

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

FIRST SESSION—AUGUST 2, 1886.

The Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, together with the City Clerk and Township Assessor, met as a Board of Equalization, in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, August 2d, A. D. 1886, at eight o'clock, pursuant to the following call:

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, *Indianapolis*, July 16, 1886.

Notice is hereby given to the tax payers, that in pursuance of the provisions of Section 59 of the City Charter, the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, together with the City Clerk and Township Assessor, will meet in the Chamber of the Common Council in the City of Indianapolis, on Monday evening, August 2d, 1886, as a Board of Equalization, to hear and decide complaints, if there be any, and equalize the appraisements for the year 1886, as right and justice may require.

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

A roll-call was had, with the following result:

PRESENT—Hon. Caleb S. Denny, Mayor, and Hon. Thomas E. Endly, President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair; Michael F. Shields, City Clerk, Thomas F. Quill, Township Assessor; Aldermen King, Laut, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, and Wright; Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman—34.

ABSENT—Aldermen Brown, Crosby, and Prier, and Councilman Rooker—4.

The following report from the Township Assessor was read:

Indianapolis, Aug. 2d, 1886.

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit my annual report of the taxable property of the City of Indianapolis, for the year 1886:

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| Value of Lots..... | \$19,130,675 |
| Value of Improvements..... | 13,930,150 |
| Value of Personal..... | 13,621,099 |

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| Total taxables..... | <u>\$46,681,924</u> |
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| Number of Polls..... | 16,650 |
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Respectfully submitted, T. F. QUILL, Assessor Center T'p.

Councilman Mack offered the following motion; which was adopted:

SIG. 60.

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Moved, That the Mayor appoint one member of the Common Council or Board of Aldermen from each of the five Aldermanic Districts, who shall meet at the Township Assessor's office on Tuesday, August 3d, 1886, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and thereafter at such times as they may designate, until August 12th, 1886, and to whom shall be referred the assessment list and all complaints against any assessment on property in the City of Indianapolis for equalization and adjustment, as provided by law.

And moved further, That said Committee be, and they are hereby, ordered to report back their doings to this Board of Equalization, at a meeting to be held on Monday evening, August 9th, 1886, at 8 o'clock.

His Honor, the Mayor, as per the foregoing motion, appointed Aldermen Endly, Pritchard and Laut, and Councilmen Pearson and Mack.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet August 9th, 1886.

C. S. DENNY, Mayor,
President of the Board of Equalization..

Attest: MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—AUGUST 2, 1886.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, August 2d, A. D. 1886, immediately after the adjournment of the Board of Equalization.

PRESENT—Hon. Caleb S. Denny, Mayor, and *ex officio* President of the Common Council in the Chair, and 24 members. viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

ABSENT—Councilman Rooker.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the adjourned session held July 12th, 1886, and the regular session held July 19th, 1886, 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 below described improvements, were opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts:

(S. O. 53, 1886)—For grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Christian avenue, from the west line of Ash street to Bellefontaine avenue, where not already curbed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

The Committee on Contracts, through Councilman Reynolds, submitted the following report:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred the proposals received July 19th, 1886, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows:

1st. For grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Wright street, from Buchanan street to Coburn street.

Price per lineal foot front on each side.

| Name of bidder. | Paving. | Walk-stones. | Wings. |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| R. P. Dunning..... | 36 cents..... | 69 cents..... | 69 cents. |
| James W. Hudson..... | 36 cents..... | 60 cents..... | 65 cents. |

| Name of bidder. | Paving. | Walk-stones. | Wings. |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|
| J. L. Spaulding..... | 35 cents | | |
| Richter & Twiname | 34 cents | 75 cents | 75 cents. |
| Fulmer & Seibert | 34 cents | 65 cents | 65 cents. |
| Joseph Bernauer | 33 cents | 60 cents | 63 cents. |

Recommend that no further action be taken at present.

2d. For the erection of lamp-posts on Fourth Street, between Illinois and Meridian street; also, two on Mississippi street, between Garden and Merrill streets; also, two on Willard street, between Merrill and Garden streets.

Freaney Brothers being the only bidders, at \$21.00 per lamp-post, recommend they be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Reynolds,
John H. Herig,
Committee on Contracts.

On motion by Councilman Reinecke, action upon the first clause of the above report was postponed until the next regular meeting of the Common Council, and the remainder of the report was concurred in.

The same Committee submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Contracts to whom was referred the proposals received this August 2, 1886, have examined the same and find them to be as follows:

For grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Christian avenue, from the west line os Ash street to Bellefontaine avenue.

Bids per lineal foot on each side.

| Name of Bidder. | Bowldering. | Curbing. | Walk-Stones. | Wings—Sq. yd. |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Geo. W. Buchanan | 50 cents | 44 cents | 67 cents | 62 cents. |
| J. W. Cooper & Co. | 49 cents | 42 cents | 66 cents | 60 cents. |
| James W. Hudson | 48 cents | 42 cents | 65 cents | 60 cents. |

James W. Hudson being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Reynolds,
Frank M. Dell,
John H. Herig,
Committee Contracts.

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 estimate of work done according to contract:

A first and final estimate in behalf of Robert Kennington, for grading and graveling the second alley west of the intersection of Massachusetts avenue and Noble street, from Massachusetts avenue to Noble street.

695.75 lineal feet, at 28 cents.....\$194 81

A first and final estimate in behalf of Frhd. Gansberg, for grading and graveling the west sidewalk of Shelby street, from the Relt Railroad to Raymond street.

1,324 lineal feet, at 20 cents.....\$264 80

A first and final estimate in behalf of J. W. Cooper & Co., for grading and bowldering the roadway, curbing and paving the sidewalks of Wabash street, from Delaware street to Alabama street.

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| 847.65 lineal feet of bowldering, at 85 cents..... | \$720 50 |
| 808 80 lineal feet of curbing, at 42 cents..... | 339 70 |
| 825 lineal feet of paving at 30 cents..... | 247 50 |
| 50 square yards of re-grading and bowldering, at 50 cents..... | 25 00 |
| 4 lineal feet of walk stone, at 30 cents..... | 1 20 |
| | \$1,333 90 |

A first and final estimate in behalf of A. Bruner, for constructing an 18-inch Akron pipe sewer, in and along Root street, from West street to White River.

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| 324.60 lineal feet of sewer, at 93 cents..... | \$501 87 |
| 2 man-holes, at \$30.00 each..... | 60 00 |
| 3 catch-basins at \$50 each..... | 150 00 |
| 7.15 cubic yards of masonry, at \$5.00..... | 35 75 |
| 1040 feet of lumber B. M., at \$25.00..... | 26 00 |
| | \$573 62 |

A first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk of East street, from Morris street to Lincoln Lane.

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| 1,906 lineal feet, at 28½ cents..... | \$543 20 |
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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 Robert Kennington, for grading and graveling the second alley west of the intersection of Massachusetts avenue and Noble street, from Massachusetts avenue to Noble 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, 23—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman and Waterman.

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 Fred Gansberg, for grading and graveling the west sidewalk of Shelby street, from Belt Railroad to Raymond 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, 23—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke Reynolds, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

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. W. Cooper & Co., for grading and bowldering the roadway, curbing and paving the sidewalks of Wabash street, from Delaware street to Alabama 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, 23—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

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 west sidewalk of East street, from Morris street to Lincoln Lane, 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 amounts set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 23—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following contracts and bonds; which were approved:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

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

Contract and bond of Augustus Bruner, for constructing a brick sewer in and along Washington street, from Mississippi street to Missouri street.

Bond, \$4,000; surety, Anderson Bruner.

Contract and band of Geo. W. Buchanan, for grading and paving with brick the south sidewalk or Market street. from West street to Blackford street.

Bond, \$500; surety, L. A. Fulmer.

Contract and bond of Richter & Twiname, for grading and bowldering the first alley north of Vermont street, from Illinois street to Tennessee street.

Bond, \$600; surety, L. A. Fulmer.

Contracts and bonds of Freaney Bros., for the erection of lamp-posts on the following streets:

South side of Second street, between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets.

Bellefontaine avenue, between Christian avenue and Cherry street.

High street, between McCarty and Coburn streets.

Bond, \$200; surety, A. M. Fletcher.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—At your last meeting you directed me to report a plan to abate the nuisance, in the shape of a pond, on the Michigan Road, between Sixth and Seventh streets. I have examined into the matter, and recommend that for immediate relief, the road between Sixth and Seventh streets be filled to a depth of four (4) feet, by the Street Commissioner. But to render proper and permanent relief, I would recommend the construction of a four (4) foot sewer on the line of Seventh street, from the Michigan Road to Fall Creek; which in time could be extended east as far as Meridian street, and thereby relieve the accumulation of water at the corner of Seventh street.

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

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was read and received:

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 July, 1886, viz:

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| Board of Health..... | \$ 317 08 |
| Bridges..... | 842 40 |
| City Civil Engineer's Department..... | 195 95 |
| City Dispensary..... | 272 20 |
| City Hall..... | 52 00 |
| City Hospital and Branch..... | 1,071 86 |
| Cemetries..... | 37 50 |
| Fire Department—pay-rolls..... | 5,165 00 |
| Fire Department—accounts..... | 1,003 49 |
| Gas..... | 5,975 95 |
| Incidentals..... | 44 45 |
| Interest on bonds..... | 59,994 25 |
| Judgments and costs..... | 100 00 |
| Market-Masters' fees..... | 228 90 |
| Parks..... | 222 75 |
| Police..... | 4,582 96 |
| Printing..... | 606 42 |
| Salary..... | 5,946 84 |
| Sewers..... | 109 15 |
| Station House..... | 124 17 |
| Street Improvements..... | 1,216 81 |
| Street repairs—pay-rolls..... | 3,988 31 |
| Street repair—accounts..... | 1,154 19 |
| Tomlinson Hall incidentals..... | 12 25 |
| Tomlinson Hall Janitor and Assistants..... | 56 25 |
| | \$ 93,321 13 |

SPECIAL FUNDS.

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| Market House and Public Hall..... | 2,532 64 |
| Total..... | \$ 95,853 77 |

Respectfully submitted, MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

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

Receipts and Disbursements on account of the City of Indianapolis, for the month of July, 1886.

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| Balance July 1, 1886..... | \$202,056 96 |
| To collections on tax duplicate..... | 6,333 76 |
| To collections, miscellaneous receipts..... | 21,248 70 |
| | \$229,639 42 |
| By redemption of city orders..... | 98,800 57 |
| | \$130,838 85 |

Respectfully submitted,

HIRAM W. MILLER, Treasurer for City.

The City Attorney and City Civil Engineer submitted the following report, petition and resolution:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, who were instructed to prepare the proper petition praying for the dis-annexation of certain territory from the City of Indianapolis, herewith submit a list of lands, lots and parcels of real estate, with descriptions of the same, together with proper resolutions; also, a petition to the Board of County Commissioners of Marion county, Indiana, praying for the dis-annexation of said described lands, lots and parcels of real estate.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

PETITION.

To the Board of Commissioners of Marion County, Indiana:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, Mayor and members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, respectfully represent and show to your honorable Board, that said City of Indianapolis desires to have dis-annexed and excluded from its corporate boundaries, and to surrender jurisdiction over, and control of the following lands, lots and parcels of real estate now composing a part of said city, to-wit:

1st. E. G. Pray and Jesse L. Hunt's subdivision of the south part of the following described tract of land, to-wit: Part of the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 18, Township 15, north Range 4 east, beginning in the center of Prospect street, ten (10) chains west of the northeast corner of said tract; thence south 546 feet; thence east 145 feet; thence north 314 feet; thence west 72½ feet; thence north 232 feet; thence west 72½ feet to the place of beginning. Recorded in Plat Book 6, page 43, in the Recorder's office of Marion county.

2d. Nicholas Jose's Pleasant Valley addition to the City of Indianapolis, recorded in Plat Book 4, page 152, in the Recorder's office of Marion county.

3d. Alexander Metzger's subdivision of Lots 1 and 2, and five feet off of the west side of Lot 3, of J. F. Wingate's subdivision of 13 53-100 acres of land in Section 18, Township 15, north Range 4 east, as shown on said J. F. Wingate's revised plat of said subdivision. Recorded in Plat Book 3, page 48, in the Recorder's office of Marion county.

4th. John H. Asbury's Orphan Home Southeast addition, and David V. Miller's Orphan Home Southeast addition; a subdivision of Lot 6, in the north half of Lot 7, in J. F. Wingate's subdivision of 13 53-100 acres of land in the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 18, Township 15, north Range 4 east, known as Jos. W. Asbury's "Orphan Home" Southeast addition to the City of Indianapolis. Recorded in Plat Book 6, page 102, in the Recorder's office of Marion county, Indiana.

5th. Jos. F. Wingate's revised addition, beginning at the southwest corner of the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 18, Township 15, north Range 4

east, and running north 20 20-100 chains; thence east 6 71-100 chains; thence south 20 20-100 chains; thence west 6 69-100 chains, to the beginning point, containing 13 53-100 acres. Recorded in Plat Book 3, page 48, in the Recorder's office of Marion county, Indiana.

6th. All of that portion of Charles Post's Guardian's first addition to the City of Indianapolis lying north of the south line of Twelfth street and west of the first alley west of Tennessee street. Said addition being situated in the northwest corner of the east half of the northeast quarter of Section 35, Township 16, north Range 3 east, and the southwest corner of the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 26, Township and Range aforesaid, in Marion county, Indiana. Recorded in Plat Book 7, page 90, in the Recorder's office of Marion county, Indiana.

7th. All of Bruce Baker's addition to the City of Indianapolis, lying north of the south line of Bruce street, as indicated on the plat of said addition. Said addition being a subdivision of the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 30, Township 16, north of Range 4 east, and recorded in Plat Book 6, page 122, in the Recorder's office of Marion county, Indiana.

Said real estate is not sufficiently improved to be a part of said city, and ought not to be subject to taxation for city purposes.

The Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis hereby, on behalf of said city, surrender all claims to, control of and jurisdiction over said land, as soon as an order of dis-annexation shall have been entered by your honorable Board, as authorized by Section 3,247 of the Revised Statutes of 1881: *Provided, however,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed to release said territory, or any part thereof, from any taxes or other liens existing against the same at the time of, or prior to, the order of dis-annexation.

Respectfully submitted, C. S. DENNY, Mayor.

- Thomas E. Endly.....Alderman 1st District.
- M. L. Brown.....Alderman 3d District.
- G. S. Wright.....Alderman 3d District.
- Isaac King.....Alderman 4th District.
- John Rail.....Alderman 5th District.
- Lorenz Schmidt.....Alderman 5th District.
- M. M. Reynolds.....Councilman 1st Ward.
- David F. Swain.....Councilman 2d Ward.
- Theo. F. Smither....Councilman 4th Ward.
- John R. Pearson.....Councilman 5th Ward.
- Henry L. Smith.....Councilman 6th Ward.
- R. McClelland.....Councilman 7th Ward.
- C. F. H. Waterman..Councilman 9th Ward.
- Charles E. Haugh....Councilman 10th Ward.
- Isaac Thalman.....Councilman 11th Ward.
- M. M. Cummings....Councilman 12th Ward.
- Edward Dunn.....Councilman 13th Ward.
- Joseph H. Howes....Councilman 14th Ward.
- Michael J. Burns....Councilman 15th Ward.
- Cor. McGroarty.....Councilman 16th Ward.
- Frank E. Benjamin..Councilman 17th Ward.
- Sim. Coy.....Councilman 18th Ward.
- Frank. M. Dell.....Councilman 19th Ward.
- C. H. Stuckmeyer....Councilman 20th Ward.
- A. L. Newland.....Councilman 21st Ward.
- Julius F. Reinecke..Councilman 22d Ward.
- Thomas Markey.....Councilman 23d Ward.
- Fred. J. Mack.....Councilman 24th Ward.
- John H. Herig.....Councilman 25th Ward.

Resolved, That the petition signed by the Mayor and members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, praying the Board of Commissioners of Marion county, Indiana, to dis-annex certain lands from the City of Indianapolis, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the petition of the Common

Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and the City Clerk is hereby directed to prepare a certified copy of this resolution, and file the same with the Board of Commissioners of Marion county, Indiana, in the office of the Auditor of said county; and the City Attorney is hereby directed to present said petition to said Board at its first regular meeting after notice has been given; and the City Clerk is further instructed to cause the proper legal notice of the pendency of such petition to be given.

The report and petition were concurred in, and the resolution adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Smithers, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

Wm. Hadley, Rental Agent, submitted his report for July, 1886, which was read and received.

The Superintendent of the City Hospital submitted his report for July, 1886; which was received.

The Superintendent of the City Dispensary submitted his report for July, 1886; which was received.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Board of Public Improvements and Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Herig, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Public Improvements, together with the Committee on Streets and Alleys, and City Civil Engineer, to whom was referred the petition of the President and Secretary of the German Orphan Home, asking permission to build a dam across Pleasant Run, to protect stone wall, &c., recommend the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Herig,
C. H. Stuckmeyer,
R. McClelland,
Board of Public Improvements.

Edward Dunn,
Julius F. Reinecke,
J. H. Herig,
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, through Councilman Herig, submitted the following report; which was read and received:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—We herewith report expenditures in the Street Repair Department for the month of July, together with the total expenditure to August 1st, 1886:

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| Pay-rolls..... | \$ 3,988 31 |
| Blacksmithing..... | 31 70 |
| Boulders..... | 93 50 |
| Broken stone..... | 262 50 |

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| Fountain repairs..... | \$ 13 80 |
| Freight on lumber..... | 140 92 |
| Freight on stone..... | 102 60 |
| Gravel..... | 155 51 |
| Hardware..... | 65 64 |
| Lumber..... | 286 02 |
| Toll..... | 2 00 |
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| Total expenditure for July, 1886..... | \$ 5,142 50 |
| Total expenditures per last report..... | 16,205 20 |
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| Expenditures to August 1st, 1886..... | \$21,347 70 |
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Respectfully submitted,

John H. Herig,
C. H. Stuckmeyer,
R. McClelland,
Board of Public Improvements.

C. S. RONEY, Street Commissioner.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman Herig, submitted the following report:

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. Is a petition for the construction of a stone wall in Pogue's Run, between Catharine and McCarty streets.

Recommend that the City Civil Engineer be directed to prepare plans and specifications, and advertise for proposals for said work.

2d. To place a catch-basin at the second alley north of New York street, on Spring street, and connect the same with Railroad street sewer with a line of pipe.

Recommend the work be done.

3d. To lay a stone crossing on Washington street, at the alley between Tennessee and Mississippi streets. Recommend the work be done.

4th. To fill the chuck-holes on Fletcher avenue, between Linden and Spruce streets, with gravel or broken stone. Recommend the work be done.

5th. To place a double stone crossing across Noble street, on the south side of Washington street. Recommend the work be not done.

6th. To repair the alley crossing on Huron street, between Pine and Cedar streets. Recommend that the work be done.

7th. To raise the sidewalks and fix the gutters of south East street, from a point 250 feet south of Washington street to a point 750 feet south of Washington street, to conform to the grade recently made in constructing the bridge over Pogue's Run. The work to be done according to stakes set by the City Civil Engineer.

Recommend the work be done under ordinance, providing the property owners petition for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Herig,
C. H. Stuckmeyer,
R. McClelland,
Board of Public Improvements.

On motion by Councilman Thalman, the first clause of the above report was referred to the City Civil Engineer, with instruction to report an estimate of the cost of the proposed improvement, and the remainder of the report was concurred in.

The Board of Health submitted the Mortality report for the last half of July, 1886.

The Board of City Commissioners submitted the following report; which was concurred in :

FO HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN :

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, City Commissioners, met in the case of the petition of Deloss Root et al., to vacate certain portions of Hendricks street. Having viewed the ground and given legal notice to all interested parties to meet the Commissioners on the 26th day of July, 1886.

Then came the following parties objecting to the vacation of any part of Hendricks street or boulevard or park, dedicated for the public use and beauty of the grounds, of which they purchased, viz: John A. McGaw, the owner, and now in possession of Lot 40, in Hendrick's subdivision of B. F. Morris's addition; objects to said vacation for the reason that he considers his property more valuable fronting on a broad street or park 116 feet wide, than fronting on a narrow street only 58 feet wide. Also, Corde and Maria Cordes, the owners and now in possession of Lot 32, in Kappes's subdivision of B. F. Morris's addition, object on the ground that they receive no benefits, whilst those opposite the broad part of the street receive ground for twelve lots without any consideration. Also, John Fox and Christena Cordes, object for similar reasons, and they are the owners of Lots 37 and 40, in Kappes's subdivision of Morris's addition. Also, Anna Mary Rexroth, the owner of Lot 34, of Kappes's subdivision of Morris's addition, objects on the ground of no benefits. Also, Michael Rexworth, the owner and now in possession of Lot 35, of Kappes's subdivision of B. F. Morris's addition.

In consideration of the above objections and protests against the vacation of any portion of Hendricks street, the Commissioners were agreed to report to the Council the above facts, which, in accordance with Section 19, of an Act in relation to laying out and altering streets and alleys, under which we operating, further proceedings must stop until such objections are removed.

Respectfully submitted,

William Hadley,
Joseph T. Magner,
James Renihan,
Wm. Johnson,
City Commissioners.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Markets and City Attorney, through Councilman McGroarty, submitted the following report; which was received, the lease approved, and the Mayor instructed to execute the same on behalf of the city:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Markets, together with the City Attorney, to whom was referred the motion to take the necessary steps looking to the leasing of the West Market space for the term of one (1) year from August 8th, 1886, beg leave to report that they have prepared a copy of the lease expiring on August 8th, 1886, for one (1) year from said date, at the rate of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per quarter, and herewith submit said lease in duplicate, signed by C. E. Coffin & Co., as agents for the owner, and the City of Indianapolis, by Caleb S. Denny, Mayor, which we recommend be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

C. McGroarty,
Theo. F. Smither,
Jos. H. Howes,
Committee on Markets.

WM. L. TAYLOR, City Att'y.

The Committee on Railroads, City Attorney and City Civil Engineer through Councilman McGroarty, submitted the following report; which was received :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Railroads, together with the City Attorney and City Engineer, who were instructed to report a recommendation of what would be just and equitable in the matter of requiring the Citizen's Railway Company to continue its line from Indiana avenue on Mississippi street to twelfth street, would report that by the charter of said company it cannot be required to construct more than one thousand (1,000) feet of road every thirty (30) days.

That since the 1st of May, at which time said railroad company began constructing said line under the order of the Council, it has constructed about five thousand (5,000) feet of roadway. This will give said company until the 1st of October before it can be compelled to construct any further roadway.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.
S. H. SHERER, City Civil Engineer.

John R. Pearson,
C. E. Haugh,
C. McGroarty,
Committee on Railroads.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Dunn, submitted the following report; which was concurred in :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of J. V. McKernan and others, for the changing of the location of the alley in the rear of Lots 128 and 129, McKernan & Pierce's subdivision of Out-lot 128, &c., your committee do not see where the general public will be benefited by the change in said location of said alley; and some of the petitioners consenting to said change being made, providing they be at no expense, therefore recommend that the prayers of the petitioners be granted, provided they file a bond with the City Clerk, agreeing to pay all the expense of the change in the location of said alley.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Dunn,
Julius F. Reinecke,
John H. Herig,
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The same committee submitted the following report; which was concurred in :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred S. O. 129, 1886, "An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of Washington street, from Bloomington street to Belmont avenue," recommend said ordinance be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Dunn,
Julius F. Reinecke,
John H. Herig,
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The same committee submitted the following report; which was concurred in :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, together with the City Attorney, who were instructed to inquire into the title of the city to a 15 foot alley, being the first alley east of East street, from the first alley south of Buchanan street to the first alley south of Coburn street, beg leave to report that the said alley is shown on the plat of Hendrick's subdivision in the Recorder's office to have been dedicated to the public to the width of 15 feet, and is called "Donaldson's Alley."

We would report, however, that from the north end of said alley to Buchanan street, the alley is but 10 feet wide, as shown on the plat of McKernan's subdivision in the Recorder's office. Respectfully submitted,

WM. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.

Edward Dunn,
Julius F. Reinecke,
John H. Herig,
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The same committee submitted the following report and resolution :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

23 *Gentlemen*:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the following matter, report as follows :

We recommend that the petition of H. T. Brandt, A. J. Stewart and others, praying that the first alley north of McCarty street, from the first alley west of New Jersey street to the first alley east of Alabama street, be made of the uniform width of ten feet, be granted, and the accompanying resolution relative thereto, be adopted.

Resolved, That the petition of H. T. Brandt, A. J. Stewart and others, praying for the laying out to a uniform width of ten feet the first alley north of McCarty street, from the first alley west of New Jersey street to the first alley east of Alabama street, as prayed for in said petition, be referred to the City Commissioners, with instructions to assess benefits and damages, and to make due report to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen; the Commissioners to return all petitions and notices. The City Clerk is hereby instructed to issue the proper notices, and the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police is hereby directed to serve the notices upon the said Commissioners and property owners: *Provided*, That before the Clerk issue the said notices to the Commissioners, a bond shall be filed with said Clerk, to the approval of the Mayor and City Attorney, guaranteeing the payment of all costs and charges of said Commissioners in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Dunn,
Julius F. Reinecke,
John H. Herig,
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Which report was concurred in, and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 23—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

The same committee submitted the following report and resolution :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the following matter, report as follows :

We recommend that the petition of Peter Fitzfadden, A. H. Baker and others, praying for the passage of a resolution providing for the opening to a regular uniform width the first alley north of South street, between the first alley east of East street and the first alley west of Noble street, be granted, and the accompanying resolution relative thereto, be adopted.

Resolved, That the petition of Peter Fitzfadden, A. H. Baker and others, praying for the opening to a regular uniform width the first alley north of South street, between the first alley east of East street and the first alley west of Noble street, be referred to the City Commissioners, with instructions to assess benefits and damages, and to make due report to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen; the Com-

missioners to return all petitions and notices. The City Clerk is hereby instructed to issue the proper notices, and the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police is hereby directed to serve the notices upon the City Commissioners and property owners: *Provided*, Before the Clerk issue the said notices to the Commissioners, a bond shall be filed with said Clerk, to the approval of the Mayor and City Attorney, guaranteeing the payment of all costs and charges of said Commissioners in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Dunn,
Julius F. Reinecke,
John H. Herig,
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Which report was concurred in, and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

The Committee on Water, through Councilman Swain, submitted the following report; which was received:

Indianapolis, Ind., August 2, 1886.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Water, pursuant to a resolution passed by the Council, have met the Indianapolis Water Company, through its officers, and agreed with them upon a new water contract. We thought proper to invite the Aldermanic Committee on Water to meet with us, which they did, and the two committees (all members being present) met the officers of the Water Company. We submit the new contract agreed upon by the two committees and said company, together with an ordinance approving the contract, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract upon the part of the city.

We recommend that said ordinance be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Crosby,
John Rail,
James A. Pritchard,
Aldermanic Committee on Water.

D. F. Swain,
Joseph H. Howes,
C. McGroarty,
Council Committee on Water.

The following entitled ordinance, presented with the above report, was read the first time:

G. O. 47, 1886—An ordinance making and providing for the execution of a contract between the City of Indianapolis and the Indianapolis Water Company.

Councilman McClelland moved to refer the above entitled ordinance to the Committee on Finance, the Mayor, and City Attorney.

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

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz: Councilmen Burns, Coy, Dunn, Howes, Markey, McGroarty, Newland, Reinecke, Stuckmeyer, and Thalman.

NAYS, 13—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Cummings, Dell, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Pearson, Reynolds, Smith, Smither, Swain, and Waterman.

The motion offered by Councilman McClelland to refer the ordinance, was then adopted.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM SELECT COMMITTEES.

The Special Committee on improvement of Washington street, through Councilman Cummings, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the matter of the improvement of Washington street, under the provisions of Special Ordinance No. 40, 1886, report that after careful examination they recommend that the contract thereunder be not awarded or the bond approved, and that an ordinance be passed repealing said Special Ordinance No. 40, 1886.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.

M. M. Cummings,
C. F. H. Waterman,
F. E. Benjamin,
Special Committee.

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. 43, 1886—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$904.32.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, 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. 44, 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, \$2,649.97.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, 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 :

Ap. O. 45, 1886—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$24,793.86.]

Councilman Howes moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the item of \$2.25 per day for Janitor of the Tomlinson Hall building, and insert in lieu thereof \$2.00 per day, and that the amount overpaid to the Janitor last month be deducted from the amount to be paid this month.

Which motion was adopted, and the ordinance so amended.

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

That the City Hall Janitor be directed to at once discharge all assistants, and that under no circumstance he be authorized to employ any one, unless by written instruction from a majority of the Building Committee.

The ordinance was then ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed by the following vote:

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, 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. 46, 1886—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Station House. [Amount appropriated, \$159.25.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

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 Thalman, accompanied with plat; which, together with the ordinance, was referred to the Committee on Railroads:

G. O. 48, 1886—An ordinance authorizing William A. Rhodes to lay a switch track across the south sidewalk of Georgia street.

SIG. 61.

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

S. O. 144, 1886—An ordinance to provide for the erection of one lamp-post, lamp and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on the east side of East street, between Georgia street and Pogue's Run.

By Councilman Mack:

S. O. 145, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Union street, from Hill street to Palmer street.

S. O. 146, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the roadway of Union street, from Hill street to Palmer street.

S. O. 147, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the east sidewalk of Union street, from Hill street to Palmer street.

By Councilman Markey:

S. O. 148, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Dunlap street, from Madison avenue to East street.

By Councilman Reynolds:

S. O. 149, 1886—An ordinance to provide for paving with brick, the sidewalks of Yandes street, from Lincoln avenue to Seventh street.

By Councilman Smither:

S. O. 150, 1886—An ordinance to provide for the repealing of S. O. 95, 1886, an ordinance entitled "An ordinance providing for grading and graveling Reid street and sidewalks, between the C., I., St. L. & C. tracks and Woodlawn avenue."

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion by Councilman Pearson, Rule 61 was suspended, and the time of the session extended, by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Markey, McClelland, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Stuckmeyer, and Thalman.

NAYS, 5—viz: Councilmen Cummings, McGroarty, Smith, Swain, and Waterman.

On motion by Councilman Pearson, the Building Committee on Market House and Public Buildings was instructed to notify all of the Insurance Companies that have placed insurance on the Tomlinson Hall building, that said insurance is hereby cancelled.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the insurance matter be referred to the Building Committee, with instructions to report to this Council such bids as are presented to them, stating the names of such companies, and price offered at by each firm.

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

That the Sun Vapor Light Company erect four sun vapor lights on Wallace street, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby instructed to fill up the chuck holes on Chesapeake street, and clean the gutters on both sides, from West to Missouri street.

Councilman Coy offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby instructed to repair the sidewalk on the northwest corner of East and Louisiana streets.

Councilman Dell offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Union R. R. Co., be instructed to re-plank the sidewalk on east Washington street at Noble street, the full width of the walk.

Councilman Dunn offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby directed to notify the property owners having pumps on the sidewalk of Indiana avenue, between Michigan and North streets, to at once put in proper sinks to accommodate the waste water, or to remove said pumps at once.

Councilman Cummings offered the following motion:

That the Superintendent of the Police be requested to erect four (4) cow pounds; one in the northeast, one in the northwest, one in the southeast, and one in the southwest portions of the city, to properly care for stock, and then to enforce the cow ordinance.

Councilman Coy moved to refer the above motion to the Committee on Finance.

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Edenharter, Howes, Markey, Newland, Reinecke, Reynolds, and Stuckmeyer.

NAYS, 12—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Haugh, McClelland, McGroarty, Pearson, Smith, Smither, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

Councilman Markey moved to lay the motion offered by Councilman Cummings on the table; which failed of adoption.

Councilman Thalman moved the *previous question* on the adoption of the motion offered by Councilman Cummings.

The question being, “*Shall the main question be now put?*”

It was so ordered.

And the motion offered by Councilman Cummings was then adopted.

Councilman Haugh 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 and low places on Cincinnati street, with gravel, from North street to the first alley south.

Councilman Markey offered the following remonstrance; which was ordered filed with the ordinance—S. O. 140, 1886:

Indianapolis, July 23d, 1886.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Delaware, Davis and High streets, between Bicking and Coburn streets, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and bowldering of the first alley south of Bicking street, from Delaware street to High street.

Thos. F. Quill, 150 feet; J. T. Richey, 150 feet; Wm. Raesner, 150 feet; Elizabeth K. Davis, 150 feet; H. Glathfelder, 150 feet; F. Rand, Receiver Indiana Banking Company, 150 feet.

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

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to lay a stone crossing across Delaware street, at the end of Delaware and Madison avenue.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to lay a double stone crossing across McCarty street, from New Jersey street.

Councilman Reinecke offered the following motions; which were adopted:

That the City Engineer be required to prepare for the use of the City Commissioners a plat showing the relative positions of the streets lying between the Beaty addition and Morris street, and between Madison avenue and Shelby street, with the intersection of the cross streets on the east side of Shelby street, and the same on the west side of Madison avenue; also the Lot-line on Lincoln Lane, and its proposed extension from Madison avenue to Shelby street, with the names of the owners thereof.

That Murphy, Hibben & Co. be granted the privilege of constructing a tunnel between their buildings, across Sciota street, near the corner of Georgia street; all work to be done under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer, at their own expense.

Councilman Reinecke offered the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Water:

Resolved, That the Indianapolis Water Company be, and is hereby requested to extend its lines of water-mains on Shelby street from the south end of Virginia avenue to Willow street; and to locate one hydrant for every five hundred (500) feet of pipes so extended; all to be done under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer. And the City Clerk is hereby directed to notify said Indianapolis Water Company of this action.

Councilman Reynolds offered the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads:

WHEREAS, It is deemed expedient that a line of Street Railway should be constructed along Clifford avenue, from its intersection with Massachusetts avenue to Keystone avenue. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Citizens' Street Railway Company of Indianapolis be ordered and directed to construct and operate a line of street railway extending from the intersection of Massachusetts and Clifford avenues, along Clifford avenue to Keystone avenue; and that the City Clerk be and is hereby instructed to serve a copy of this resolution, duly attested by the Mayor, and City Clerk, upon the President; or, in his absence, upon any Director of said company.

Councilman Smither offered the following remonstrance; which was ordered filed:

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

Your petitioners humbly, but with the most extreme earnestness and anxiety, beg that your honorable bodies will not order the improvement of Reid (or State) street, between the C, I., St. L. & C. R. R. tracks and Woodlawn street; such improvement is not sought or desired by a majority of owners, either in number of persons or in feet of ground owned. Many of the lots are situated in their length sidewise to Reid street, and owned by very poor people, deeply depressed with the burden of a livelihood at this time of great depression; others are owned by persons out of employment, vainly seeking for work, and paying even their taxes with the greatest difficulty. All or most of the ground on the east side of the street is entirely vacant land, and so cut up with brickyard holes of twenty years ago, and low ground at best, that it is much of the time under water, and thousands of dollars would be required to make it at all marketable, an outlay that would be suicidal even if possible in these hard times. Most of the ground on the east side is owned by a widow, in trust for herself and children, who, while certain outstanding legal interests and disputes are unsettled, cannot possibly, without great sacrifice, bear this extreme burden at this time, if indeed it can be borne at all. In fact, the chief and almost only owners seeking this improvement, are one or two men owning only one or two lots fronting on the street, as your petitioners are informed, aside from a non-resident ownership, who, under the rules guiding your honorable bodies, do not usually have any voice either for or against street improvements. In short, the improvement of the street is unnecessary, unwise, and keenly cruel at this time, and if prosecuted, will simply amount to a surrender of, and legalized confiscation of, the abutting property on the east side, as well as lots belonging to a needy blacksmith, and others, on the west side—a confiscation unintended by your honorable bodies, but no less actual, as the result will show. Will not your honorable bodies refuse to make possible such infinite unnecessary hardship and sacrifice?

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

The four Misses Lueders, (four sisters) Catherine, Eliza, Louisa, and Cornelia, 187½ feet; T. C. Moore, 187 feet; Helen M. Rockwood, 1,279 feet; Newton Simonson, 135 feet; Minnie Potter, 31 feet; Helen Rockwood Edson, und.; Wm. Wallace, Rec'r. of Fletcher & Sharp, 187 feet.

If a majority of the property owners along the line of proposed improvement are opposed to it, then, and in that case, I will decline to join in the improvement on the part of the State property.

JAS. H. RICE, Auditor of State.

Henry D. Pierce, 257½ feet; Thames Loan and Trust Co., by Cruse, 124 feet; Magdalora Foley, 187½ feet; George Eberhardt, 200 feet; Wm. E. Rockwood, und.; W. H. English, 240 feet; W. Walling, by W. H. E., 187 feet; E. S. Frazee.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—We the undersigned, interested property owners, would most respectfully petition your honorable bodies to cause an alley, fifteen feet in width, to

be opened and extended from West street to the eastern terminus of Darnell street. A plat of said proposed opening is herewith filed and made a part of this petition.
Annie M. Miller, Mary E. Stewart, R. C. Davis.

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

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, instructed to notify the Sun Vapor Light Company to erect three vapor lights on Rockwood street, from East street to its eastern terminus.

Councilman Stuckmeyer offered the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Water:

Resolved, That the Indianapolis Water Company be, and is hereby, requested to extend its lines of water mains from Lord street, on Benton street, to Harrison street, on Harrison street to English avenue; thence along the said avenue to Dillon street, and to locate one hydrant for every five hundred (500) feet of pipe so extended. All to be done under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to notify said Indianapolis Water Company of this action.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motions; which were adopted:

That S. B. Murry have permission to re-lay the pavement in front of his property on Circle street; also, to put down a driveway across the sidewalk at said point. The work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That Joseph Schloss be allowed to exhibit an Electrical Sign in front of his place of business, the New York Hat Store.

PENDING ORDINANCES.

On motion by Councilman Newland, the following entitled ordinance was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

S. O. 141, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Reid street and sidewalks, from Woodlawn avenue to the C., I., St. L. & C. Railroad, and repealing Special Ordinance No. 95, 1886.

On motion the Common Council then adjourned.

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

Attest: MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk,