

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL

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REGULAR SESSION.

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CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
*Monday, July 17, 1871, 7½ o'clock, P. M.* }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—John S. Newman, President, *pro tem.*, of Council, in the chair, and the following members :

Councilmen—Batty, Bigham, Brown, Cottrell, Craft, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Marsee, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

Absent—Councilmen Locke—1.

The proceedings of the regular session, held July 10, 1871, were read and approved.

The City Clerk made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 17, 1871.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :*

Gentlemen—The City Clerk would respectfully report the following affidavits for collection of street assessment by precept :

Hanway & Rubush vs. Enos Pray, for \$106.07.

Hanway & Rubush vs. Henry D. Carlisle, for \$27.00.

Hanway & Rubush vs. E. Teine, for \$56.12.

Hanway & Rubush vs. S. P. Hathaway for \$48.44.

Hanway & Rubush vs. Martha Davis, for \$40.12.

D. Root & Co. vs. Solomon Cline, for \$9.70.

John Scheier vs. Cornelius King, for \$12.95.

John Scheier vs. A. Knapp, for \$9.25.

And would respectfully recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. CLINTON,

City Clerk.

Which was concurred in.

On motion by Mr. Brown, the motion adopted at last meeting instructing the Street Commissioner to raise the tracks of the I. P. & C. R. R. Co., where the same crosses East street, was reconsidered, and on motion, the whole was referred to the Councilmen from the Seventh and Eighth wards.

Mr. Craft, from the Committee on Contracts, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 17, 1871.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :*

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred sundry proposals for the improvement of sundry streets and alleys, have examined the same, and find the following named persons to be the lowest and best bidders, and would recommend that the contracts be awarded as follows, to-wit :

## FIRST.

For grading and graveling East street, from Pogues run to South street, to John A. Whitsit, at 45½ cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

## SECOND.

For grading and graveling the first alley east of Noble street, and running north and south through out-lot 89, from Meek to Bates streets, to John Richardson, at 38 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

## THIRD.

For grading and graveling the first alley south of Ohio street, running east and west from Alabama street to the first alley east of Alabama street, to David Sylvester, at 27 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

## FOURTH.

For grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Delaware street, between Maryland and Wyoming streets, to James W. Hudson, at 52 cents per lineal foot front on the line improved.

## FIFTH.

For grading Chessapeake alley and sidewalks, from Mississippi street to Missouri street. There being a tie bid, we would report in favor of having the same readvertised.

## SIXTH.

For grading and graveling the first alley east of Broadway street, running north and south from St. Clair street to arch street, to John Scheier, at 23 cents per lineal foot front, on each side of the line improved.

## SEVENTH.

For grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk on East street, from New York street to North street, to Oliver H. P. Bly. at 59 cents per lineal foot front, on the line improved.

## EIGHTH.

For grading and graveling Barrow street and sidewalks, to Sam'l Hanway & Co., at 48 cents per lineal foot front, on each side of the line improved.

## NINTH.

For grading and graveling the first alley south of Michigan street, between Noble and Liberty streets. There being three tie bids on the same, we would recommend that the same be readvertised.

## TENTH.

For grading and graveling Malotte avenue and sidewalks, from Massachusetts avenue to Barrow street, to John A. Whitsit, at 48 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

## ELEVENTH.

For grading and graveling Hill avenue and sidewalks from Barrow street to Sheldon street, to John A. Whitsit, at 63 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

## TWELFTH.

For grading and graveling the alley running from Cady street to the old corporation line, to John Richardson, at  $24\frac{1}{2}$  cents per lineal foot front, on each side of the line improved.

## THIRTEENTH.

For grading and paving with brick the sidewalk on Meridian street, from South street to Pogue's run, to James W. Hudson, at  $87\frac{1}{2}$  cents per lineal foot front, on each side of the line improved.

## FOURTEENTH.

For grading and paving with brick the sidewalk on Meridian street, from First street to Tinker street. There being only one bidder for this work, we would recommend that the same be readvertised again.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CRAFT,  
ROBERT KENNINGTON, } Committee.  
JOHN L. MARSEE.

Which was concurred in.

The City Civil Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 17, 1871.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen—I hereby report the following work finished according to contract :

Hiram Seibert, for grading and graveling Cady street and sidewalks, from Bates street to Harrison street.

Length on east side... 513 ft.

Length on west side... 513 ft.

Total length..... 1,026 ft. at 60 cts. per l. ft., \$615 60

284 lineal feet of cement pipe with grates and

protection stone, at 78 cents per foot..... 221 52

Total estimate..... \$837 12

Thomas Roney, for raising brick pavement on the east side of Delaware street, from New York street to Vermont street, 284 feet and 10 inches, at 28 cents per lineal foot... 79 75

James W. Hudson, for grading and bowldering the first alley east of Alabama street, from Washington street to Potomac alley.

Length on east side... 195 ft.

Length on west side.. 195 ft.

Total length..... 390 ft., at 55 cts. per l. foot..... 214 50

James W. Hudson, for Grading and bowldering the first alley east of East street, and running from Lockerbie street, to the first alley south of Lockerbie street.

Length on east side... 145 ft.

Length on west side.. 145 ft.

Total length,..... 290 ft., at 48 cts. per lineal foot... 139 20

Jas. Mahoney, for grading and graveling Broadway street and sidewalks, from Christian avenue to Forest Home avenue.

Length on east side... 873 ft. 4 in.

Length on west side... 873 ft. 4 in.

Total Length..... 1,746 ft. 8 in., at 79 cts. per l. foot 1,379 86

S. W. & R. H. Patterson, for graning and graveling First street and sidewalks, from Meridian street to Illinois st.

Length on north side... 454 ft. 6 in.

Length on south side... 450 ft.

Total length..... 904 ft. 6 in., at 43c. pr. l. foot... \$388 93

S. W. & R. H. Patterson, for grading and graveling Ash street and sidewalks, from Christian avenue to Forest Home avenue.

Length on east side... 883 ft.

Length on west side.. 886 ft.

Total length.....1,769 ft., at 69 cts. per foot..... 1,185 23

John Scheier, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Alabama street, from Potomac alley to Market street.

Length on east side... 195 ft.

Length on west side... 195 ft.

Total length..... 390 ft., at 22 cents per foot..... 85 80

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON,  
Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

The City Clerk made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 17, 1871.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen—The City Clerk respectfully reports to the Common Council :

FIRST.

Contract and bond of John A. Whitsit, for grading and graveling East street. from Pogues Run to South street.

SECOND.

Contract and bond of John A. Whitsit, for grading and graveling Malotte avenue and sidewalks, from Massachusetts avenue to Bar-row street.

THIRD.

Contract and bond of John A. Whitsit, for grading and graveling Hill avenue and sidewalks, from Barrow street to Sheldon street.

FOURTH.

Contract and bond of O. H. P. Bly, for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk on East street, from New York street to North street.

FIFTH.

Contract and bond of John Scheier, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Broadway street, running north and south, from St. Clair street to Arch street.

SIXTH.

Contract and bond of James W. Hudson, for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk on Delaware street, from Maryland street to Wyoming street.

SEVENTH.

Contract and bond of James W. Hudson, for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks on Meridian street, from South street to Pogues Run.

EIGHTH.

Contract and bond of R. P. Dunning, for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk on North street, from Meridian street to Tennessee street.

NINTH.

Contract and bond of John Richardson, for grading and graveling the alley running from Cady street to the Corporation line east.

TENTH.

Contract and bond of John Richardson, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Noble street, and running north and south through out-lot 89, from Meek street to Bates street.

## ELEVENTH.

Contract and bond of Samuel Hanway & Co., for grading and graveling Barrow street and sidewalks, from Malotte avenue to Lincoln street.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. CLINTON,

City Clerk.

Which was concurred in and contracts awarded and bonds approved, with the exception of the seventh paragraph, in regard to paving with brick the sidewalks of Meridian street, from South street to Pogues Run, which was laid on the table.

The City Attorney made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 17, 1871.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :*

Gentlemen—A copy of an execution for costs, issued from the Marion Common Pleas, on a decree and judgment rendered against the defendants, in a case of James H. McKernan, against Joseph W. Robinson and the city of Indianapolis, was referred to me at your last meeting, with instructions to examine into the judgment and report whether it was a legal claim against the city.

I would report that I have examined the records, and find that McKernan, on the third day of February, 1869, obtained judgment against said Robinson and the city of Indianapolis, for "one dollar and costs." The claim for costs is, therefore, a legal claim against the city. The amount endorsed on the execution is fifty-four dollars and fifty-two cents, which I recommend to be paid at once.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. HARVEY,

City Attorney.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Newman presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 17, 1871.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :*

Gentlemen—I have notified the 8th ward Councilman, John Whitsit, to protect my property from East street water, which he has not attended to. He told Street Commissioners to attend to it; they have not done so, either. I now hold the City Council responsible for the damages done my property. The damages done my property are about three hundred dollars, (\$300.00,) since I first notified this 8th ward Councilmen. I want to know from you, gentlemen, who is to pay these damages? I have to be paid for these damages, right away.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL CROWLY,

271 East Merrill street.

Which was received and the City Clerk instructed to place the same on file.

Mr. Thalman, from the Committee on Streets and Alleys, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 17, 1871.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :*

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred sundry papers, respectfully report as follows :

FIRST.

A remonstrance was referred to us from property-owners on North Meridian street, against paving said street with wooden block pavement. As the remonstrants represent a majority of feet of ground along the line where said improvement was petitioned for, we would recommend that their prayer be granted, and the ordinance be stricken from the file.

SECOND.

A communication was also referred to us from J. S. Dunlop, remonstrating against the removal of the stairway from the west sidewalk on Meridian street. We are of the opinion that said stair-

way should be allowed to remain, provided no boxes or rubbish be allowed to accumulate under the same, and the sidewalk be kept clear.

## SECOND.

A remonstrance from property owners on South East street, between Pogues run and South street, was also referred to us, against the bowldering of the gutters on said street. We would recommend that the Committee on Contracts be instructed to award the contract for grading and graveling the street with good river or creek gravel, and reject all bids for bowldering the sidewalks.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC THALMAN, }  
 J. L. MARSEE,        }  
 C. HECKMAN.        } Committee.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Thalman, from the Committee on Streets and Alleys, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 17, 1871.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:*

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred a petition from Haws Bro's., asking permission to erect a lamp-post, and place thereon a sign, in front of 98 East Washington street, would recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC THALMAN, }  
 J. L. MARSEE,        }  
 C. HECKMAN,        } Committee.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Marsee, from the Committee on Fire Department, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 17, 1871.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :*

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Fire Department would respectfully report that they have, in connection with the Chief Fire Engineer, recently made a thorough examination of the Fire Department of this city, and find that to make it as complete and efficient as it should be, will, in the opinion of your Committee, require the following changes and additions, to-wit :

*First.* We would recommend the purchase of an automatic fire alarm telegraph, the system now in use being utterly useless and unreliable.

*Second.* The hook and ladder wagon now in use is in a very unsafe condition, it having been in service for the last twelve or fifteen years. The longest ladder will only reach to the top of a three-story building. We would therefore recommend the purchase of a hook and ladder wagon, with ladders complete.

*Third.* It will require the purchase of two additional hose reels, with 1,000 feet of hose to each reel, in case of two or more fires occurring at the same time, as was the case not long since. The want of hose was very seriously felt.

*Fourth.* We would also recommend the purchase of a light delivery wagon for the use of the Department, the one now in use being entirely worn out. We would also recommend that the Chief Fire Engineer be authorized to sell the old Lee & Learned fire engine for what it will bring, as it is of no further use to the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. MARSEE,  
ROBERT KENNINGTON, } Committee.  
WM. W. WEAVER.

Which was acted upon by sections.

The first section was received and the Committee instructed to correspond with the various owners of fire alarm telegraph, etc.

The second section was then taken up and concurred in, with

instructions to advertise for proposals for furnishing hook and ladder wagon.

The third section was concurred in with instructions to advertise for proposals.

The proposition of the report recommending the purchase of a delivery wagon, was not concurred in.

The portion of the report recommending the sale of the old Lee & Learned fire engine, was concurred in, with instructions to have the same advertised for sale.

Mr. Wiles, from the Committee on Railroads, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 17, 1871.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :*

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the motion requiring the I. C. & L. R. R., to construct a culvert at the crossing of Tennessee and Louisiana streets, report that we find said culvert in very bad condition, but inasmuch as that crossing is occupied by several other railroads, and in part by the public, it does not, in our opinion, seem just that one railroad should alone be compelled to bear all the expense of the improvement. We therefore recommend that the Street Commissioner be instructed to make the needful repairs to that culvert.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. WILES,	} Committee.
FR. THOMS,	
TOM. COTTRELL,	

Which was concurred in by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilman Batty, Bigham, Cottrell, Gimber, Newman, Reagan, Thoms, Wiles and Woodburn—9.

Negative—Councilmen Brown, Craft, Heckman, Kennington, Marsee, Thalman, Weaver and Whitsit—8.

Mr. Wiles presented the following communication :

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., July 11, 1871.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :*

*Friend Wiles:*—Our City Council talk of making a visit to Indianapolis, at an early day. It is not our desire to throw ourselves on your Council as guests, or to have you entertain us ; but after consulting with members of our board, we thought it best to write and ascertain when it would be the best time for us to come.

Remembering you more distinctly than the other gentlemen of your city, whom we had the pleasure of meeting here last September, I write to you, but *not* in an official capacity.

Our party would consist of our Mayor and twelve alderman with their ladies ;—perhaps not all of the alderman ; and all we would propose doing would be to spend a day quietly, seeing your city, its various systems of improvements, etc. Please bear in mind that this is not an official letter.

By letting me hear from you, you will greatly oblige.

Yours truly,

H. G. REEVES.

Which was received.

Mr. Wiles moved that his Honor, the Mayor, be instructed to notify the Mayor of Bloomington, Ill., that we will be glad to see them in our city at any time they may designate, by giving us one week's notice.

Which, on motion by Mr. Kennington, was referred to a Select Committee composed of Councilmen Wiles, Woodburn and Cottrell.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY,

Mayor.

ATTEST :

JOHN R. CLINTON,

City Clerk.