

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS. }
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 1863, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session this evening.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair ;
and the following members:

Councilmen Allen, Brown, Boaz, Blake, Colley, Cook, Coburn,
Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., Lefever, McNabb, Staub, and
Thompson—13.

Absent—Councilmen H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jame-
son, and Wallace—5.

The proceedings of the special session, held October 12th,
1863, were read and approved.

By Mr. S. A. Fletcher, Jr.—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 19, 1863.

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

The undersigned would beg leave to ask you to have the alley
bouldered running north and south, between Delaware and Ala-
bama streets, south of Washington, and between the property of
William Shoppenhorst and Mrs. Harriet Judah, running back to
Cumberland street. The said alley is in an awful condition. It

is also a very public alley, and I would ask you to have it done as soon as possible, and I will pay my portion of the expense.

Yours very respectfully,

WILLIAM SHOPPENHORST.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, with instructions to report an ordinance at next meeting of Council.

By Dr. Thompson, Chairman Committee on Markets :

The Committee on Markets, to whom was referred the ordinance licensing butchers, report that, in their opinion, the said ordinance should be stricken out, and that any, and all persons who desire to sell meat, be permitted to sell meats in our markets without license, subject only to the regulations of said market houses.

W. CLINTON THOMPSON, }
WILLIAM ALLEN, } Committee.
WILLIAM COOK, }

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

By Dr. Thompson, Chairman Committee on Gas Light :

The Committee on Gas, to whom was referred the bids for furnishing and erecting lamp posts, lamps, and fixtures on Delaware street, between north side of New York street and south side of North street, would report in favor of awarding the contract to Cox, Lord & Peck, they being the lowest bidders.

W. CLINTON THOMPSON, }
S. LEFEVER, } Committee.

Which, on motion of Mr. Allen, was concurred in, and the contract awarded.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 19th, 1863.

Mr. President:—The Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the bids for grading and graveling the alley running east and west through square 61, report that they have examined the same, and find Cornelius Collins the best bidder, and, therefore, recommend that the contract be awarded to said Cornelius Collins.

AUSTIN H. BROWN, }
HENRY COBURN, } Committee.
WILLIAM COOK, }

Which, on motion, was concurred in, and the contract awarded.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 19th, 1863.

Mr. President:—The Committee on Streets and Alleys to whom was referred the petition of J. H. McKernan and others, asking the passage of an ordinance to grade and gravel Tennessee street,

between Garden and McCarty streets, would report that the petitioners represent nearly one half of the property holders interested. The Committee think, however, this is not the right season of the year to commence such an improvement, and therefore decline, at present, to present an ordinance.

AUSTIN H. BROWN, }
HENRY COBURN, } *Committee.*
WILLIAM COOK, }

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

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

Resolved, That the following first and final estimates be, and the same are hereby adopted and approved, as the estimates 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., Lefever, McNabb and Thompson—13. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

First and Final Estimate allowed Cornelius Collins for Grading and Graveling the first Alley west of Delaware street, running north and south through square 77, between Maryland street and the first Alley south of said street, made at 29 cents per lineal foot.

OWNERS' NAMES.	Lot.	Square.	Feet.		Assessment.
				Inches.	
German Catholic Church.....	10	77	73	0	\$21 17
M. D. E. St. Palais.....	9	77	72	0	20 88
Carl F. T. Meyer.....	8	77	24	0	6 96
M. D. E. St. Palais, 7 and.....	6	77	48	0	13 92
James H. McKernan.....	5	77	24	0	6 96
N. Blaes.....	4	77	24	0	6 96
Samuel Segrism.....	3	77	24	0	6 96
			289	0	\$83 81

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

JAMES WOOD, *Civil Engineer.*

Indianapolis, October 19th, 1863.

First and Final Estimate allowed Kruger & Co. for Grading and Bouldering the Alley running east and west through square 54, made at \$1 51 $\frac{2}{3}$ per lineal foot.

OWNERS' NAMES.	Lot.	Out-Lot.	Feet.	Inches.	Assessment.
Harvey Bates, 4, 5 and east part.....	6	54	165	6	\$251 01 1-6
J. W. Dodd, middle part.....	6	54	18	6	28 06 1-6
Weaver & Williams, west part.....	6	54	18	6	28 06 1-6
Charles Meyer, part.....	9	54	35	6	53 84 3-6
Philip Woerner, part.....	9	54	16	0	24 26 4-6
Mathias Rech, part.....	9	54	16	0	24 26 4-6
Benjamin Pottage, part.....	9	54	22	6	34 12 5-6
Joseph Fellenger, part.....	9	54	18	0	27 30
John P. Meikel, part.....	9	54	18	0	27 30
Valentine Butsch, part.....	9	54	76	6	116 02 5-6
Isaac Blackford's heirs.....	10	54	202	6	307 13 3-6
James Muir, off west side.....	3	54	31	0	47 01 4-6
Alfred M'Coy, off east side.....	3	54	36	6	53 36 1-6
William Robson's heirs.....	2	54	67	6	102 37 5-6
George Norwood.....	1	54	67	6	102 37 5-6
Common Council.....					129 20
					\$1357 72

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

JAMES WOOD, *Civil Engineer.*

Indianapolis, October 19th, 1863.

First and Final Estimate allowed Cornelius Collins for Grading and Graveling the Sidewalk on the North side of Georgia Street, between Meridian and Pennsylvania Streets, made at 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per lineal foot.

OWNERS' NAMES.	Lot.	Square.	Feet.	Inches.	Assessment.
Thomas A. Morris.....	12	76	202	6	\$82 01 $\frac{1}{2}$
William Sullivant, 4, 5 and	6	76	202	6	82 01 $\frac{1}{2}$
Common Council.....					6 07 $\frac{1}{2}$
					\$170 10 $\frac{1}{2}$

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

JAMES WOOD, *Civil Engineer.*

INDIANAPOLIS, October 19, 1863.

First and Final Estimate allowed James Stewart, for Grading and Graveling Tennessee Street, and paving the Sidewalks with brick, between Washington and Maryland Streets, made at $97\frac{2}{3}$ cents per lineal foot, for Street, and $64\frac{1}{2}$ cents per lineal foot for Sidewalks.

OWNERS' NAMES.	Lot.	Square.	Feet.		Inches.		Assessment for Street.	Assessment for Sidewalk.	Total.
Grand Lodge of Freemasons, 7 and	8	67	356	4	348	03	158	88	596 91
Helen M. Rockwood, south part.	12	68	85	0	83	01	54	82 $\frac{1}{2}$	137 81
J. C. Ramsey's heirs, north part..	12	68	110	0	107	33	70	95	178 28 $\frac{1}{2}$
State of Indiana.....	1	195	0	190	45	108	36	298 81
Common Council.....					29	30	77	57 $\frac{1}{2}$	106 78 $\frac{1}{2}$
									1228 71

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

JAMES WOOD, *Civil Engineer.*

INDIANAPOLIS, October 19, 1863.

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

PROPOSALS FOR CLEANING THE BOULDERED STREETS AND ALLEYS.

For cleaning all the bouldered Streets and Alleys in the City: Thomas Wren, thirty-seven dollars per square for the streets, and nineteen dollars per square for the alleys. Security, P. H. Hanrohan. Michael Hannifin, forty dollars per square for the streets, and twenty-five dollars per square for the alleys. Security, John Welsh.

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

Austin H. Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas A. Morris, and others, asking permission to construct passenger railways upon and along certain Streets in the City of Indianapolis, reported an ordinance, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Construction, Extension and Operation of certain Passenger Railways in and upon the Streets of the City of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time, and, on motion of Mr. S. A. Fletcher, Jr., was read a second time by its title, and one hundred copies ordered to be printed.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication from R. B. Catherwood, Esq., on the subject of Street Railways:

INDIANAPOLIS, October 19th, 1863.

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

Gentlemen :—Having been credibly informed, that your honorable body intend to pass an ordinance granting the right to build a street railroad in your city, I would most respectfully submit to your consideration, viz. : That a company of this city is in course of organization who are amply able and willing to go into immediate operation, and (if they should obtain a grant from your body,) *at once* commence the construction of the road, obligating themselves to build and equip two (2) miles of road, with the cars running on it, by the 4th day of July, 1864.

They will also stipulate and agree to finish the balance of the road with the same speed, accepting and complying with the ordinance recommended by your committee.

I would also state that the grant will be accepted with a stipulation, that in case of a failure on the part of the company to build and have in running order two miles of said road by the 4th day of July, 1864, then the grant to be forfeited by the company, and all the rights granted by your corporation to revert back to them.

Presenting this for your consideration,

I remain your obedient servant,

R. B. CATHERWOOD,

In behalf of the Company.

Which, on motion of Mr. S. A. Fletcher, Jr., was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

From the City Clerk—Report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 12th, 1863.

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

Gentlemen—I would respectfully report that affidavits have been filed with me, in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter, for the collection of street assessments, as follows :

In favor of Samuel R. Mann vs. Stoughton A. Fletcher,	
<i>sen.</i> Amount.....	\$46 72 $\frac{3}{4}$
In favor of C. W. Catterson vs. Henry D. Campbell.	
Amount.....	101 70
In favor of C. W. Catterson vs. W. Blake's heirs.	Amount, 33 90
In favor of C. W. Catterson vs. Eliza H. Reut.	Amount, 33 90
In favor of C. W. Catterson vs. H. Trendleman.	Amount, 33 90

I would, therefore, ask that your honorable body order precepts thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*

On motion of Mr. Allen, the report was concurred in, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes, and the Clerk directed to issue the precepts.

From the Chief Fire Engineer—Report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 19th, 1863.

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

Gentlemen :—I would respectfully report to your honorable body, that, in accordance with your orders, I have purchased a new alarm bell for Engine House No. 3, and that the same has been tried and works well. The following is a statement of the cost, &c. of the bell :

Troy Bell Foundry, Oct. 6, 1863.

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,

By C. Richmann, Esq., Chief Fire Engineer,

In account with JONES & Co., Dr.

To Bell, &c., as per bill rendered Sept. 2d.....	\$495 37
“ cash paid freight and charges on old Bell, Oct. 5.....	11 30
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CR. :	\$506 67
By old Bell, 816 lbs. at 33 cents.....	269 28
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Balance due.....	\$237 39

I would recommend that the balance due as shown in the above statement, be allowed, and that the City Clerk be authorized to draw a warrant on the Treasury to make the amount in cash.

I would report further, that I have sold the Engine “Conqueror” and apparatus to the City of Fort Wayne for \$700—\$300 cash, balance in 12 months, with good security.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES RICHMANN,

Chief Fire Engineer.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the report was concurred in, and the Clerk directed to issue a warrant on the Treasury for the amount in cash.

On motion of Mr. Emerson, the following ordinance was taken up on the third reading :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of the north sidewalk on New York street, between West and Blackford streets.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That the whole width of the north sidewalk on New York street, between West and Blackford streets, be properly graded and graveled with good River or Creek, gravel to the depth of six inches, and that the expense of grading and graveling of such 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 2d day of November, 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 19th day of October, 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, Blake, Boaz, Colley, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., Lefever, McNabb, and Thompson—13. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

On motion of Mr. Emerson, the following ordinance was taken up on the third reading :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of the north sidewalk on New York street, from the east side of Blackford street, to the first alley west of Bright street.

SECTION. 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis*, That the whole width of the north sidewalk on New York street, from the east side of Blackford street, to the first alley west of Bright street, be properly graded and graveled with good River or Creek gravel and that the expense of grading and graveling 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 aforessid, according to the provisions of sections 66 to 69, inclusive, of the City Charter.

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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., Lefever, McNabb, Staub, and Thompson—13. Noes none.

So the ordinance passed.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the following ordinance was taken up on the third reading:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and paving with brick, so much of the sidewalk on the west side of Delaware street, between the north side of the union railroad track and Washington street, as is not already paved.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,* That the whole width of the sidewalk on the west side of Delaware street, between the north side of the Union railroad track and Washington street, as is not already paved with brick, or flag stones, shall be properly graded and paved with good paving brick, and the outer edge shall be curbed with good limestone, properly dressed, except where the same may be already curbed. Said work shall be done under the supervision, and to the approval of the Civil Engineer, and that the expense of grading, paving and curbing such sidewalk, 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 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 2nd day of November, 1863, for the execution of said work.

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

Ordnained and established, this 19th day of October, 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., Lefever, McNabb, Staub, and Thompson.—13. Noes none.

So the ordinance passed.

By Mr. Thompson:

Resolved, That an order be drawn for five hundred dollars, in favor of Andrew Wallace, Treasurer of the Committee of Re-

ception of Hon. S. P. CHASE, the said five hundred dollars the city gives toward paying expenses of same, and that the City Clerk be instructed to issue a warrant for the amount.

The question being, shall the resolution pass? those who voted in the affirmative, were Messrs. Allen, Brown, Boaz, Blake, Colley, Cook, Coburn, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., Lefever, Staub and Thompson—11.

Those who voted in the negative, were Messrs. Emerson and McNabb—2.

So the resolution passed.

By Mr. McNabb:

Resolved, That John Stumph, be allowed a final estimate, for grading and bouldering the alley running east and west through square 65, 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., Lefever, McNabb, Staub, and Thompson—13. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

By Mr. Boaz—Motion:

That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby instructed to have the boulders in the alley running north and south through square 65, raised to the proper grade, between Washington street, and the first alley south of said street.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Emerson—Motion:

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to see the President of the Terre Haute Railroad Company, and see if there cannot be timbers procured for the bridge over Pogue's Run, at the crossing of Meridian street, and also contract for 2½ inch plank for said bridge.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Emerson—Motion:

That the Civil Engineer be instructed to advertise for proposals for the erection of a wooden bridge over the canal, at the intersection of McCarty street.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Boaz—Motion:

That the Civil Engineer be instructed to examine the culverts over Pogue's Run near Meridian street, and report to this Council whether the same is safe.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Brown—Motion:

That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the Union Railway Company to widen the culvert under the Union track on the east side of Illinois street, so as to make the same at least three feet in width.

Which motion was adopted.

By Dr. Thompson—Motion:

That when the Council adjourn, it adjourn to meet on next Monday evening, the 26th inst., at 7½ o'clock.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*