

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL

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ADJOURNED SESSION.

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CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
*Tuesday, January 2, 1872, 7 o'clock P. M.* }

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, Daniel Macauley, in the chair, and the following members :

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

Absent—Councilman Gimber—1.

The proceedings of the adjourned session held December 26th, 1871, were read and approved.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, January 2, 1872.

*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 streets, have examined the same, and find the following named persons to be the lowest and best bidders, and would recommend that contracts be awarded accordingly :

FIRST.

For grading and bowldering East street, from South street to Coburn street, to George W. Buchanan, at one dollar and five cents per lineal foot, on each side of the line improved.

SECOND.

For curbing the outside edges of the sidewalks with stone, on East street, from South street to Coburn street, to George W. Buchanan, at fifty-three cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

THIRD.

For grading and paving with brick the sidewalks on East street, from South street to Coburn street, to George W. Buchanan, at forty-eight and one-half cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

FOURTH.

For grading and graveling Wabash street, from Missouri street to West street, to James Mahoney, at thirty-five cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

FIFTH.

For boxing and planting shade trees on Broadway street, from Christian avenue to Forest Home avenue, to Bernard Hamil, at two dollars and forty-five cents per tree, and box included.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CRAFT,  
J. L. MARSEE,  
Committee.

Mr. Kennington, from the same Committee, submitted the following minority report:

INDIANAPOLIS, January 2, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, member of the Committee on Contracts, dissenting from the report of the majority on the East street improvements, would beg leave to make the following minority report:

FIRST.

For grading and bowldering East street and sidewalks, from South street to Coburn street, to George W. Buchanan, at one dollar and five cents per lineal foot, on each side of the line improved.

SECOND.

For curbing the outside edges of the sidewalks with stone, on East street, from South to Coburn streets, to James Malloy, at forty-nine cents per lineal foot on each side of the line improved.

THIRD.

For grading and paving with brick the sidewalks on East street, from South street to Coburn street, to James W. Hudson, at forty-two and one-half cents per lineal foot on each side of the line improved.

The balance of the report of the majority I heartily concur in.

ROBERT KENNINGTON.

Mr. Brown moved that the whole matter be postponed for the present.

Which was not adopted.

On motion by Dr. Woodburn, the majority report, as reported by Mr. Craft, was concurred in and approved.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, January 2, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—We the undersigned, Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred the bids on laying cement pipe on Tinker street, would beg leave to report that John Whitsit is the lowest and best bidder, at two dollars and eighteen cents per lineal foot, and would recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CRAFT,

JOHN L. MARSEE,

ROBERT KENNINGTON.

Committee.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. F. A. Lehr, in behalf of the German Orphans' Home, presented a lithograph view of their building,

Which, on motion by Dr. Woodburn, was accepted, and the thanks of the Council tendered the Trustees of said institution.

#### REPORTS FROM OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, January 2, 1872.

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

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

James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Virginia avenue, and running north, and south from, Stevens street, to the first alley north of Stevens street.

Length on east side.....117 ft.

Length on west side.....117 ft.

Total length.....234 ft., at thirty-five cents  
per lineal foot.....

\$81 90

Hanway & Hanna, for grading and bowldering the gutters

on North street, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware streets.

Length on north side.....372 ft.

Length on south side.....422 ft.

Total length.....794 ft., at forty-four cents  
per lineal foot..... 349 36

Respectfully submitted,  
R. M. PATTERSON.

Which was concurred in.

The Sewerage Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 2, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—The following is the fourth and partial estimate allowed Wirth & Co., on account of Kentucky avenue sewer, (2d division:)

1,980 lineal feet of sewer, at \$22.32.....	\$42,631 20
2 manholes, at \$42.13.....	84 26
1 catch basin.....	122 25
80 house connections.....	80 00

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\$42,917 71

Less 15 per cent..... 6,437 66

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\$36,480 05

Less former payment..... 29,253 69

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Fourth payment..... \$7,226 36

Respectfully submitted,  
J. W. BROWN.

Which was concurred in.

The City Clerk made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 2 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—The City Clerk would respectfully report the following estimates as per report of the Civil Engineer :

1st. James Mahoney, first and final estimate for grading and graveling the first alley west of Virginia avenue, and running north and south from Stevens street, to the first alley north of Stevens street.

2d. Hanway & Hanna, first and final estimate for bowldering the gutters of North street, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. CLINTON,

City Clerk.

Which was concurred in.

Also the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Hanway & Hanna, for grading and bowldering the gutters of North street, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Also the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed James Mahoney for grading and graveling the first alley west of Virginia avenue, and running north and south from Stevens street to the first alley north of Stevens street, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

The City Clerk made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 2, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—The City Clerk would respectfully report that there is now on file in office, an affidavite for the collection of street assessment by precept, as follows:

Hiram Seibert, vs. W. Zimmerman, for..... \$46 80

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

Respectfully submitted,  
JOHN R. CLINTON,  
City Clerk.

Which was concurred in, and precept ordered to issue.

The City Sexton made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 2, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—The following interments have been made by me in the City Cemeteries during the month of December, 1871:

Under 5 years of age.....	23
From 10 to 20 years of age.....	1
“ 30 to 40 “ “ .....	6
“ 40 to 50 “ “ .....	1
“ 50 to 60 “ “ .....	2
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Total .....	33

Respectfully submitted,  
J. H. HEDGES,  
City Sexton.

Which was received.

The City Assessor presented the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 2, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—I hereby appoint, and ask your honorable body to confirm the appointment, of W. G. McVey, Deputy City Assessor.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM HADLEY,

City Assessor.

Which was received, and appointment confirmed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

The City Treasurer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 2, 1872.

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

Report of John W. Coons, City Treasurer, showing the receipts and disbursements from May 1st, 1871, to January 1st, 1872 :

RECEIPTS.

To cash from ex-Treasurer .....	\$154,126 06
Loan.....	286,406 23
Licenses and Market Stalls.....	4,657 35
Fines and Fees.....	1,077 15
Hospital Fund.....	91 00
Miscellaneous .....	233 59
Taxes .....	16,045 50
Total.....	\$462,636 93



## DISBURSEMENTS.

By Police.....	\$23,008 50
“ Fire Department and Engine Houses .....	49,302 87
“ Salary .....	14,764 41
“ Hospital.....	7,474 99
“ Election.....	733 00
“ Sewer .....	128,411 91
“ Street Improvements.....	7,426 74
“ Station House.....	2,297 20
“ Printing, Stationery, Advertising, &c.....	7,773 65
“ Gas and Gas Fixtures.....	37,097 35
“ Bnnds and Interest.....	113,769 06
“ Specific.....	191 19
“ Taxes Refunded.....	459 18
“ Civil Engineer.. ..	1,930 00
“ Assessor.....	365 00
“ Bobbs Dispensary.....	850 00
“ Damages .....	775 00
“ City Commissioners .....	481 50
“ Fuel.....	67 75
“ Cisterns.....	814 32
“ Markets.....	10 00
“ School Fund.....	18,000 00
“ Rents.....	1,556 00
“ Donation .....	6,000 00
“ Bridges . . . . .	4,567 22
“ War Fund.....	105 00
“ Promiscous.....	3,765 64
“ Street Repairs.....	15,040 31
“ Parks .....	878 75
“ Draft to Winslow, Lanier & Co.....	6,000 00
“ Money in Treasury.....	8,769 39
Total.....	\$462,636 93

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. COONS,

City Treasurer.

Which was received.

The Chief of Police submitted the following report :

Annual report of the Chief of Police of the city of Indianapolis, for the year ending December 31, 1871.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 2, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to submit herewith a report of the operations of the Police Department, from January 1st, 1871, to December 31st, 1871.

NUMBER OF ARRESTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31—REPORTED MONTHLY.

January.....	193
February .....	131
March .....	241
April .....	166
May.....	265
June.....	279
July.....	400
August.....	447
September.....	352
October.....	351
November .....	246
December.....	290
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Making a total of.....	3,361

ARRESTS FOR THE OFFENSES OF

Drunk and Disorderly.....	1,554
Prostitution.....	66
Associating with Prostitutes.....	47
Visiting Houses of Ifame.....	70
Riot.....	77
Profanity.....	114
Assault and Battery .....	389
Grand Larency.....	97
Petit Larency.....	61
Disturbing the Peace.....	193
Carying concealed Weapons.....	72
Vagrancy.....	70
Murder.....	2
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With other minor offences amounting in all to..... 3,361

## CURRENT EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1871.

For Officers Salaries.....	\$32,659 50
St. Louis Printing Bill.....	19 10
Chiefs Salary.....	1,400 00
Postage.....	6 00
Hack Hire.....	5 00
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Making total expenditure of.....	\$34,069 60

Under the present charter the entire Force is elected annually by the Board of Police, consisting of his Honor the Mayor, as Secretary, Mr. Marsee, as President, Messrs. Woodburn and Wiles as members, and confirmed by the action of the Common Council.

As the Board who has the appointing of the Police Force are themselves elected annually, it follows that the tenure by which the Police hold their office is slight and uncertain.

Under the present system it might happen that a complete change would be made in the entire force every year, and that men who have been appointed one year, and gave evidence of possessing many of the requisites of a good Policemen, may at the succeeding election find themselves left out, not for any neglect of duty or incompetency, but simply because of change of Board and Council; and new and inexperienced men may be appointed, who must in turn be taught and disciplined, only to graduate at the end of twelve months, and thus impairing the efficiency of Force in no small degree.

For these and other reasons, and because it takes time and experience to make an efficient and reliable Police Force, I believe it would be far better for the city at large that the Force should be selected with great care as regards their character and habits, and peculiar qualifications for the duty expected of them, they should hold office for a term of years or during good behavior, of course to be discharged for incompetency or misdemeanor, and neglect of duty.

All care should be taken in the selection of men to compose a Police Force, and the tenure of office vested on more substantial foundation than the uncertain result of an annual popular election. And if the salaries were fixed at such figures that good, honest, sober, reliable and faithful men could accept the position, we would soon have a Police Force that would not only be a credit to our city, but a guarantee to every citizen that the laws would strictly be enforced, crime detected and punished, and proper protection afforded to all classes of community.

I do not think that any set of men can be made to take the same interest which is expected of them, or who will act without fear or favor in the performance of duty, while they are elected for one year only, and so little interest taken in their welfare by the citizens. More encouragement should be given, for it would add to the efficiency of the Force.

#### STRENGTH OF FORCE.

The Force at present consists of one Chief, at a salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, and two Lieutenants, at a salary of ten hundred and ninety-five dollars per annum; one Sargent, at a salary of eighty-five dollars per month; twenty-two night Patrolmen, at salaries of seventy-five dollars per month, and eleven day Patrolmen at same salaries; one Turnkey, making a total of thirty-eight members all told.

I would respectfully recommend to your honorable body the propriety of dividing the city into two Police districts, having Washinton street for the dividing line, having a North district and a South disirict, and the creation two more offices, that of Sargent to report the action of Patrolmen to the Lieutenant stationed on line Washington street, as I deem it impossible for one officer to look over the amount of territory within the city limits, and do justice to himself and city.

#### AREA OF CITY, STREETS AND ALLEDS.

The city of Indianapolis contains within its corporate limits an area of about twelve square miles of territory, with one hundred and fifty-eight miles of street, and about one hundred and fifty miles of alley, besides the open comons, with a population of about fifty-five thousand souls. With the force as at present organized, we can only place twenty-four men on duty at one time. Each man has, on an average, of one half square mile of territory to supervise, with six and one-fourth miles of street, and the same amount of alley to patrol, and twenty-two hundred and ninety-two inhabitants to protect and control, to say nothing of the value of property lying within the limits of his beat, which he is to guard against burglars and fire.

#### INCREASE RECOMMENDED.

Our city is steadily increasing in population, and wealth, and importance. With the new additions to the west of the river it will become necessary to extend to the citizens of that section some protection; I would, therefore, recommend to your honorable body the propriety of appointing a sufficient number of men to patrol that

section lying west of White River, and let it be styled as the twelfth Police District.

I would also recommend a reorganization of the force on the following basis: One Chief, two Lieutenants, three Sergeants, one Turnkey, twenty-four Night Patrolmen, twelve Day Patrolmen, which will make a force of forty-three men, all told.

There has been lodgings furnished at the Station House, for six months ending December 31st, to 280 paupers, and 324 meals furnished to the same, the majority of whom were importations from other cities.

Respectfully submitted,

ELI THOMPSON,  
Chief of Police.

Which was received.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING.

His Honor, the Mayor, introduced General Ordinance No. 1, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance prescribing rules and regulations for the government of the City Council, its officers, and officers connected with the City Government,

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Woodburn introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 1, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis,

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Marsee introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis, on account of Station House, for the month of December, 1871,

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thoms introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis, on account of printing and stationery,

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Woodburn introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 4, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis on account of City Hospital, for the month of December, 1871.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Kennington introduced Special Ordinance No. 1, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to provide for grading, paving with brick, and curbing with stone, the east sidewalk of Pennsylvania street, from Washington street to Madison avenue,

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Heckman presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 2, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Fletcher avenue, between Noble street and Cedar street, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures, complete to burn gas, except the service pipes, an Fletcher avenue, between Noble and Cedar streets.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

W. M. ADAMS.

GEORGE W. COVERDELL.

JAMES M. HUFFER.

CARY A. McFARDAND.

And 18 others.

Which was received.

Mr. Heckman introduced Special Ordinance No. 2, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on Fletcher avenue, between Noble and Cedar streets,

Which was read the first time.

By unanimous consent, the rules were suspended for the purpose of taking up and reading the second and third times, and passing account ordinances, also rule and regulation ordinance.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 68, 1871, entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money to pay for the construction and erection of a Fire Alarm Telegraph,

Was read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Cottrell, Craft, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit and Wiles—15.

Negative—Councilman Newman—1.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 1, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to pay sundry claims, &c.,

Was read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Cottrell, Craft, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit and Wiles—16.

Negative—None.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money on account of Station House,

Was read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Cottrell, Craft, Heckman, Kennington, Lock, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit and Wiles—16.

Negative—None.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money to pay claims on account of advertising, &c.,

Was read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Cottrell, Craft, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit and Wiles—16.

Negative—None.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 4, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims on account of City Hospital,

Was read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Cottrell, Craft, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit and Wiles—16.



Negative—None.

General Ordinance No. 1, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance prescribing rules and regulations for the government of the City Council, its officers, and officers connected with the City Government,

Was read the second and third times and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Cottrell, Craft, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit and Wiles—16.

Negative—None.

CALL OF THE ROLL OF MEMBERS FOR THE PRESENTATION OF NEW BUSINESS.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

*Moved* : That the action of this Council heretofore had in declaring forfeited the contract of Daniel Streif, contractor for removing dead animals from the city, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following motion :

*Moved* : That Henry Sponsell be permitted to dig a well and place a pump therein on the outer edge of the sidewalk in front of lot No. 12, in out-lot No. 108, at his expense, and keep said pump in such a condition as not to become a public nuisance.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Bigham offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the city Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to make a survey of Pogues run, from Market street to where it

empties into White River, with a view to the lowering of the present bed of said run, and to making said run the main sewer of the city; and said Engineer shall report, in a reasonable time, the probable cost of arching said run per foot or square yard.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers and Councilman Bigham.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

*Moved* : That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, ordered to notify the Indianapolis Hotel Company to remove the dirt from the Massachusetts avenue crossing at the corner of Massachusetts avenue and Ohio street, and unless the said Company remove the same within five days, that he perform the work and collect the cost of same from the said Hotel Company.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Heckman presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 2, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, owners of all the real estate to be effected thereby, respectfully petition the Council to vacate the fifteen-foot alley on the south side of lots No. 3 and 6, in square No. 11, in the south-east addition to Indianapolis; also, two short fifteen-foot alleys running from Mankadic street south to said alley above mentioned. The said alleys are shown on Hubbard, McCarty and Martindale's subdivision of lots one, two, seven and eight, in the said south-east addition.

The German Protestant Orphan Association have purchased all the lots adjoining said alleys, and by their vacaion they will be able to inclose their ground with streets all round the same.

The Protestant German Orphan Association, by

H. MANKADICK, Pres't Board of Trustees.  
E. B. MARTINDALE.  
NICHOLAS McCARTY.  
WM. S. HUBBARD.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, and City Attorney.

Mr. Kennington introduced General Ordinance No. 2, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance relating to the construction of a tunnel under the railroad tracks on Illinois street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Kennington offered the following motion :

*Moved*: That the City Marshal notify the owner of the lot on the south-east corner of Maple and McCarty streets, to fill up an open cellarway under a frame building situated on said lot.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Newman offered the following motion :

*Moved*: That the city taxes on lot No. 9, in square No. 3, in the city, for the years 1869 and 1870, be remitted to the trustees of the Fall Creek Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends, the same being deeded to them for religious purposes for a house of worship for such Society.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

*Moved*: That the City Clerk procure a policy of insurance against fire, to the amount of \$10,000, on the wooden bridge over White river, on the National road.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

*Moved*: That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair the west end of White river bridge recently damaged by storms.

Which was adopted,

Mr. Thoms offered the following motion :

*Moved*: That the City Marshal be directed to notify Mr. Wilson to remove the dirt in front of his property, on North East street, within three days from this date ; said Wilson failing to remove said dirt in said time, that the Marshal direct the City Commissioner to remove the same at the cost of the said Wilson, with ten per cent. damages, and if said Wilson refuses to pay the same, that the City Attorney be instructed to at once commence suit against said Wilson for the recovery of the same.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Whitsit presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 2, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned, would respectfully petition your honorable body to open and extend Green street, from its present northern terminus to Stevens street, to a width of fifty-five feet, on a line with the east side of said street, as per plat herewith filed.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

ROBERT McCLINTOCK,  
H. SEIBERT,  
JOHN MAURER,  
H. C. EVANS,

And 3 others.

Which was received, and City Clerk instructed to notify the City Commissioners and property holders interestested, etc.

Mr. Whitsit offered the following motion :

*Moved*: That the Committee on Contracts be required to report to this Council the best bidder for the lettering of the street corners.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Bigham offered the following motion :

*Moved*: That the City Marshal at once proceed to erect a guard around the openings on the sidewalks in front of the Pattison House, on North Alabama street, at the cost of the property holders, and the City Attorney be directed to begin suit on the completion of said work, for the recovery of the amount of said work.

Which was adopted.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, January 2, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Fire Department herewith submit the report of the architect in charge of constructing new engine houses.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MARSEE,  
ROBERT KENNINGTON,  
W. W. WEAVER,  
Committee on Fire Department.

Which was received.

Also, the following:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 2, 1872.

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

Statement of the City Fire Engine Houses :

Entire amount of Contract.....	\$28,667 00
Work done to amount of.....	\$27,750 00
Less 15 per cent. of same.....	4,162 00
Entitles contractors to.....	\$5,079 00
Leaves for work not yed done.....	\$817 00
Total ptr cent. reserved.....	4,162 00
Whole amount reserved.....	\$5,079 00

Two of the Houses are already occupied by the Fire Department, one is now ready for occupation, and the fourth will be ready for occupation by the middle of this month, as the plasterers are now putting on the white coat in the said fourth house.

DAGGETT & ROTH,  
Contractor.

Which was received.

Mr. Newman, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 2, 1872

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

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Finance and City Assessor, to whom was referred the petition of David Quinn, praying to be released from payment of taxes for the year 1870, given in by him have examined the question, beg leave to report that they deem it inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner, and pray to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. NEWMAN,  
ISAAC THALMAN,  
THOMAS COTTRELL,  
ASTIN H. BROWN.

Committee.

Which was received.

Mr. Marsee, from the Committee on Sewer, introduced General Ordinance No. 3, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to construct a Public Sewer on Washington street, between Illinois street and Pogues' Run.

Which was read the first time.

Also, General Ordinance No. 4, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance providing for the construction of a Public Sewer, in

and upon Delaware. Bicking, Eaat and Buchanan streets, in the city of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time.

Also, General Ordinance No. 5, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance providing for the construction of a Public Sewer, in and upon Illinois street, in the city of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Weaver presented the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 2, 1872.

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

Monthly report of expenditures of the City Hospital, ending December, 1871 :

Total expenditures for the month.....	\$814 46
Aggregate number of days for which subsistence, etc., was furnished.....	16.43
Average expense per capita per diem .....	49.56

JOHN M. MARSEE, Sup't.

Which was received.

Also, the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 2, 1872.

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

Weekly contents of Register of Patients of City Hospital, ending December 2, 1871 :

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	62
“ “ received in Hospital since last report.....	7
“ “ born in Hospital since last report.....	0
“ “ discharged from Hospital since last report...	12
“ “ died in Hospital since last report.....	0
“ “ remaining in Hospital at present report.....	57

J. M. MARSEE,  
Superintendent.

Which was received.

Also, the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 2, 1872.

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

Weekly contents of Register of Patients of City Hospital, ending December 9, 1871 :

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	57
“ “ received in Hospital since last report.. .....	12
“ “ born in Hospital since last report.....	0
“ “ discharged from Hospital since last report... ..	5
“ “ died in Hospital since last report.....	0
“ “ remaining in Hospital at present report.....	62

J. M. MARSEE,  
Superintendent.

Which was received :

Also, the following.

INDIANAPOLIS, January 2, 1872.

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

Weekly contents of Register of Patients of City Hospital, ending December 16, 1871 :

Number of patients in Hospital at last report .....	64
“ “ received in Hospital since last report.....	7
“ “ born in Hospital since last report.....	1
“ “ discharged from Hospital since last report... ..	10
“ “ died in Hospital since last report.....	0
“ “ remaining in Hospital at present report.....	62

JOHN N. MARSEE,  
Superintendent.

Which was received.

Also, the following :



INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 2, 1872.

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

Weekly contents of Register of Patients of City Hospital, ending December 23, 1871 :

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	62
“ “ received in Hospital since last report.....	6
“ “ born in Hospital since last report.....	2
“ “ discharged from Hospital since last report...	7
“ “ died in Hospital since last report.....	1
“ “ remaining in Hospital at present report.....	62

J. N. MARSEE,  
Superintendent.

Which was received.

Also, the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 2, 1872.

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

Weekly report of contents of register of patients of the City Hospital, ending December 30, 1871 :

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	62
“ “ received in Hospital since last report.....	2
“ “ born in Hospital since last report.....	1
“ “ discharged from Hospital since last report.....	1
“ “ died in Hospital since last report.....	1
“ “ remaining in Hospital at present report.....	63

J. M. MARSEE,  
Superintendent.

Which was received.

On motion the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY,

Mayor.

ATTEST

JOHN R. CLINTON,

City Clerk.