

# PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

## REGULAR SESSION—MAY 16, 1887.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, May 16th, A. D. 1887, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Caleb S. Denny, Mayor, and *ex officio* President of the Common Council in the Chair, and 25 members, viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

ABSENT—None.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session held May 2d, 1887, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

### COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, submitted the following report; which was received:

*Indianapolis, Ind., May 16, 1887.*

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I have the honor to report the amount of fines and fees due the city collected in the Mayor's court during the month of April, 1887, as follows:

Marshal's fees.....	\$174 20
Mayor's fees.....	142 10
Fines due the city.....	12 60
Total.....	\$328 90

I paid said fines and fees to the County Treasurer, for the use of the city, on the 10th inst.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. DENNY, Mayor.

### REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, and the estimates (presented therewith) approved:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith report the following estimates of work done according to contract:

A first and final estimate in behalf of D. A. Heywood, for grading and bowldering the first alley south of Fletcher avenue, from Dillon street to Linden street.

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2,129 lineal feet, at 48 cents .....	\$1,022 54
10 square yards of bowlders relaid, at 25 cents.....	2 50
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	\$1,022 54

A first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Dunlap street, from Madison avenue to East street.

2,305 lineal feet at 39 cents .....	\$898 95
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A first and final estimate in behalf of Joseph Bernauer, for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Tennessee street, from McCarty street to Ray street.

704 20 lineal feet of paving, at 41 cents .....	\$288 72
64.70 lineal feet of double walk-stone, at 66 cents.....	42 70
40.00 square yards of bowldered wings, at 63 cents .....	25 20
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	\$356 62

A first and final estimate in behalf of R. P. Dunning, for grading and graveling the first alley east of College avenue, from Eighth street to Ninth street.

1,232 lineal feet, at 22 cents.....	\$271 10
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A first and final estimate in behalf of Richter & Twiname, for improving Tomlinson Court

410.86 square yards of brick pavement, at 57 cents.....	\$234 20
885.77 square yards of bowldering, at 72 cents .....	637 75
94 20 lineal feet, four rows, of walk-stone, at \$1.30.....	122 46
440.80 lineal feet of curb, at 44 cents .....	193 95
142.10 lineal feet of curb reset, at 17 cents.....	24 15
47.15 square yards of bowlders relaid, at 35 cents.....	16 50
15.05 square yards of brick relaid, at 25 cents .....	3 76
To repairing cement walk .....	5 00
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	\$1,237 77

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was read:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of D. A. Haywood, for grading and bowldering the first alley south of Fletcher avenue, from Dillon street to Linden street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroaray, Pearson, Reincke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Dunlap street, from Madison avenue to East street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Pearson, Reincke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read :

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Joseph Bernauer, for grading and paving with brick (where not already done), the sidewalks of Tennessee street, from McCarty street to Ray street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Pearson, Reincke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read :

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of R. P. Dunning, for grading and graveling the first alley east of College avenue, from Eighth street to Ninth street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Pearson, Reincke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, and the contracts and bonds approved :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith report the following contracts and bonds:

Contract and bond of Robert Kennington, for grading and graveling Sanders street and sidewalks, from Shelby street to Wright street.

Bond, \$3,000; surety, W. K. Sproule.

Contract and bond of George W. Buchanan, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Meridian street, from Seventh street to Eighth street.

Bond, \$500.00; surety, L. A. Fulmer.

Contract and bond of Geo. W. Buchanan, for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of New Jersey street, from Seventh street to Eighth street.

Bond, \$800.00; surety, James W. Hudson.

Contract and bond of James W. Hudson, for grading and bowldering the first alley east of Illinois street, from Georgia street to Chesapeake street.

Bond, \$400.00; surety, J. L. Spaulding.



Contract and bond of James W. Hudson, for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of West street, from McCarty street to Ray street.  
Bond, \$600.00; surety, J. L. Spaulding.

Contract and bond of J. W. Cooper & Co., for grading and graveling the roadway of Alabama street, and bowldering and curbing the gutters thereof, from Morrison street to Seventh street.

Bond, \$16,000; sureties, Jos. L. Fisher, J. L. Spaulding and A. Haywood.

Contract and bond of Joseph Bernauer, for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Concordia street, from Bates street to Georgia street.

Bond, \$400.00; surety, James W. Hudson.

Contract and bond of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and re-paving with brick, the north sidewalk of Washington street, from Mississippi street to the first alley west of Mississippi street. Bond, \$500.00; surety, James W. Hudson.

Contract and bond of Richter & Twiname, for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Hill avenue, from Newman street to the first street east of Newman street. Bond, \$300.00; surety, H. C. Roney.

Contract and bond of H. C. Roney, for grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Newman street, from Hill avenue to Seventh street.

Bond, \$800.00; surety, R. P. Dunning.

Contract and bond of Freaney Brothers, for the erection of two lamp-posts on Gregg street, between New Jersey and East streets.

Bond, \$50.00; surety, J. F. Holt.

Contract and bond of Freaney Brothers, for the erection of two lamp-posts on Pearl street, between Mississippi and Tennessee streets.

Bond, \$50.00; surety, J. F. Holt.

Contract and bond of Henry Clay, for grading and graveling Drake street and sidewalks, from West street to a point 843 feet west of West street.

Bond, \$1,000; surety, John Sheier.

Contract and bond of Henry Clay, for grading and graveling Brett street and sidewalks, from West street to the third alley west of West street.

Bond, \$800.00; surety, John Sheier.

Contract and bond of Fulmer & Seibert, for re-paving the west sidewalk of Illinois street, from Washington street to South street.

Bond, \$2,500; surety, H. Seibert.

Contract and bond of Fulmer & Seibert, for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Maryland street, from Illinois street to the first alley west of Illinois street. Bond, \$200.00; surety, H. Seibert.

Contract and bond of L. A. Fulmer, for grading and graveling the first alley south of Nebraska street, from Madison avenue to Kennington street.

Bond, \$200.00; surety, H. Seibert.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The City Attorney submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—Since the last meeting of the Council the case of John Reed vs. The City of Indianapolis and the County of Marion, in which he claimed \$1,000.00 for injuries received by himself on the east approach of the Morris street bridge, and on account of the loss of a horse, and injuries to wagon, etc., has been tried, and it appearing upon the trial that judgment would be rendered in favor of the City if the case should proceed to the end, the plaintiff dismissed his action against the City. It appeared in the trial of this case that the Morris street bridge was built by the county, is now outside of the city limits, is owned by the county and controlled by it, and it must assume all repairs thereon, and that the east approach to the bridge is a part of the bridge and is also under the control of the county of Marion.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.

The City Clerk submitted the following report :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following entitled affidavit, now on file in my office, for the collection of street improvement assessment by precept :

Joseph Bernauer vs. Isaiah C. Crane, for. .... \$21 30

Respectfully submitted, MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

Which was received, and the precept ordered to issue, by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Dell, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS, 3—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, and Edenherter.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman Herig, submitted the following reports ; which were adopted :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—I would most respectfully ask an extension of time, thirty days, in which to complete my contract, for grading and graveling Missouri street, from Louisiana street to Merrill street. I have not been able to finish the work in time given for the reason high waters kept me from getting to the gravel bars.

JAMES W. HUDSON, Contractor.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of May, 1887.

[SEAL.]

WM. C. PHIPPS, Notary Public.

We recommend the time be extended.

John H. Herig,  
C. H. Stuckmeyer,  
R. McClelland,  
Board of Public Improvements.

That H. C. Roney be granted thirty days further time to complete his contract for paving with brick the sidewalks on Morris street, from Meridian street to Chesnut street. Can not get brick is the cause of this delay.

We recommend that the time asked for be granted.

John H. Herig,  
R. McClelland,  
C. H. Stuckmeyer,  
Board of Public Improvements.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman Herig, submitted the following report ; which was concurred in, except the seventh clause, which was referred to the City Attorney and Committee on Judiciary:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom the following motions were referred, would report:

1st. Is, that the Street Commissioner be directed to lay a sewer pipe along the third alley north of Ray street, from Locust street to Union street.

Recommend the work be not done.

2d. Is, that the Street Commissioner be directed to raise the pavement on the south side of Prospect street, between Laurel and Spruce streets, to proper grade.

Recommend the work be not done.

3d. Is, that the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the alley between Tennessee and Mississippi streets, from Ohio street to New York street.

Recommend said motion be not adopted.

4th. Is, that the Street Commissioner be directed to straighten the east gutter of Dillon street, across English avenue. Recommend the work be not done.

5th. Is to fill chuck-holes on West street, between North and First street, with broken stone. Recommend the work be done with gravel.

6th. Is, that the Street Commissioner be directed to put in a catch-basin or man-hole, in sewer on West New York street, west side of Tennessee street.

Recommend the work be not done.

7th. Is, a communication from the Indianapolis & Bean Creek Gravel Road Company, offering to sell said road to the city.

Recommend no action be taken in this matter at present.

#### STONE CROSSINGS.

8th. On Washington street, east side of Missouri street.

Recommend the work be not done.

9th. On street and alley crossings on Harrison street.

Recommend one crossing be placed across the alley, south side, between Noble and English avenue.

10th. On McCarty street, between East street and Virginia avenue.

Recommend the work be not done.

11th. On Linden street, alley crossings, between Prospect and Orange streets.

Recommend the work be not done.

12th. On Olive street, alley crossings, between Orange street and Pleasant Run.

Recommend the work be not done.

13th. On the east side of Kentucky avenue, across Missouri street.

Recommend the work be done.

14th. On south side of Maryland street, across Missouri street.

Recommend the work be done with broken stone.

15th. On West side of West street, across Merrill street.

Recommend the work be done.

16th. On Prospect street, across Linden street.

Recommend the work be not done.

17th. On Woodlawn avenue, west side of Linden street, also across Linden, south side Woodlawn avenue. Recommend the work be done with gravel.

18th. On Delaware street, between Merrill and Duncan streets.

Recommend the work be not done.

19th. On Delaware street, from the southwest corner of Maryland street to northeast corner. Recommend the work be not done.

20th. On alleys, north side of Woodlawn avenue, between Dillon and Spruce streets. Recommend the work be not done.

21st. On Michigan street, each side of Blackford street.

Recommend the work be not done.

22d. Is Special Ordinance No. 113, 1886, for grading and graveling the roadway of Missouri street, from Washington street to Market street.

We find a remonstrance representing two-thirds of the lineal feet front on said street, yet we believe said improvement should be made, and return the ordinance without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Herig,  
C. H. Stuckmeyer,  
R. McClelland,  
Board of Public Improvements.

The Board of Health submitted the following Rule:



Indianapolis, May 9th, 1887.

To the Mayor, Members of the City Council and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:*—At a meeting of the Indianapolis Board of Health, with an attendance of Drs. Bryan, Long and Earp, the following Rules were adopted :

(1) When a house is carded by reason of an infectious or contagious disease, said card must not be removed until all danger from the contagion has disappeared, and must remain at least two weeks. This except measles, which is governed by a special order.

(2) In all cases where a house is flagged for measles, the "measels flag" must remain at least seven days, and as much longer as is necessary to avoid the danger of contagion from the existing disease.

S. E. EARP, M. D.,

Secretary of the City Board of Health.

And it was approved, by the following vote :

AYES, 19—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Haugh, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Pearson, Reynolds, Rooker, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman

NAYS—None.

The Board of Health submitted the Mortality report for the two weeks ending May 16, 1887; which was read and received.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Education, through Councilman Smith, offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police be, and is hereby, directed to give proper legal notice that an election will be held on June 11th, 1887, in the following School Commissioner Districts, for the election of one School Commissioner from each District, viz :

*District No. 5*—At School House No. 5, on Maryland street, between Mississippi and Missouri streets.

*District No. 6*—At School House No. 6, corner of Phipps and Union streets.

*District No. 9*—At School House No. 9, corner of Davidson and Vermont streets.

And it was adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 21—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenhar-ter, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, and Thalman.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Markey offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the following named persons be, and are hereby, appointed to serve as Inspectors and Judges at the School Commissioner election to be held Saturday, June 11, 1887 :

Fifth District—Inspector, Andrew Blitzmyer; Judges, Pat. Harrold and Robt. Catterson.

Sixth District — Inspector, Robert Killer; Judges, James Nelson and Rudolph Muller.

Ninth District—Inspector, Chris. Gompf; Judges, Fred. Thoms and ..... Stockwell.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

**AYES**, 22—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

**NAYS**—None.

The Committee on Markets, through Councilman McGroarty, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Markets, to whom was referred sundry matters, report thereon as follows:

1st. Upon the matter of formulating and printing market rules, for the government of the public markets, your committee have instructed the City Attorney and the Market Master to prepare such rules, and have them printed and posted.

2d. As to the petition of A. A. Scott, asking that he be allowed to conduct a daily business in the corner room of the City Hall building, your committee report that if there was any misunderstanding in regard to the renting of the room, it was the fault of the petitioner, for the terms were distinctly stated in the notice; and since your committee, in the next item of this report, report against a daily market, therefore it reports against the said petition.

3d. As to the petition of A. A. Scott, J. S. Benson and many others, asking for a daily market at the East Market, and for an all-day market on Saturday, your committee report, that while this might be a convenience, as well as a matter of profit to many of the stand-holders, it would not be satisfactory to the general public. As it now is, all the vegetables to be sold in the West Market building, and the meat to be sold in the East Market building, are fresh each market day, and are all sold out at the close of market, while a daily market would cause many stand-holders to keep over from day to day products that had become stale; besides, the buildings could not be kept as cleanly with an every day market and all day market as they would be under the present regulations. To allow stand-holders who sell articles that are not perishable, to use their stands every day, would be simply to make the market house nothing more nor less than grocery stores, and this the general public does not demand or want.

Furthermore, contracts have been entered into with about one hundred stand-holders in the east building, with the understanding that there will be four (4) markets per week. These contracts will not expire until a year from the first of June; and that all may be served and treated alike, your committee are of the opinion that the petition should not be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

C. McGroarty,  
Joseph H. Howes,  
Theo. F. Smither,  
Committee on Markets.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys and City Attorney, through Councilman Dunn, submitted the following report:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, with the City Attorney, to whom was referred sundry matters, report thereon as follows:

1st. As to the petition of John Coburn, Deloss Root and others, praying for the repeal of Special Ordinance No. 180, 1886, providing for the grading and graveling of the roadway and paving with brick the sidewalks of Hendricks street, your committee report that said street is now beautifully lined with native Oak and other kinds of trees, many of which, under the provisions of said Special Ordinance No. 180, would of necessity be cut down and destroyed, which is one reason to be



urged against the passage of the ordinance as it now is, and another reason is, that every property holder, with perhaps one or two exceptions, has petitioned for the repeal of said ordinance. Therefore, your committee recommend the passage of Special Ordinance No. 77, 1887, entitled "An Ordinance to repeal Special Ordinance No. 180, 1886."

Your committee would further add in this connection that the contractor, Frederick Gansberg, has filed with the Council his written consent to the surrender of his contract for the improvement of said street.

2nd. As to the petition of Mary F. McDougal, Andy Wompner and others, praying for the opening of William street to a uniform width of thirty (30) feet, from Oriental street to Arsenal avenue, your committee report that upon examination they find that said street throughout its whole length is thirty (30) feet wide, except beside the four (4) lots where it is but twenty (20) feet wide, and your committee are of the opinion that said petition should be granted and said street so widened, and therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Dunn,

J. F. Reinecke,

J. H. Herig,

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

WM. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.

*Resolved*, By the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, that the petition of Mary F. McDougal, Andy Wompner and others, praying for the opening of William street to a uniform width of thirty (30) feet, from Oriental street to Arsenal avenue, as prayed for in said petition, be referred to the Board of City Commissioners with instructions to assess benefits and damages and to make due report to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen; the said Commissioners to return all petitions and notices. The City Clerk is hereby directed to issue the proper notices and the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Force is hereby directed to serve said notices on the said Board of City Commissioners, and upon the property holders; Provided, That before the Clerk issue the said notices to the City Commissioners a bond shall be filed with said City Clerk to the approval of the Mayor, guaranteeing the payment of all costs and charges of said Commissioners in this matter.

Which report was concurred in and the resolution adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 23—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Herig, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

#### REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEES.

The sub-Committee of the Special Committee on Natural Gas, through Councilman Swain, submitted the following report:

To the Special Committee on Natural Gas, of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—We have visited the cities of Pittsburgh and Allegheny, Pennsylvania, where Natural Gas has been longer in practical use than in any other cities in the United States, and where it is now substantially in use in all of the rolling mills, iron mills and glass manufactories, and in very many of the business houses and residences in said cities. There are no restrictions as to the number of companies in either of said cities, but it is a free-for-all race, and the price is regulated wholly by competition.

The first experience of companies in laying mains in these cities, was attended with the loss of many lives and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property. This was caused by reason of their inability to control the leaking gas from the joints and mains, and the ignorance as to its safe use.

Experience, however, has demonstrated the necessity for laying pipes in other and the most approved manner, which to-day consists of laying the pipes so that the joints are covered with wrought iron collars, calked with asphaltum and lead, which practically makes a tight joint; but which, however, has been demonstrated will not at all times resist the pressure of the gas. Therefore, it has been found necessary to make provision at every joint for the escape of leakages, which consists in a bell-shaped joint or short pipe immediately over the joint or main connecting to a small pipe laid over and paralld to the large main, and thence to the curb line, where it is connected to a gas post, and is allowed to escape above the heads of pedestrians. This is considered the only safeguard against explosions.

As a means of testing the actual amount of escape from these escape pipes, line walkers are constantly observing the condition of the pipes by igniting the gas, and experience has accustomed them to detecting the amount of escape by the flame, so that at any time, should they discover that the pipes have been broken or punctured, or gas is otherwise escaping from the joints, attention is at once directed to it so that the matter can be repaired immediately.

Further, the pressure of gas in large houses is regulated and controlled by means of automatic regulators which reduces the pressure to the actual amount which can be consumed, thereby preventing the accumulation of any surplus gas in the rooms and cellars, and in consequence preventing explosions. Previous to adopting this method of laying pipes and making connections, they were constantly annoyed with leakages which would accumulate, and by means of its own pressure follow the line of mains into the cellars of buildings, and often resulted in the disastrous explosions above referred to.

Your committee were told by those who had had experience in the matter, that a hole the size of the point of a pin head, in the joint of a pipe, under the pressure usually carried in the streets, would allow sufficient gas to escape, should it accumulate at any given point, to totally destroy the building.

We therefore came to the conclusion that it is all-important to guard any ordinance to the greatest possible extent in the direction of safety. In these cities gas mains are almost wholly laid in the streets. This is found to almost be a necessity, owing to the fact of the liability to set fire to buildings and property by the flames from the escape pipes, should they be laid in alleys. While we think it desirable for the protection of the streets to lay all mains, as far as practicable, in alleys, we think that the danger to adjoining property would be such as to warrant us in adopting the method of locating the mains upon the streets. We also noticed the fearful destruction of seemingly good streets by reason of the unlimited privilege of laying gas mains in them.

We are glad to note in this connection, that the Statutes in our State give the right of eminent domain to gas companies to rural districts only, and that before any mains are laid in any town or corporation in the State of Indiana, the right to do so must first be obtained from the Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

In Pittsburgh and Allegheny, gas is supplied to consumers mostly on the contract system, at so much per annum per range, grate or furnace; or contracts may be made for heating houses by rooms, the limit of each room being fixed at fifteen (15) feet square. The meter measurement is also used to some extent, in which case the rate charged is from eight to ten cents per thousand feet.

Your committee would recommend in drafting an ordinance:

1st. That it be a general ordinance under which any company may come into the city and use its streets and alleys and lay mains when it shall have complied with the requirements of such an ordinance.

2nd. That the city reserve the power to restrict companies from entering streets, alleys and public places, and thus prevent the laying of more mains on any such street, alley or public place than is actually necessary for the public good.

3rd. That in the laying of mains a test of the same shall be made by and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, by whom a certificate shall be given containing the facts of such test. The mains shall be supplied by the best possible

appliances for the collection of leaking gas, such appliances to be satisfactory to the City Civil Engineer, and constructed under his direction and supervision.

4th. That a limit be placed upon the price of gas.

5th. That the consumers shall have the privilege of electing between the meter system and the contract system.

6th. That a direct annual tax per foot be required from all companies on all mains laid in the city.

7th. That a bond in the sum of fifty thousand dollars, to the approval of the Mayor, be given by every company asking the franchise of the city; conditioned to comply with all the ordinances of the city on this subject.

Your committee elected to visit the cities above named, owing to the fact that they are supplied by pipe lines very similar to such as will be required in this city, except that in the expense of laying the mains to and through this city it would be very considerable less than in either of the cities named, for the reason that in those cities the trenches for the mains, are frequently blasted out of rock.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. Swain,

WM. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.

Isaac King,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

Sub-Committee.

On motion by Councilman Haugh, the report was referred to the Special Committee on Natural Gas, with instructions to report an ordinance on the same to the Council next Monday evening.

Councilman Haugh moved that when the Common Council adjourns, it adjourn to meet again next Monday evening, May 23d, 1887.

Which was adopted.

#### MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read, and the matter referred to the present Conference Committee on similar amendments:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, May 9, 1887, amended S. O's Nos. 25, 48, 49, 50, 61 and 64, of 1887, by striking out of each ordinance the following words:

"Double walk-stone, with the necessary bowldering, to be put in on all street and alley crossings."

And then passed the ordinances as amended.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

JOSEPH T. FANNING, Clerk.

The following message was read, and on motion by Councilman Cummings, the Council adhered to its former action:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, May 9, 1887, amended the following motion by striking out the word "City," in the last line of the motion, and inserting in lieu thereof, the word "committee."

"That all ordinances appertaining to the granting of privileges to natural gas companies, be referred to a special committee, consisting of the Mayor, City Attorney, City Civil Engineer and five members of this body (to be appointed by the Mayor),



and request that the Board of Aldermen appoint a similar committee to act conjointly with our committee, and that said committees be directed to promptly investigate the matter of a natural gas supply for our city, and prepare a proper ordinance regulating the same, and report at the earliest possible date; also, that all necessary expense incurred by such an investigation, be paid by the city."

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

JOSEPH T. FANNING, Clerk.

The following message was read, and referred to the City Attorney:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen.*—The Board of Aldermen in regular session held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, May 9, 1887. Adhered to its former action of adopting the following amendment:

"*Provided*, That this permit is granted upon the express condition that said driveway is to be used *only* for a roadway for the family horse and carriage or buggy of said Peter J. Gall, and to drive his wagon or carts in his yard for storage *only*, but not to haul out coal in the same. If used for any other purpose than herein provided, that permission herein granted is hereby revoked, and said Gall shall be liable to the penalties of existing ordinances, the same as if this motion had not been passed."

To the following motion:

"That Peter J. Gall be allowed to lay a bowldered driveway on Fifth street, over his sidewalk to his stable; the work to be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer."

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen,

JOSEPH T. FANNING, Clerk.

The following message was read, and the motion concurrently adopted:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen.*—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, May 9, 1887, adopted the following motion:

"That Patrick Burns be allowed to construct a foot bridge across Pogue's Run at Catharine street, at his own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer."

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

JOSEPH T. FANNING, Clerk.

The following message was read, and the motion concurrently adopted:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen.*—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday 9, 1887, adopted the following motion:

"That Wilkinson M. Lout be granted permission to lay a 12-inch Akron sewer pipe from the Pennsylvania street sewer, in and along the alley between Second and Third streets to the rear of his property, No. 623 north Meridian street, at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, he to comply with all the conditions of the ordinances relative to sewers."

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

JOSEPH T. FANNING, Clerk.

## INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business the following entitled ordinances were introduced, and severally read the first time :

By Councilman Dunn :

G. O. 13, 1887—An ordinance to amend Section 2 of General Ordinance No. 12, 1886, being an ordinance entitled "An ordinance regulating the use of the streets and other public places by persons engaged in the business of blacking boots and selling newspapers."

On motion by Councilman Dunn, the Rules were suspended for the purpose of placing the above entitled ordinance—G. O. 13, 1887—on its final passage, by the following vote :

AYES, 21—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS, 4—viz: Councilmen Edenharter, Haugh, and Herig.

The ordinance was then read the second time, ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed, by the following vote :

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Swain, Thalman, and Wateman.

NAYS, 3—viz: Councilmen Edenharter, Reinecke, and Stuckmeyer.

By Councilman Burns :

S. O. 84, 1887—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the east sidewalk of Belmont avenue, from Washington street to a point 1,209 feet north of the center of Washington street.

By Councilman Dell :

S. O. 85, 1887—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Noble street, from Washington street to Louisiana street.

S. O. 86, 1887—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the roadway and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Benton street, from Louisiana street to Bafes street.

S. O. 87, 1887—An ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the first alley east of Liberty street, from Georgia street to the first alley north of Georgia street.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owner of real estate fronting on the Alley between Noble and Liberty streets, from Georgia street to the first alley north of Georgia street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the bowldering of the said alley between said Noble and Georgia streets.

JOHN F. ISENSEE.

By Councilman Dell:

S. O. 88, 1887—An ordinance to provide for re-grading and graveling the roadway, grading and bowldering the gutters, re-setting the curb and re-paving with brick, the sidewalks of Liberty street, from Pogue's Run to Meek street.

By Councilman Dunn, accompanied with petition:

S. O. 89, 1887—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the roadway of Geisendorf street, from New York street to Market street.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owner of real estate fronting on Geisendorf street, between New York and Market streets, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for grading and graveling of said street.

W. A. Owsley, Charles Melling, George C. Brunnemer,  
Wm. Johnston.

By Councilman Newland, accompanied with petition:

S. O. 90, 1887—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Spann avenue, from Linden street to Laurel street.

*Indianapolis*, May 2d, 1887.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Spann avenue, south side, between Linden and Laurel streets, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalk on the above named street.

Clark Miller, Fred. Franke, Albert .....

By Councilman Pearson:

S. O. 91, 1887—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of St. Clair street, from Tennessee street to Illinois street.

S. O. 92, 1887—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Walnut street, from Tennessee street to Meridian street.

By Councilman Reynolds, accompanied with petition:

S. O. 93, 1887—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Clark street and sidewalks, from Hill avenue to Valley Drive.

*Indianapolis*, May 16th, 1878.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Clark street, between Hill avenue and Valley Drive, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for grading and graveling the roadway and sidewalks of Clark street, between the points above named.

James H. Baldwin and George B. Yandes, 800 feet;  
The Citizens' National Bank, 190 feet.

#### INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Burns offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to notify the Belt Railroad Company to remove the fences from across all streets north of Washington street and west of White River; and on failure so to do, that he be instructed to tear down all such fences.



Councilman Coy presented the following petition ; which was referred to the Committee on Markets :

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

*Gentlemen:*—At the earnest solicitation of many (near one hundred) of the tenants occupying East Market houses, on the 4th day of April, 1887, I leased stalls No. 11 and 12 in Meat Market House for lunch counter purposes, and paid therefor into your treasury the sum of eighteen dollars and seventy-five cents, exclusive of Clerk's fees, and from that time hitherto have been, and still am desirous, of occupying the same for such purpose, but for the entire time, subsequent thereto, have been prevented from so doing by your market master. That said market master has allowed said stalls to be occupied by one Wesley Gemmer, in defiance of the rights of your petitioner, and for purposes in violation of your ordinances and the rules adopted for the government of said market, he shows that the purpose for which he rented said stalls and desires to occupy the same, are not in violation of any of your ordinances known to him. He respectfully asks that his money so paid for said stalls by him be returned, or that he be permitted to occupy the same for said purpose and business. That said Wesley Gemmer is paying to said market master market fees at least, and perhaps rent for the use of said stalls, without the consent of your petitioner, and has been assured by your market master that your petitioner can in no wise molest him in the free occupation of said stalls during your petitioner's term. He respectfully asks the relief as is specified.

May 2, 1887.

CHARLES GEORGE.

Councilman Cummings offered the following motions ; which were adopted :

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the streets around the East Market Space, and to clean the space east of the east building, and to fill the chuck-holes therein with gravel, so that the water will be conducted therefrom into the gutters.

That the Superintendent of Tomlinson Hall, &c., be ordered to see that the Janitors keep the water closets clean, and the gas be properly turned off, and the Hall be cleaned, and to obey his orders in all things when in his judgment it should be done.

Councilman Cummings offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Committee on Bridges :

That a foot bridge be put across the canal at Wabash street by the Street Commissioner.

Councilman Dunn presented the following petition ; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys :

Indianapolis, May 16, 1887.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned owners of real estate fronting on Washington, West and Potomac streets, between West and California and Market and Washington streets, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the vacation of the alley immediately south of Potomac street, running west from West street to the first alley west of West street.

Equitable Trust Co., by J. H. Aldrich, agent, 202 feet on west Washington street ; 195 feet on north West street ; 65 feet on north West street ; 240 feet on west Market street ; F. M. Archdeacon, 67½ feet on west Washington street ; Mary Lucy Johnson, 65 feet on north West street ; 202½ feet on Potomac street ; 50 feet on the east side of north West street ; R. B. Emerson, 135 feet on west Market street.

Councilman Edenharter presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen.*—The undersigned interested owners of real estate, respectfully petition your Honorable Bodies for the passage of a resolution providing for the opening and extension of Randolph street in the City of Indianapolis, from its present southern terminus south to the National road, and that said street be so opened and extended.

A plat of said proposed opening and extension is herewith submitted and made a part of this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. McCauley, Daniel Barnett, Lewis Wasson, H. N. Gillet, Aug. Diener, W. H. Bransu, J. M. Eades, L. J. Charles, Thomas Barnett, Jos. Schneider, H. H. Beville, V. Dorsey Noland, Robert Petrie, H. C. Campbell, W. H. Kearn, I. R. Laporle, C. Rucklesham, Hugh Kelly, Conrad Gehring, Wm. Garrett, M. J. Mescall.

Councilman Haugh offered the following motions; which were adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters on Massachusetts avenue, between New Jersey and East streets.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters and scrape Noble street, between New York and North streets.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters of New York street, between Alabama and New Jersey streets.

Councilman Haugh offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill the chuck holes on Delaware street with broken stone, between New York and North streets.

Councilman Mack offered the following motions; which were adopted:

That the Civil engineer be instructed to inspect the surroundings at the intersection of Union and Hill streets, and report at the next meeting what is needed to drain the water from the surroundings.

That the Circle Park Policeman be instructed to allow no meetings of any kind to be had in the Park, unless by special grant of the Council and Board of Aldermen.

Councilman Markey offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Engineer be instructed to order the stone crossings on Dunlap street, from Madison avenue to East street.

Councilman McClelland presented for approval, a plat of Joseph A. Moore's South Addition; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Councilman McClelland offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Civil Engineer be directed to re-advertise for bids for the improvement of Dorman street, between Michigan and St. Clair streets.

Councilman Newland offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, ordered to fill the mud-hole in the first alley south of Spann avenue, between Olive street and Linden street, with gravel or broken stone.

Councilman Reinecke offered the following resolution; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements and City Civil Engineer, with instructions to report the cost of the proposed bridge to the Council next Monday night:

*Resolved*, That the City Civil Engineer be and is hereby directed to advertise for bids for the erection of a bridge across Pleasant Run in Garfield Park near the J. M. & I. R. R.

Councilman Reinecke offered the following motions; which were adopted:

39 That the Second Reform Church Sunday School be given permission to have their annual picnic at Garfield Park, July the 4th.

The property owners on the east side of East street, between South and Merrill street be notified by the City Street Commissioner to at once repair the sidewalk with brick in front of their property, where not already done.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to at once scrape South East street, from South street to Morris street, as the street is now in a filthy condition.

That the City Civil Engineer be directed to regulate the numbering of houses on Shelby street.

Councilman Reynolds offered the following motion accompanied with petition; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements and City Civil Engineer:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby directed, to construct a wooden bridge over the State Ditch on Alvord street, cost not to exceed \$400.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen*:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Alvord street, between Eighth and Twelfth streets, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for building a bridge across the State Ditch on Alvord street.

Albert Maillard, A. J. D. Burson, H. J. Marshall, Anoni Oppf, William Henley, T. G. Disher, Albert Crail, William Robinson, M. W. Hulse, Elmer Burton, Wm. R. Harris, George W. Vaught, G. W. Butler, E. M. Poppaw, Mrs. Anne Crutcher, Arthur G. Fosdyke, John Ryan, Geo. W. Legg, Edward C. Devenish, Andrew Pain, John J. Devenish, Alonzo E. Robbins, H. J. Milligan, Trustee, Wm. Wallace, Receiver.

Councilman Reynolds offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Citizens' Street Railway Company be, and are hereby, directed to extend their line of tracks from the corner of Peru and Massachusetts avenue, sig. 31.



northeast to Clifford avenue; thence east on Clifford avenue to Woodruff Place. The City Clerk is hereby directed to notify said Street Car Company of the passage of this resolution.

And it was adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 17—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Cummings, Dunn, Haugh, Herig, Mack, Markey, McClelland, Newland, Pearson, Reynolds, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS, 4—viz: Councilmen Burns, Coy, McGroarty, and Rooker.

Councilman Rooker offered the following motion; which was adopted :

That Messrs. Lazarus & Pierce be, and they are hereby, allowed to grade and gravel Boston street, east from Pennsylvania street east to the first alley east of Talbott avenue; and that the work be done under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Smith offered the following motions; which were adopted :

That Chas. A. Bates be allowed to put in a water plug on Fort Wayne avenue, north side, between Alabama and New Jersey streets, and keep the street around it in good repair, at his own expense.

That Mr. Fred Laokman, 280 West St. Clair street, be permitted to put down a cement pavement in front of his own residence at his own expense, and City Engineer give him the grade.

Councilman Stuckmeyer offered the following motion; which was adopted :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby directed to fix the sidewalk on Virginia avenue opposite the Fletcher Place Church, and charge the same to the trustees of said church.

Councilman Swain offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys :

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to open Broadway, north from Tenth street to the city limits.

Councilman Swain presented the following remonstrance; which was ordered filed with the ordinance—S. O. 69, 1887 :

To the Honorable Council and Board of Aldermen of Indianapolis :

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owners of property fronting on Washington street, in said city on the square between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets, respectfully protest against the proposed improvement of said street east of Pennsylvania street with square blocks of Medina or other stone.

On account of the great and unnecessary expense thereof.

And we respectfully show that we are in favor of having said street between Pennsylvania and Alabama streets improved substantially as follows :

The grade from the center to be lowered as much as practicable.

Then make a substantial foundation and pave with cobble-stones, similar to the recent improvement of south Meridian street, or Delaware street on the Court House square.

We are earnestly of opinion that this improvement is practically as good as the

stone blocks; and the traffic on said squares being much less than on the squares west of Pennsylvania street, we believe the improvement suggested by us all that is reasonably necessary and proper, even if the stone blocks be laid between Pennsylvania and Tennessee.

H. Judah's heirs, by J. M. Judah, Trustee, 63½ feet on square 64; James Johnson, Calhanine J. Holmes, by James Johnson, 39 feet; Esther A. Bristol, 29½ feet; Henry Ruschhaupt heirs, by Chris. Brink, 14½ feet, south side of street; Margaret S. Coffman, 33 feet; Mrs. R. K. Clark, Sarah A. Kinder, Mary C. Trumball, S. C. Davis, Kinder heirs, 46½ feet; M. Belle Carter, about ⅔ of 34 feet; Robert B. Duncan, 21 feet; John M. Butler, 44 feet and 9 inches; John Huegle, 22½ feet; Catharine Ruschhaupt, 22½ feet, north side of street, pr. Christian Brink; David Macy, 22½ feet; Anna H. Wright and Chas. E. Wright, 22¾ feet, north side; T. C. Hammond, by W. H. Allen, 22¾ feet, north side; J. W. Ray, Trustee, 21½ feet; The Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co., by Joseph A. Moore, its attorney in fact, 149 ½ feet, Vance Block; The Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co., by Joseph A. Moore, its attorney in fact, 22 feet, north side of street.

To the Honorable Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen.*—The undersigned, owners of property fronting on Washington street in said city on the square between Delaware and Alabama streets, respectfully protest against the proposed improvement of said street east of Delaware street with square blocks of Medina or other stone.

On account of the great and unnecessary expense thereof.

And we respectfully show that we are in favor of having said street between Pennsylvania and Alabama streets improved substantially as follows:

The grade from the center to be lowered as much as practicable.

Then make a substantial foundation and pave with cobble-stones, similar to the recent improvement of south Meridian street, or of Delaware street on the Court House square.

We are earnestly of the opinion that this improvement is practically as good as the stone blocks; and the traffic on said square being much less than on the squares west of Pennsylvania street, we believe the improvement suggested by us all that is reasonably necessary and proper, even if the stone blocks be laid between Pennsylvania and Tennessee streets.

P. H. Jameson, 16 feet 10½ inches; Wm. Buschmann, 22½ feet; David Macy, 22½ feet; A. D. Gall, heirs, by Albert Gall, 34½ feet; H. Judah's heirs, by J. M. Judah, Trustee, 67½ feet; Henry Severn, 19½ feet; W. Schoppenhorst, 33 feet and 9 inches; Mary E. Noble, by Spann & Co, agents, 22½ feet; W. H. English, 18 feet and 4 inches; Wm. Wallace, Trustee for Stevens children, 16 feet and 10 inches; Wm. Dell, 36 feet and 2 inches; J. F. Heim, Executor for estate of John R. Heim, 59¾ feet; Anna Albershardt, by W. Schoppenhorst, 19 feet and 2 inches.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motions; which were adopted:

That the Superintendent of Police be requested to notify all parties suspending signs across streets to immediately take them down, as it is a violation of a city ordinance, and dangerous in the way of scaring horses and causing runaways.

55 That the Telephone Company be directed to remove the stay wires immediately in front of Mr. Huey's furniture establishment on Delaware street between Ohio and New York streets.

Councilman Waterman presented the following remonstrance; which was ordered filed with the ordinance—S. O. 83, 1887:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owner of real estate fronting on Wabash street, between New Jersey and East streets, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the laying of an ..... inch Akron pipe sewer in and along Wabash street, between New Jersey street and the first alley west of East street.

Mrs. Mary McTaggart, 32 feet; Mrs. Alice M. Robinson Green, 33 feet; Mrs. Ann Winslow, 33 feet; Mrs. Louise Dorbecker, 96 feet; Equitable Trust Co., by I. H. Aldrich, agent, 50 feet; J. C. Hirschman, 96½ feet; Adolph Kahn, 31 feet; Mrs. Jacob Traub, per G. F. Traub, 60 feet; Daniel A. Kirk, 32 feet.

Councilman Waterman offered the following motion, accompanied with petition; which was adopted:

That Charles Wise be granted privilege of erecting a sprinkling hydrant on East street, between Ohio and New York streets, provided that the hydrant now used by him be shut down, and the work done to the satisfaction of the City Civil Engineer.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on East street, between Ohio and New York streets, respectfully petition for the passage of a motion allowing Chas. Wise to erect a sprinkling hydrant on the above named street, between the points named. We hereby give our consent to the erection of said hydrant on the above named street.

German Trinity Evangelical Luthern Church, Wm. F. Piel, Jr., Chas. F. Meyer, Trustees; First German Evangelical Church, 138 feet, J. C. Hirschmun, Chas. Aldag, Trustees; Wm. Langenkamp, 110 feet on East street; Charles Dammeyer, 48 feet front on East street; R. Krause, 23 feet N. East street; John Keely, 33 feet; Anna Clayton, 33 feet; W. Wilding, 35 feet; Adolph Kahn, 46 feet; Kahn, 40 feet.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney:

*Indianapolis, Ind., May 7th, 1887.*

To His Honor, the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—Some time in March, 1886, by resolutions our property was taken into the city limits, and for the year 1886 we have been obliged to pay city taxes. To this we object, as our grounds have never, by any authority from us, been platted. We find, however, in examining the plat books that Fletcher & Churchman, who owned some ground north of us, laid it out into lots and had it platted, and, without any authority whatever, incorporated our property in their plat. We shall never make any objections to paying taxes when they are justly assessed against us, but in this case we dont think we should be obliged to pay for the year 1886, and we most respectfully ask that you have this matter referred to your proper committee, and that they be instructed to investigate the same, and if city taxes were wrongfully collected from us that the same be ordered refunded.

Very respectfully,

TUCKER & DORSEY MFG. Co.,  
W. H. TUCKER, Pres't.



PENDING ORDINANCES.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time :

G. O. 10, 1887—An ordinance regulating the standing of public vehicles on Circle street.

Councilman Thalman offered the following amendment to the ordinance:

Amend Section 1 by adding the following words:

“And that it shall be unlawful for any one to kindle or maintain any fire on the streets around said Park ”

And it failed of adoption, by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Dunn, Herig, Mack, McClelland, Pearson, Smith, Smither, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS, 12—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Markey, McGroarty, Newland, Reinecke, Stuckmeyer, and Swain.

The ordinance was then ordered engrossed, read the third time and failed to pass, by the following vote :

AYES, 6—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Mack, McGroarty, Pearson, Smith, and Swain.

NAYS, 16—viz: Councilmen Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Markey, McClelland, Newland, Reinecke, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, and Waterman.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned, to meet again on Monday evening, May 23, 1887, at eight o'clock.

C. S. DENNY, Mayor,

President of the Common Council.

Attest: MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.