

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL

---

REGULAR SESSION.

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CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
*Monday, February 5, 1872, 7 o'clock P. M.* }

The Common Council met in regular session.

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

Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Cottrell, Craft, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalsman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—18.

Absent—None.

The proceedings of the regular session held January 29th, 1872, were read and approved.

Mr. Cottrell presented the following preamble and resolutions :

WHEREAS, Death has removed from our midst one of our most esteemed fellow citizens, and a former honored member of this body, Christian F. Schmidt, and whereas, the worth of Mr. Schmidt as a citizen, his pure and honorable conduct as a member of this body, renders it highly proper that this body express their sorrow at his death, and their respect for his memory. Therefore

*Be it resolved*, That the fair and honorable business life, the kind and liberal conduct as a citizen, the pure and honorable career as a public officer of Mr. Schmidt won for him the respect of all good citizens, and entitles his memory to high respect.

*Resolved*, That as an expression of our sorrow, and as a token of our high respect for the memory of Mr. Schmidt, we cause this hall to be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, and that this Council and the city Police Force attend the funeral in a body, and that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

Which was received, and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Kennington, from the Committee on Contracts, submitted the following majority report :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 5, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, Committee on Contracts, beg leave to report that John T. Macauley is the best bidder on the Lefler paving stone, we recommend that he be awarded the contract, his stone being three and one half inches thick, and two feet square, would recommend the contract be awarded to John T. Macauley.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT KENNINGTON,  
JOHN L. MARSEE,

Committee on Contracts.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 5, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, minority of the Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred the bids for paving the north, west and south sides of University square with Lefler or other cement paving stone, would report that we find four bids on the same, viz: One from Thomas Roney, at twenty cents per square foot; one from James Hudson, at twenty-four and a half cents; one from John T. Macauley, at thirty cents; and one from George Wendel, at thirty-one cents per square foot. And as there is an admitted difference in size and thickness of the stone proposed to be used by the different contractors, and as there is nothing said in the ordinance authorizing the work to be done in regard to size and thickness of the same, we are unable to decide which is the lowest and best bid under the ordinance, we therefore report the said bids back, and recommend that an ordinance of repeal be passed, and a new ordinance passed defining more explicitly the size, thickness and quality of stone to be used on said improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CRAFT,

Committee on Contract.

Which was received, and on motion the majority report concurred in, and contract awarded to John T. Macauley as recommended.

The City Clerk reported the contract and bond of John T. Macauley, for paving with the Lefler patent paving stone, the south, west and north sidewalks of University square, which was accepted and approved.

The City Clerk made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, February 5, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—The City Clerk would respectfully report :

FIRST.

Contract and bond of James Mahoney, to grade and gravel 220 feet of the east end of the alley running east and west through out-lot 175.

SECOND.

Contract and bond of Wm. Warrenburg, to grade and gravel the alley running from Delaware street to the Jeffersonville railroad tracks, through square No. 98.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. R. CLINTON,

City Clerk.

Which was received, contracts awarded, and bonds approved.

The City Clerk made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 5, 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 his office, the following affidavits for the collection of street assessments by precept, to-wit :

Samuel Hanway & Co. vs	Thos. B. O'Connell.....	\$18 75
“ “ “	Thos. Wren.....	45 00

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

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. R. CLINTON,

City Clerk.

Which was concurred in, and precepts ordered to issue.



The City Sexton made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 5, 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 January, 1872 :

Under 5 years of age.....	22
From 10 to 20 years of age.....	4
“ 20 “ 30 “ “ .....	6
“ 30 “ 40 “ “ .....	3
“ 40 “ 50 “ “ .....	1
“ 70 “ 80 “ “ .....	3
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Total .....	39

Of these six were small-pox cases.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HEDGES,

City Sexton.

Which was received.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 5, 1872.

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

Monthly report of expenditures of the City Hospital, ending January, 31, 1872 :

Total expenditures for the month.....	\$1,006 63
Aggregate number of days for which subsistence, etc., was furnished.....	1,732
Average expense per capita per diem .....	\$0.5800

JOSEPH W. MARSEE, Sup't.

Which was received.

Also, the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 5, 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 January 27, 1872:

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	54
“ “ received in Hospital since last report.....	12
“ “ born in Hospital since last report.....	0
“ “ discharged from Hospital since last report....	7
“ “ died in Hospital since last report.....	1
“ “ remaining in Hospital at present report.....	58

J. W. MARSEE,

Superintendent.

Which was received.

Also, the following:

INDIANAPOLIS, February 5, 1872.

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

Weekly contents of Register of Patients of City Hospital, ending January 27, 1872:

Number of patients in Hospital at last report .....	54
“ “ received in Hospital since last report.....	4
“ “ born in Hospital since last report.....	0
“ “ discharged from Hospital since last report....	4
“ “ died in Hospital since last report.....	0
“ “ remaining in Hospital at present report.....	54

JOSEPH W. MARSEE,

Superintendent.

Which was received.

Dr. Woodburn introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 5, 1872, entitled:

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

Which was read the first and second times, and ordered engrossed.

Dr. Woodburn introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 6, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims on account of City Hospital, for the month of January, 1872.

Which was read the first and second times, and ordered engrossed.

Mr. Thoms introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 7, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims, on account of printing and stationery, for the month of January, 1872.

Which was read the first and second times, and ordered engrossed.

Mr. Marsee introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 8, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims on account of Station House, for the month of January, 1872.

Which was read the first and second times, and ordered engrossed.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 5, 1872:

Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Cottrell, Craft, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—18.

Negative—None.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 6, 1872.

Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Cottrell, Craft, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—18.

Negative—None.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 7, 1872.

Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Cottrell, Craft, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—18.

Negative—None.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 8, 1872.



Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Conncilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Cottrell, Craft, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—18.

Negative—None.

Mr. Weaver presented the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 5, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned would respectfully submit the annexed bill of extra carpenter work done on the new City Fire Engine Houses, during their erection. I would also, hereby protest against the report of the superintending architects in relation to the said carpenter's work, I would therefore pray your honorable body to give the annexed bill a just and impartial consideration, or that the appraisalment of said extras be submitted to some competent and disinterested party, as I consider the amounts named in his report too little remuneration.

MALONEY & MARSHALL.

Extras on Carpenters work on City Fire Engine Houses, by order of Daggett & Roth, architects.

VIRGINIA, INDIANA AND RUSSELL AVENUE HOUSES.

Furring third story floor joists.....	\$20 00
Changing front door from two to four fold.....	10 00
Pivot battens on front door.....	3 00
Hand pulls on front door.....	1 25
Base at bottom on front door.....	2 00
Bead and finish around front door.....	3 00
Finish around middle door, frame, &c.....	10 00
Hand pulls on middle door.....	1 25
Back door and frame.....	40 00
Hand pulls on back door .....	1 25

Railing over stable division stalls.....	10 00
10 pieces 2 by 6, 10 feet long .....	2 50
Champering posts and putting up segments .....	8 00
Headers and trimmers for four small windows.....	15 00
Headers and trimmers around smoke stack .....	15 00
Partitions, &c., around smoke stack.....	3 00
One small scuttle in ceiling.....	2 50
Casing around stable door.....	3 50
Beams and framing tower roof.....	7 50
Pediments in roof .....	35 00
Framing one scuttle in second floor stable .....	5 00
Raising roofs of tower.....	3 00
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Extras on Carpenters work done on City Fire Engine Houses, by order of Daggett & Roth, architects.

MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE ENGINE HOUSES.

Furring on first story floor joists.....	\$20 00
Changing front door from two to four folds.....	10 00
Pivot battens on front door.....	3 00
Hand pulls on front door.....	1 25
Base at bottom of front door.....	2 00
Bead and finish around front door.....	3 00
Finish around middle door, frame, &c.....	10 00
Hand pulls on middle door.....	1 25
Re-hanging middle door.....	7 50
Changing frame of back door.....	20 00
Hand pulls on back door.....	1 25
Railing over divisions of stalls... ..	15 00
14 pieces 2 by 6, 10 feet long for division stalls.....	3 50
Changing posts and putting up segments.....	10 00
Headers and trimmers around 6 small windows in stable.....	20 00
Headers and timmers around smoke stack.....	15 00
Partition set around smoke stack.....	3 50
One small scuttle in ceiling.....	2 50
Casing around stable doors .....	3 50

Beams, &c., in tower roof.....	7 50
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Amount of other three.....	\$159 75
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Total.....	\$796 40

Which, on motion, was laid on the table.

By unanimous consent, the Committee of Citizens appointed at a meeting held in the Board of Trade rooms presented, through W. P. Fishback, the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 5, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—Your petitioners believe that the speedy construction of a railroad to the coal fields has become a necessity to our city, and that a cheap road by a practicable and direct route can be constructed, that will insure an abundant supply of fuel to our citizens, at rates far below those paid by the people of any other city in the west; to this end we ask your honorable body to make the necessary appropriation, and select a competent engineer for the immediate survey of the cheapest and most practicable route.

H. R. ALLEN,  
A. L. ROACHE,  
V. BUTCH,  
N. McCARTY,

And 23 others.

Which was received.

The following are the names of members of said Committee :

A. L. ROCHE,  
T. A. MORRIS,  
AQUILLA JONES,  
THOS. H. SHARPE,  
DAVID GIBSON,  
E. B. MARTINDALE,  
N. McCARTY,  
COL. HARPER,  
COL. SHAW,  
W. P. FISHBACK,

Committee from Board of Trade on coal railroad..

Mr. Wiles offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to act in conjunction with the citizens committee, in investigating the cost and propriety of the city constructing or aiding in the construction of a railroad from the coal mines to this city, and that said Committee of three be authorized to employ a competent engineer and assistants to make a survey and estimate of the cost of such road.

Mr. Brown moved to amend by instructing said Committee to enquire into the expediency of employing a competent engineer and assistants to make a preliminary survey for such road.

Which, on motion by Mr. Whitsit, was laid on the table.

Mr. Newman offered the following amendment:

That the Committee shall have power in their discretion to employ agents, one or more, whose duty it shall be to take leases of coal lands, in such places as it may be probable that such proposed road may terminate or run near, for the benefit of the city alone.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kennington moved to amend by adding that the cost of making such survey shall not exceed \$1,500.

Which was not adopted.

The resolution as offered by Mr. Wiles, and amended by Mr. Newman, was then adopted by the following vote :

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

Absent—Councilmen Bigham and Brown—2.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed as such Special Committee,  
Councilmen Wiles, Heckman and Newman.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY,

Mayor.

ATTEST:

JNO. R. CLINTON,

City Clerk.