

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—NOVEMBER 2, 1885.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, November 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 15 members, viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

ABSENT, 10—viz. Councilmen Cowie, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Galahue, Mack, Moran, Rees, and Wolf.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session, held October 19th, 1885, and the special session, held October 22d, 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 making the following improvements, were opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts:

(S. O. 58, 1885)—For grading and graveling the first alley north of New York street, from Blake street to Agnes street.

(S. O. 61, 1885)—For grading and bowldering the first alley east of Tennessee street, from New York street to the first alley north of New York street.

(S. O. 73, 1885)—For grading, bowldering and curbing the south gutter, and widening the south sidewalk of First street, from Tennessee street, to Mississippi street.

(S. O. 75, 1885)—For grading and graveling the first alley west of Blake street, from Elizabeth street to the first alley north of Elizabeth street.

(S. O. 77, 1885)—For grading and graveling the first alley south of New York street, from Blake street to Minerva street.

(S. O. 82, 1885)—For grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Blackford street, from North street to the first alley north of North street.

(S. O. 91, 1885)—For grading, bowldering and curbing the east gutter of Delaware street, from the first alley south of Bicking street to Madison avenue.

(S. O. 92, 1885)—For grading, bowldering and curbing the east gutter of Madison avenue, from Delaware street to the first alley north of Coburn street.

(S. O. 18, 1884)—For the erection of three lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Louisiana street, between East and Noble streets,

For painting the city's iron bridges.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, on behalf of the Building Committee of the City Hall, submitted the following report, accompanied with agreement; which was concurred in, and the Mayor ordered to execute the agreement on behalf of the city:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen.—Your Building Committee advertised for proposals for building the sewer connections with the Market House and City Hall building, and in response thereto, received the following bids:

Augustus Bruner:

- For 15-inch pipe, ninety-five cents per foot.
- For 12-inch pipe, sixty five cents per foot.
- For 10-inch pipe, fifty cents per foot.
- For 8-inch pipe, forty cents per foot.
- Catch-basins, fifty dollars each.
- Man-holes, forty dollars each.

Fulmer & Seibert:

- For 15-inch pipe, one dollar and thirty-two cents per foot.
- For 12-inch pipe, eighty-seven cents per foot.
- For 10-inch pipe, sixty-three cents per foot.
- For 8-inch pipe, thirty-eight cents per foot.
- Catch-basins, forty-five dollars each.
- Man-holes, twenty-five dollars each.

Augustus Bruner being the lowest and best bidder for said work, your committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

JOHN L. MCMASTER, Ch'n.,
BRANARD RORISON, Sec'y,
J. H. Sheppard,
John R. Pearson,
Isaac King,
Building Committee.

THIS AGREEMENT, Made the 2d day of November, 1885, by and between the City of Indianapolis, as party of the first part, and Augustus Bruner, principal, and Anderson Bruner, surety, as parties of the second part:

Witnesseth, That in consideration of the payments hereinafter specified, the said parties of the second part agree and hereby bind themselves to connect the "Market Hall Building" with the sewer on Pennsylvania street with such sizes of best quality Akron vitrified sewer pipes, as shown on the diagram drawn by D. A. Bohlen, Architect. All the said pipes to be laid with the proper fall, with cement in all the joints, carefully swabbed out; and further, to build two catch-basins, such as are usually made in connection with the sewers in the City of Indianapolis; furnish also the heavy cast iron tops for the same. Also, build two man-holes, as may be directed by the superintending Architect, D. A. Bohlen. The said parties of the second part also agree to furnish, at their own proper cost and charges, all the materials required for the said sewers, also all manner of labor, tools, and to comply throughout with the ordinances of the city regarding the building of sewers; the

whole to be completed to the satisfaction of the Architect, D. A. Bohlen. The said parties of the second part further agree to begin the work without unnecessary delay, and to finish the same as soon as practicable.

In consideration of the prompt and faithful performance of the foregoing terms and agreements, the City of Indianapolis, the party of the first part, agrees and hereby binds itself to pay to the said Augustus Bruner, the party of the second part, the following prices, viz: For every lineal foot of 15-inch pipe, the sum of ninety-five cents (95 cts.); for every lineal foot of 12-inch pipe, the sum of sixty-five cents (65 cts.); for every lineal foot of 10-inch pipe, the sum of fifty cents (50 cts.); for every lineal foot of 8-inch pipe, the sum of forty cents (40 cts.); and further, for every catch-basin complete, the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00), and for every man-hole complete, the sum of forty dollars (\$40.00). The payments shall be made as the work progresses, upon estimates from the Architect, who shall estimate the value of the materials and workmanship actually performed and furnished, and deduct ten per centum (10 per cent.) of such estimate. The ten per cent thus reserved, shall be paid when the entire work is completed and accepted by the Architect.

In Witness Whereof, The said parties have hereunto set their hands and signatures, this 2d day of November, 1885.

Later in the session, His Honor, the Mayor, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Commissioners of Marion County be, and they are hereby, requested to receive and admit into the Marion County Work House, the prisoners from the Mayor's Court, committed under the penal ordinances of the City of Indianapolis; and that upon the granting of said request by said Commissioners, said prisoners so committed, shall be confined and kept in said Work House; Provided, that the city shall be at no expense for the maintenance of said prisoners, and the county shall pay nothing for the work and labor of said prisoners.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Curry, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS, 1—viz. Councilman Curry.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, and the estimates (presented therewith) approved:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following estimates of work done according to contract:

A first and final estimate in behalf of Hanway & Cooper, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Eighth street, from the first alley west of Illinois street to the second alley west of Illinois street.

397 lineal feet, at 15 cents.....\$59 55

A first and final estimate in behalf of Hanway & Cooper, for grading and graveling the first alley west of West street, from Pratt street to First street.

913 lineal feet, at 16 cents\$146 08

A first and final estimate in behalf of Henry C Roney, for curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks of North street, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street.

796.33 lineal feet, at 47 cents.....\$374 27

A first and final estimate in behalf of Richter & Twiname, for grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Douglass street, from New York to North street.

1,365.21 lineal feet, at 29 cents.....\$395 92

A first and final estimate in behalf of Richter & Twiname, for grading and bowldering the first alley north of New York street, from Tennessee street to the first alley east of Tennessee street.

389.80 lineal feet, at 29 cents.....\$113 05

A first and final estimate in behalf of Richter & Twiname, for grading, bowldering and curbing the north gutter of New York street, from Delaware street to Pennsylvania street.

136.30 lineal feet of bowldering, at 48 cents... \$ 65 42

154.30 lineal feet of curbing, at 38 cents..... 58 63

25.77 square yards of bowlders re-laid, at 25 cents..... 6 45

\$130 50

A first and final estimate in behalf of R. P. Dunning, for graveling the roadway of Hall Place street, from Seventh street to Eighth street.

1,644 lineal feet, at 15 cents.....\$246 60

A first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Eighth street, from Central avenue to the Wabash Railroad tracks.

4,293.25 lineal feet, at 28 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents.....\$1,234 30

A fifth and partial estimate in behalf of Fulmer & Seibert, for improving the State Ditch.

10,000 cubic yards excavation, at 16 cents.....\$1,600 00

Bridges:

First alley west of Ash street..... 15.30 feet.

First alley west of Bellefontaine street. 15.50 feet.

Bellefontaine street..... 66.50 feet.

First alley east of Bellefontaine street.. 71.00 feet.

Greenwood street..... 52 00 feet.

220.30 feet, at \$3.75 826 12

\$2,426 12

Less 10 per cent..... 242 61

Amount allowed.....\$2,183 51

A second and partial estimate in behalf of Fulmer & Seibert, for constructing a brick sewer in and along Massachusetts avenue, between Alabama and Bellefontaine streets.

222 feet of 4-foot sewer, at \$3.87.....\$ 859 14

1,078 feet of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -foot sewer, at \$3.37..... 3,632 86

6 catch-basins, at \$58.00..... 348 00

4 man-holes, at \$32.00..... 128 00

\$4,968 00

Less 10 per cent..... 496 80

Amount allowed.....\$4,471 20

A first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and bowldering the gutters of Maryland street, and curbing with stone and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof, from West street to Helen street.

1,565.85 lineal feet of bowldering, at 38 cents.....	\$ 595 02
843.85 lineal feet of curbing, at 38 cents.....	320 66
706.10 lineal feet of paving, at 30 cents	211 83
123.80 lineal feet of double walk-stone, at 60 cents.....	74 28
188.18 square yards of bowldered wings, at 50 cents.....	94 09
5.60 square yards of bowlders re-laid, at 25 cents.....	1 40
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	\$1,297 28

A first and partial estimate in behalf of D. A. Haywood, for building one fire cistern at the corner of Hill avenue and Newman street.

1,300 barrels at 75 cents.....	\$975 00
Less 10 per cent.....	97 50
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Amount allowed.....\$877 50

A first and final estimate in behalf of the Indianapolis Bridge Company, for constructing a Plate Girder bridge over Pogue's Run, on East street.

Contract price.....	\$4,251 60
Extra work.....	

1 by 12 in. I beam, 15.29 feet, 42 lbs.....	642.18 lbs.
1 by 12 in. I beam, 16.78 feet, 42 lbs.....	704.76 lbs.
1 by 12 in. I beam, 18.24 feet, 42 lbs.....	766 08 lbs.

2,113.02 lbs. at 5 cts... 105 65

Total estimate.....\$4,357 25

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

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Hanway & Cooper, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Eighth street, from the first alley west of Illinois street to the second alley west of Illinois street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Hanway & Cooper, for grading and graveling the first alley west of West street, from Pratt street to First street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reynolds, Reinecke, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Henry C. Roney, for curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks of North street, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Richter & Twiname, for grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Douglass street, from New York street to North street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Richter & Twiname, for grading and bowldering the first alley north of New York street, from Tennessee street to the first alley east of Tennessee street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Richter & Twiname, for grading, bowldering and curbing the north gutter of New York street, (where not already done), from Delaware street to Pennsylvania street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of R. P. Dunning, for graveling the roadway of Hall Place street, from Seventh street to Eighth street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Eighth street, from Central avenue to the Wabash Railroad tracks, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and bowldering the gutters of Maryland street, and curbing with stone and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof (where not already done), from West street to Helen street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS—None.

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 October, 1885, viz:

Board of Health.....	\$ 294 60	
Bridges.....	349 52	
City Assessor's Department.....	119 60	
City Civil Engineer's Department.....	210 05	
City Dispensary.....	274 56	
City Hall.....	542 20	
City Hospital and Branch.....	1,406 73	
City Treasurer's per centage.....	181 67	
Elections.....	40 00	
Fire Department.....	6,805 81	
Gas.....	5,586 42	
Incidentals.....	595 65	
Judgments and costs.....	96 07	
Market-Masters' fees.....	299 04	
Parks.....	120 00	
Police.....	4,679 29	
Printing.....	742 22	
Salary.....	5,555 00	
Station House.....	227 62	
Street improvements.....	196 01	
Street repairs.....	4,334 48	
Taxes refunded.....	95 00	
Pogue's Run.....	853 79	
	<hr/>	\$ 33,605 33
School fund.....	\$ 520 34	
Sewer fund.....	236 52	
Sinking fund.....	70 96	
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SPECIAL FUNDS.		
Special sewers.....	\$ 7,215 75	
Market House and Public Hall.....	17,448 64	
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Total.....		<hr/> <hr/> \$ 59,097 54

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 October, 1885.

RECEIPTS.

From benefits.....	\$ 125 16
From coal licenses.....	62 00
From dray licenses.....	8 10
From express licenses.....	28 80
From fines and fees.....	424 48
From hack licenses.....	18 00
From huckster licenses.....	45 00
From liquor licenses.....	1,144 00
From Market-masters' fees.....	430 20
From peddlers' licenses.....	81 00
From Sellers Farm rent.....	500 00
From sale of old material—(Fire Department).....	59 10
From show licenses—(Skating Rinks).....	50 00

From tapping sewers.....	\$	3 00
From tax sales current.....		2,004 69
From tax sales delinquent.....		2,019 03
From taxes delinquent.....		4,568 59
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Total.....	\$	11,571 15
Balance on hand October 1st, 1885.....		42,289 47
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	\$	53,860 62

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Board of Health.....	\$	301 60
For bridges.....		349 52
For City Assessor's department.....		119 60
For City Civil Engineer's department.....		213 60
For City Dispensary.....		192 32
For City Hall.....		92 20
For City Hospital and Branch.....		1,481 22
For elections.....		40 00
For Fire Department.....		6,936 16
For gas.....		5,586 42
For incidentals.....		625 65
For judgments and costs.....		137 57
For Market-Masters' fees.....		299 04
For parks.....		120 00
For per centage.....		181 57
For Pogue's Run.....		853 79
For police.....		4,649 13
For printing.....		1,199 59
For salary.....		5,336 25
For sewer fund.....		236 52
For sinking fund.....		70 96
For Station House.....		280 39
For street improvements.....		185 88
For street repairs.....		4,218 17
For taxes refunded.....		35 42
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Total.....	\$	33,742 67
Balance on hand November 1st, 1885.....		20,117 95
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	\$	53,860 62

TOMLINSON ESTATE.

Receipts.

Balance on hand October 1st, 1885.....	\$	36,207 72
Rents.....		62 75
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	\$	36,270 47

Disbursements.

Market House and Public Hall, &c.....	\$	17,448 64
Balance on hand November 1st, 1885.....		18,821 83
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	\$	36,270 47

ADDITIONAL CITY HALL FUND.

Balance on hand October 1st, 1885.....	\$	63,878 92
Balance on hand November 1st, 1885.....	\$	63,878 92

SEWER FUND.

Receipts.

Balance on hand October 1st, 1885.....	\$ 34,666 84
From September taxes.....	236 52
	<u>\$ 34,903 36</u>

Disbursements.

Special Sewers.....	7,215 75
Balance on hand November 1st, 1885.....	\$ 27,687 61
	<u>\$ 34,903 36</u>

SINKING FUND.

Balance on hand October 1st, 1885.....	\$ 46,386 91
From September taxes.....	70 96
	<u>\$ 46,457 87</u>
Balance on hand November 1st, 1885.....	<u>\$ 46,457 87</u>

Respectfully submitted,

I. N. PATTISON, City Treasurer.

To GEORGE T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was received, and the bond accompanying the same approved:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the official bond of Caleb S. Denny, Mayor-elect, who has otherwise qualified, by filing with me his certificate of election and oath of office. Penalty of bond, \$3,000.00; sureties, James P. Baker, Moses G. McLain and David V. Burns.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The City Clerk submitted the following report:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

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

Henry C. Roney vs. C. F. Kirkhoff (christian name unknown) for..	\$50 76
Henry C. Roney vs. John Sullivan, for.....	15 20
Henry C. Roney vs. Levi Bolander, for.....	11 40

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

Which was received, and the precepts ordered to issue, by the following vote:

AYES, 15—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS—None.

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

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

Gentlemen:—I would respectfully report that I have collected the benefits assessed in the matter of opening an alley through the middle part of Out-lot No. 160, and have also made tender of the damages assessed to John Leibrick and John Leibrick, Guardian of Louis Leibrick and George Leibrick, heirs of Louis Leibrick. Respectfully submitted,

I. N. PATTISON, City Treasurer.

The Chief Fire Engineer submitted the following report; which was approved, and the amount ordered inserted in the appropriation ordinance :

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

Gentlemen:—I would respectfully ask for an appropriation of fifty (\$50.00) dollars for incidental expenses for the balance of the year.

Respectfully, J. H. WEBSTER, Chief Fire Engineer.

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

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith report collection of rents of Tomlinson Estate, viz:

A. H Thompson, No. 113 north Illinois street.....	\$ 28 00
Mrs. Hannah Overman, No. 115 north Illinois street.....	26 00
Mrs. W. H. Mahan, No. 117 north Illinois street.....	25 00
Paul Sherman, No. 21, Indiana avenue.....	15 00

\$ 94 00

Less commission, 3½ per cent.....

3 30

\$ 90 70

Less amount as per receipt.....

6 50

\$ 84 20

Respectfully submitted,

Nov. 2d, 1885.

WM. HADLEY, Agent.

The Superintendents of the City Hospital and City Dispensary submitted their reports for October, 1885; which were read and received.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman Reynolds, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom sundry papers were referred, would report thereon as follows:

1st. To lay a single stone crossing on Virginia avenue, between South and Louisiana streets. Recommend the work be not done.

2d. To lay a stone crossing across Market street, on both sides of Hanna street. Recommend the work be not done.

3d. To fill with broken stone the holes in Davidson street, between Market and North streets. Recommend the work be not done.

4th. To dig a small trench from the southern terminus of Wright street to the low ground on Munson street. Recommend the work be not done.

5th. To re-gravel three squares on west Pratt street, and re-gravel on Leland and Pratt streets, where below the street. Recommend the work be not done.

6th. To repair the stone crossing on New Jersey street, at the east end of St. Joseph street. Recommend the work be done.

7th. To repair the roadway of Indiana avenue, from Fall Creek to White River. Recommend the work be done under ordinance.

8th. To fix in the most substantial manner, the east gutter of Dillon street, between Prospect street and the first alley north of Prospect street. Recommend the work be not done.

9th. To fill with gravel the low places in the alley east of Olive street, between Orange and Willow streets. Recommend the work be done.

10th. To place a stone crossing at the first alley south of Prospect street, on the east side of Shelby street. Recommend the work be not done.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Reynolds,
Wm. Curry,
Board of Public Improvements.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman Reynolds, 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 October, together with total expenditures to November 1st, 1885:

Pay-rolls.....	\$ 3,492 84
Blacksmithing.....	37 62
Bowlders.....	46 00
Brick.....	6 00
Castings for sewers.....	21 29
Cement.....	10 50
Freight on lumber.....	16 50
Freight on stone.....	114 43
Fountain repairs.....	13 00
Gravel.....	105 93
Hardware.....	39 10
Lumber.....	299 15
Miscellaneous	46 30
Rent of Lumber Yard.....	9 00
Sand.....	3 75
Sewer pipe.....	53 87
Spawls.....	19 20
Total expenditures for October.....	\$ 4,334 48
Total expenditures per last report.....	22,080 59
Expenditures to November 1st, 1885.....	<u>\$26,415 07</u>

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Reynolds,
Wm. Curry,
Board of Public Improvements.

C. S. RONEY, Street Commissioner.

The Board of Health submitted the Mortality report; which was read and received.

The Board of City Commissioners submitted a report in the matter of widening and opening East street, at its intersection with Morris street; which, on motion by Councilman Reinecke, was referred back to the City Commissioners, together with the City Attorney, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Contracts, through Councilman Newcomb, submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and the contracts severally awarded as recommended:

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom were referred the proposals received October 19th, 1885, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows:

For grading and bowldering the north gutter of Merrill street, from Alabama street to the J. M. & I. Railroad tracks.

Robert Kennington.....	42 cents per lineal foot front.
R. P. Dunning.....	39 cents per lineal foot front.
James W. Hudson.....	38 cents per lineal foot front.
J. L. Spaulding.....	38 cents per lineal foot front.
Hanway & Cooper.....	34 cents per lineal foot front.
D. A. Haywood.....	34 cents per lineal foot front.
Richter & Twiname..	33 cents per lineal foot front.
Fulmer & Seibert.....	33 cents per lineal foot front.

Being a tie bid, and the same being low, recommend the contract be awarded to Fulmer & Seibert.

For grading and graveling the first alley south of Sixth street, from Alabama street to Delaware street.

Robert Kennington.....	20 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Richter & Twiname.....	18 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
D. A. Haywood.....	18 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Henry Clay.....	17 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
J. L. Spaulding.....	17 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Fulmer & Seibert.....	16 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
S. W. & R. H. Patterson..	15 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Hanway & Cooper..	15 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Isaac C. Snyder.....	14 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
John Hennessey.....	14 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
R. P. Dunning.....	14 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Being three bids at the same price, and the same being low, recommend the contract be awarded to Isaac C. Snyder.

For grading and graveling the first alley west of Alabama street, from Sixth street to the first alley south of Sixth street.

Robert Kennington.....	25 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
D. A. Haywood.....	21 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Henry Clay.....	19 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
J. L. Spaulding.....	19 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Richter & Twiname.....	18 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Hanway & Cooper.....	18 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
S. W. & R. H. Patterson..	16 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
John Hennessey.....	15 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
R. P. Dunning.....	15 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Isaac C. Snyder.....	14 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Isaac C. Snyder being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Newcomb,
M. M. Reynolds,
Committee on Contracts.

The Committee on Railroads, through Councilman Pearson, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—The motion referred to the Committee on Railroads :

“That a Flagman be placed on Pennsylvania street where the private switches cross, at the expense of the owners of said tracks.”

Your Committee has examined the above, and recommend^d the motion be adopted.

John R. Pearson,
Isaac Thalman,
J. H. Sheppard,
Committee on Railroads.

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. 52, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$747.19.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 15—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

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. 53, 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, \$1,249.38.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 15—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS—None.

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

Ap. O. 54, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$35,251.04.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 15—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

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. 55, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station House. [Amount appropriated, \$394.64.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 15—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

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:

Ap. O. 56, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the General City Election, held October 13th, 1885.

On motion, it was ordered that the blanks in the above ordinance be filled by inserting: For Inspectors, \$5.00 each; for rent of rooms, \$5.00 each; for furnishing meals, \$5.00 each; for services as Judges and Clerks, \$3.50 each.

The ordinance was then ordered engrossed as amended, read the third time (amount appropriated \$1,703.45) and passed, by the following vote :

AYES, 15—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

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 Curry:

S. O. 110, 1885—An ordinance to provide for the erection of three lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Grant street, between West street and the first street running north from Grant street.

S. O. 111, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of West street, from McCarty street to Morris street.

S. O. 112, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Grant street, from West street to a point 545 feet west of West street.

S. O. 113, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Rose street, from West street to the second alley west of West street.

By Councilman Thalman, which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

G. O. 38, 1885—An ordinance investing the Electric Lighting, Gas Heating and Illuminating Company, or assigns, with the privilege of erecting and maintaining towers, and masts or poles necessary for the purpose of supplying Indianapolis and its inhabitants with electric light and power.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

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

That a stone crossing be placed across Meridian street, on the south side of Pearl street, by the Street Commissioner, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

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

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to instruct the Gas Company to remove one of the lamps at the crossing of Virginia avenue and Union Railway to the northeast corner of Pearl and New Jersey streets.

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

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill up the chuck-holes on Alabama street, from North street to Morrison street.

Councilman Pearson presented the following petition, accompanied with motion; which was received, and the motion adopted:

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 2d, 1885.

To the Honorable, the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, and

Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned petitioner, property holder on the first alley south of Second street, between Illinois and Superior streets, in the City of Indianapolis, respectfully shows unto your Honors that at a former meeting of the Council, an ordinance was introduced to provide for the grading and graveling of said alley, between the points stated above, and that the said ordinance is still in the hands of the Council, awaiting their action thereon. Your petitioner requests that instead of passing said ordinance, that they may be permitted to grade and gravel said alley themselves, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, the property holders dividing the expense of said work *pro rata* according to the number of feet which each one may have bordering on said alley, and that this order may be issued in lieu of said ordinance, and that no further action may be taken upon said ordinance for the present; and as in duty bound, your petitioner will ever pray, &c.

JNO. J. SMITH, feet.

Moved, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and the ordinance stricken from the files.

Councilman Reinecke presented the following remonstrance; which was ordered filed with the ordinance, S. O. 106, 1885:

Indianapolis, October 21, 1885.

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Wright street, between Buchanan and Coburn streets, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance—S. O. 106, 1885—providing for the grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of said street, between the points named, for the reasons that we have paid for paving sidewalks in front of our lots, and to pay for a sidewalk along the sides of the same lots at this time, would put us in debt; it is also too late in the season to make said improvement.

Henry Rodewald, J. B. Blackman, Robert J. Costillo,
John Boswell, I. C. Crane, Chris. W. Schwomeyer.

Councilman Reinecke presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, with power to act:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned would respectfully ask your consent to erect and maintain poles on which to suspend their wires on Virginia avenue, between Washington street and Shelby street, and on the adjacent alleys, when they can be so located to greater advantage to the public interest than if located on said avenue. We have applications for a number of lights, which we can not supply until we obtain your permission above requested.

Respectfully submitted,

INDIANAPOLIS BRUSH ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER Co.,
Per JOHN CAVEN, President."

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

That the Street Commissioner be directed to open the different streets and alleys in Barth's heirs' subdivision, as shown in P. B. page 7, and Book No. 173, as ordered by the Council and Board of Aldermen August 13th and 25th, 1884. See pages 338, 339, 355, 742 and 772, Proceedings of 1884.

That Henry Lensman be allowed to grade and gravel the sidewalk in front of his property, Lots 38 and 39, Square 9, on the west side of Shelby street, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, at his own expense.

Councilman Smither offered the following motions; which were severally referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner re-bowlder the alley crossing on north West street, between First and Second streets.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill the chuck-holes on Pratt street, west of West street.

Councilman Smither offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner repair north West street, on the west side, from North street, to St. Clair street, and also drain the water from First to Third street.

Councilman Thalman presented the following remonstrance; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, with the ordinance, S. O. 107, 1885:

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 26th, 1885.

To the Honorable Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—Having seen in the city papers that an ordinance has been introduced in the above named body to bowlder New York street, from Blake street to Agnes street, we, the undersigned, property owners on said street, respectfully ask your honorable body to defer said improvements until next Spring or next Summer. The said street (New York) is quite narrow at that point, and on account of the lateness of the season, in case of bad weather, it would greatly inconvenience us; and that there is no immediate necessity of said improvement, as the drainage is good on said street (New York) at the above locality.

W. H. Thompson, C. E. Coffin & Co., agents; Martin Murkt, Wm. Hild, Mrs. T. M. Baker, F. G. Weisenheimer, P. O. Keffe.

Councilman Thalman presented the following communication; which was referred to a Special Committee of five, consisting of Councilmen Thalman, Sheppard, Newcomb, Edenharter, Spahr and the City Attorney:

To the Honorable Mayor, Board of Aldermen, and

Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—Upon the 14th day of July, 1884, Fletcher & Sharpe's Bank, of Indianapolis, closed its doors, suspended payment, and went into the hands of a Receiver. And afterwards, upon the 16th day of the same month, Harrison's Bank, of said city, also closed its doors, suspended payment, and went into the hands of a Receiver. At the time of the suspension of said banks, I had on deposit to my credit as Treasurer of the City of Indianapolis, in Fletcher & Sharp's Bank, the sum of eighteen hundred and twenty-five dollars and fifty-one cents (\$1,825.51), and in Harrison's Bank, the sum of forty-one thousand three hundred and sixty dollars and seventy-eight cents (\$41,360.78.)

I respectfully ask to submit to your consideration the following facts in relation to said deposits: There was no provision of the Statute of Indiana, nor ordinance of the City Council and Board of Aldermen, directing where the funds of the city should be deposited, and no provision had been made by the city for their safe keeping in the office of the Treasurer.

It has always been the habit of my predecessors in office to deposit the funds in their hands in the different banks of this city, and when I went into office, I received from my predecessor the funds of the city then on deposit in different banks in this city. The fact that the different City Treasurers, including myself, have kept the funds on deposit in the different banks of the city for years, was well known to the Common Council and officials, and public generally. I have had in my hands large sums, varying at times from \$50,000.00 to \$450,000.00. In the absence of some place designated by law for me to deposit the funds, I was compelled to exercise my judgment in their safe keeping. I could not, with safety, keep them in my office, or at my house; and it was therefore necessary that I should select some of the banks used and recognized by the citizens of Indianapolis as safe places of deposit. In order that I might exercise due and reasonable diligence in the safe keeping of the funds in my hands, I did not select one bank alone, but have deposited them around in the following different banks of the city: The First National Bank, The Indianapolis National Bank, Fletcher's Bank, The Indiana National Bank, The Meridian National Bank, Ritzinger's Bank, The Merchants' National Bank, Fletcher & Sharp's Bank and Harrison's Bank. In selecting Fletcher & Sharpe's Bank and Harrison's Bank, I took into consideration at the time, that they were recognized by the public as safe and solvent institutions, and that they had done business so long, and that their credit was not disputed. At the time of the failure of Fletcher & Sharpe, they had more than four thousand depositors, and a deposit of more than eighteen hundred thousand dollars. As to Harrison's Bank, they had among their depositors the Vandalia Railroad Company, Chas. Mayer & Co., Wm. Haneisen, Geo. W. Stout, Wm. Haerle, John T. Pressley and others, having total deposits at the time of their failure, of about six hundred thousand dollars.

In order to secure the deposit in Harrison's Bank, I received from A. & J. C. S. Harrison fifty-one thousand dollars of the capital stock of the U. S. Encaustic Tile Company of Indianapolis. This was the only security of any kind that I was able to get for the deposit in said bank. I consider that it was not my fault that the losses were sustained by the failure of said banks. I respectfully ask that I be ordered or allowed to credit myself with the amount of the sums on deposit in said banks at their failure, I having procured certificates of the Receivers of each of said banks for the amount due from them, said certificates being payable to my order as City Treasurer, and having endorsed the same as payable to the City of Indianapolis, and I having assigned said capital stock of the U. S. Encaustic Tile Company over to the city.

Respectfully submitted,

I. N. PATTISON, City Treasurer.

Councilman Wharton offered the following motion; which was adopted :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to notify the Water Works Company to level down and put in good condition north Mississippi street, from Second street to Sixth street, where they have laid their mains.

Councilman Wharton was excused for the remainder of this session.

PENDING ORDINANCES.

The following entitled ordinance was ordered stricken from the files :

S. O. 46, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the first alley south of Fletcher avenue, from Dillon street to Linden street.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time :

G. O. 14, 1885—An ordinance making it unlawful to run any bicycle, tricycle, velocipede, hand-cart or wheelbarrow, on or along any sidewalk in the City of Indianapolis.

On motion, the above ordinance was amended, including the title of the ordinance, by inserting the words "for any person over the age of ten years;" ordered engrossed as amended, read the third time and passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 13—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, and Thalman.

NAYS, 1—viz. Councilman Trusler.

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

S. O. 101, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley south of Stevens street, from Water street to Virginia avenue, and establishing the width of the same.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, and Trusler.

NAYS—None.

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

G. O. 15, 1885—An ordinance for the relief of the members of the Fire Department in certain cases, and defining the duties of the Superintendent of the City Dispensary.

And it was passed by the following* vote:

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, and Trusler,

NAYS—None.

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

G. O. 35, 1885—An ordinance requiring the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railway Company; the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railway Company, and the Indiana, Bloomington & Western Railway Company, to station and maintain a Flagman at the crossing of their tracks and St. Clair street.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, and Trusler,

NAYS—None.

On motion the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor,
President of the Common Council.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.