

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
*Monday, March 11, 1872, 7½ 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 March 4th, 1872, were read and approved.

Sealed proposals for the improvement of streets, sidewalks and alleys, and for lighting with gas Military Park, were received, opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

Sealed proposals for furnishing and erecting lamp posts on certain streets were received, opened, read, and, on motion of Mr. Wiles, rejected.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, March 11, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred the bids for building a cistern on the corner of Yeizer and Franklin streets, would report that Mr. John A. Whitsit is the lowest and best bidder for said work, his bid being 62 cents per barrel, and recommend that the contract be awarded to said John A. Whitsit.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CRAFT,  
JOHN L. MARSEE,  
ROBERT KENNINGTON,  
Committee on Contracts.

Which was concurred in.

The City Clerk made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, March 11, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN--The City Clerk would respectfully report contract and bond of John A. Whitsit, for building a tunnel on Illinois street, at the west end of the Union Depot.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. CLINTON,  
City Clerk.

The bond was read by the Clerk, when Mr. Wiles moved that the bond be rejected, and offered the following protest :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 11, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—We respectfully solicit your attention to a matter of great interest to the city, and of pecuniary interest to ourselves, in the letting of the tunnel on South Illinois street.

We cannot help thinking that your honorable body was laboring under a misapprehension of the facts. Our bid originally for the present plan of tunnel, was \$44,195 16, according to the Engineer's estimate of the amount of work to be done, and that bid was to include everything excepting the necessary concrete for foundations. We omitted the concrete by direction of the City Civil Engineer; the difference then between our bid and the bid of Mr. Whitsit, upon which the contract was awarded, amounts to \$9,804.88. Then, after the bids were received at the Engineer's office, at the request of Mr. Thalman, a member of the Committee on Tunnels, we submitted a bid to include the concrete, and make the job complete in every particular for the sum of \$50,000; and we are ready to file our bond at the next meeting of your honorable body for the completion of the work, if in your judgment you see proper to award us the contract at that price.

Respectfully submitted,

SAM. HANWAY & CO.

Which was received.

Mr. Batty offered the following motion :

*Moved :* That the matter lay over for one week, and the same be referred to the City Attorney, for his opinion as to whether or not the Council has power to reject the bond, provided the securities be sufficient.

Which was adopted.

His Honor the Mayor, Daniel Macauley, presented the following invitation :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 11, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of delegates, held at Emmett Gurds' Hall on Monday evening, March 4th, it was unanimously resolved to invite your Honor and the City Council, and Police Force, to participate in the celebration of St. Patrick's Day on the 18th inst. Hoping you will accept this invitation. I remain,

Your obedient servant,

NICHOLAS MCGINNIS,  
Secretary.

Which was accepted.

On motion, the Council adjourned until Thursday evening, March 14th, 1872.

DANIEL MACAULEY,

Mayor.

ATTEST:

JOHN R. CLINTON,

City Clerk.