

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, Feb. 10, 1873, 7 o'clock, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

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

Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Cottrell, Craft, Gibson,
Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Rush,
Sherwood, Thalman, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—18.

Absent—None.

The proceedings of the regular session held February 3d, 1873,
were read and approved.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 10, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred the proposals for grading and paving with Ballard Lock Block pavement and curbing the outside of the sidewalks with stone Delaware street, from the south side of St. Clair to the south side of Tinker street, have examined the same and find them to be as follows, to-wit, per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

John J. Palmer, paving, \$4.84½ cents per front foot on each side of the line improved.

Same, for curbing 62½ cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

Samuel Lefever, paving, \$4.88 cents per front foot on each side of the line improved.

Same, for curbing 57 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

John J. Palmer's bid will amount to the sum of.....	\$44,633 58
Samuel Lefever's bid will amount to the sum of.....	44,559 58

Lefever being the lowest bidder by.....	\$74 00
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But John J. Palmer being experienced in laying down said pavement, we would recommend that he be awarded the contract for the improvement of said street.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Q. SHERWOOD,
ISAAC THALMAN,
H. S. BIGHAM,
Com. on Contracts.

We, the undersigned, Special Committee appointed by the Council to act in connection with the Committee on Contracts in the selection of a pavement on the said portion of North Delaware street, do concur in the above report, and respectfully recommend that the contract for the improvement of said street be awarded to John J. Palmer.

EBEN SMITH,
THOMAS H. SPANN,
JUSTUS C. ADAMS.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Craft, Gibson, Pressly, Sherwood, Thalman, Wiles and Woodburn—9.

Negative—Councilmen Bollman, Cottrell, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Reagan, Rush and Whitsit—9.

There being a tie vote, His Honor, the Mayor, voted in the affirmative.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Marshal made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 10, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have notified the Madison and Jeffersonville Railroad Co. to build two culverts under their road where the same crosses Ray street.

Also, Mr Sheets to secure or remove the stones on the northwest corner of the "New Hotel."

Also, The owners of the hay scales to remove them as soon as the weather will permit.

Also, the City Bill Poster to knock two planks from the post board near the Canal.

Very respectfully,

THOMAS D. AMOS, City Marshal.

Which was received.

The Board of Health submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 10, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Health submits the following mortality report for the week ending Feb. 10, 1873:

Under 1 year.....	5
From 1 to 2 years	1
From 2 and 5 years	0
From 5 to 10 years.....	0
From 10 to 15 years.....	0
From 15 to 20 years.....	1

From 20 to 25 years.....	0
From 25 to 30 years.....	1
From 30 to 40 years..	2
From 40 to 50 years..	2
From 50 to 60 years.....	0
From 60 to 70 years.....	0
From 70 to 80 years..	0
From 80 to 90 years.....	0
From 90 to 100 years.....	0
100 and upwards.....	0
Unknown.....	0
Total.....	13

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. COMINGOR, M. D., Pres't.

W. WANDS, M. D., Secretary.

Which was received.

The City Gas Inspector made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 10, 1873.

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

The City Gas Inspector would respectfully report as follows:

Number of lamps lighted.....	1714
Number of extra hours lighted.....	9½
Pressure on the gas mains at night.....	2½ inches.
Average candle power.....	15.80
Maximum candle power....	18.25
Minimum candle power.....	13.50
Amount deducted for lamps not burning from Jan. 1 to Jan. 26.....	\$20 63

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. COX, City Gas Inspector.

Which was received.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication:

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 10, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Allow me to suggest to your Honors the expediency of the city offering a standing reward for the arrest and conviction of any person

guilty of setting fire to any property within the city limits. Although a great many stables have been set on fire, thereby endangering valuable property, it is seldom we hear of an incendiary arrested. I believe if it was made the pecuniary interest of any citizen to follow up a clue and prosecute to conviction, as in the case of theft, there would be more arrests and fewer fires. Within the past week two dangerous incendiary fires were only checked by the promptness of the Fire Department. As it costs considerable in fuel to get up a fire pressure, this Company is interested, and I believe it to be only right for the Council to take strong measures for the protection of this Company, the Fire Department, and the property of citizens.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN R. ELDER,
Prest Water Works Co.

Which was received.

By consent, Mr. Cottrell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Mayor be, and is hereby, authorized to offer a reward of five hundred dollars for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons who have been or may be guilty of the crime of arson within the limits of the city of Indianapolis, the same to be paid out of the City Treasury by appropriation bills, as other accounts are paid.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Cottrell, Craft, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—18.

Negative—None.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 10, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN :—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Tennessee street, between Indiana avenue and First street, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the grading and paving with a wooden block pavement the above named street, between the

points named, to the width of forty feet in the center of said street, and for widening the sidewalks on each side to the width of twenty-five feet, and for curbing the outer edges of said sidewalks with stone. And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

A. G. Porter, Lucy F. Hines, F. M. Farquhar, John W. Holland, I. L. Frankem, and 45 others.

Which was received.

Dr. Woodburn introduced special ordinance No. 8, 1873, entitled:

An ordinance providing for the grading and paving with wooden block pavement Tennessee street, from the north side of Indiana avenue to the north side of First street, and for curbing the same with stone.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Craft introduced special ordinance No. 9, 1873, entitled:

An ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of the first alley east of Winston street, from New York to Michigan street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Craft introduced general ordinance No. 6, 1873, entitled:

An ordinance authorizing D. B. McDonough to construct a railroad switch and prescribing conditions and restrictions.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thalman presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 10, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on North California street, between St. Clair and First streets, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of said street and sidewalks, with good river or creek gravel, full width of the street, sloping from the center. And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Ellen E. Feary, Elizabeth Bailey, Walter W. Davy, Geo. King, Martin Wheatley, and 7 others.

Which was received.

Mr. Thalman introduced special ordinance No. 10, 1872, entitled:

An ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of California street and sidewalks from St. Clair to First streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Whitsit presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 10, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Bates street, between the old corporation line east and Grant street, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of said street and sidewalks between the above mentioned points. And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Indianapolis Manufac'g and Carpenters' Union, Patrick Cahalane, and 10 others.

Which was received.

Mr. Whitsit introduced special ordinance No. 11, 1873, entitled:

An ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of Bates street and sidewalks between the old corporation line east and Grant street.

Which was read the first time.

CALL OF THE ROLL OF MEMBERS

For the Presentation of New Business.

Mr. Batty presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 10, 1873

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

The Indianapolis, Peru & Chicago Railway Company and the State Board of Agriculture, respectfully represent to your honorable body that the railroad track extending from the main track of said Railroad Company to the Fair Grounds of the State of Indiana, was laid down before the city of In

dianapolis extended her corporate limits over the territory on which said track is laid, and that a portion of said track is laid on Bolton street of said city. Your petitioners would further state that prior to the city extending her corporate limits over the territory of said street, to-wit, in the year the Commissioners of Marion county, Indiana, passed an order authorizing said Railroad Company to lay said track on said street, and that its continuance will be of great utility to said State Board of Agriculture and the public generally.

Your petitioners therefore ask your honorable body to permit said Railroad Company to repair said track between the main track of said Railroad Company and the Fair Grounds, and continue to maintain the same on Bolton street as aforesaid, for which your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

The Ind'polis, Peru & Chicago Railway Co.,
By David Macy, President,
And Members State Board of Agriculture.

Also, the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 31, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Bolton and Rohampton and adjacent streets, and on College avenue and Oliver street and vicinity, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass a resolution providing for the removal of the railroad track running along said Bolton street to the State Fair Grounds. The Indianapolis and Peru Railroad now occupy said street, without any claim or pretence of right, greatly to the inconvenience, damage and safety of the citizens of the north-east part of the city. An effort is about to be made to grade and improve said street. The railroad track completely blocks any improvement. And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Henry C. Guffin, J. Perry Elliott, T. C. Stem, J. H. Stem,
S. P. Stem, and 12 others.

Also, the following remonstrance:

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 10, 1873.

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

The Street Railway Company of this city respectfully represent that it is the intention of said company to run one or more additional lines of their road to the State Fair Grounds, and that it would be unjust to said company, and a violation of their rights, for the city to grant to the Peru Railroad Company the right to maintain a track and carry passengers to and from said grounds within the corporate limits of the city.

The 15th section of the charter of the Street Railway Company provides that the city will not grant to any other person or corporation any privileges that would impair the rights and privileges granted by said charter to said company, the principal of which was the right to carry passengers by rail between points within the corporate limits of the city.

Besides, there are other forcible reasons why no such grant should be made to the Peru Company. The track would injure the property in its vicinity and the running of cars by steam would endanger the lives of the people. Besides it would cause a great many persons to visit the Fair Grounds and return home without ever coming into the business part of the city.

For these and other reasons we respectfully remonstrate against any such grant being made to the Peru Railroad Company.

THE STOCKHOLDERS

Of the Citizens' Street R. W. Co. of Indianapolis.

Which were referred to the Committee on Railroads and City Solicitor.

Mr. Bollman offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the compromise between the contractor and the property holders on High street, with regard to the amount to be paid by said property holders on the improvement of said street, to-wit, seventy-five cents per foot on each side, be approved, and that the balance due on the estimate on such settlement be paid by the city.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Cottrell, Craft, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman and Wiles—16.

Negative—Councilmen Whitsit and Woodburn—2.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Police Board of Indianapolis be, and are hereby, instructed to forbid a policeman, while under pay, to do or perform any work other than such as properly appertains to his duty as a policeman. Absence from the city in search of deserters from the Army, coming within the above order, are especially to be forbidden.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Gibson, from the Special Committee, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 10, 1873.

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

The undersigned, Special Committee, who were appointed by you to find a suitable location for manufactories of animal offal and other offensive matter that necessarily accumulates in cities and where such business may be conveniently carried on with the least offence to the inhabitants of the city and its suburbs, have performed that duty, and submit the following report:

The only suitable place for such purposes we have been able to find is the Sellers' farm, which is about two and one-half miles from the Union Depot, in a south-west direction, and lies between White River and Eagle Creek, except about 30 acres, which is south of Eagle Creek, and is said to contain 223½ acres. It has two water fronts of about one mile each on the river and creek. About 700 feet of the front on the river is a bluff bank 30 feet high, running nearly perpendicular into deep water. This high ground extends about 2,000 feet northward, but recedes from the river from 150 to 900 feet, which, if needed, could be made to front directly on the water by a moderate expenditure in excavating a water way a distance of 2,000 feet. Thus giving practically 2,700 feet of high bank, fronting on deep water, far above the highest floods. About half this tract of land is high, second bottom. The balance low bottom, the latter liable to overflow during floods in the river; but it could all be protected from overflowing by a levee varying from four to eight feet in height, say an average of six feet in height. It can all be made available for the desired purpose at a moderate expense, and enough for present purposes is ready to be occupied now without any expense.

The Indianapolis and Vincennes Railroad runs within about four hundred yards of the land, from which side tracks and switches can be conveniently taken to all parts of the land.

From northeast to southwest, going eastward, southward and westward, this farm is surrounded by low, bottom land, and there are no dwellings in sight, nor is the land in these directions likely to be occupied for residences, and as the prevailing winds would carry the offensive gases in this direction no one is likely to be annoyed by the location of this business at this point. There is no high ground fronting on the river for six to eight miles below this point.

As the State law gives towns and cities the power to locate and regulate the various kinds of business that necessarily create a nuisance when carried on inside the city limits, and it being a necessity for all cities to dispose of the carcasses of dead animals found within the city limits, it appears to your committee that it is the duty of the city to provide some suitable place where such business can be conveniently and profitably carried on, and where manufacturers may have assurance of permanence to induce them to incur the

expense of putting up the most approved machinery to enable them to make good profits and destroy as far as practicable the offensive gases necessarily produced.

To show the importance of this business and the necessity of providing for it, we present the following statement. The figures are taken from the most reliable authority :

Number of hogs slaughtered per annum, including city consumption,	500,000
Number of cattle.....	32,000
Number of sheep.....	52,000
Total slaughtered animals.....	584,000
Amount of offal from each hog 20 pounds	10,000,000 lbs.
60 pounds from each head of cattle.....	1,820,000 "
6 pounds from each head of sheep.....	312,000 "
Total offal from slaughtered animals.....	12,132,000 "
Add for dead animals.....	250,000 "
Total animal offal.....	12,382,000 "

Or 6191 tons. This immense amount of animal matter must either rot on the ground and in our streams of water, as it does now, filling the air with its poisonous vapors, or some provision must be made by which it can be converted into grease fertilizing agents and other articles of value. It appears plain to your committee that the latter is the only proper course.

When manufactured, this 6,191 tons of worse than useless matter produces 3,095 tons of merchandise, worth on the average \$25 per ton, or an aggregate of \$76,375.00 per annum, and the process that produces this amount of value from poisonous matter at the same time relieves the city from the offensive smells that are now produced from it by the numerous establishments all over the city that are engaged in utilizing it. We therefore recommend the purchase of the Sellers' farm for the purposes indicated. If said purchase is made it might be laid out in lots of suitable size to accommodate the various branches of business desired to be located thereon, and these lots either sold or leased, as the city might determine, to parties desiring to use them for these purposes. The small rental of two dollars per front foot of this 2,700 feet of high bluff river front would pay the interest on the investment and only use one-fourth of the ground. The balance could be leased for as much more, or sold at an advance on cost if desired. The certainty that all similar establishments will be located on this tract of land will make it more desirable for the business, and the ground can be sold or leased readily, so that the city will lose nothing by the purchase but will add largely to her manufacturing facilities, and by relieving the densely populated part of the city of all these nuisances render it the most desirable place of residence in the country.

Through the exertion of Mr. F. P. Rush, at his own suggestion, and by the advice of other members of the committee, he has secured the option of the purchase of the Sellers' farm for forty days, at two hundred and fifty dollars per acre, which we consider a fair price for both buyer and seller. This option is at the disposal of the city authorities. We further recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the City Solicitor be, and is hereby, directed to present to this Council an ordinance authorizing the proper city authorities to purchase the Sellers' farm for the purpose of locating on it manufactories of dead animal fertilizers from animal offal, butchers, slaughter houses, bone boiling houses, bristle and hair factories, sausage skin factories, glue factories, and such other manufacturing establishments as necessarily create a nuisance when carried on within the city limits.

DAVID GIBSON,
F. P. RUSH,
FRED. C. BOLLMAN,
GEO. MERRITT,
W. P. GALLUP,
G. T. EVANS,
A. NALTNER.
Special Committee.

Which was received, and, on motion, made a special order of business for next Monday night.

Mr. Gibson offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to report to this Council what should be done to prevent the water from overflowing the sidewalk on the west side of Blake street, from Indiana avenue to Rhode Island street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Gimber offered the following motion :

Moved, That Fred. Klare be, and is hereby, granted permission to erect a veranda in front of his business block on South Meridian street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Gimber offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Police Board be, and are hereby, instructed to appoint a night policeman to take charge of the Tunnel on South Illinois street immediately—and that such policeman shall be paid as other like policemen are paid.

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

Mr. Kahn offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, instructed to hereafter when any contract is to be let, to hand to the Committee on Contracts an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed improvement.

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Kennington offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to remove the slats from off the Iron Bridge on Delaware street.

Which was referred to the Councilmen from the Seventh Ward with power to act.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Moved, That John Stumph have permission to put down stone pavement in front and side of his property on West Washington street, the work to be done under the direction of the Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Solicitor be, and is hereby, requested to report to this Council, at his earliest convenience, his opinion in regard to the manner of making the assessment against property on the line of the sewer in the first alley east of East street and in Merrill street, as there is some doubt as to the legality of the ordinance providing for the construction of said sewer.

Which was adopted.

On motion, the Council adjourned to meet on Thursday evening February 13th, 1873, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

DANIEL MACAULEY, Mayor.

ATTEST:

JOHN R. CLINTON, City Clerk.