

PROCEEDINGS.
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
Monday, August 19, 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, Craft, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty,
Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Thalman, Whitsit, Wiles
and Woodburn—14.

Absent—Councilmen Bollman, Cottrell, Rush and Sherwood
—4.

Sealed proposals were received, opened, read and referred to
the Committee on Contracts.

Sealed proposals for the improvement of Illinois street, between Louisiana and South streets, were received, opened, read and referred to the Special Committee of the Wooden Block Pavement on South Illinois street.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer made the following reports :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 19, 1872.

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

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

Hiram Seibert, for grading and graveling Forest avenue and sidewalks from Harrison street to old corporation line east :

Length on north side.....	1181 ft. 6 in.
Length on south side.....	1238 ft.
Total length.....	2419 ft. 6 in.
At \$1.17 per lineal foot.....	\$2,830 81

Also, R. P. Dunning, for grading and paving the sidewalks on Fletcher avenue from Noble to Cedar streets :

Length on north side	1288 ft. 4 in.
Length on south side	1166 ft.
Total length.....	2454 ft. 4 in.
At 65 cents per lineal foot.....	\$1,595 31

Also, Bernard Hamil, for grading and graveling Osage alley from Washington to Market streets :

Length on east side.....	420 ft.
Length on west side.....	420 ft.
Total length.....	840 ft.
At 28 cents per lineal foot	\$235 20

Also, Hanway & Hanna, for grading and graveling the alley running north and south from Michigan to Vermont street, between Winston and Davidson streets :

Length on east side.....	450 ft.
Length on west side	450 ft.
Total length	900 ft.
At 30 cents per lineal foot.....	\$270 00

Total length..... 830 ft.
 At 26 cents per lineal foot \$215 80

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

The City Clerk made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 19, 1872.

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

The City Clerk respectfully reports to Council:

FIRST.

First and final estimate allowed Hiram Seibert, for grading and graveling Forest avenue and sidewalks from Harrison street to the old corporation line east.

SECOND.

First and final estimate allowed R. P. Dunning, for grading and paving the sidewalks on Fletcher avenue from Noble to Cedar street.

THIRD.

First and final estimate allowed Bernard Hammill, for grading and graveling Osage alley from Washington to Market Street.

FOURTH.

First and final estimate allowed Hanway & Hanna, for grading and graveling the alley running north and south from Michigan to Vermont street, and between Winston and Davidson streets.

FIFTH.

First and final estimate allowed Patterson & Dunning, for grading and graveling North street and sidewalks from Minerva street to the old corporation line, west.

SIXTH.

First and partial estimate allowed Henry C. Roney, for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk on Madison avenue, from Meridian to McCarty street.

SEVENTH.

First and final estimate allowed James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Noble street, running from Vermont to Michigan st.

EIGHTH.

First and final estimate allowed D. Root & Co, for erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures, on Henry street, from Missouri to Mississippi street.

NINTH.

First and final estimate allowed John Greene, for grading and graveling Park avenue and sidewalks from Home avenue to Lincoln street.

TENTH.

First and final estimate allowed Bernard Hammill, for grading and graveling the first alley south of Georgia street, running east and west between Benton and Cady streets.

ELEVENTH.

Second and corrected estimate allowed James Mahoney, for grading and graveling Tinker street and sidewalks from the south-west corner of W. H. Talbott's property to the east side of Meridian street.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. CLINTON, City Clerk.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Hiram Seibert for grading and graveling Forest avenue and sidewalks, from Harrison street to the old corporation line east, 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—Councilman Batty, Bigham, Craft, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Thalman, Wiles and Woodburn—13.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed R. P. Dunfor grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks on Fletcher avenue, from Noble to Cedar street, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Craft, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Thalman, Wiles and Woodburn—13.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Bernard Hammill for grading and graveling Osage alley, from Washington to Market street, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Craft, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Thalman, Wiles and Woodburn—13.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Hanway & Hanna for grading and graveling the alley running north and south from Michigan to Vermont street, and between Winston and Davidson street, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Craft, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Thalman, Wiles and Woodburn—13.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Patterson & Dunning for grading and graveling North street and sidewalks, from Minerwa street to the old corporation line, west, 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, Craft, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Thalman, Wiles and Woodburn—13.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the foregoing first and partial estimate allowed Henry C. Roney for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk on Madison avenue, from Meridian to McCarty street, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Craft, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Thalman, Wiles and Woodburn—13.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed James Mahoney for grading and gaveling the first alley west of Noble street, running

from Vermont to Michigan street, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Craft, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Thalman, Wiles and Woodburn—13.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed D. Root & Co., for erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixture on Henry street, from Missouri to Mississipi street, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Craft, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Thalman, Wiles and Woodburn—13.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed John Green for grading and graveling Park avenue and sidewalks, from Home avenue to Lincoln street, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Craft, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Thalman, Wiles and Woodburn—13.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Bernard Hamill for grading and gaveling the first alley south of Georgia street running east and west, from Benton to Cady street, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Craft, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Thalman, Wiles and Woodburn—13.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing second and corrected estimate allowed James Mahaney for grading and graveling Tinker street and sidewalks from the south-west corner of W. H. Talbott's property, to the east side of Meridian street, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Craft, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Thalman, Wiles and Woodburn—13.

Negative—None.

The City Clerk made the following report :

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, }
INDIANAPOLIS, August 19, 1872. }

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

GENTLEMEN :—The City Clerk would respectfully report that there is on file in his office affidavits for the collection of street assessments by precepts as follows :

James Mahoney vs. Amanda F. Jenkins, for\$48 12
Patterson & Dunning vs. Ada W. Hicks, for 11 40

Hanway & Co. vs. Alonzo Blair, for	7 43
Hanway & Co. vs. Jno. W. and Anna W. Bayer, for	40 00
Hanway & Co. vs. Alexander W. Russell, deceased, heirs, for	72 96

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

JOHN R. CLINTON, City Clerk.

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

The City Treasurer presented the following communication:

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 19, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have appointed W. Clinton West my deputy for the collection of delinquent taxes, and respectfully ask that you confirm him as such.

Very respectfully,

JOHN W. COONS, City Treasurer.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Craft, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahu, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Thalman, Wiles and Woodburn—13.

Negative—None.

The City Attorney made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 16, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN:—As instructed, I herewith report an ordinance appropriating ground for the widening of Rockwood street, and the appropriating of money to pay the damages occasioned thereby, as assessed by the City Commissioners.

J. S. HARVEY, City Attorney.

Which was received.

The City Attorney introduced general ordinance No. 60, 1872, entitled:

An ordinance appropriating ground for the widening of Rockwood street

through out-lots Nos. 92 and 93, in said city, and appropriating money to pay the damages occasioned thereby.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Batty moved to reconsider the vote by which the report of the City Commissioners in the case of widening Rockwood street through out-lots Nos. 92 and 93, was adopted at the meeting of the Council held August 6th, 1872.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Craft, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Reagan, Thalman, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—13.

Negative—Councilman Pressly—1.

On motion by Mr. Batty, the whole matter was referred back to the City Commissioners for further investigation.

The Street Commissioner submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 1, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to report the following work done in the street repairing department since July 1, 1872:

FIRST WARD.

Repaired the culvert on New York and Noble streets.....	\$9 00
Repaired the culvert on New Jersey and Vermont streets.....	13 00
Repaired the culvert on New York and Delaware streets.....	11 00
Cleared Delaware street three squares, Massachusetts avenue three squares.....	65 00
Opened the gutters on Spring street, on New York street, Alabama street, and Nermont street.....	70 00
Total.....	<u>\$168 00</u>

SECOND WARD.

Opened the gutter on Meridian street, St. Mary's street, St. Joseph street, Pratt street and Christian avenue	\$120 00
Repaired the culvert on St. Clair and Noble streets.....	14 00

Repaired the culvert on North and East street	10 00
Cleaned Pennsylvania street	25 00
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Total	\$169 00

THIRD WARD.

Opened the gutters on Ohio street, Tennessee street, Mississippi street, Meridian street, Pratt street and Illinois street, also on First street... ..	\$170 00
Cleaned Meridian street three squares, Market street one square, Illinois street two squares and Washington street four squares...	155 00
Repaired the culvert on Market and Tennessee streets	10 00
Repaired the culvert on Mississippi and North streets	14 00
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Total... ..	\$349 00

FOURTH WARD.

Put a new culvert in on North and Douglas streets.....	\$55 00
Repaired the sidewalk on Blake street, between Indiana avenue and North street.....	45 00
Opened the gutters on California street, Blackford street, Bright street and Michigan street, also Mississippi street....	90 00
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Total.....	\$240 00

FIFTH WARD.

Cleaned Washington street three squares, Kentucky avenue one square and Illinois street three squares.....	\$85 00
Opened the gutters on West street, Maryland street and Mississippi street	65 00
Repaired the culvert on Tennessee and Garden street	4 00
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Total	\$154 00

SIXTH WARD.

Opened the gutters on Madison avenue, Chestnut street and Bluff road....	45 00
Repaired the sidewalk on Chestnut street....	80 00
Cleaned Meridian street three squares, Illinois street three squares, Delaware street two squares, Virginia avenue one square, Pennsylvania street one square and Maryland street two squares, also Washington street three squares.....	150 00
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Total	\$275 00

SEVENTH WARD.

Opened the gutters on Alabama street, on New Jersey street, on South street, on East street and Louisiana street.....	\$90 00
Cleaned Virginia avenue two squares, Delaware street two squares Washington street three squares.....	110 00
Repaired the culvert on Washington and New Jersey streets...	9 00
Repaired the culvert on Delaware and Wyoming streets...	14 00
Total.....	\$133 00

EIGHTH WARD.

Renewed the old culvert on the Michigan road and Washington street	\$40 00
Cleaned Washington street.....	25 00
Opened the gutters on East street.....	25 00
Repaired and put down new foot bridges on Benton, Michigan, Georgia and Bates streets	55 00
Filled the street railroad tracks with cinder from East street to its terminus	115 00
Total	\$260 00

NINTH WARD.

Cleaned Washington street seven squares, Meridian street three squares, Market street one square, Pennsylvania street three squares, Delaware street three squares and Massachusetts avenue one square	\$195 00
Opened the gutters on New York street, Ohio street, Market street, New Jersey street and Spring street.....	80 00
Put in a stone culvert on Market and Pennsylvania streets, and leveled up the gutters on Market street.....	180 00
Total	\$455 00

BRIDGES.

Repaired the bridge over Pogue's Run, on Alabama street.....	\$11 00
Repaired the bridge over Pogue's Run, on New Jersey street.....	20 00
Repaired the bridge over the canal on Washington street.....	15 00
Graded and paved the approaches to the new bridge on Delaware street, and cleaned up the street about the same.....	90 00
Total.....	\$136 00

SEWERS.

Cleaned the catch basins on Kentucky avenue, Illinois and South streets sewer, also cleaned out the sewer on South Illinois street..	\$185 00
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Removed the old wooded caps to the catch basins on Ray street and put on iron at a cost of 496 00

Total.. \$68. 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Removed the old culverts and leveled up the intersection of Washington and Illinois streets..... \$280 00

Put down a stone crossing on Virginia avenue and Louisiana street 140 00

“ “ “ “ “ East street..... 140 00

“ “ “ “ “ South street.... 140 00

Total... ..\$700 00

RECAPITULATION BY WARDS,

Showing the amount on hand July 1, 1872, the amount expended since July 1, 1872, and the amount on hand at the present date:

WARDS, ETC.	Deficit July 1, 1872.	Balance July 1, 1872.	Expended since July 1.	Deficit.	Balance.
First Ward.....		\$ 256 00	\$ 168 00		\$ 88 00
Second Ward.....		329 00	169 00		160 00
Third Ward.....	\$ 1 00		349 00	\$350 00	
Fourth Ward.....	46 00		240 00	286 00	
Fifth Ward.....	241 00		154 00	395 00	
Sixth Ward.....	7 00		275 00	282 00	
Seventh Ward.....		280 00	133 00		147 00
Eighth Ward.....		204 00	261 00	56 00	
Ninth Ward.....	8 00		455 00	463 00	
Bridge Fund.....		782 00	136 00		646 00
Miscellaneous Fund.....		899 00	700 00		199 00
Sewer Fund.....			681 00	681 00	
Total.. ..	\$2501 00	\$1847 00	\$3720 00	\$2513 00	\$1240 00

Respectfully submitted,

A. BLUNER, Street Commissioner.

Which was received.

The City Sexton made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 1, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The following interments have been made by me in the City Cemeteries during the month ending July 31st, 1872:

1 year and under	28
From 1 to 5 years.....	7
“ 5 to 10 “	1
“ 10 to 20 “	1
“ 20 to 30 “	4
“ 30 to 40 “	6
“ 40 to 50 “	6
“ 50 to 60 “	2
“ 60 to 70 “	1
Total.....	<hr/> 56

Thirty persons more were buried out of Undertaker Williams' vault that had been there from 3 to 20 years.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ROSS, City Sexton.

Which was received.

The City Commissioners made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, August 19, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The City Commissioners have acted on the petition of the property holders on John street asking the widening of said street from 40 feet to 60 feet, from the first alley east of Peru, or Railroad street, and the donation line, which petition was referred to us by your honorable body.

According to the accompanying plat, which is the one furnished us, the proposed widening will take 10 feet off the north ends of lots 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30, and 10 feet off the south ends of lots 34, 35, 36 and 37, in Stumph's subdivision of out-lot 44. It also takes all of lot 75, except 3 feet off the south side, and all of lot 74, except 3 feet off the north side.

Houses will have to be moved on lots 29, 34, 35, 36 and 37, and the right of way of the C. C. C. & I. Railway Company will have to be restricted on part of the line.

We have, after personal examination of the premises, made an assessment of the benefits and damages as follows :

The damages from taking the real estate necessary for the proposed widening of said street will amount to \$660.00. The damages from moving houses and other improvements \$660.00. The damages from restricting the car standing room of said Railroad Company are hard to estimate, but we put them at \$200.00. Total damages \$1,520.00.

The benefits to property and property owners from opening said street, we estimate at \$800.00.

We think the city of Indianapolis should pay no part of said damages or benefits.

We estimate said damages and benefits in detail, as follows:

Damages to Elizabeth Weileman and her husband, ——— Weileman, for a strip 10 feet in width off the north end of lot 30, in Stumph's subdivision of out-lot 44, \$65.00. Damages for improvements, &c., \$10 00. Total damages, \$75.00. Benefits to said Weilemans from opening said street \$60 00. Balance of damages to said Weilemans \$15.00.

Damages to Jno. G. Stumph for a strip 10 feet wide off the north end of lot 29, in said subdivision, \$60.00. Damages to Stumph from moving frame house on said lot \$125.00. Total damages to Stumph \$185.00. Benefits to Stumph \$65.00. Balance of damages to Stumph \$120.00.

Damages to Henry Miller for a strip 10 feet wide off the south end of lot 34, in said subdivision, \$85 00. Damages to said Miller for moving or cutting off the south end of the frame house on said lot \$100 00. Total damages, \$185 00. Benefits to said Miller on said lot \$75.00. Balance of damages to said Miller \$110.00.

Damages to the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railroad Company for a strip 10 feet wide off the north ends of lots 26, 27, 28, and a strip 10 feet wide off the south ends of lots 35, 36 and 37 in Stumph's subdivision in out-lot 44 (\$50 on each lot), \$300. Damages to said Railroad Company for a strip 10 feet wide off the north side of part of lot 75, and a strip 10 feet wide off the south side of part of lot 74, in ——— subdivision of part of out-lot 44, east of the railroad (\$75 on each strip), \$150. Damages to said Railroad Company for loss of use of car room and tracks as now laid \$200. Damages to said Railroad Company for moving house on lot 35 \$100. Damages to said Railroad Company for moving house on lot 36 \$125. Damages to said Company for moving house on lot 37, all in Stumph's subdivision aforesaid, \$200. Total damages to said Railroad Company from opening said street \$1,075. Benefits to said Railroad Company, on each of lots 26, 27, 28, 35, 36 and 37, of Stumph's subdivision of out-lot 44, and on part of lot 75, and part of lot 74 in the Railroad subdivision aforesaid \$75, making in all on said lots \$600. Balance of damages to said Railroad Company from opening said street \$475.

It will thus be seen that the total damages from opening said street are \$1,520. The total benefits \$800. Leaving a balance of damages unprovided

for of \$720. The line of the improvement is so short, and there are so many houses to move, that the benefits are much less than the damages, and the advantages to the city at large are not sufficient to justify us in taxing the city with so great an amount. If we were permitted, however, to tax the benefits which ought to be taxed in Hanna's Addition, this balance could be easily met.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL M. SEIBERT,
IGNATIUS BROWN,
JOSEPH M. SUTTON,
J. F. RAMSAY,
Board of City Com'rs.

Which was received and laid over.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING.

Mr. Kahn introduced special ordinance No. 158, 1872, entitled:

An ordinance to light with gas Michigan street between Alabama and Delaware streets.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Woodburn introduced special ordinance No. 159, 1872, entitled:

An ordinance to grade and gravel Third street and sidewalks from Illinois street to the Central Canal.

Which was read the first time.

On motion by Dr. Woodburn, special ordinances Nos. 152 and 154, providing for the improvement of Third street, between Illinois and Mississippi streets, were taken up and stricken from the files.

Mr. Gibson moved to reconsider so much of the report from the Committee on Streets and Alleys, made to Council August 12th, 1872, as requires the owner or owners of lot No. 9, in square No. 51, on West Washington street, to fill the said lot.

The question being on the adoption of the motion,

Those who voted in the affirmative were, Councilmen Batty, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Reagan and Wiles—6.

Those who voted in the negative were, Councilmen Bigham, Craft, Kahu, Kennington, Pressly, Thalman, Whitsit and Woodburn—8.

So the motion to reconsider was not adopted.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, August 19, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, members of the Committee on Fire Department, in conjunction with the Chief Fire Engineer, to whom was referred the petition of John C. Vetter, Adolph Schmidt and others, praying that an ordinance be passed to compel Browning & Sloan to remove certain oils and other inflammable articles from No. 223 South Pennsylvania street, and to prevent the further storage of such articles in said building, would beg leave to report that we have given the matter a careful investigation, and can see no just cause why such ordinance should be passed. We would, therefore, recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted.

Respectfully,

W. H. CRAFT,
E. J. HARDESTY,
C. E. WHITSIT,
Com. on Fire Department.
DAN. GLAZIER,
Chief Fire Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

ROLL CALL.

Mr. Bigham offered the following motion:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be required to give the Water Works Company notice to fill up the holes made in the street at the corner of East and Market streets, and that, they failing so to do, the Street Commissioner be required to fill up the said holes and all other holes.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, ordered to put down stone alley crossings on the north sidewalk of East Vermont street, where the said walk is now being paved.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Gibson offered the following motion :

Moved, That Jos. Holderman have permission to move a one-story frame house from the rear of No. 266 West Washington street to West Cumberland street, in square 141.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Gibson offered the following motion :

Moved, That Charles Helwig be allowed to grade and gravel the sidewalk in front of lots 1, 2 and 3, in square No. 31, on Missouri street, on condition that he protect the bank of the Central Canal by placing on the outside edge of the sidewalk, on the range of the abutments of the bridge, a barricade, according to stakes set by the City Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Gibson presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 19, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN:—At the last meeting of your honorable body a proposition was presented from G. W. Hueston and Francis Bergman, proposing to take all the dead animals and other nuisances, &c., from the streets and alleys of the city, &c., provided, however, that you guarantee unto them the exclusive privilege so to do for the term of ten years, and for said services they will not charge the city anything. Now, I would submit to your honorable body that I am at this time doing exactly the work they propose to do, and do not receive, nor ask any remuneration from the city therefor, and, also, without the exclusive privilege they ask for. Such privilege I am free to say I would be glad to have, and if you will give such privilege for the term of ten years I will agree to do everything they propose to do, and in as acceptable a manner as is possible for such work to be done. I would state further, that I have already been at considerable expense in preparing for the prosecution

of said work, and with the supposition that if I did the work as provided by contract, that I would probably be allowed to continue said business. If I am stopped and the contract let to other parties, I will be thrown out of employment and all the money I have expended in said business would be almost a total loss. I hope your honorable body will give this your consideration, and at least make an investigation into the matter before making any change, and I will ever pray, &c.,

Respectfully,

JOHN H. JAMES.

Which was referred to the Committee on Revision of Ordinances and the City Attorney.

Mr. Gibson presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, August 19, 1872.

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

I beg to inform your honorable body that the ordinance pending for grading and paving the sidewalk on the north side of Washington street and the National Road, in front of My premises, was not signed when the contract was let. I have notified the contractor that I will not pay for the work he may do in front thereof; and also, beg to inform your honorable body of my determination.

I desire to improve the sidewalk myself, and if you will grant me this permission I will do the work promptly, under the direction of the City Engineer.

JOHN CARLISLE.

Which was laid on the table.

Mr. Hardesty offered the following motion:

Moved, That the Water Works Company be, and are hereby, directed to lay down water mains in accordance with section number five of the Water Works Charter, on the following named streets: On Pennsylvania street from Merrill street to Madison avenue, south on Madison avenue to McCarty street, west on McCarty to Union street, south on Union to to Morris street; said water mains to be laid down and ready for use by May 10th, 1873.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Hardesty offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Gas Inspector be directed to furnish this Council with a monthly report, in accordance with an amended ordinance, passed February 17th, 1868.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kahn offered the following motion :

Moved, That a Special Committee of three, together with the City Sewer Engineer, be appointed to examine the tunnel in course of construction on South Illinois street, and report to this Council whether the same is being built according to specifications.

Which was adopted, and His Honor, the Mayor, appointed as such committee Councilmen Kahn, Pressly and Bigham.

Mr. Keunington offered the following motion :

Moved, That John Burk be allowed the privilege of paving in front of his property, on Meridian street, with good, hard burned brick, at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Engineer, and the work to be done in sixty days.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to lay flagging from the iron bridge on Delaware street to the sidewalks.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Pressly presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 19, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned citizens of the Eighth Ward and property owners on south East street ask your honorable body to repeal an ordinance, some time since passed. Motion made by Councilman Whitsit for the grading of the first alley east of South East street, running north from

Merrill street through outlot No. 102 to the north-east corner of M. Toole's lot No. 283. The length of this alley is only 264 feet from Merrill street to the corner of Toole's lot, and has never been used by any person as a pass-way, nor never will be, except by the persons holding the eight lots west of this alley, and they use it only for the purpose of receiving wood at the rear end of our lots on this alley. Gentlemen, we wish you to distinctly understand that this alley lies out in the Commons, on the west side of a large space of vacant ground, owned by Mrs. Downey or Tom Cottrell. There is a sewer just made, running the full length of this alley and is partly filled. As it now is we cannot get wood or anything else from this alley, and if cut down, as proposed, from three to four feet from the bottom of our fencing will forever prevent us from getting wood through it. The cutting down of this alley and removing the earth therefrom will be a great damage, and we look upon it as an outrage. It does the city no good whatever, no persons being interested in the city or out of it but your petitioners and the persons wanting the earth from this alley and high grounds to fill up their low grounds adjoining. We ask your honorable body to have the sewer ditch filled up and the alley not graded, for if cut down it will profit the city nothing, but will be disastrous to your petitioners. If this alley is cut down we positively protest against paying one dollar of the expense for so doing.

We are, gentlemen, yours, &c.,

J. R. Stagg, Catharine Holland, Wm. Lawlor, John Frickey,
Charles Roach.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion:

Moved, That the owner of the second lot east of the lower arm of the Canal, south side, be allowed to boulder a wagon crossing across the sidewalk.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Whitsit offered the following motion:

Moved, That the Marshal notify the Junction Railroad to protect their tracks at the crossing of East street, so the contractor can proceed with the building the culvert over Pogue's Pun.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That Mrs. Mary Wuench be allowed to have the old house in Greer

street for the sum of fifty dollars, provided she will remove it in time for the improvement of said street.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer and the Street Commissioner be, and the same are hereby, instructed to notify all contractors having contracts for the improvement of streets, that they will not be permitted to open any street more than one square at a time, or have the street obstructed with material.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the City Commissioners locate Fifth street from Illinois to Tennessee street, twenty-four feet wide, immediately south of Wm. Henderson's barn, and to assess benefits and damages.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the City Clerk be, and he is hereby, instructed to advertise for proposals for building stone abutments over the Canal on Third street; also, for building an iron superstructure on said abutments—bids to be received separately for such work.

Which was referred to the Committee on Bridges.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 19, 1872.

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

The undersigned respectfully remonstrate against any part of Circle street being converted into a stand for Express Wagons, Hacks, Drays, or similar vehicles.

Circle Park is visited by a large majority of strangers coming to the city, and we earnestly protest against that locality being converted to a use that would make it but little, if any, better than a Livery Stable yard.

Wm. H. English, W. H. Morrison, Jos. C. Talbot, Indianapolis Journal Co., J. A. O'Neil, and 15 others.

Which was received.

His Honor, the Mayor, on behalf of the College Guards of the city of Indianapolis, extended an invitation to the Common Council to accompany them (the College Guards) on their excursion to Crawfordsville on the 29th inst.

Which was accepted.

His Honor, the Mayor, offered the following motion:

Moved, That the owner of the property on the east side of North Illinois street, adjoining Mr. Wood Tousey's residence on the north, be notified and required by the Street Commissioner to repair and relay the sidewalk in front of it without delay.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That the Committee on Streets and Alleys procure and place in position five public urinals.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

By unanimous consent special ordinance No. 140, 1872, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Dillon street and sidewalks, between Prospect street and English avenue.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Craft, Gibson, Hardesty, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Thalman, Whatsit, Wiles and Woodburn—12.

Negative—None.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY, Mayor.

ATTEST:

JOHN R. CLINTON, City Clerk.