

# PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—NOVEMBER 15, 1886.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, November 15th, A. D. 1886, at 7:30 o'clock, in regular session.

**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, E. enbarter Haugh, Herig, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalmann and, Waterman.

**ABSENT**—, 1—viz: Councilman Howes.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session held November 1st, and the adjourned sessions held November 5th and 8th, 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. 178, 1886)—For grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Fifth street, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street.

For building a stone wall on the west bank of Pogue's Run, from Catharine street to a point about three hundred feet south of Catharine street.

## REPORTS, ETC., FROM COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen*:—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred the bids received November 8, 1886, have examined the same and find them to be as follows:

1st. For grading and graveling the first alley west of Meridian street, from Eighth street to eleventh street.

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H. C. Roney .....	47 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Richter & Twiname .....	45 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
J. L. Spaulding .....	43 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
R. P. Dunning .....	41 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Robert Kennington .....	40 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Henry Clay.....	39 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Geo. W. Buchanan .....	38 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Fulmer & Seibert .....	38 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Samuel Hanway.....	29 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
David A. Haywood.....	28 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

David H. Haywood being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

2d. For grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Morris street, from Meridian street to Chestnut street.

Geo. W. Buchanan .....	39 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
J. L. Spaulding .....	39 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Richter & Twiname .....	39 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
R. P. Dunning.....	38 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
H. C. Roney .....	36 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

H. C. Roney being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

3d. For grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of Washington street, from Bloomington street to Belmont avenue, where not already done.

James W. Hudson.....	\$1 05 per lineal foot front.
David A. Haywood .....	99 per lineal foot front.
R. P. Dunning .....	98 per lineal foot front.
J. L. Spaulding .....	90 per lineal foot front.

J. L. Spaulding being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

4th. For grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of Meridian street, from Morris street to the first alley north of Palmer street.

H. C. Roney. ....	60 cents per lineal front foot.
R. P. Dunning.....	59 cents per lineal front foot.
J. L. Spaulding.....	57 cents per lineal front foot.
D. A. Haywood.....	57 cents per lineal front foot.
Robert Kennington .....	53 cents per lineal front foot.
Richter & Twiname.....	52 cents per lineal front foot.
Fulmer & Seibert....	52 cents per lineal front foot.

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

5th. For grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of Hill avenue, from Beeler street to Newman street, where not already done.

Richter & Twiname .....	39 cents per lineal foot front.
R. P. Dunning .....	39 cents per lineal foot front.
David A. Haywood.....	39 cents per lineal foot front.
H. C. Roney .....	37 cents per lineal foot front.

H. C. Roney being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

6th. For grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Yendes street, from Lincoln avenue to Seventh street.

J. L. Spalding.....	39 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Geo. W. Buchanan .....	39 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Richter & Twiname .....	39 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
D. A. Haywood .....	38 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
R. P. Dunning .....	35 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

R. P. Dunning being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

7th. For grading and gaaveling Missouri street and sidewalks, from Louisiana street to Merrill street.

Henry Clay .....	93 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
J. L. Spaulding .....	87 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Richter & Twiname .....	85 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
D. A. Haywood .....	82 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
R. P. Dunning .....	79 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Robert Kennington .....	75 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Fulmer & Seibert .....	74 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
James W. Hudson .....	74 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Being a tie bid, and the same being low, recommend the contract be awarded to James W. Hudson.

8th. For grading and graveling Williams street and sidewalks, from State street to arsenal avenue.

J. L. Spaulding .....	47 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Richter & Twiname .....	45 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
R. P. Dunning .....	45 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Robert Kennington .....	40 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Geo. W. Buchanan .....	38 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Michael Higgins .....	31 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Fulmer & Seibert .....	30 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Fulmer & Seibert being the lowest and best bidder, recommend they be awarded the contract.

9th. For grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Tennessee street, from Twelfth street to Thirteenth street.

Geo. W. Buchanan .....	47 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
J. L. Spaulding .....	45 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
R. P. Dunning .....	43 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
D. A. Haywood .....	42 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Richter & Twiname .....	40 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Richter & Twiname being the lowest and best bidder, recommend they be awarded the contract.

10th. For grading and graveling East street and sidewalks, from Minnesota street to the Belt Railway tracks.

R. P. Dunning .....	\$1 95 per lineal foot front on each side.
James W. Hudson .....	1 93 per lineal foot front on each side.
David A. Haywood .....	1 85 per lineal foot front on each side.
Fulmer & Seibert .....	1 82 per lineal foot front on each side.
Robert Kennington .....	1 82 per lineal foot front on each side.
J. L. Fisher .....	1 60 per lineal foot front on each side.

J. L. Fisher being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

11th. For grading and graveling the first alley east of College avenue, from Eighth street to Ninth street.

Geo. W. Buchanan .....	27 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
David A. Haywood .....	25 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
R. P. Dunning .....	22 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

R. P. Dunning being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

12th. For grading and paving with brick the south side-walk of Vermont street, from Mississippi street to Elsworth street, where not already done.

R. P. Dunning .....49 cents per lineal foot front.  
 J. L. Spaulding .....42 cents per lineal foot front.  
 J. L. Spaulding being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the nontract.

Respectfully submitted,

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

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, submitted the following report; which was read and received:

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 15, 1886.

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—Since the last meeting of the Council, Cas. Byfield, Trustee, has paid the balance in full due on the \$18,000 guarantee given by N. S. Byram, et al., in settlement of the Pattison deficit, said balance amounting to \$10.92—making a total of \$18,143 56 paid on said obligation.

2. I report the amount of fees and fines due the city, collected by me and paid into the City Treasury, for the month of October, as follows:

Marshal's fees .....	\$182 00
Mayor's fees .....	128 50
Fines due city .....	42 20

Total .....

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. DENNY, Mayor.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

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

A first and final estimate in behalf of Fulmer & Seibert, for paving with cedar block, the roadway of Delaware street, from St. Clair street to Seventh street.

7,793 50 lineal feet, at \$2.37.....	\$18,707 15
121 34 square yards of re-bowldering, at 25 cents.....	32 83

\$18,739 98

A first and final estimate in behalf of R. P. Dunning, for grading and graveling the first alley west of College avenue, from Ninth street to the first alley north of Ninth street.

641 33 lineal feet, at 17 cents.....	\$109 00
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A first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of Sixth street, from Illinois street to Tennessee street.

76 89 lineal feet, at 34 cents.....	\$26 12
15 feet of double walk stone .....	9 00
14.22 square yards of bowldering wings, at 60 cents.....	8 53

\$43 65

A first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Olive street, from Orange street to Pleasant Run.  
 1,358.50 lineal feet, at 33 cents..... \$448 30

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 Fulmer & Seibert, for paving with red cedar blocks, the roadway of Delaware street, from St. Clair street to Seventh 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, 16**--viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newland, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, 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 R. P. Dunning, for grading and graveling the first alley west of College avenue, from Ninth street to the first alley north of Ninth 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, 16**—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newland, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, 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 north sidewalk of Sixth street, from Illinois street to Tennessee street, where not already done, 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, 16**—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newland, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, 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 east sidewalk of Olive street, from Orange street to Pleasant Rnn, 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, 16—viz: Councilmen, Benjamin, Burns, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newland, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith submit the following contracts and bonds:

Contract and bond of James W Hudson, for grading and graveling Meridian street and sidewalks, from Palmer street to the Belt Railway.

Bond, \$3,500; sureties, H. C. Roney and J. L. Spaulding.

Contract and bond of J. W. Hudson, for grading and bowldering the first alley south of Bicking street, from Delaware street to Davis street.

Bond, \$600 00; surety, H. C. Roney.

Contract and bond of Fulmer & Seibert, for grading and graveling the first alley south of Pratt street, from Meridian street to Superior street.

Bond, \$300,00; surety, James W. Hudson.

Contract and bond of Geo. W. Buchanan, for grading and graveling the first alley south of Bicking street, from Davis street to High street.

Bond, \$300.00; surety, J. W. Hudson.

Contract and bond of Geo. W. Buchanan, for gradig and paving with brick, the north side of Indiana avenue, from Leland street to Fall Creek.

Bond, \$300.00; surety, J. W. Hudson.

Contract and bond of Robert Kennington, for grading and graveling the alley between Wisconsin and Arazona streets, from the first alley west of Meridian street to the old Mill Race. Bond, \$500.00; surety, Wm. K. Sproule.

Contract and bond of Robert Kennington, for grading and graveling Lincoln Lane and sidewalks, from Madison avenue to East street.

Bond, \$2,000; surety, Wm. K. Sproule.

Contract and bond of Richter & Twiname, for grading and bowldering the first alley east of Meridian street, from Maryland street to Chesapeake street.

Bond, \$500.00; surety, J. L. Spaulding.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Burns submitted the following contract and bond; which was read and approved:

Contract and bond of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of Washington street, from Bloomington street to Belmont avenue, where not already done

Bond, \$4,000; sureties, James W. Hudson and Robert Kennington.

The Street Commissioner submitted the following report; which was read and received:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I have received of the Township Trustee \$30.00 for hauling and delivering chutes to election precincts, for the election held November 2d, 1886, and turned the same into the city treasury, filing receipt of the Treasurer with the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. S. RONEY, Street Commissioner.

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 October, 1886.*

Balance October 1, 1886. ....	\$ 17,578 69
By tax collections on duplicate.....	134,364 57
By collections of miscellaneous funds.....	3,828 02
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	\$155,771 28
By redemption of city orders. ....	\$44,114 90
By error in report of miscellaneous collections in September	222 57 44,337 47
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Balance November 1, 1886.....	\$111,433 81

Respectfully submitted,

HIRAM W. MILLER, Treasurer for City.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was read and the bonds severally approved:

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

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith submit the bonds of the City Officers elect, showing the amount of bonds, with sureties:

Joseph H. Webster, *Chief Fire Engineer*, \$1,500.00; sureties, William D. Wiles and Christopher Heckman.

Charles S. Roney, *Street Commissioner*, \$2,000.00; sureties, James W. Hudson and A. Haywood.

Samuel H. Shearer, *City Civil Engineer*, \$2,000; sureties, H. C. Adams and Geo. F. Branham.

John H. Oliver, *Superintendent of the City Hospital*, \$2,500.00; sureties, W. N. Wishard and Peter F. Bryce,

George W. Combs, *Superintendent of the City Dispensary*, \$3,000.00; sureties, W. H. Allen and John M. Judah.

Benjamin Aldridge, *Market Master, East Market*, \$3,000.00; sureties, R. H. Rees and A. C. Harris.

James B. McCaffrey, *Market Master, West Market*, \$3,000 00; sureties, William N. Harding and George Pfau.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The following entitled ordinance "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," being a special

order, was taken up for consideration, and the following report thereon—submitted and filed with the ordinance October 18, 1886 (see page 894, *ante*),—by the Committees on Finance of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, Mayor and City Attorney, was read :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, members of the Council and Aldermanic Finance Committees, together with the Mayor and City Attorney to whom was referred G. O 47, 1886, "An ordinance providing for the execution of a contract between the City of Indianapolis and the Indianapolis Water Company," report that they have considered the same, and recommend that said contract, as set out in said ordinance, be amended as follows :

1st. That \$45.00 per annum shall be paid for each fire hydrant or plug, instead of \$50.00 per annum, as said contract now reads, and that all drinking fountains now located on the streets of the City of Indianapolis, shall be constantly supplied with water by said Water Company free of charge to said city during the existence of said contract.

2d. That said Water Company shall not be required to lay more than five thousand feet of new mains during each year of the existence of said contract, and the city shall pay \$45 00 per annum for each new hydrant located on such extended mains.

3d. Said contract shall be in force for three years from the first day of September, 1886, and thereafter until a new contract shall be made.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorenz Schmidt,	John R. Pearson,
M. L. Brown,	Henry L. Smith,
Of Aldermanic Committee on Finance.	Of Council Committee on Finance.

C. S. DENNY, Mayor.

WM. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.

On motion by Councilman Cummings, the report was concurred in, and the amendments adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 14—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Dunn, Edenharter, Herig, Mack, McClelland, McGroarty, Pearson, Reynolds, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, and Waterman.

NAYS, 9—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Haugh, Markey, Newland, Reinecke, Rooker, and Thalman.

Councilman Pearson moved to amend the following clause :

"And the City of Indianapolis agrees not to order said company to lay more than five thousand (5,000) feet of new mains during the years 1887, 1888 and 1889."

By striking out the words and figures "five thousand (5,000) feet," and to insert in lieu thereof the words and figures "three thousand (3,000) feet."

Which amendment was adopted.

Councilman Stuckmeyer moved to amend as follows : "And to locate on said new mains at least one (1) fire hydrant for every five hundred (500) feet of new mains," by striking out the words "five hundred," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "one thousand."

Which amendment failed of adoption, by the following vote :



AYES, 7—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Cummings, Haugh, Smith, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS, 16—viz: Councilmen Burns, Coy, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Herig, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, and Stuckmeyer.

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

AYES, 17—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Cummings, Dunn, Edenharter, Herig, Mack, McClelland, McGroarty, Pearson, Reynolds, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS, 7—viz: Councilmen Coy, Dell, Haugh, Markey, Newland, Reinecke, and Rooker.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Board of City Commissioners submitted the following report and resolution ; which was read :

*Report of the City Commissioners in the vacation of the first alley north of Ray street from West street to the first alley east of Missouri street.*

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, members of the Board of City Commissioners of said city, duly appointed, qualified, and acting under the provisions of the statutes of the State of Indiana, in relation to the laying out, opening, widening, altering and vacation of streets, alleys, etc, beg leave to submit the following report:

1. We met at the office of City Clerk, in room 2, on Wednesday, the 1st day of September, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to examine into the matter of the proposed vacation of the first ally north of Ray street, from West street to the first alley east of Missouri street, in accordance with a notice of the City Clerk, which notice, and return of Superintendent of Police endorsed thereon, is filed herewith, as a part hereof, marked exhibit "A".

2. We immediately proceeded to view the alley proposed to be vacated, and made due report to the City Clerk of the property holders' interest in the vacation of said alley, and required said Clerk to have the petitioners notify said interested parties to meet the City Commissioners on Monday, the 25th day of October, 1886, in Room 2 of the City Clerk's office, when evidence would be heard of said matters. Said report is filed herewith, as a part hereof, marked exhibit "B".

3. We further report that we met at the time and place named; that although due service had been made on all said interested parties, a number of whom were present, and none of them made any objection to the vacation of said alley.

4. We now further report that the length of said alley is five hundred and ninety-five feet; that it is sixteen feet wide from Missouri street to the first alley east, and eleven feet wide from West street to Missouri street.

5. The benefits to the persons desiring said vacation is one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

6. There are no persons objecting to said vacation.

7. The City is to pay no part of the expenses.

8. The expenses attending said vacation amounts to thirty-five dollars (\$35.00), which is to be paid by the petitioners in proportion to the number of feet front owned by each on said alley.

9. We therefore recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, and that said vacation be made as prayed for.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. Hadley,  
Joseph T. Magner,  
John L. F. Stegg,  
Wm. Johnson,  
James Renihan,  
City Commissioners.

*Resolved*, That the report of the City Commissioners in the matter of vacating the first ally north of Ray street, from West street to the first alley east of Missouri street be, and the same is hereby, in all things, accepted, adopted and approved, and in accordance with said report the following ailey, to-wit: The first alley north of Ray street, from West street to the first alley east of Missouri street be, and the same is hereby, vacated.

*Resolved, further*, That the petitioners for said vacation be, and the same are hereby, required to pay to the County Treasurer, for the City, within 20 days from the adoption of this resolution, the sum of thirty-five dollars, the amount of expenses reported by the City Commissioners as taxed in this matter, and the said petitioners are hereby required to procure, and have recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana, the proper certified copies of proceedings and maps as required by law, at their own expense, and that until said expenses are paid, and said proceedings and maps recorded as aforesaid, said alley shall not be closed or used otherwise than as now.

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

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

NAYS—None.

The Board of City Commissioners submitted the following report; which was read and received:

*Report of the City Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis on the petition of Joseph V. McKernan et al, to vacate the alley between lots 127, 128 and 129, Out-Lot 128, and to appropriate ground to extend said alley streight to Ann street.*

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

*Gentlemen*:—The undersigned, members of the Board of City Commissioners of said city, duly appointed, qualified, and acting under the Statutes of the State of Indiana, in relation to laying out, widening, altering and vacation of streets and alleys, beg leave to report:

1. We met in pursuance of notice of the City Clerk, on Monday, the 13th day of September, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m. Having examined the papers, found them in regular order, proceeded at once to view the ground, and were agreed upon the parties interested in vacating and changing said alley.

2. We made due report of said facts to the City Clerk, and required him to notify the parties therein named to meet the City Commissioners on Monday, the 5th day of November, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., in Room 2 of City Clerk's office, to hear evidence and further consider said petition.

3. We further report that we met at the time and place named, and though due notice had been served on all the interested parties, no objection was made to the vacation and alteration of said alley in accordance with the petition and plat herewith filed and made a part hereof, and marked exhibit "P".

4. We now report that the length of said alley to be vacated is about sixty feet and ten feet wide, and the ground condemned and appropriated is equivalent in length and width, and extends from the south line of lot 127 north to Ann street.

5. The value of the ground on which said alley is situated is \$50.00.

6. The benefits to the persons desiring said vacation and change is \$50 00.

7. There are no persons objecting to said vacation.

3. The city is to pay no part of the damages or expenses.

9. The expenses attending this vacation and change of alley to be paid by the petitioners amounts to \$50.00.

We therefore now recommend the prayer of the petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. Hadley,  
Joseph T. Magner,  
John L. F. Stegg,  
William Johnson,  
James Renihan.  
City Commissioners.

November 15, 1886.

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

*Report of the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis on widening South Alabama street, from Merrill street to McCarty street.*

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

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned members of the Board of City Commissioners of said city, duly appointed, qualified, and acting under the provisions of the statutes of the State of Indiana, in relation to laying out, widening, opening, altering and vacation of streets and alleys, beg leave to report:

1. We met in pursuance of notice of the City Clerk, in case of the petition of Wm. Blume, et al., to widen Alabama street from Merrill to McCarty street, on the 6th day of September, 1886, and entered into consideration of said petition. Having examined the papers, found them in regular order, and proceeded at once to view the ground and agree upon the parties interested in said street widening.

2. We made due report of said facts to the City Clerk and required him to notify the owners of property therein described, to meet the City Commissioners, in Room 2 of the City Clerk's office, on Monday the 1st day of November, 1886, at 10 o'clock A. M., to hear testimony and further consider said case.

3. We further report, that we met at the time and place named, and a large number of the owners of property along the line of said proposed improvement were present, and objected to the widening of the street on the ground that at least four of the houses would have to be moved back, in order to give the additional fifteen feet to widen said street; that it would bring the street in close proximity to several other houses, and in general, that the damages would be greater than the benefits.

4. The Commissioners, in further consideration of the petition after the evidence of the property holders was given in regard to damages again, reviewed the ground and took measurements to determine what houses would have to be moved, and made observations of the consequent cost of making said improvements, and were of opinion that the cost of moving the four houses that would come in the line of the street. would not be less than

.....	\$225
The value of the property taken would be.....	3,775
The cost of re-grading lots, moving cellars, etc.....	500
The cost of grading the streets and sidewalks.....	420

Total estimated cost.....	\$4,920
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We were finally agreed that the damages would be greater than the benefits, and therefore recommend that the prayer of the petition be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

William Hadley,  
Joseph T. Magner,  
John L. F. Steg,  
Wm. Johnson,  
James Renihan,  
City Commissioners.

Councilman Markey offered the following resolution relative to the above report :

*Resolved*, That the report of the Board of City Commissioners in the matter of widening South Alabama street from Merrill street to McCarty street, be referred back to said Commissioners with instructions to assess benefits and damages in detail against the property benefitted and damaged by such opening, instead of being assessed in the aggregate as in their report set out, and to make due report to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

On motion by Councilman Coy, the resolution was laid on the table, by the following vote :

AYES, 12—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Dell, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Newland, Pearson, Reynolds, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS, 11—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Dunn, Herig, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Reinecke, Rooker, Smith, Smither, and Stuckmeyer.

#### REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Councilman Thalman, in behalf of the Committee on Finance, offered the following resolution :

*Be it resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis*, That the Finance Committee of the two bodies be, and the same are hereby authorized and directed to borrow the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, for the term of six months from December 1st, 1886, (at a rate of interest not exceeding 4½ per cent. per annum,) with which to pay the principal of the temporary loan of April 1st, 1886, falling due on that date.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES 21—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Herig, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS, 2—viz: Councilmen Cummings, and Smith.

Councilman Thalman, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, introduced the following entitled ordinance, which was read the first time :

Ap. O. 64, 1886—An ordinance appropriating the sum of one hundred and two thousand, six hundred and sixty six dollars and sixty-seven cents, to pay the temporary loan of April 1st, 1886.

On motion by Councilman Thalman, the Rules were suspended for the purpose of placing the above entitled ordinance on its final passage, by the following vote:

**AYES, 23**—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenhar-ter, Haugh, Herig, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

**NAYS**—None.

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

**AYES, 25**—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Dell, Dunn, Edenhar-ter, Haugh, Herig, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

**NAYS, 1**—viz: Councilman Cummings.

The Committee on Markets, through Councilman McGroarty, submitted the following report; which was read and received:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—Your Committee on Markets, to whom was referred the petition from the Knights of Labor, asking for certain amendments to General Ordinance No. 27, 1886, commonly known as "The Peddler's Ordinance," report that they have considered the matter, submit herewith an ordinance amending G. O. No. 27, 1886, which they recommend be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

C. McGroarty,  
Theo. F. Smither  
Committee on Markets.

Councilman McGroarty, in behalf of the Committee on Markets, introduced the following entitled ordinance, which was read the first time:

**G. O. 56, 1886**—An ordinance to amend Sections 7, 8 and 17, of G. O. No. 27, 1886, being an ordinance entitled "An ordinance requiring auctioneers, peddlers, hucksters, and certain classes of public showmen, to pay a license to the City of Indianapolis; regulating certain matters connected with the business of such persons, and repealing certain ordinances herein specified," ordained and established the 14th day of June, 1886.

The Committee on Office Fixtures and Supplies, through Councilman Newland, submitted the following report; which was adopted, with proviso that the expenses should not exceed fifty dollars:

To the Mayor and Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen*:—Your Committee on Office Fixtures and Supplies to whom was referred the request of the City Civil Engineer for the privilege to move his office into the rooms vacated by the City Treasurer, recommend that the City Civil Engineer and Street Commissioner be granted permission to move their offices into said rooms, and to make such repairs to the office fixtures as they may deem necessary for the proper care of the records and plats of the office.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. Newland,  
C. H. Stuckmeyer,  
M. M. Reynolds,  
Committee on Office Fixtures and Supplies.

The Committee on Judiciary, City Attorney and City Civil Engineer, through Councilman Rooker, submitted the following report; which was adopted:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*—The undersigned Committee on Judiciary, together with the City Attorney and City Civil Engineer, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Wren, asking that a final estimate be given him for work done on Tennessee street between Garden street and McCarty street, in the year 1866, have examined the matter, and recommend that the final and corrected estimate of the unpaid balance allowed Thomas Wren for grading and gravelling Tennessee street and sidewalks, from Garden street to McCarty street, under and in pursuance of an order of the Superior Court of Marion county, Indiana, entered December 1st, 1884, and as per order of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen in December, 1884, by the present City Civil Engineer, and by him filed in the office of the City Clerk on the 24th day of April, 1885, be approved and allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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

C. F. Rooker,  
M. M. Cummings,  
Committee on Judiciary.

The following estimate resolution was read:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis*, That the accompanying corrected and final estimate in behalf of Thomas Wren for the unpaid balance due him for grading and graveling South Tennessee street, from Garden to McCarty streets, inclusive, 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. This to be in full settlement of all claims on said property owners and the city, both for cuts and fills, on account of said improvement.

And it failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 2—viz: Councilmen Haugh, and Newland.

NAYS, 18—viz: Councilmen Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Herig, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Pearson, Reynolds, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, and Waterman.

Councilmen Benjamin and Rooker were excused for the balance of the session.

The Committee on Public Light, through Councilman Haugh, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—Your Committee on Public Light, to whom was referred the following motion, "That the Sun Vapor Light Company be, and are hereby instructed to erect three Sun Vapor Lights on Everett street, between Bloomington and Decatur streets;" recommend said motion be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. Rooker,  
C. E. Haugh,  
Theo. F. Smither,  
Committee on Public Light.

The same Committee submitted the following report; which was read and received:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—Your Committee on Public Light, to whom was referred General Ordinance 43, 1886, an ordinance entitled "an ordinance extending the period of

time for which the Indianapolis Brush Electric Light and Power Company was invested with certain rights and privileges;" recommend said ordinance be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. Rooker,  
C. E. Haugh,  
Committee on Public Light.

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

G. O. 43, 1886.—An ordinance extending the period of time for which the Indianapolis Brush Electric Light and Power Company was invested with certain rights and privileges.

On motion by Councilman Edenharter, further action on the ordinance was postponed until the next meeting.

It being now near eleven o'clock, on motion by Councilman Thalman, the Rules were suspended, and the time of the session extended, by the following vote:

AYES, 15—viz: Councilmen Burns, Coy, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Mack, Markey, McClelland, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Stuckmeyer, and Thalman.

NAYS, 7—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Haugh, Herig, McGroarty, Smith, Swain, and Waterman.

#### MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Aldermen in regular session held in the Aldermanic Chamber Monday evening October 25, 1886, amended the following motion:

"That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby ordered to lay double stone crossings across the two alleys between Prospect and Orange streets;" by adding after the word "double" the word "broken," and concurrently adopted the motion as amended.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

JOSEPH T. FANNING, Clerk:

On motion, the Common Council concurred in the action of the Board of Aldermen in adopting the amendment.

#### 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 Smither; which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary:

G. O. 57, 1886—An ordinance granting Gabriel Ward permission to sell mixed candies upon the public streets, without a license.

By Councilman Thalman :

G. O. 58, 1886—An ordinance to amend Section 2 of G. O. No. 36, of 1886, entitled "An ordinance to vacate a portion of Meridian street for Union Railway purposes, &c., ordained June 15, 1886.

By Councilman Coy :

S. O. 183, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering Maryland street, from Alabama street to New Jersey street.

By Councilman Herig :

S. O. 184, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Tennessee street, from Ray street to McCarty street.

By Councilman Swain; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light :

S. O. 185, 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 north side of Second street, between Meridian street and Pennsylvania street.

Councilman Thalman moved that the Rules be suspended for the purpose of placing G. O. 58, 1886, of the above entitled ordinances upon its final passage; which was, on motion by Councilman Haugh, laid on the table by the following vote :

AYES, 12—viz: Councilmen Burns, Commings, Dunn, Haugh, Herig, Markey, McGroarty, Reinecke, Smith, Smither, Swain, and Waterman

NAYS, 8—viz: Councilmen Dell, Mack, McClelland, Newland, Pearson, Reynolds, Stuckmeyer and Thalman.

Later in the session the above action was, on motion by Councilman Haugh, reconsidered; and, on motion by Councilman Thalman, the Rules were then suspended for the purpose of placing G. O. 58, 1886, upon its final passage, by the following vote :

AYES, 20—viz: Councilmen Burns, Coy, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Herig, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman and Waterman.

NAYS, 1—viz. Councilman Smith.

The ordinance was then read the second time.

Councilman McGroarty moved to amend Section two by striking out the words and figures "Thirty (30)," and to insert in lieu thereof the words and figures, "Thirty-six (36)," and to add after the word sidewalk the words "on each side;" which amendment failed of adoption.

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



AYES, 12—viz: Councilmen Coy, Dell, Dunn, Haugh, Mack, Markey, Newland, Pearson, Reynolds, Smither, Swain and Thalman.

NAYES, 9—viz: Councilmen Burns, Edenharter, Herig, McClelland, McGroarty, Reinecke, Smith, Stuckmeyer and Waterman.

#### INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Burns offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby instructed to clear up the gutters on Pearl street, from West to California street.

Councilman Cummings offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Chief Fire Engineer be allowed to refit the old Station-House part of No. 5 Engine-House into a repair shop, for repairing Engines, etc., for the city use.

Councilman Dell offered the following motion; which was adopted.

That two (2) of the Vapor Lights now on Oriental street be removed, and the same be placed on McKim, avenue, under the instruction of the City Civil Engineer.

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

That the Street Commissioner be directed to put in repair Mulberry street, between Wilkins and Hill streets.

Councilman Mack offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be directed to open and clean the gutters of Chestnut street, between Madison avenue and Hill street.

Councilman McGroarty offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner is hereby instructed to notify the owners of the Railway on South Tennessee street, to plank between their tracks at their crossings at South and Garden streets, and if not done in ten days, the Street Commissioner to do it at their expense.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby ordered to lay double stone crossings across the alley on the east side of Olive street, between Orange and Willow streets; also the alley on the same street (Olive), and on the east side, between Willow and Pleasant Run.

Councilman Newland offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby ordered to fill the mud hole at the corner of Laurel and Willow streets, with gravel or broken stone.

Councilman Newland offered the following motions; which were referred to the Committee on Public Light:

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby directed to notify the Sun Vapor Light Company to erect six Vapor Lamps on Woodlawn avenue, between Linden and Reid streets.

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby directed to notify the Sun Vapor Light Company to erect two Vapor Lamps on Lexington avenue, between Linden and Spruce streets.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the property owners on the north side of Ohio street between Illinois and Tennessee streets, to raise their sidewalk, where needed; work to be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, and at their own expense.

Councilman Waterman offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby instructed to notify the property owner No. 292 East Ohio street to at once repair the sidewalk in front of his property, and if not done within ten days, that said work be done by him at the property owner's expense.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

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

Attest: MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.