

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, February 26, 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, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

Absent—Councilman Whitsit—1.

The proceedings of the regular session held February 19, 1872, were read and approved.

The City Commissioners made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 26, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—The Board of City Commissioners, having been summoned by the City Clerk to take action on the case of widening First street through Martindale's central addition, met pursuant to notice, but having been notified on meeting that the case had been afterward withdrawn by your honorable body, we took no steps and made no assessment in the case.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. HUBBARD,
IGNATIUS BROWN,
SAMUEL M. SEIBERT,
JOSEPH M. SUTTON,
J. F. RAMSAY,
Board of City Commissioners.

Which was concurred in.

Also the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 26, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—The Board of City Commissioners have acted on the petition of D. Glazier and others, asking the opening of an alley in the south-west half of square 101, and submit the following report and assessment :

The proposed alley is ten feet wide at South street, its middle line running north on the east lines of lots 7, 6, 5, 4 and 3, and partly into lot 2, of Stevens' subdivision of said half square ; it then turns north-east, parallel to the north west line of lot 14, in said half square, and runs at right angles to Virginia avenue, being 12 feet wide in this part of its course, and taking the north-west corner and a strip 4 feet wide off the north-west side of lot 14, and a strip 8 feet wide off the south-east side of lot 2, in said square—where it is ten feet wide it takes a strip 5 feet wide off the sides and ends of the lots along its middle line. A plat is herewith attached.

We estimate the value of the ground to be condemned for said alley at.....	\$885 00
We estimate the cost of removing improvements at.....	100 00

Total damages from opening the alley. \$985 00

We estimate the aggregate benefits to the adjoining lots and lot owners from opening said alley at	985 00
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We think the city should pay no part of the damages or benefits from the opening of said alley.

The following statement will show the damages and benefits to the several lots and lot holders in detail:

Damages to Thos. Tull's heirs, for a strip five feet wide off the east end of lot 7, in Stevens' subdivision of the south-west half of square 101, taken for said alley.....	\$100 00
Benefits to Thos. Tull's heirs on said lot 7, in said square....	75 00

Balance of damages to said heirs..... \$25 00

Damages to Deloss Root for 5 feet off east end of lot 6, in said square.....	\$40 00
Damages to Deloss Root for moving improvements.....	10 00

\$50 00

Benefits to Deloss Root on said lot 6	95 00
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Balance of benefits to Deloss Root on lot 6..... \$45 00

Damages to I. Toon for 5 feet off east end of lot 5, in said square.....	\$40 00
Damages to I. Toon for moving improvements.....	10 00

\$50 00

Benefits to I. Toon on said lot 5.....	\$95 00
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Balance of benefits to I. Toon on said lot 5..... \$45 00

Damages to Daniel Glazier for 5 feet off east end of lot 4, in said square.....	\$40 00
Damases to Daniel Glazier for moving improvements.....	10 00

\$50 00

Benefits to Daniel Glazier on said lot 4	95 00
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Balance of benefits to Daniel Glazier on lot 4..... \$45 00

Damages to Valentine Rothrock for 5 feet off east end of lot 3, in said square	\$40 00
Damages to Valentine Rothrock for moving improvements..	10 00
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	\$50 00
Benefits to Valentine Rothrock on said lot 3.....	95 00
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Balance of benefits to Valentine Rothrock on lot 3.....	\$45 00
Damages to Quinn & Mullen for 8 feet off south-east side of lot 2, in said square	\$240 00
Damages to Quinn & Mullen for moving improvements	10 00
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	\$250 00
Benefits to Quinn & Mullen on lot 2.....	135 00
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Balance of damages to Quinn & Mullen on lot 2.....	\$115 00
Damages to John M. Talbott for strip 4 feet wide off the north-west side, and a strip 5 feet wide off the west end of part of lot 14, in said square.....	\$145 00
Damages to John M. Talbott for moving improvements.....	10 00
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	\$155 00
Benefits to John M. Talbott on lot 14.....	90 00
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Balance of damages to John M. Talbott on part of lot 14.....	\$65 00
Damages to A. Stein for 5 feet off west end of part of lot 14, in said square.....	\$10 00
Damages to A. Stein for 5 feet off west end of part of lot 13, in said square.....	15 00
Damages to A. Stein for moving improvements.....	30 00
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	\$55 00
Benefits to A. Stein on part of lot 14.....	\$34 50
Benefits to A. Stein on part of lot 13.....	50 50
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Total benefits to A. Stein.....	85 00
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Balance of benefits to A. Stein	\$30 00

Damages to Hiram Seibert for 5 feet off west end of part of lot 13, in said square	\$25 00
Damages to Hiram Seibert for 5 feet off west end of north part of lot 8, in said square..	15 00
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	\$40 00
Damages to Hiram Seibert for moving improvements.....	10 00
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	\$50 00
Benefits to Hiram Seibert on part of lot 13.....	\$60 00
Benefits to Hiram Seibert on part of lot 8.....	45 00
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	105 00
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Balance of benefits to Hiram Seibert on said lots.....	\$55 00
Damages to Deloss Root for strip 5 feet wide off west side of lot 8, in said square.....	\$175 00
Benefits to Deloss Root on lot 8.....	115 00
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Balance of damages to Deloss Root on lot 8.....	\$60 00
Total amount of damages.....	\$985 00
Total amount of benefits.....	985 00
Total balances of damages.....	\$220 00
Total balances of benefits	220 00
Balances of damages to be paid to Thos. Tull's heirs.....	\$25 00
“ “ “ Deloss Root	15 00
“ “ “ Quinn & Mullen.....	115 00
“ “ “ John M. Talbott.....	65 00
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	\$220 00
Balances of benefits to be paid by Isaiah Toon.....	\$45 00
“ “ “ Daniel Glazier	45 00
“ “ “ Valentine Rothrock	45 00
“ “ “ A. Stein.....	30 00
“ “ “ Hiram Seibert	55 00
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	\$220 00

The whole assessment is within the lots which are cut by said alley.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. S. HUBBARD,
IGNATIUS BROWN,
SAMUEL M. SEIBERT,
JOSEPH M. SUTTON,
J. F. RAMSAY,
Board of City Commissioners.

Which was received and laid over for one week.

Also the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 26, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—The Board of City Commissioners, having been notified by the City Clerk to meet for the purpose of assessing damages and benefits resulting from the opening of Coburn street, from Short street east to the avenue, met pursuant to notice, but on examination of the case it was deemed best to adjourn its further consideration until an amended petition was filed and referred. No assessment was therefore made, and the case is held in abeyance until a more certain petition is filed, and referred with instructions.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. HUBBARD,
IGNATIUS BROWN,
SAMUEL M. SEIBERT,
JOSEPH M. SUTTON,
J. F. RAMSAY,
Board of City Commissioners.

Which was received.

The City Civil Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 26, 1872.

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

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

D. Root & Co.,

For the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures, on Mississippi street, between First and Seventh streets :

12 corner posts at \$30 per post	\$360 00
8 intermediate posts, at \$28 per post.....	224 00

Total \$584 00

Also, same—

On Winston street, between Washington and North streets :

9 corner posts, at \$30.....	\$270 00
12 intermediate posts, at \$28.....	336 00

Total 606 00

Also, same—

On North street, between West and Minerva streets :

3 corner posts, at \$30 per post.....	\$ 90 00
9 intermediate posts, at \$28 per post.....	252 00

Total 342 00

Also, same—

On Blake street, from New York street to Indiana avenue :

4 corner posts, at \$30 per post.....	\$120 00
7 intermediate posts, at \$28 per post.....	196 00

Total 316 00

Also, same—

On North Pennsylvania street, from First to Seventh street :

4 corner posts, at \$30 per post.....	\$120 00
15 intermediate posts, at \$28 per post.....	420 00

Total 540 00

Also, same—

On the first alley running east and west north of National road, and between Blackford and Blake streets :

1 corner post, at	\$30 00
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Also, same—

On west side of arm of canal, immediately in front of Water Works building :

1 corner post, at..... 29 50

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON,
Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

The City Clerk made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 26, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—The City Clerk respectfully reports the following estimates allowed D. Root & Co., for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except service pipes, as follows :

FIRST.

On Mississippi street, between First and Seventh streets.

SECOND.

On Winston street, between Washington and North streets.

THIRD.

On North street, between West and Minerva streets.

FOURTH.

On Blake street, between New York street and Indiana avenue.

FIFTH.

On Pennsylvania street, from First to Seventh streets.

SIXTH.

On the first alley running east and west, north of the National Road, and between Blake and Blackford streets.

SEVENTH.

On west side of arm of the canal, immediately in front of the Water Works building.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. CLINTON,
City Clerk.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed D. Root & Co. for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except service pipe, on Mississippi street, from First to Seventh streets, 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, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed D. Root & Co. for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except service pipe, on Winston street, from Washington to North streets, 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, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed D. Root & Co. for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures, com-

plete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on North street, from West to Minerva streets, 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, Graft, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed D. Root & Co. for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except service pipe, on Blake street, from New York street to Indiana avenue, 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, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed D. Root & Co. for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except service pipe, on Pennsylvania street, from

First to Seventh streets, 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, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed D. Root & Co. for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except service pipe, on the first alley running east and west, north of the National Road, and between Blake and Blackford streets, 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, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed D. Root & Co. for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on west side of arm of ca-

nal, immediately in front of Water Works building, 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, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

Negative—None.

The City Clerk made the following report

INDIANAPOLIS, February 26, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN--The City Clerk respectfully reports to Council, that affidavits have been filed with him, for collection of street improvements, to-wit :

Hanway & Rubush vs. I. Miles, for.....	\$32 72
“ “ Winslow S. Pierce, for.....	31 72
“ “ James H. Vaugh, for.....	31 72
“ “ John C. Hereth, for.....	16 83

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. CLINTON,
City Clerk.

Which was concurred in, and the precepts ordered to issue.

The City Attorney made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 26, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—As heretofore directed by you, I herewith report for your consideration the accompanying ordinance, entitled, “An ordi-

nance to prohibit locomotives and cars from standing on streets and alleys."

J. S. HARVEY,
City Attorney.

Which was received.

The City Attorney introduced General Ordinance No. 17, 1872, entitled:

An Ordinance to prohibit locomotives and cars from standing on streets and alleys,

Which was read the first time.

Also, General Ordinance No. 18, 1872, entitled:

An Ordinance to prevent cruelty to animals,

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Heckman introduced General Ordinance No. 19, 1872, entitled:

An Ordinance appropriating ground for the purpose of opening Greer street 55 feet wide, northward from its present northern terminus to Stevens street,

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Cottrell introduced Special Ordinance No. 16, 1872, entitled:

An Ordinance to repeal an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to grade and gravel the west sidewalk of New Jersey street, from Merrill to McCarty streets,

Which was read the first time.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 17, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to repeal an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to provide for grading the first alley west of Virginia avenue, from East to Merrill streets,

Which was read the first time.

On motion by Mr. Cottrell, the vote by which Special Ordinance No. 178, 1871, entitled, "An ordinance to provide for grading the first alley south of Virginia avenue, running from East to Merrill streets," was passed, be reconsidered, and the ordinance stricken from the files.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Mr. Cottrell presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 26, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—I have given to your honorable body a contract and bond to grade and gravel the west sidewalk on New Jersey street, from Merrill to McCarty street. and as it is the desire of the Councilmen from that ward to have said sidewalk paved, I am willing to have said contract and bond annulled, and an ordinance passed, as they desire it, to improve said sidewalk by paving with brick.

H. SEIBERT.

Which was received, and the City Clerk directed to return said bond to Mr. Seibert.

Mr. Kennington introduced Special Ordinance No. 18, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to pave with bricks, and curb the outside edge with Flat Rock stone, the sidewalks of South street, from Delaware to Illinois street,

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Batty introduced General Ordinance No. 20, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance concerning the fees of Market Master, &c.,

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Batty presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 26, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Yandes street, between Lincoln street and Malotte avenue, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of said street and sidewalk with pit gravel, and your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

J. M. OSBURN,
WILLIAM NICHOLS,
CARL STEUBING,
And 10 others.

Which was received.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 19, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel Yandes street and sidewalks, from Lincoln street to Malotte avenue,

Which was read the first time.

Also, the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 26, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Park avenue, between Forest Home avenue and Lincoln street, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling with river gravel Park avenue and sidewalks, between Lincoln street and south side of Forest Home avenue. And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

E. S. FOLSOM,
L. N. GUFFIN,
JOHN M. HANLEY,
C. E. MERRIFIELD,
D. H. OLIVER,
C. P. DeWOLF.

Which was received.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 20, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel Park avenue and sidewalks, from the south side of Forest Home avenue to Lincoln street,

Was read the first time.

Mr. Thalman introduced Special Ordinance No. 21, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and pave with brick the east sidewalk on Elsworth street, between New York and Vermont streets,

Which was read the first time.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 22, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel North street and sidewalks, from Minerva street to the old corporation line,

Which was read the first time.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 23, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel Douglass street and sidewalks, from North street to Indiana avenue,

Which was read the first time.

Also, Special Ordinance Mo. 24, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel Elizabeth street, from Blake street to Geisendorff's Mill Race,

Which was read the first time.

ROLL CALL.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

Moved: That the Street Commissioner be directed to take up the the stone crossing of Georgia street, on the west side of Meridian street, and re-lay the same at least three feet west of its present location, and that the same be laid a little above the grade of the street instead of below it, as now laid; to be paid out of the ward fund.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Brown presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 26, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—The petition of the undersigned respectfully showeth, that he desires permission from your honorable body to pave with artificial stone the sidewalk fronting lot No. 23, and two feet off west side of lot No. 24, in square No. 9, and known as No. 174 West Michigan street, in all a frontage of 32 lineal feet.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILSON.

Which was received, and prayer granted.

Mr. Cottrell presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 26, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—We the undersigned, citizens and taxpayers, do most respectfully protest against the opening of an alley through block 101, believing that it is not of sufficient public utility to warrant any expenditure in the matter ; but that the two individuals asking for the same, and who alone will be benefitted thereby, be allowed to pay damages and open it at their own expense.

JOHN W. MURPHY,
WM. BRADEN,
H. CLAY,

And 59 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following motion :

Moved : That the Civil Engineer be directed to set the proper stakes on the route of the new proposed channel of Pogue's Run to Fall Creek.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved : That the Fire Committee be instructed to have the Fire Engine Houses insured in an amount equal to one-half of the cost of the same.

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

Mr. Heckman moved to concur in the report of the City Commissioners in relation to the opening of Greer street to a width of 55 feet, from its present northern terminus to Stevens street, made to Common Council February 12th, 1872.

Which was adopted, and report approved.

Mr. Heckman offered the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 26, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—We the undersigned, property holders on Greer street, between Stevens and McCarty street, respectfully petition your honorable body to open Greer street in accordance with the assessment of the City Commissioners, made February 12th, 1872, and we hereby agree to pay the amounts assessed on each of us by said Commissioners. And your petitioners will ever pray.

JOHN MAURER,
HENRY A. HUGO,
ROB. McCLINTOCK,
And 8 others.

INDIANAPOLIS, February 24, 1872.

We, the undersigned, agree to pay to Michael Gimble the sum of fifty (\$50) dollars, over and above what his property cost him, counting all money paid out by him, and giving credit for the eight hundred (\$800) dollars allowed by the City Commissioners in condemning said lot for the extension of Greer street.

H. SEIBERT,
JOHN MAURER,
CAT. MAURER,
ROB. McCLINTOCK,
MARIA A. THOMPSON,
J. W. SUTHERLAND.

I agree to the above proposition.

MICHAEL GIMBEL.

Which was referred to the City Attorney.

Mr. Kennington offered the following motion :

Moved: That the Sewer Contractor be directed to replace the good screened river gravel on South street, that was taken off when the South street sewer was built, between Meridian and Pennsylvania

streets, as soon as the frost gets out of the ground, say about the first of April.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Moved : That Samuel W. Patterson have permission to move frame house from near the canal, on West Washington street, to corner of North and Blake streets.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thoms introduced Special Ordinance No. 25, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and pave with brick the south sidewalk of New York street, between Massachusetts avenue and East street,

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thoms offered the following motion :

Moved : That the Cabinet Maker's Union have permission to bowlder as much of the north sidewalk of Market street as may be necessary to drive over said walk into their lumber yard.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved : That the City Marshal be and is directed to take down the signs or advertisements on each and every telegraph post in the city, and that the cost of said removal be charged to the parties who have had the signs placed thereon, as far as can be ascertained.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved: That Collin H. Smith have permission to move a stable from St. Clair street to Ash street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Wiles offered the following motion :

Moved: That the canvassers for Coal Road petitioners be instructed to suspend further circulation of said petitions until the report and estimate of the Engineer are received.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 26, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Meridian street, between New York and Seventh streets, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the widening of said Meridian street five feet on each side, said five feet to be added to the sidewalks only, between St. Clair and First street, so as to make said street a uniform width from St. Clair street north. And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

T. A. LEWIS,

GEO. W. PARKER,

E. B. MARTINDALE,

And 12 others.

Which was referred to the City Commissioners.

Mr. Craft called up Special Ordinance No. 12, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to pave with brick the north sidewalk on New York street, between Massachusetts avenue and East street,

Which 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 and Wiles—16.

Negative—Councilman Woodburn—1.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following motion :

Moved: That the City Clerk advertise for bids for the construction of a tunnel at the west end of the Union Depot, on Illinois street, with stone walls, iron stringers, and brick arches between the stringers laid in cement.

Which was laid on the table.

Mr. Kennington moved that the contract for building a tunnel under Louisiana street, at the west end of the Union Depot, be awarded to J. J. Palmer.

Mr. Marsee moved to amend by saying that the stone work be done according to the plans and specification of the City Civil Engineer.

Which was accepted by Mr. Kennington.

Mr. Newman moved to further amend by saying that the tunnel, if built of iron, shall cost not to exceed \$55,050.

Mr. Bigham moved the previous question.

The question being, Shall the main question be now put?

Those who voted in the affirmative were—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Gimber, Kennington, Locke, Reagan, Thalman, and Wiles—9.

Those who voted in the negative were—Councilmen Cottrell, Craft, Heckman, Marsee, Newman, Thoms, Weaver and Woodburn—7.

So the main question was ordered.

The question being first on the amendment as offered by Mr. Newman,

The ayes and noes were demanded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were—Councilmen Batty, Cottrell, Craft, Heckman, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Wiles and Woodburn—12.

Those who voted in the negative were—Councilmen Bigham, Brown, Gimber, Kennington and Reagan—5.

So the amendment, as offered by Mr. Newman, was adopted.

Mr. Kennington's motion, as amended, was then adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Gimber, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan and Wiles—10.

Negative—Councilmen Cottrell, Craft, Heckman, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver and Woodburn—7.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, February 26, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition for the opening of Arsenal avenue, from a point fifteen feet north of the north side of the north rail of the main track of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis railroad, thence south to intersection of the Michigan road, said avenue being sixty feet wide ; also the same petition for opening Summit street, from a like

distance on the said railroad, thence south to its intersection with the Michigan Road, said Summit street being fifty feet wide, would respectfully report in favor of opening both of said streets as herein designated.

Your Committee have carefully examined the premises, and find many reasons why these streets should be opened and improved for the public use; amongst which are,

1st. The city is already committed in that behalf, having ordered the opening. Summit street was graded from Washington street through to the Michigan Road, and the graveling nearly completed. Arsenal avenue is graded from Washington street south to the railroad, and both are under contract to be completed, for all of which the city is liable.

2d. On the basis of these contracts and public faith, the ground fronting on them has mostly been sold to persons providing rapidly to improve it for homes, and are now asking that the city carry out in good faith those contracts.

3d. Not only the property immediately fronting on those streets is to be benefitted, but a large district of country both in and outside the city limits are vitally interested in these openings. They will ultimately be extended directly south to Woodlawn.

4th. Your Committee think that these reasons are sufficient, and the Council acted wisely in its former action, the informality of the report of the Commissioners in that behalf alone requiring this action, and recommend that said Commissioners be directed to review the premises designated in the ordinance of appropriation, and assess the damages and benefits to the same, and report to this Council.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC THALMAN,
JOHN L. MARSEE,
CHRIS. HECKMAN,

Committee.

Which was referred to the City Attorney.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, February 26, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Gas-lights, to whom was en-

trusted the matter of procuring a "Time Table" for the lighting and extinguishing the public lamps of the city for the present year, herewith present the following Time Table, which has been prepared by Mr. Geo. H. Fleming, former Gas Inspector, under agreement for the sum of \$40.00, for the compiling and publishing two hundred copies. We ask that an ordinance be passed appropriating the sum of \$40.00 for the purpose above mentioned. We also present statement from the Gas Inspector, asking that the city procure additional apparatus for the purpose of testing the quality of gas, all of which your Committee approve, and recommend that the purchase be made at once.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. WILES,
H. S. BIGHAM,
ISAAC TBALMAN,
Committee on Gas.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Wiles presented the following communication from the City Gas Inspector:

To W. D. Wiles, Chairman of Committee on Gas-light.

SIR:—I have examined the apparatus for testing the illuminating power of gas that belongs to the city, and find it very defective and almost worthless; it has been moved to my office at the State House, and all that can be made available will be put in order. The following list of articles will be required to enable me to make complete tests of the illuminating power of the gas, and determine its impurities. I have written to the American Meter Company, of Philadelphia, and annex their price for each piece of apparatus:

No. 1. Governor	\$35 00
No. 2. Candle Balance	30 00
No. 3. Wet Ex. Meter	50 00
No. 4. Press. Indicator.....	25 00
No. 5. Keat's Candlebalance. (Weighs candle as it burns).....	25 00
No. 6. Two lbs. Standard Candles	3 00
No. 7. Test burner	5 00
No. 8. Specific gravity apparatus, including air pump.....	72 00

No. 9. Endiometer.....	5 50
No. 10. Letheby's Sulphur test apparatus.....	25 00
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	\$275 50

I have written to Cincinnati to the parties who made the other apparatus for some of the parts that are broken, which will enable me to use such as, with the above list, will complete the apparatus required. This will involve a small additional bill for apparatus. Then there will be another small bill for moving the apparatus, and fitting up a dark room in the cellar under my office at the State House. The amount of the two latter items can not be given at this time.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. T. COX,
Gas Inspector.

Which was received, and City Gas Inspector instructed to purchase the necessary instruments.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

Mayor.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.