

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

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OF THE

Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

FIRST REGULAR SESSION—JANUARY 4, 1886.

The members elect of the Common Council of the city of Indianapolis, to serve as such until the first day of January, 1888, convened in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, January 4th, A. D. 1886, at 7:30 o'clock, in regular session.

Hon. Caleb S. Denny, Mayor, and *ex officio* President of the Common Council, took the Chair, and directed the City Clerk to call the names of the Councilmen who had been duly elected and qualified as Councilmen of the City of Indianapolis.

The following Councilmen were present at the roll-call:

1st Ward—	Miles M. Reynolds.	13th Ward—	Edward Dunn.
2d “	David F. Swain.	14th “	Joseph H. Howes.
3d “	Calvin F. Rooker.	15th “	Michael J. Burns.
4th “	Theodore F. Smither.	16th “	Cornelius McGroarty.
5th “	John R. Pearson.	17th “	Frank E. Benjamin.
6th “	Henry L. Smith.	18th “	Simeon Coy.
7th “	Robert McClelland.	19th “	Frank M. Dell
8th “	George F. Edenharter.	20th “	Charles H. Stuckmeyer.
9th “	Chris. F. H. Waterman.	21st “	Abner L. Newland.
10th “	Charles E. Haugh.	22d “	Julius F. Reinecke.
11th “	Isaac Thalman.	23d “	Thomas Markey.
12th “	Mathew M. Cummings.	24th “	Frederick J. Mack.
	25th Ward—	John H. Herig.	

All the members being present, the Mayor addressed the Common Council as follows:

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

I congratulate you on assuming your duties as guardians of the people's rights in this city—a city of which we are all justly proud.

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One question that entered into the recent contest for municipal control, was settled by your predecessors. I refer to the increase in the saloon tax. I trust no attempt will be made during our term to undo that work.

Another question that interested the people in a high degree, you will have little or nothing to do with officially. Your duties cease when you have legislated wisely. The duty of enforcing the provisions of your enactments and those of the State's authorities, will rest with others. As one who will be called on to share the responsibilities referred to, I am ready to assume and to bear my full part.

During the campaign ending in your selection to represent the city in this chamber, both political parties declared in favor of refunding our municipal indebtedness at a lower rate of interest. I will here give the amount of our public debt, with the dates of maturity and rate of interest, which is payable semi-annually :

Amount due January 1, 1889, drawing 6	per cent.....	\$110,000
Amount due January 1, 1890, drawing 6	per cent.....	45,000
Amount due April 1, 1893, drawing 8	per cent.....	21,000
Amount due July 1, 1893, drawing 7.3	per cent.....	600,000
Amount due January 1, 1894, drawing 7.3	per cent.....	109,500
Amount due July 1, 1894, drawing 7.3	per cent.....	300,000
Amount due July 1, 1895, drawing 7.3	per cent.....	207,000
Amount due January 1, 1896, drawing 7.3	per cent.....	8,000
Amount due July 1, 1896, drawing 6	per cent.....	5,000

Total \$1,405,500

The bonds issued by the city to aid in the construction of the Belt Railroad, amounting to the sum of \$500,000, due January 1, 1897, are not included in the above, for the reason that the city is supposed to be fully protected against the payment of any part of that obligation. It will be seen from the above table that the annual interest on our debt amounts to the enormous sum of \$99,668.50, the average rate being a fraction over seven per cent. This is almost double what we ought to be paying. This interest charge amounts to one-fifth of our entire revenues. There is no option in any of the bonds allowing the city to take them up before maturity; but if there was, we could not do so. Indeed, we can only hope to make provision for the payment of a small part even, by the time it falls due. Knowing, therefore, that the greater part thereof must be refunded, it behoves us to begin this work at once, provided we can reduce the rate of interest. By offering long-time bonds I have no doubt we can secure an exchange of a considerable portion now, at a material reduction in the rate. I think this ought to be done as to the whole outstanding debt, if possible. I commend this matter to the Finance Committee, and urge that immediate steps be taken to ascertain what can be done on the line of policy here indicated. I will always be glad to meet with the committee and aid them in any way I can in this or any other matter coming before them.

In a line with this question of reducing the rate of interest on our bonded debt, comes another question that was also approved by both political parties sending representatives to this Council, viz.: The question of economy in the administration of municipal affairs. To the members who have served here before I need hardly say, that in order to live within our revenues we must practice the strictest economy. The former Council greatly extended our sewerage system and gave us a hospital which is a credit to the city. We are all glad that these improvements were made; but securing them has caused larger temporary loans to be made during the past two years than would otherwise have been required. By strict economy we must restore the old order of things. You will not only be embarrassed in making provision to pay the \$100,000 temporary loan of last year, which falls due before the County Treasurer will give us any money, but, I fear, will be further embarrassed by the working of other features of the new law providing for the collection of city taxes. While I hope for the best, grave doubts are expressed by those whose experience in municipal affairs qualify them to speak, as to the wisdom of many of the provisions of that law.

The tax duplicates for 1885, under the assessments made by the City Assessor:

have been completed and turned over to the County Treasurer, as provided by the new law. From those duplicates and careful estimates as to receipts from other sources I will here give my own estimate of the revenues for the year now beginning:

City's part of taxes shown on duplicate	\$487,907	00
City's part of delinquency carried over from prior years.....	40,985	00
Number of taxable polls, 16,505, yielding.....	8,252	50
Estimated amount of miscellaneous receipts from all sources..	85,000	00
Total.....	\$622,144	50
From this deduct estimated delinquency for year.....	\$50,000	
And estimated amount of the \$52 special saloon tax.....	18,000	68,000 00

Leaving total amount of revenue for general purposes, \$554,144 50

I estimate the delinquency higher than last year, because the act of 1885 abolishing the office of the City Treasurer and transferring the duties heretofore performed by that officer to the County Treasurer, provides that the latter officer shall receive no per centage for collecting city delinquent taxes. It is not reasonable to suppose, therefore, that the same effort will be made by the County Treasurer to collect the city's delinquent taxes, that has heretofore been made by the City Treasurer, who received a per centage on all such collections.

I can not give you the present condition of the treasury, the outgoing City Treasurer not having yet completed his report. You will no doubt receive his full and final report at this or your next meeting.

Hereafter, city taxes will be based on the values fixed by the Township Assessor. His appraisements have usually been lower than the City Assessor's. While the township assessments are no doubt high enough, yet the effect will be to reduce the city's revenues. With no power to exceed a levy of ninety cents on the hundred dollars, it is apparent that no extensive public improvements can be made in the near future out of the general funds of the city. In order to do so at all, we would necessarily have to lower the standard of efficiency in the police and fire departments. Over the former we have no direct control. As to the latter I feel sure the tax-payers would prefer that its efficiency should not be impaired, even though other departments may have to suffer in order to keep it up to its present standard.

The contract with the Indianapolis Water Company has nearly one year yet to run. Considering the excellent quality of water now being furnished to our citizens, you will, while procuring the best contract possible for the city, hardly feel like crippling the company by refusing to enter into a fair contract when the present one terminates, for the future city supply.

The present contract with the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company runs beyond our term.

It would appear, therefore, that the only department where large expenditures are required, in which we can even hope to make any material reduction in the near future, is in the street department. In this I include the building of sewers also. While I regret exceedingly that our sewerage system could not have been further extended and completed without delay, and while it is always desirable to have good streets, I feel certain that all expensive improvements in this direction must cease for the present. One more ten cent levy under the special sewer tax law of 1881, which was repealed by the Winter bill of 1885, would have enabled us to complete our sewer system; and the passage of the amendment to the twelfth clause of the "omnibus" section of our city charter, authorizing a small special tax on vehicles, to be devoted to street repairs, would have enabled us to make and maintain good streets. The present system of making property owners pay for building streets in front of their lots, and the general tax-payers at the crossings, is vicious, and should be remedied. Just why one property owner, who walks, should be required to build streets for his neighbor to wear out with his carriages and wagons, is a problem I have never been able to solve. I ask the assistance of you all in urging the next General Assembly to pass a bill giving the Council

power to levy a special vehicle tax, to be used in making and repairing streets. Until such legislation is procured I do not believe you ought to pass any street-improvement ordinance, unless it shall be first petitioned for by two-thirds of the property owners on the line of the proposed work, as contemplated by the statute; and I recommend that the power conferred on you by section 70 of the charter, to compel improvements by a two-thirds vote, without petition at all, be not exercised under any circumstances.

The new city building, including heating apparatus, plumbing and sewer connections, will not, I am informed, cost exceeding \$135,000. This will leave a considerable sum in the special fund derived from the \$52 saloon tax, and also three unsold pieces of the Tomlinson real estate, valued at about \$20,000. While you have the power to turn this "additional city hall fund" into the general fund and while the Tomlinson property might be sold and the money applied to general city uses, I believe a market house in keeping with the building now going up and large enough for all future needs, should be speedily erected, even though it exhaust these two funds now on hand and future accessions to the liquor-tax fund up to the time of its completion. As soon as these buildings are completed, the ordinance imposing the saloon tax of \$52 per annum, should be amended, transferring future collections to the general fund.

There is a matter that deserves to receive your immediate and earnest attention. I refer to the question of establishing easier and safer means of travel between the northern and southern portions of the city. The railroad tracks now stand as a wall between these two sections. Business is impeded, the value of property lessened, thousands of citizens daily discommoded, and human life constantly put in peril by the moving of trains on these tracks. This condition of things ought, and of very necessity must, in the near future, be remedied. But, while this is true, the city itself, under the present condition of things, is powerless to furnish the relief needed. The city can not create another dollar of debt, and without additional taxation beyond the limit now allowed, it would be worse than folly for us to attempt, without assistance, to construct such improvements as are needed at the Washington street and Virginia avenue crossings, or at either of said points. Material outside aid must be obtained therefore, if these improvements are to be made during our term. This aid ought to come largely, if not wholly, from the corporations that render the outlay necessary. With well-directed, concerted action on the part of the city's representatives and interested citizens, I believe great material assistance can be obtained toward the construction of the Virginia avenue improvement, at least. With the recollection of the terrible accidents that have occurred at that point fresh in their minds, I certainly think the railroad officials would be very liberal in their contributions, to prevent, if for no other reason, a recurrence of these casualties in the future. I recommend that an appropriate committee be appointed at an early day, to fully consider the subject-matter here suggested, so that no time may be lost in providing, if possible, an improvement which is needed alike from every consideration of public policy, and in justice to the people who live south and east of the Union tracks. Until viaducts are built, the provisions of the safety-gate ordinance should be rigidly enforced, even if a special policeman has to be employed to see that the railroad companies do their duty in this respect.

I recommend that the work begun by our predecessors, looking to the straightening of our corporate boundaries, be taken up at once. Owing to the failure of the bill presented to the last legislature, simplifying this work, it will require much time to complete it, and no time should be lost, as many evils now existing should be remedied before the assessment of property on April first.

I recommend the enforcement of the ordinance providing for the impounding of stock running at large, and to that end, suggest that a pound be at once established where it can be successfully maintained.

If the condition of the treasury will at all permit, I would recommend the improvements of our public parks during the coming season; and would particularly urge that the Committee on Public Property give the matter of the city's duty in reference to Garfield Park their immediate attention. I am informed that the

Pennsylvania Railroad Company would gladly locate and construct a nice station and depot at this park if it were made a place of resort.

The time has come when a street car line should be built to Crown Hill Cemetery, and I hope you will encourage the construction of such a line in every way possible. This place of beauty and of sacredness to so many thousands of our citizens, is now accessible to but few; whereas, the running of street cars to or near the east entrance, would make it possible for all classes of our people to visit it.

As opportunity offers and circumstances suggest, I will communicate to you my ideas of the city's needs, asking no further consideration of the foregoing or future recommendations than the importance of the subjects and wisdom of the suggestions merit.

Gentlemen, I assume my duties as your presiding officer without previous experience. May I not hope, therefore, to receive your kindly forbearance and generous aid in the discharge of those duties? I beg your assistance at all times.

Let us begin our work right and end it right, never losing sight of the fact that we were sent here to legislate for and protect the rights of the city, and not to advance the interests of any person or class, at the expense of the people who pay the taxes and have a right to our best services.

The Mayor announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

To the Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—I hereby appoint the following Standing Committees, as provided for by Rule 46 of this body; the first named member to act as Chairman in each case:

Accounts and Claims—McClelland, Newland and Swain.

Bridges—Coy, Smith and Stuckmeyer.

Contracts—Reynolds, Dell and Herig.

Education—Smith, Waterman and Benjamin.

Finance—Thalman, Pearson, Reinecke, Smith and Howes.

Judiciary—Rooker, Edenharter and Cummings.

Markets—McGroarty, Howes and Smither.

Office Fixtures and Supplies—Newland, Reynolds and Stuckmeyer.

Ordinances—Burns, Rooker and Coy.

Printing—Haugh, Swain and Dunn.

Public Charities—Smither, Dell and Waterman.

Public Health—Edenharter, McClelland and Markey.

Public Light—Rooker, Haugh and Smither.

Public Property—Mack, Thalman and Dunn.

Railroads—Pearson, Haugh and McGroarty.

Rules—Cummings, Burns and Reynolds.

Sewers and Drainage—Benjamin, Markey and McClelland.

Streets and Alleys—Dunn, Reinecke and Herig.

Water—Swain, Howes and McGroarty.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. DENNY, Mayor.

By consent, Councilman Benjamin offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, By a recent decision of the Supreme Court, this Council can not legally elect a Fire Board as heretofore provided for by ordinance.

And Whereas, The law on which said decision is based, was passed when the largest city in the State did not contain more than one-fourth the population of Indianapolis at the present time.

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 December, 1885, viz:

Board of Health.....	\$ 203 40	
Bridges.....	100 00	
City Assessor's Department.....	125 55	
City Civil Engineer's Department.....	201 90	
City Dispensary.....	281 96	
City Hall.....	42 00	
City Hospital and Branch.....	1,448 64	
City Treasurer's per centage.....	854 67	
Cisterns.....	697 84	
Elections.....	22 90	
Fire Department.....	7,759 16	
Gas.....	6,111 44	
Incidentals.....	830 82	
Interest on Bonds.....	30 00	
Judgments and Costs.....	46 90	
Market-Masters' fees.....	265 41	
Parks.....	123 00	
Police.....	4,368 29	
Printing.....	136 13	
Salary.....	142 50	
Station House.....	271 21	
Street improvements.....	1,146 45	
Street opening and vacations.....	454 25	
Street repairs.....	1,795 69	
Water rent.....	8,050 88	
	<hr/>	\$ 35,537 99
School fund.....	\$ 639 63	
Sewer fund.....	290 75	
Sinking fund.....	87 22	
	<hr/>	1,017 60
SPECIAL FUNDS.		
Special sewers.....	\$ 7,004 03	
Tomlinson Estate Fund, for repairs, &c.....	3 50	
Market House and Public Hall.....	11,225 88	
	<hr/>	18,233 41
Total.....		<hr/> <hr/> \$ 54,789 00

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit my report of orders drawn on the City Treasurer during the year 1885: also, a tabular statement of the bonded indebtedness of the City of Indianapolis, and an interest coupon statement showing the amount of interest payable each year, together with amount of temporary loans outstanding.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

Statement of orders drawn on the City Treasury during the year 1885:

Board of Health.....	\$ 2,873 78
Bridges ..	16,311 11
City Assessor's Department.....	4,619 95
City Civil Engineer's Department.....	2,461 76
City Dispensary ..	3,313 77
City Hall ..	2,912 31
City Hospital and Branch.....	17,730 20

City Hospital Addition	\$	4,699	75
City Treasurer's percentage.....		6,735	76
Cemetery		30	00
Cisterns		1,575	34
Elections		1,766	35
Fire Department, for pay rolls	\$60,853	00	
Fire Department, for repairing, supplies, etc	25,811	43	86,664 43
Gas		67,132	34
Incidentals		2,854	33
Interest on Bonds		131,081	67
Judgments and costs.....		640	21
Markets		386	75
Market-Masters' Fees.....		2,738	28
Parks.....		1,676	81
Pogue's Run		1,304	89
Police		53,961	93
Printing.....		5,505	19
Salary.....		23,390	00
Sewers		1,256	18
Station House		3,135	75
Street Improvements.....		7,350	39
Street Openings and Vacations.....		1,916	35
Street Repairs, for pay-rolls.....	\$25,653	95	
Street Repairs, for materials, etc..	5,434	58	31,088 53
Taxes Refunded.....		254	98
Water Rent.....		31,200	05
Time Warrants of 1884		100,000	00
			<u>\$688,569 14</u>
For School Fund		116,656	19
For Sewer Fund.....		51,323	15
For Sinking Fund.....		15,907	66
			<u>183,887 00</u>
SPECIAL FUNDS.			
Special Sewers		38,688	16
Tomlinson Estate, repairs, etc		136	60
Market House and Public Hall.....		68,769	71
			<u>107,594 47</u>
Grand Total.....			<u><u>\$910,050 61</u></u>
Of the above orders there remained in the custody of the City Clerk, (not having been called for) on Dec 31, 1885, the aggregate sum of..		\$1,756	29
And of orders drawn in previous years, the aggregate sum of		2,191	13
			<u>2,947 42</u>
Total			<u><u>\$8,948 42</u></u>

Tabular Statement of the Bonded Indebtedness of the City of Indianapolis, on January 1st, 1886.

KIND OF BONDS.	Date of Issue.	Date of Maturity.	Face of Bonds.	No. of Bonds.	Rate of Interest.	When Payable.	AGGREGATE AMOUNTS.
Indpl's & Vincen's R. R. Co.	Jan. 1, 1869.	Jan. 1, 1889.	\$ 500	120	6	April 1st.	\$ 60,000 00
Junction R. R. Co.	Jan. 1, 1869.	Jan. 1, 1889.	500	100	6	April 1st.	50,000 00
I., C. & D. R. R. Co.	Jan. 1, 1870.	Jan. 1, 1890.	590	90	6	Jan. 1st.	45,000 00
Sellers' Farm Purchase	April 1, 1873.	April 1, 1893.	1600	21	8	Oct. & April 1st.	21,000 00
Series "A"	July 1, 1873.	July 1, 1893.	1000	300	7.3	Jan & July 1st.	300,000 00
Series "B"	July 1, 1873.	July 1, 1893.	1000	300	7.3	Jan. & July 1st.	300,000 00
Southern Park Purchase	Jan. 26, 1874.	Jan. 26, 1894.	500	219	7.3	July & Jan. 1st.	109,500 00
Series "C"	July 1, 1874.	July 1, 1894.	1000	300	7.3	Jan. & July 1st.	300,000 00
Series "D"	July 1, 1875.	July 1, 1895.	1000	200	7.3	Jan. & July 1st.	200,000 00
Fire Department	July 1, 1875.	July 1, 1895.	5 0	14	7.3	Jan. & July 1st.	7,000 00
Series "E"	Jan. 1, 1876.	Jan. 1, 1896.	1000	8	7.3	July & Jan. 1st.	8,000 00
Patterson Levee	July 1, 1876.	July 1, 1896.	1000	5	6	July 1st.	5,000 00
U. R. R. T. and S. Y. Co*	Jan. 1, 1877.	Jan. 1, 1897.	1000	500	6	July & Jan. 1st.	500,000 00
Grand Total							\$1,905,500 00

Interest-Coupon Statement.

KIND OF BONDS.	WHERE PAYABLE.	When Payable.	No. of C. coupons		Amount Payable.	TOTALS.
			When Payable.	Coupon Value.		
I., C. & D. R. R. Co.	City Treasury, Indianapolis.	January 1st.	90	\$30 00	\$ 2,700 00	
Series "A"	Winslow, Lanier & Co. N. Y.	January 1st.	300	36 50	10,950 00	
Series "B"	" " "	January 1st.	300	36 50	10,950 00	
Southern Park Purchase	" " "	January 1st.	219	18 25	3,996 75	
Series "C"	" " "	January 1st.	300	36 50	10,950 00	
Series "D"	" " "	January 1st.	200	36 50	7,300 00	
Fire Department	" " "	January 1st.	14	18 25	255 00	
Series "E"	" " "	January 1st.	8	36 50	292 00	
U. R. R. T. & S. Y. Co.*.	" " "	January 1st.	500	30 00	15,000 00	\$ 62,394 25
Ind'polis & Vin. R. R. Co.	City Treasury, Indianapolis.	April 1st.	120	30 00	3,600 00	
Junction R. R. Co.	" " "	April 1st.	100	30 00	3,000 00	
Sellers' Farm Purchase.	Winslow, Lanier & Co., N. Y.	April 1st.	21	40 00	840 00	7,440 00
Series "A"	Winslow, Lanier & Co., N. Y.	July 1st.	3 0	36 50	10,950 00	
Series "B"	" " "	July 1st.	300	36 50	10,950 00	
Southern Park Purchase	" " "	July 1st.	219	18 25	3,996 75	
Series "C"	" " "	July 1st.	300	36 50	10,950 00	
Series "D"	" " "	July 1st.	200	36 50	7,300 00	
Fire Department	" " "	July 1st.	14	18 25	255 00	
Series "E"	" " "	July 1st.	8	36 50	292 00	
U. R. R. T. & S. Y. Co.*.	" " "	July 1st.	500	30 00	15,000 00	
Patterson Levee	" " "	July 1st.	5	60 00	300 00	59,994 25
Sellers' Farm Purchase.	Winslow, Lanier & Co., N. Y.	October 1st.	21	40 00	840 00	840 00
Grand Total						\$130,668 50

*These bonds were issued in aid of the "Union Railroad Transfer and Stock-Yards Company," and were exchanged for an equal amount of the bonds of said company.

The principal of the said company's bonds, and the interest-coupons attached thereto, mature and become payable one month prior to the principal and coupons of the city bonds.

TEMPORARY LOAN OF 1885.

Issued November 2, 1885, due April 1st, 1886;..... \$100,000 00.

The City Treasurer submitted the following reports; which were referred to the Finance Committee:

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

RECEIPTS.

From auction licenses.....	\$	45	00
From benefits.....		64	20
From coal licenses.....		48	00
From City Hospital—clinic tickets.....		258	00
From City Hospital—pay patients.....		171	08
From dog licenses.....		29	25
From fines and fees.....		648	94
From hack licenses.....		21	00
From huckster licenses.....		41	00
From liquor licenses.....		4,190	00
From Market-masters' fees.....		345	85
From peddlers licenses.....		58	00
From printing on precepts.....		884	36
From promiscuous—(interest on Belt Railroad bonds).....		15,000	00
From sale of old material.....		26	80
From show licenses.....		300	00
From tapping sewers.....		3	00
From tax sales current.....		901	55
From tax sales delinquent.....		1,098	56
From taxes delinquent.....		6,385	55
Total.....	\$	30,520	14
Balance on hand December 1st, 1885.....		91,511	48
		<u>\$122,031</u>	<u>62</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Board of Health.....	\$	236	00
For bridges.....		100	00
For cisterns.....		1,575	84
For City Assessor's department.....		125	55
For City Civil Engineer's department.....		371	40
For City Dispensary.....		294	34
For City Hall.....		42	00
For City Hospital and Branch.....		1,388	31
For elections.....		148	40
For Fire Department.....		7,791	75
For gas.....		6,111	44
For incidentals.....		830	82
For interest on bonds.....		30	00
For Market-Masters' fees.....		265	41
For parks.....		123	00
For per centage.....		854	67
For police.....		4,368	29
For printing.....		133	13
For salary.....		255	00
For school fund.....		4,578	24
For sewer fund.....		290	75
For sinking fund.....		87	22
For Station House.....		274	21
For street improvements.....		1,744	72
For street openings and vacations.....		454	25
For street repairs.....		1,971	66

For water rents.....	\$ 8,050 88
For uncalled for tax receipts.....	2,489 55
Total.....	\$ 44,976 33
Balance on hand January 1st, 1886.....	77,055 29
	<u>\$122,031 62</u>

TOMLINSON ESTATE.

Receipts.

Balance on hand December 1st, 1885.....	\$ 7,954 38
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Disbursements.

Market House and Public Hall.....	\$ 290 88
Repairs, &c.....	7 85
Balance on hand January 1st, 1886.....	7,655 65
	<u>\$ 7,954 38</u>

ADDITIONAL CITY HALL FUND.

Balance on hand December 1st, 1885.....	\$ 63,878 92
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Disbursements.

Market House and Public Hall.....	\$ 10,935 00
Balance on hand January 1st, 1886.....	52,943 92
	<u>\$ 63,878 92</u>

SEWER FUND.

Receipts.

Balance on hand December 1st, 1885.....	\$ 19,350 52
From November taxes.....	290 75
	<u>\$ 19,641 27</u>

Disbursements.

Special Sewers.....	\$ 7,006 28
Balance on hand January 1st, 1886.....	12,634 99
	<u>\$ 19,641 27</u>

SINKING FUND.

Balance on hand December 1st, 1885.....	\$ 46,666 35
From November taxes.....	87 22
	<u>\$ 46,753 57</u>
Balance on hand January 1st, 1886.....	\$ 46,753 57

Respectfully submitted,

I. N. PATTISON, City Treasurer.

To GEORGE T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

12 Report of I. N. PATTISON, City Treasurer, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1885.

RECEIPTS.

From auction licenses.....	\$ 155 00
From benefits.....	1,103 34
From coal licenses.....	274 00

From Hospital—clinical tickets and pay patients.....	3	674	05
From dog licenses.....		2,310	00
From dray licenses.....		250	80
From express licenses.....		660	35
From fines and fees.....		5,099	61
From hack licenses.....		548	00
From hucksters' licenses.....		1,552	00
From liquor licenses.....		20,300	79
From Market-masters' fees.....		4,555	27
From market rents.....		1,553	28
From peddlers' licenses.....		539	00
From printing on precepts.....		884	36
From promiscuous.....	134,176	68	
From sale of old material.....		453	40
From Sellers Farm rent.....		500	00
From show licenses.....		1,338	34
From tapping sewers.....		48	00
From vault cleaners' licenses.....		15	00
From taxes current.....		597,032	65
From tax sales current.....		5,462	79
From tax sales delinquent.....		5,738	40
From taxes delinquent.....		46,951	11
Total		\$832,176	22
Balance on hand January 1, 1885.....		68,871	84
		\$901,048	06

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Board of Health.....	\$	2,873	78
For bridges.....		16,311	11
For cemeteries.....		30	00
For cisterns.....		1,575	34
For City Assessors's Department.....		4,619	95
For City Civil Engineer's Department.....		2,490	51
For City Dispensary.....		3,311	15
For City Hall.....		2,462	31
For City Hospital and Branch, and additions.....		22,319	86
For elections.....		1,709	85
For Fire Department.....		86,861	77
For gas and vapor light.....		67,132	34
For incidentals.....		2,854	33
For interest on bonds.....		131,081	67
For judgments and costs.....		645	31
For markets.....		380	45
For Market-masters' fees.....		2,738	28
For parks.....		1,671	61
For per centage.....		6,735	76
For Pogue's Run.....		1,304	89
For police.....		54,038	27
For printing.....		5,502	39
For salary.....		23,277	50
For school fund.....		118,261	26
For sewers.....		1,256	18
For sewer fund.....		51,323	15
For sinking fund.....		15,907	66
For Station House.....		3,137	40
For street improvements.....		7,383	72
For street openings and vacations.....		1,777	35
For street repairs.....		30,944	06

For taxes refunded.....	\$ 254 98
For time warrants of 1884.....	100,000 00
For water rent.....	81,200 05
For transferred from General Fund to Additional City Hall Fund.....	18,128 98
For uncalled for tax receipts.....	2,489 55
Total.....	\$823,992 77
Balance on hand January 1, 1886.....	77,055 29
	<u>\$901,048 06</u>

TOMLINSON ESTATE.

Rents.....	\$ 725 18
Balance on hand January 1, 1885.....	64,901 78
	<u>\$ 65,626 96</u>
Market House and Public Hall.....	\$ 57,884 71
Repairs, insurance, &c.....	136 60
Balance on hand January 1, 1886.....	7,655 65
	<u>\$ 65,626 96</u>

ADDITIONAL CITY HALL FUND.

Balance on hand January 1, 1885.....	\$ 45,749 94
Transferred from General Fund.....	18,128 98
	<u>\$ 63,878 92</u>
Market House and Public Hall.....	\$ 10,935 00
Balance on hand January 1, 1886.....	52,943 92
	<u>\$ 63,878 92</u>

SEWER FUND.

From taxes for the year.....	\$ 51,323 15
Special sewers.....	38,688 16
Balance on hand January 1, 1886.....	12,634 99
	<u>\$ 51,323 15</u>

SINKING FUND.

Balance on hand January 1, 1885.....	\$ 30,845 91
From taxes for the year.....	15,907 66
	<u>\$ 46,753 57</u>
Balance on hand January 1, 1886.....	\$ 46,753 57

Respectfully submitted,

I. N. PATTISON, City Treasurer.

To GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was approved, and the appointment confirmed:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—I have appointed Joseph T. Fanning as my principal deputy and Clerk of the Board of Aldermen.

I respectfully request your honorable bodies to confirm his appointment.

January 4th, 1886.

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

The City Attorney submitted the following report; which was concurred in :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—On December 22, 1885, the Supreme Court, in special term, rendered judgment for \$976.50 against the City in the case of Francis M. Churchman vs. The City of Indianapolis. Said judgment was rendered for the repayment of street assessment collected by the City on the opening of Second street.

I recommend that the case be appealed.

WILLIAM F. TAYLOR, City Attorney.

The following communication was received from the ex-City Assessor :

To the Mayor and Members of the Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—Under an order of the Ex-City Council, I have been engaged for sometime in finishing a set of plats of the City, and find that it will require say sixty (60) days to complete the work. I desire to know your will in the matter.

The plats are for the use of the Engineer, and it is necessary in making estimates for street improvements that they be accurate, and contain all additions and subdivisions belonging to the City. This is a work of no small magnitude.

Awaiting your orders, I am yours, &c.,

E. SAULCY, Ex-City Assessor.

Councilman Haugh offered the following resolution; which was read :

Resolved, That Eugene Saulcy be and he is hereby directed to continue the preparation of the city plats heretofore ordered while he was City Assessor, to their final completion, the compensation of himself and assistants engaged in said work to be fixed by the Finance Committee and reported to the Council at its next meeting.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 25—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroraty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

The Superintendents of the City Hospital and City Dispensary submitted their reports for the month of December; which were read and received.

The Chief Fire Engineer submitted an annual report for the year 1885; which was received, and ordered filed in the Clerk's office.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Board of Health submitted the Mortality report for two weeks ending December 31st, 1885; which was read and received.

The Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, 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 year 1885, viz :

Pay-rolls.....	\$25,654 95
Blacksmithing.....	415 97
Bowlders.....	643 75
Brick.....	105 65
Castings for sewers.....	135 02
Cement.....	80 30
Coal.....	1 60
Cinders.....	4 00
Fountain repairs.....	114 76
Freight on lumber.....	101 00
Freight on stone.....	287 23
Gravel.....	496 15
Hardware.....	340 53
Lumber.....	1,738 75
Miscellaneous.....	128 31
Rent on city yards.....	125 33
Rubber goods.....	21 50
Sand.....	294 95
Sewer pipe.....	246 57
Spawls.....	19 20
Stone crossings.....	120 00
Toll.....	13 01

Total.....\$31,088 53

Of the above amount \$427.97 was paid on bills carried over from year 1884.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. RONEY,
Street Commissioner.

M. M. REYNOLDS,
Board of Public Improvements.

The City Dispensary Board and Superintendent submitted their annual report for 1885; which was received, and ordered filed in the Clerk's office.

By consent, Councilman Benjamin offered the following resolution;

Resolved, That John R. Pearson be, and is hereby, appointed Vire President of of this Council for the ensuing term.

Councilman Coy moved to substitute the name of Councilman Edenharter for that of Councilman Pearson.

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

AYES, 12—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cummings, Dunn, Herig, McClelland, McGroarty, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Swain, and Thalman.

NAYS, 10—viz. Councilmen Burns, Coy, Dell, Howes, Mack, Markey, Newland, Reinecke, Stuckmeyer, and Waterman.

The resolution was then adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 22—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

Which, on motion of Councilman Coy, was made unanimous.

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

Ap. O. 1, 1886—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$766.93.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 24—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

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. 2, 1886—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, \$1,380.03.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 24—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

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. 3, 1886—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$22,438.74.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 24—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

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. 4, 1886—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station House. [Amount appropriated, \$298.60.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 24—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

By the Finance Committee, through Councilman Thalman, the following entitled ordinance was introduced, read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, and read a third time :

Ap. O. 5, 1886—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of the compensation of the officers and members of the Fire and Police Departments, the Committee Clerk and City Janitor.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 24—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

By consent, Councilman Mack offered the following motion:

That when the Mayor of this Common Council appoints the Fire Committee, he be directed to appoint three Republican and two Democratic members of this body on said committee.

On motion of Councilman Rooker, the foregoing motion was laid on the table, by the following vote:

AYES, 13—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cummings, Dunn, Herig, McClelland, McGroarty, Pearson, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Swain, and Thalman.

NAYS, 12—viz. Councilmen Burns, Coy, Dell, Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Mack, Markey, Newland, Reinecke, Stuckmeyer, and Waterman.

His Honor, the Mayor, submitted the following:

To the Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen:—I hereby name the following members as the Special Fire Committee provided for by resolution adopted at this meeting, viz: Messrs. Benjamin, Thalman, Mack, Herig and Cummings.

Respectfully submitted, C. S. DENNY, Mayor.

Councilman Coy moved to substitute the name of Councilman Howes for that of Councilman Thalman.

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

A YES, 13—viz Councilmen Benjamin, Cummings, Dunn, Herig, McClelland, McGroarty, Pearson, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Swain, and Thalman.

NAYS, 12—viz. Councilmen Burns, Coy, Dell, Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Mack, Markey, Newland, Reinecke, Stuckmeyer, and Waterman.

The Committee, as appointed by His Honor, was then approved.

By consent, Councilman McClelland offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Rules of the old Council be considered the Rules to govern this body until Committee on Rules make their report.

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 McClelland:

- S. O. 1, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Vine street, from Park avenue to Ash street.
- S. O. 2, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Ash street, from Christian avenue to Massachusetts avenue.
- S. O. 3, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing (where not already curbed), the gutters of Broadway street, from Christian avenue to St. Clair street.

By Councilman Smith, which was referred to the Committee on Public Light:

- S. O. 4, 1886—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Pratt street, between Delaware and Alabama streets.

By Councilman Swain:

- S. O. 5, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Broadway street, from Eighth street to Ninth street, and repealing Special Ordinance No. 97, 1885.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

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

That the Street Commissioner, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, be and is hereby directed to regrade the crossing of Georgia and Pennsylvania streets.

Councilman Cummings offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner notify the Voss estate to repair sidewalk in front of 132 North Tennessee street.

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

That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean all of the gutters of the Eighth Ward at once, also fill chuck-holes with broken stone in all the streets.

Councilman Haugh offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That George J. Hammell be granted the right to lay stone crossing on Alabama street, between Vermont and Michigan streets, at his own expense. Work to be done under supervision of City Engineer.

Councilman Herig offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Engineer immediately prepare an ordinance to repeal the following ordinances, having passed the Council without petition or wishes of the property owners:

- S. O. 123, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Missouri street, from Merrill to McCarty street.
- S. O. 113, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Rose street, from West street to second alley west of West 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.

On motion by Councilmen Herig, the action of the Council at this session, in approving the contract and bond of James W. Hudson, for paving the sidewalks of West street, from McCarty street to Morris street; also, contract and bond of R. P. Dunning, for paving the sidewalks of Ross street, from West street to the second alley west of West street, was reconsidered.

Councilman Mack offered the following motions; which were adopted:

That the Street Commissioner notify Austin H. Brown to clean the dirt off of the brick sidewalk in front of his lot on the east side of Russell avenue, between Merrill and McCarty streets, and if not done in ten days, to clean the same at the expense of the owner.

That the City Clerk be authorized to procure four copies of the City Directory for 1886, one each for Clerk's office, Mayor's office, Engineer's office, and Board of Health.

Councilman Mack offered the following resignation :

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Common Council :

Gentlemen :—I do hereby respectfully resign as a member of the Fire Committee.
FRED J. MACK.

Councilman Pearson moved that the resignation be not accepted.

On motion of Councilman Haugh, the motion of Councilman Pearson was laid on the table, by the following vote:

AYES, 15—viz. Councilmen Burns, Coy, Dell, Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Mack, Markey, Newland, Reinecke, Rooker, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, and Waterman.

NAYS, 9—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cummings, Dunn, McClelland, McGroarty, Pearson, Reynolds, Smither, and Thalman.

The resignation was then accepted.

Councilman Smith moved that His Honor, the Mayor, be instructed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councilman Mack from the Fire Department Committee, by appointing a Republican member.

Councilman Pearson moved as a substitute, that action be postponed until the next meeting; which was adopted.

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

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen :—On December 11, 1885, I procured a license to sell or peddle, being under the opinion that I needed one. I understand that Mayor McMaster has ruled that a person taking orders for goods and delivering afterwards, does not need a license. As I do an order business entirely, I respectfully ask your honorable bodies to refund to me the amount so erroneously paid, five (5) dollars.

Respectfully,

ALBERT ROSS.

Councilman Reinecke presented the following remonstrances; which were filed with the respective ordinances:

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on McKernan street, between Buchanan and first alley south of Coburn street, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the paving of the sidewalk of the same:

Elizabeth Hutton, Mrs. Mary Hand, the Trustees of the church, Mrs. Mary Dolan, Jane McFarland, Oliver and Mary Healey, Thomas Collins, Henrietta Wurgler.

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

Gentlemen :—We, the undersigned, property holders on Shelby street, fronting

on the west side and south of the Belt Railroad, in said city, respectfully remonstrate and protest against making any improvement of the sidewalks at this time.

John C. New, executor; D. M. Bradbury; Fred. Rand, Receiver Indiana Banking Company, Lots 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, square 9: Lots 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40, square 8: W. H. Nimal, Lots 28, 29, 30, 31, square 9: George Grinsteiner, two lots south of B. R. R., Oct. 16th: Edward Guth, Lots 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, square 8.

Councilman Smith offered the following motion:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to cut down the crown of the roadway of St. Mary's street, from Delaware street to Alabama street, and regravell the same; work to be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Cummings moved that it be adopted.

Which, on motion of Councilman Haugh, was laid on the table, and the motion was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Councilman Smith offered the following motion; which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The bonded debt of this city is now in excess of the two percent constitutional limit. And

Whereas, The present annual revenues are insufficient to meet any extraordinary expenditures. And

Whereas, The dangerous condition of the railroad crossings on Virginia avenue are necessarily due to the railroads and not to the citizens. Therefore

Moved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That there shall be appointed two members of the Common Council and one member of the Board of Aldermen, who, in conjunction with the Mayor, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the City Attorney, shall constitute a committee, whose duty it shall be to confer with the Union Railway Company and all other interested companies, concerning the construction of a viaduct, or some other safe passage way, either over or under the railroad tracks on Virginia avenue; and to ascertain the cost of construction, and feasibility of the different plans suggested, and the proportion of the expense of construction thereof that said railroad companies will bear.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed Councilmen Smith and Newland as the Council members of such committee.

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

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

Councilman Thalman presented the following petitions; which were referred to the Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney:

To the Board of Aldermen and Common Council of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—Your petitioner shows that the following property was sold for City taxes, to-wit:

Certificate Nos.		Sold Feb. 10, 1880, purchase price.	Subsequent taxes paid Jan. 4, 1881.
8688	Lot 5, May & Wasson's Highland Park add'n	\$70 75	\$1 61
6965	Lot 3, Huston's sub.	16 60	2 67
8680	Lot 2, Huston's sub.	5 86	2 67
18030	Lot 86, May & Wasson's	22 47	1 61
18030	Lot 87, " " " "	22 47	1 61
18030	Lot 88, " " " "	22 47	1 61
6964	Lot 4, H's sub.	18 89	5 42
8442	Lot 100 King's sub.	4 70	2 14
14988	Lot 1, H's sub.	5 94	1 07
16779	Lot 1, S. sub.	3 52	1 07
8659 b.	Lot 60, King's sub.	10 36	1 07
14182	Lot 14, J. B. & B's addition	6 50	1 60
21575 a.	Lot 2, Meyer & McC's s. addition	8 33	1 07
2157 3b.	Lot 3, Meyer & McC's s. addition	8 33	1 07
14183 to 9 inclusive,	Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, and 40 feet s. ends 8, 9, and 10, Meyer & McClelland's sub.	121 ⁰ 53	10 63

All of which property was pretended to be assessed for taxes for city purposes, and was claimed to be delinquent, and was sold to Frank McWhinney, who paid said sums of money into the City Treasury at the date aforesaid. And says that said sales are and were illegal, because said property was never annexed properly to said city; and said property was never liable to be taxed for city purposes, was disannexed by said city. Wherefore he asks that said sums of money as above stated be refunded, with interest from dates of payment of the same. All of which is due and unpaid, and owing to him.

Respectfully, etc.,

FRANK MCWHINNEY:

To the Hon. Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned respectfully represents that he has a claim against the City of Indianapolis for City taxes collected from him on real estate owned by him in King's subdivision of Bryant's addition (Arsenal Rights), and for money paid on account of sales for taxes made by the City of real estate owned by your petitioner in said addition; and as the courts have decided said addition is not and never was a part of the City, it is manifestly just and proper that the money thus illegally exacted should be refunded, with legal interest thereon.

And as the City has a claim against the undersigned on account of the opening and extending of Dillon street, which the undersigned does not admit to be just, he respectfully suggests that an amicable and fair adjustment of said matters, without cost or litigation, would be right and best for both parties. He therefore respectfully petitions that said matters be referred to the City Attorney, with power to act, with whom a list of the taxes referred to will be filed.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. ENGLISH.

January 4, 1886.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Finance Committee be directed to procure a temporary loan of \$33,000 to meet the payment of bills as per this night's appropriations, and for requirements during the month of January for Police, Fire, and Street Departments. Rate of interest not to exceed 5 per cent. per annum. The Mayor and City Clerk to draw four months time warrants for the same.

Councilman Herig introduced the following entitled ordinances; which were read the first time:

S. O. 6, 1886—An ordinance to provide for the repealing of an ordinance, No. 113, 1885, entitled "An ordinance for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Rose street, from West street to the second alley west of West street."

sig. 3.

- S. O. 7, 1886—An ordinance to provide for the repealing of ordinance No. 111 1885, entitled "An ordinance for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of West street, from McCarty street to Morris street."
- S. O. 8, 1886—An ordinance to provide for repealing an ordinance, No. 123, 1885, entitled "An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Missouri street, from Merrill street to McCarty street."

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

C. S. DENNY, Mayor,
President of the Common Council.

Attest: MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.