

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—MARCH 2, 1885.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, March 2d, A. D. 1885, at half-past seven o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. John L. McMaster, Mayor, and *ex officio* President of the Common Council in the Chair, and Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf—23.

ABSENT, 2—viz. Councilmen Cowie, and Rees.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session, held February 16th, 1885, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

OPENING AND REFERRING SEALED PROPOSALS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Sealed proposals for (S. O. 92, 1884), grading, bowldering and curbing the south gutter of Fort Wayne avenue, and paving with brick the south sidewalk thereof, from New Jersey street to Central avenue, were opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

Sealed proposals for erecting an Engine House on the city's Prospect street lot, near Dillon street, were opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts, Chief Fire Engineer and City Civil Engineer.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following Invitation; which was accepted:

Indianapolis, Feb. 28, 1884.

Hon. JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor, Indianapolis:

Dear Sir:—Will you be kind enough to invite the Board of Aldermen, the Common Council and the city officers to attend the dedication of the new High School building, on Friday evening, March 6th, and participate in the ceremonies upon the occasion. The building is in every respect creditable to the city, and will compare favorably with any in the country. The building will be open for inspection at 7½ o'clock, and the exercises commence in the Hall at 8 o'clock, prompt.

Yours truly,

J. J. BINGHAM,

Ch'n. of the High School Committee.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following reports; which were received, the contracts concurred in, and the bonds approved:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following contracts and bonds:

Contract and bond of Wm. W. Loucks, for the construction and erection of a combination bridge on Eddy street over Pogue's Run. Bond, \$1,920.00; surety, L. A. Fulmer.

Contract and bond of Wm. W. Loucks, for the construction and erection of a combination bridge over the Canal on Sixth street. Bond, \$1,825.00; surety, L. A. Fulmer.

Respectfully submitted,
S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following contracts and bonds:

Contract and bond of John Egger, for painting Shelby and Olive street bridges over Pleasant Run. Bond, \$200.00; surety, H. C. Roney.

Contract and bond of Fred. Gansberg, for grading and graveling Beecher street and sidewalks, from Shelby street to the first street east of Shelby street. Bond, \$800.00; surety, H. C. Roney.

Contract and bond of James W. Hudson, for grading and bowldering the roadway of Alabama street, from Pogue's Run to the C., I., St. L. & C. Railroad tracks. Bond, \$2,000.00; surety, J. L. Spaulding.

Contract and bond of Fulmer & Seibert, for grading and graveling the first alley south of St. Joseph street, from Illinois street to the first alley east of Illinois street. Bond, \$400.00; surety, Hiram Seibert.

Contract and bond of J. D. Hoss & Co., for grading and graveling the first alley south of Brookside avenue and Omer street, from Clifford avenue to its eastern terminus. Bond, \$800.00; surety, J. L. Spaulding.

Contract and bond of J. D. Hoss & Co., for grading and graveling the first alley north of Third street, from West street to the first alley west of West street. Bond, \$400.00; surety, J. L. Spaulding.

Contract and bond of J. D. Hoss & Co., for grading and paving with brick the south sidewalk of Brookside avenue, from Clifford avenue to Omer street. Bond, \$600.00; surety, J. L. Spaulding.

Respectfully submitted, S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The City Clerk submitted the following report:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I submit herewith the following entitled affidavits, now on file in my office, for the collection of street improvement assessments by precepts, to wit:

Richter & Twiname vs. Harriett Keller, for.....	\$61 82
David A. Haywood vs. Thomas Wren, for.....	16 28
David A. Haywood vs. Thomas Wren, for.....	5 88

Respectfully submitted, GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

On motion, the affidavit of Richter & Twiname vs. Harriett Keller, was referred to the Judiciary Committee; and on the balance the precepts were ordered to issue, by the following vote:

AYES, 16—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Dowling, Downey, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS, 1—viz. Councilman Edenharter.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was referred to the Finance Committee:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit an itemized statement, showing the amount of orders drawn on the city treasury during the month of February, 1885, viz:

Board of Health.....	\$ 202 85	
Bridges.....	193 39	
City Assessor's Department.....	221 75	
City Civil Engineer's Department.....	144 25	
City Dispensary.....	266 56	
City Hall.....	162 30	
City Hospital and Branch.....	1,643 71	
City Hospital addition.....	135 50	
City Treasurer's per centage.....	403 47	
Fire Department.....	6,844 45	
Gas.....	5,550 66	
Incidental.....	230 00	
Interest on bonds.....	3,180 00	
Judgments and costs.....	68 96	
Markets.....	106 13	
Market-Masters' fees.....	140 43	
Parks.....	139 60	
Police.....	4,453 01	
Printing.....	868 04	
Salary.....	144 75	
Sewers.....	275 00	
Station House.....	395 34	
Street improvements.....	167 57	
Street openings and vacations.....	45 00	
Street repairs.....	593 27	
Taxes refunded.....	72 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 26,647 99
School fund.....	\$ 3,236 31	
Sewer fund.....	963 23	
Sinking fund.....	441 31	
	<hr/>	4,640 85
Total.....	<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$ 31,288 84

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The City Treasurer submitted the following report; which was referred to the Finance Committee:

Report of I. N. PATTISON, City Treasurer, for the month of February, 1885.

RECEIPTS.

From benefits.....	\$ 30 00
From coal licenses.....	10 00
From clinic tickets and pay patients.....	73 00
From dog licenses.....	75
From fines and fees.....	308 55
From hack licenses.....	5 00
From huckster licenses.....	5 00
From liquor licenses.....	61 45

From Market-masters' fees.....	\$ 289 35
From peddlers' licenses.....	47 00
From sale of old material—(Fire Department).....	50 00
From show licenses.....	200 00
From taxes current.....	21,121 08
From tax sales current.....	1,926 75
From tax sales delinquent.....	1,988 05
From taxes delinquent.....	3,915 31
Total.....	\$ 29,981 29
Balance on hand February 1st, 1885, as per last report.....	53,596 73
	<u>\$ 83,578 02</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Board of Health.....	\$ 204 85
For bridges.....	193 39
For City Assessor's department.....	221 75
For City Civil Engineer's department.....	144 25
For City Dispensary.....	224 90
For City Hall.....	141 30
For City Hospital and Branch.....	1,738 33
For Fire Department.....	6,814 95
For gas.....	5,550 66
For incidentals.....	248 00
For interest on bonds.....	3,180 00
For judgments and costs.....	68 96
For Market-Masters' fees.....	157 11
For parks.....	139 60
For per centage.....	403 47
For police.....	4,453 01
For printing.....	868 04
For salary.....	182 25
For sewers.....	275 00
For sewer fund.....	963 23
For sinking fund.....	441 31
For Station Houses.....	403 14
For street improvements.....	223 73
For street openings and vacations.....	45 00
For street repairs.....	539 74
For taxes refunded.....	72 00
For markets.....	106 13
Total.....	\$ 28,004 10
Balance on hand March 1st, 1885.....	55,573 92
	<u>\$ 83 578 02</u>

TOMLINSON ESTATE.

Balance on hand February 1st, 1885, as per last report.....	\$ 64,901 70
Rents.....	115 88
	<u>\$ 65,017 58</u>
Balance on hand March 1st, 1885.....	\$ 65,017 58

ADDITIONAL CITY HALL FUND.

Balance on hand February 1st, 1885.....	\$ 45,749 94
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SINKING FUND.

Balance on hand February 1st, 1885.....	\$ 30,903 24
From January taxes.....	441 31
	\$ 31,344 55
Balance on hand March 1st, 1885.....	\$ 31,344 55

SEWER FUND.

From January taxes.....	\$ 963 23
Balance on hand March 1st, 1885.....	\$ 963 23

Respectfully submitted,

I. N. PATTISON, City Treasurer.

To GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The City Clerk presented the following communication; which was received:

OFFICE OF THE INDIANAPOLIS GAS-LIGHT AND COKE COMPANY, }
Indianapolis, Ind., Feb'y. 24th, 1885. }

The Board of Directors of the Indianapolis Gas-Light and Coke Company met pursuant to the call of the President. The following resolutions were introduced by Mr. Churchman.

Be it Resolved, That this company hereby fully accepts the terms and conditions of G. O. No. three (3) of 1885, passed by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, on the 16th and 23d days of February, 1885, entitled "An ordinance extending the franchise of the Indianapolis Gas-Light and Coke Company, subject to certain modifications and restrictions, and fixing a limit to the price to be charged for gas, by said company."

And be it further Resolved, That the President is directed for and on behalf of the company, to cause a certified copy of these resolutions to be prepared and filed on behalf of the company, with the City Clerk, as provided for in said ordinance.

The above resolutions were unanimously adopted.

I, Allen M. Fletcher, President of the Indianapolis Gas-Light and Coke Company, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and complete copy of the records of the proceedings of the Board of Directors of said company, at a meeting of said Board held on the day and year first above written, and that this certificate is made by me in compliance with the order of said Board.

(Signed),

ALLEN M. FLETCHER, Pres't.

[Seal.] Attest: S. D. PRAY, Sec'y.

The City Attorney submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Since your last meeting, the case of The City² vs. Patrick Smith, appealed from the Mayor's Court, to test the validity of the Loitering Ordinance of January 23, 1882, found on page 441 of the new revision of ordinances, has been tried in the Superior Court. It was claimed that the offenses named in said ordinance are covered by Section 2,134 on the subject of vagrancy, and therefore void. The court held, however, that the ordinance is valid, sustaining the Mayor's decision, and imposed a fine of six dollars and costs on the defendant.

No petition for a re-hearing having been filed in the case of Nancy E. Cook vs. The City, in the Supreme Court, within the sixty days allowed therefor, that cause was remanded to the lower court a few days since, and in obedience to the instructions of the Supreme Court, the judgment of \$2,000.00 originally rendered against the city, has been set aside, and a judgment rendered in her favor for costs. This is the end of the litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. DENNY, City Attorney.

The City Attorney submitted the following report, accompanied with communication; which, on motion by Councilman Dowling, was referred to the City Attorney, with instructions to report at the next meeting:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—As directed by your honorable bodies, I communicated with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, through M. J. Becker, its Chief Engineer concerning the donation by said company of a strip of land owned by it, for the extension of Union street. I have received the accompanying letter in answer, which I submit for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. DENNY, City Attorney.

Columbus, Ohio, February 27, 1885.

C. S. DENNY, Esq., City Attorney, Indianapolis, Ind.:

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your letter of February 26th, stating the terms upon which the Board of Aldermen and Council will be willing to accept the donation of a strip or ground owned by the Pennsylvania Company for the extension of Union street. If I understand the wording of the resolution at all, and interpret correctly your explanation, I do not see how the city could impose any taxes upon us as long as we remain outside of the corporation; and I do not see what would prevent them from annexing the property at any time, and then taxing us for the improvement of the street. If the Council will modify their action so as to have it distinctly understood that the opening, grading, paving, guttering, sewers, and all other improvements for the original establishment of the street shall not be made a tax upon the adjoining property belonging to the Pennsylvania Company, we would not object to the maintenance and repair afterwards; but the wording of the resolution is entirely too indefinite for our acceptance in its present shape.

Yours truly,

M. J. BECKER, Chief Engineer.

The Rental Agent submitted the following report; which was received:

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Members of the Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—I herewith report collections of rents from the Tomlinson Estate for the month of February, 1885, as follows:

Mrs. Mary Dwyer, No. 113 north Illinois street.....	\$ 30 00
Mrs. Hannah Overman, No. 115 north Illinois street.....	30 00
Mrs. W. H. Mahan, No. 117 north Illinois street.....	30 00
Dr. Campbell, ground rent Indiana avenue.....	12 50
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Less commission, 3½ per cent.	\$102 50
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	\$ 98 93
Less repairs.....	2 40
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	\$ 96 53
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March 2d, 1885.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HADLEY, Agent.

The Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch submitted his report for February, 1885; which was read and received.

The Superintendent of the City Dispensary submitted his report for February, 1885; which was read and received.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman Reynolds, presented the following petition; which was granted:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—We would most respectfully petition your honorable bodies for an extension of time to complete our contract for grading and graveling Munson street and sidewalks, until June 1st, 1885, it being impossible for us to do any part of the work this winter.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHTER & TWINAME, Contractors.

Recommend the time be extended.

M. M. Reynolds,
R. H. Rees,
Board of Public Improvements.

Councilman Reynolds, in behalf of the Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—We herewith report expenditures in the Street Repair Department, for the month of February, together with total expenditures to March 1st, 1885:

Pay-rolls.....	\$ 479 70
Blacksmithing.....	25 60
Fountain repairs.....	5 35
Hardware.....	7 67
Lumber.....	66 45
Rubber boots.....	8 50
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Total expenditures for February.....	\$ 593 27
Total expenditures per last report.....	816 84
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Total expenditures to March 1st, 1885.....	\$ 1,410 11

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Reynolds,
R. H. Rees,
Board of Public Improvements.

C. S. RONEY, Street Commissioner.

The Board of Health submitted the Mortality report for the two weeks ending February 28th, 1885, showing 78 deaths; which was read and received.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

On motion, it was ordered that the Committee on Office Fixtures and Supplies purchase a table suitable for use in the Mayor's office.

The Committee on Finance, through Councilman Thalman, submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a motion to "see what can be done to lessen the expenses of the city government," respectfully report as follows:

The cost of water, gas, salaries, police, printing and interest, are fixed by contract and ordinances, and can not be changed at this time.

The adoption of the resolution now before you, that no more Street Improvement ordinances be passed, unless petitioned for by a majority of the property owners on the line where said improvement is to be made, will stop a great many ordinances from being rushed through, that are not really necessary, and of which the city has a large part to pay; further, it is a matter of justice to the property owners to give them a say as to whether the improvement should be made or not.

The stopping of ordering Water and Gas companies to extend their mains for the present year, would be a great saving, and could be dispensed with without the interest of any part of the city suffering in the least.

The Fire Department and City Hospital are necessities which we believe every tax payer will endorse, and desire to be kept in good working order. We can see nothing in either department that shows extravagance or unnecessary expense. Your committee have made a careful estimate of the expenses for the year 1885, and will report to your honorable body from time to time any departments that are about to exceed their estimate, so that a halt can be called.

The sewer ordinances already passed, and contracted for, including State Ditch, will take every dollar of the sewer tax revenue, except \$5,000 set aside for Pogue's Run.

Bridges now under way and contracted for, will cost \$15,000, which is the full amount of the estimate; so that there will be no more funds for sewers or bridges; therefore no further ordinances or resolutions should be passed for either.

Street repairs, stone crossings and incidentals, are in your hands at every meeting of the Council. By a firm determination to vote against all measures introduced that are not absolutely necessary, a large amount can be saved, and your 90 cent levy can be made to meet all expenses.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration,

Isaac Thalman,
John R. Pearson,
Preston C. Trusler,
Committee on Finance.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, February 23d, 1885, non concurred in your action in awarding the contract for veterinary services in the Fire Department, for the reason that the party to whom the contract was awarded, is neither the best or the lowest bidder.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

Councilman Newcomb moved that the Common Council adhere to their former action.

Councilman Spahr moved as a substitute, that the matter be referred to a special committee; which was laid on the table, on motion by Councilman Newcomb.

Councilman Mack moved to refer the matter back to the Committee on Contracts.

Which was laid on the table, on motion by Councilman Newcomb, by the following vote:

AYES, 12—viz. Councilmen Curry, Downey, Doyle, Gallahue, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS, 10—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Dowling, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Moran, Sheppard, Spahr, and Wolf.

The Common Council then adhered to their former action.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

This being the regular appropriation night, the following entitled Appropriation Ordinances were introduced and placed upon their final passage, without a suspension of the rules.

The Chief Fire Engineer introduced the following entitled ordinance, which was read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

Ap. O. 10, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$861.98.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The Hospital Board introduced the following entitled ordinance, which was read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

Ap. O. 11, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch. [Amount appropriated, \$1,485.69.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

By the Committee on Accounts and Claims, through Councilman McClelland, the following entitled ordinance was introduced and read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

Ap. O. 12, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$23,208.97.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

By the City Clerk, on behalf of the Police Commissioners, the following entitled ordinance was introduced, read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

Ap. O. 13, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station House. [Amount appropriated, \$261.99.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

By the City Clerk, on behalf of the Police Commissioners, the following entitled ordinance was introduced, read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

Ap. O. 14, 1885—An ordinance appropriating the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars, (\$14,000 00), for the payment of the salaries of the Commissioners, Officers and members of the Metropolitan Police of the City of Indianapolis.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was introduced, read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

Ap. O. 15, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of the salaries and compensation of the Members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, of the City Officers, and Officers and Members of the Fire Department of the City of Indianapolis.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business the following entitled ordinances were introduced, and severally read the first time:

By Councilman Downey:

S. O. 10, 1885—An ordinance to provide for constructing a brick sewer in and along New Jersey street, from Washington street to New York street.

By Councilman Wolf:

S. O. 11, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Hanway street and sidewalks, from Madison avenue to the J., M. & I. Railroad tracks.

S. O. 12, 1885—An ordinance providing for the construction of a brick sewer in and along Morris street and Madison avenue, from East street to White River.

By Mayor McMaster:

G. O. 7, 1885—An ordinance providing for the erection of a Market House and Public Buildings on the ground known as the East Market Square, in the City of Indianapolis.

Councilman Haugh moved that the ordinance be referred to a special committee of five.

Councilman Thalman moved as an amendment, that the special committee be instructed to report at the next regular meeting.

Councilman Edenharter raised the point of order that the consideration of the Market House and City Hall ordinance could not be taken up at the present time, by virtue of a certain resolution passed by the Common Council May 12, 1884, which postponed the *further consideration of the matter until after the next session of the Legislature.*

Which point of order was overruled by the Chair.

Councilman Trusler offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution heretofore passed by this body deferring the consideration of the erection of the City Hall and Market House, be, and the same is hereby rescinded.

Councilman Pearson moved that the matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole, and that said committee be instructed to meet next Monday night, March 9th, 1885.

Councilman Downey moved to lay the above motion on the table.

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 5—viz. Councilmen Coy, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, and Haugh.

NAYS, 18—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Curry, Dowling, Gallahue, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

Councilman Pearson's motion was then adopted.

On motion by Councilman Pearson, it was ordered that when this Common Council adjourns, it adjourn to meet again next Monday evening, March 9th, 1885.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Benjamin offered the following motion; which was adopted, and Councilmen Benjamin, Newcomb and Sheppard appointed to act as the members of such committee:

That a committee of three, together with the Mayor and City Attorney, be appointed, to confer with the Messrs. Oliver & Son, and see what steps are necessary to persuade them to locate in or near this city.

Councilman Haugh offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to lay double stone crossings across Clinton street, on Vermont street.

Councilman Haugh offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the offer of one hundred dollars, made by certain parties through the Mayor at this meeting of the Common Council, for any interest the city may have in the ground known as the "Park"—being Lot number 28, in T. R. Fletcher's subdivision of Out-lot 51—be, and the same is hereby, accepted; and the Mayor is hereby directed to execute a quit-claim deed to any person named by the interested parties, on payment of said sum into the city treasury.

Councilman Mack offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to lay double stone crossings on the east side of Illinois street, across Ray street.

Councilman Newcomb offered the following motion:

That the Mayor be, and is hereby, authorized to tender to the Oliver Chilled Plow Works for a location for their manufactory, forty acres of Garfield Park, free of charge, for ten years, with the privilege of purchasing the same at a valuation to be placed upon it by a committee composed of equal numbers of citizens, members of the Council, and members of said company.

Councilman Sheppard moved to amend the above motion, by inserting the words "with the privilege of twenty years."

Which amendment was adopted, and the motion, as amended, adopted.

Councilman Reinecke presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys;

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned property owners in the vicinity of the corner of south East and Morris streets, respectfully petition your honorable body to improve said streets at said points, by widening and straightening said East street by condemning the ground on the northeast corner of south East and Morris streets for said purpose.

Respectfully &c.,
A. S. Patterson, Wm. F. Stilz, E. B. Martindale.

Councilman Smither offered the following motions; which were severally adopted:

That Wm. Schomeyer be allowed to pave his sidewalk with brick, on Indiana avenue, at his own expense, and the City Civil Engineer to set stakes for the same, and under his supervision.

That the Board of Public Improvements be instructed to put from twenty to thirty loads of gravel on the driveways and walks in Military Park, immediately.

Councilman Spahr presented the following petition; which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Honorable Board of Councilmen and Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your petitioner would most respectfully pray that you refund the amount of money paid out by me, and all necessary expense caused by the sale of Lot No. 15, Out-lot No. 100, in Bradshaw & Holmes' subdivision, said lot being covered by an old School Fund mortgage of many years' standing, which forever debar me from the possession, and renders the sale inoperative and unprofitable to me.

Tax sale first Monday in March, 1881, paid the city (about).....	\$13 00
Sale in 1883.....	11 45
Expense of recording.....	1 00

\$25 45

R. M. COSBY.

Councilman Spahr presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

To the Honorable, the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, citizens and resident owners of property fronting on and lying along that portion of Eighth street between Illinois street and Pennsylvania street, would respectfully represent that said Eighth street, west of Illinois street, is only thirty-three feet wide, and east of the first alley west of Pennsylvania street, is forty feet wide, whilst that portion from the east side of Illinois street to said alley west of Pennsylvania street, is sixty feet wide, which in no way accommodates the public, and forms jogs at the corners, both unsightly and inconvenient. We therefore pray that said portion of Eighth street—being one and one-half squares—be ordered to be reduced to forty feet in width, within the bounds of said one and one-half squares, and that the lines of the same be made to conform to the lines of that portion east of the alley aforesaid; and your petitioners will ever pray.

W. T. Fenton, Thos. C. Day, F. L. Ritzinger, N. R. Ruckle, Jennie C. Ruckle, Jno W. Murphy, Robert Sloss, J. W. Wildman, J. M. Ridenour.

Councilman Thalman presented the following petition; which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

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

Gentlemen:—Your petitioner would respectfully represent that the whole of the city taxes assessed against Jas. A. Kealing, \$105.47, for 1871, were paid January 27th, 1872, and that afterwards your petitioner, on the 5th day of March, 1872, paid the sum of \$22.66, being the amount of the taxes for 1871, on Lot 3, Out-lot 72, and which was included in the \$105.47 paid January 27, 1872, as evidenced by receipts Nos. 606 and 2,453, of 1872.

For the above reason, your petitioner asks and demands that the sum of \$22.66, with interest from March 5th, 1872, be refunded her, as the same was collected twice; and as in duty bound, your petitioner will ever pray.

MRS. JACOB WAGONER, Petitioner.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light:

That the City Civil Engineer be directed to dis-mantle one of the gas lamps on the inner circle, that can be dispensed with on account of the electric light in the vicinity, and re-locate the same at the crossing of Wabash street and the first alley south of Ohio street, between Meridian and Illinois streets.

Councilman Trusler offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Water and Chief Fire Engineer, with power to act:

That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to advertise for proposals for the building of a fire cistern near the German Orphan Asylum, the exact location to be determined by the Chief Fire Engineer; capacity not to exceed 1,000 barrels.

Councilman Trusler offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, instructed not to print in the Proceedings of this Council, any petition or communication other than reports from city officers, official boards or committees, unless so ordered by a majority vote of this body.

Councilman Wharton offered the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light:

Resolved, That the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad Company be, and it is hereby, authorized to erect and maintain (in so far as the city has a right to grant such authority), advertising posts at the following points, to-wit:

- One at the corner of Kentucky avenue and Illinois street.
- One at the southeast corner of Washington street and Illinois street.
- One at the northeast corner of Washington street and Meridian street.
- One at the southeast corner of Washington street and Pennsylvania street.
- One at the northeast corner of Washington street and Pennsylvania street.
- One at the southeast corner of Court street and Pennsylvania street.
- One at the southwest corner of Ohio street and Pennsylvania street.
- One at the corner of Virginia avenue and Delaware street.
- One at the southwest corner of Maryland street and Illinois street.
- One at the northwest corner of Georgia street and Illinois street.
- One at the corner of Virginia avenue and Alabama street.
- One at the northwest corner of Washington street and Mississippi street.
- One at the northeast corner of Washington street and Tennessee street.
- One at the northwest corner of Illinois street and Market street.

One at the corner of Illinois street and Indiana avenue.

One at the northeast corner of Washington street and Delaware street.

One at the southeast corner of New Jersey street and Washington street.

One at the corner of New Jersey street and Virginia avenue.

One at the southeast corner of Circle street and Meridian street.

One at the southeast corner of Tennessee street and Maryland street.

One at the northwest corner of Illinois street and Washington street.

One at the northeast corner of Illinois street and Washington street.

One on south Illinois street, in front of L., N. A. & C. office.

Said posts shall be boxed and painted, and not exceeding ten feet high.

Councilman Wolf presented the following remonstrance; which was ordered filed with the ordinance, S. O. 3, 1885:

Indianapolis, Feb. 9, 1885.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Madison avenue, between Downey and Nebraska streets, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the curbing of the sidewalk and bowldering the gutter.

Fred. Kline, Guardian of J. Wittlinger's heirs, 200 feet;

H. & E. Krafthoefer, 48 feet; Barbara Sponsel, 35 feet;

Fred. Balz, 65 feet; Gustev Paetz, 35 feet.

Councilman Dowling offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light, to report at the next meeting:

That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to re-mantle and re-light the gas lamp on west Maryland street, on the north side and first lamp east of Tennessee street.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor,

President of the Common Council.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.