the owners of the lots bordering on said street, between the limits aforesaid, according to the provisions of sections 66 to 69, inclusive, of the City Charter.

SEC. 2. The Civil Engineer is hereby directed to set the proper stakes, and also to advertise by publication for ten days in the Indianapolis Daily Journal, and by posting up printed notices in not less than five of the most public places in the city, that sealed proposals will be received by the Common Council, at the meeting of the Council to be held on the 22d day of June, 1863, for the execution of said work.

SEC. 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Ordained and established this 8th day of June, 1863.

Attest:

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative, were: Messrs. Allen, Brown, Boaz, Blake, Colley, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb and Staub—16. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveleving of Tennessee street and sidewalks, between Maryland and south side of Georgia streets:

SECTION 1. *Be it Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis*, That the whole width of Tennessee street, between the above named points, be properly graded, and 40 feet in width of the centre of said street be graveled with screened river gravel 14 inches in depth in the centre, sloping to four inches at either edge; and over said gravel shall be placed a coating of good river gravel 2 inches in depth; the sidewalks, between the limits aforesaid, to be graveled with good river gravel to the depth of 6 inches, and that the expense of grading and graveleving such street and sidewalks, as aforesaid, (except so much thereof as is occupied by the crossings of streets and alleys,) be assessed against, and collected from, the owners of the lots bordering on said street, between the limits aforesaid, according to the provisions of sections 66 to 69, inclusive, of the City Charter.

SEC. 2. The Civil Engineer is hereby directed to set the proper stakes and also to advertise by publication for ten days in the Indian-

apolis Daily Journal, and by posting up printed notices in not less than five of the most public places in the city, that sealed proposals will be received by the Common Council at the meeting of the Council to be held on the 22d day of June, 1863, for the execution of said work.

SEC. 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Ordained and established this 8th day of June, 1863.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

Attest:

CYRUS S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Allen, Brown, Boaz, Blake, Colley, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb and Staub—16. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of the alley running east and west through Square 68:

SECTION 1. *Be it Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis*, That the whole width of the above named alley be properly graded, and 15 feet in width of the center of said alley be graveled with good river gravel, 15 inches in depth, in the center sloping to 5 inches at either edge; and the sidewalk be also graveled with the same quality of gravel to the depth of 6 inches; and that the expense of grading and graveling such alley as aforesaid, (except so much thereof as is occupied by the crossings of streets and alleys,) be assessed against, and collected from the owners of the lots bordering on said alley, between the limits aforesaid, according to the provisions of sections 66 to 69, inclusive, of the City Charter.

SEC. 2. The Civil Engineer is hereby directed to set the proper stakes, and also to advertise by publication for ten days in the Indianapolis Daily Journal, and by posting up printed notices in not less than five of the most public places in the city, that sealed proposals will be received by the Common Council, at the meeting of the Council to be held on the 22d day of June, 1863, for the execution of said work.

SEC. 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Ordained and established this 8th day of June, 1863.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

Attest:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative, were Messrs. Allen, Brown, Boaz, Blake, Colley,

Cook, Coburn, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb and Staub—16. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

By Mr. Brown, Chairman Committee on Streets and Alleys :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 6, 1863.

The undersigned, having taken a contract from the City Council of the city of Indianapolis to grade and gravel Tennessee street and sidewalks, between Market street and Indiana Avenue, now and hereby assigns and relinquishes to John Love, of Indianapolis, so much of said contract as relates to grading and graveling the sidewalk of lots 10, 11 and 12, in Block 47, in said city.

G. W. BURROWS.

INDIANAPOLIS, June, 6, 1863.

*To the Honorable City Council :*

G. W. Burrows, Esq., having relinquished his right to grade and gravel the sidewalk in lots 10, 11 and 12, in Block 47, in this city, the undersigned would respectfully represent to your honorable body that he desires to make a more permanent improvement of the sidewalk above named, and asks authority to make a brick pavement ten feet wide on Tennessee street, and also a brick pavement on Ohio street on the sidewalk of lot 12, in said Block 47; and asks that the Engineer be instructed to set the proper grade stakes. The sidewalks of course to be satisfactory to the City Engineer.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LOVE.

Which, on motion of Mr. Brown, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

On motion of Mr. Colley, the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

ATTEST :

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*