

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
*Monday, Feb. 17, 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 10, 1873,  
were read and approved.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 17, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with a motion made by your honorable body, February 10th, I have examined Blake street between Indiana avenue and Rhode Island street.

I find the street to have been graded and graveled, and afterwards the street was widened on the west side and gutters changed by the Street Commissioner, who failed to raise the sidewalk enough.

I recommend that the gutters be cleaned out and that there be a sufficient quantity of gravel put upon the sidewalk so as to raise it to the proper hight. I estimate the cost of said improvement at \$65.00.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in, and the Street Commissioner instructed to carry into effect the provisions thereof.

The Board of Health submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 17, 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. 17, 1873 :

Under 1 year.....	6
From 1 to 2 years .....	0
From 2 and 5 years .....	2
From 5 to 10 years.....	1
From 10 to 15 years.....	1
From 15 to 20 years.....	0
From 20 to 25 years.....	0
From 25 to 30 years.....	0
From 30 to 40 years..	1
From 40 to 50 years..	1
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.....	<u>12</u>

Respectfully submitted,

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

W. WANDS, M. D., Secretary.

Which was received.

The City Clerk made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 13, 1873.

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

Contract and bond of John J. Palmer for grading and paving with wooden block pavement and curbing the outside edges of the sidewalks with stone Delaware-street, from the south side of St. Clair to the south side of Tinker street.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN R. CLINTON, City Clerk.

Which was received, the contract awarded and the bond approved.

By consent, Mr. Bigham offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Finance Committee be requested to examine into the claim of Chas. Koller as to the amount of erroneous taxes assessed against his property in the city.

Which was adopted.

By consent, Dr. Woodburn offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Chairman of Finance Committee and the City Treasurer be instructed to forthwith make arrangements to pay certain bonds and coupons (over due) in New York City, and that ten per cent. interest be paid from the time said bonds and coupons fell due till paid.

Which was adopted.

## ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING.

Mr. Batty 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 Fort Wayne or Western avenue, between the south line of W. H. Talbott's Addition and the north line of Allen & Root's Addition, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the grading and paving with brick the sidewalk on the west side of said Fort Wayne or Western avenue, between the points named. And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

J. E. Ludlum, J. C. Carter, C. Karle, Jos. H. Emry, P. M. Stilz, and 4 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Batty introduced special ordinance No. 12, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance providing for the grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk of Fort Wayne or Western avenue from the south line of W. H. Talbott's Addition to the north line of Root & Allen's Addition.

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Batty introduced special ordinance No. 13, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance providing for the grading and paving with brick of the south sidewalk of Fort Wayne avenue from Pennsylvania street to New Jersey street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Cottrell introduced special ordinance No. 14, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of Coburn street and sidewalks from Madison avenue (or Road) to East street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Cottrell introduced special ordinance No. 15, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance providing for the grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of New Jersey street from South to Merrill streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Kennington introduced special ordinance No. 16, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance providing for the grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of Delaware street from Wyoming street to Madison avenue.

Which was read the first time.

On motion by Mr. Kennington, special ordinance No. 7, 1873, introduced February 3d, 1873, was taken up and stricken from the files.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following :

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., Feb. 15, 1873.

*To D. Macauley, Mayor :*

Is your Steam Road Roller for sale? If so state lowest cash price on board of cars. Is it in good condition; please write all particulars.

GEORGE W. RAY, For City.

Which was referred to the Committee on Steam Road Roller with power to act.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented a bill from William Braden, Esq., which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims.

The Special Order, viz., the consideration of the reports of the Committee on Railroads, submitted to Council February 3d, 1873, was then taken up.

When Mr. Gimber moved that the minority report, as submitted by Mr. Kennington, be approved and concurred in.

When the following report of the City Civil Engineer was called for.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 13, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I hereby submit a plat showing McNabb street and the position of certain improvements along the line thereof.

McNabb street is 50 feet in width. The buildings along the south line west of the alley stand  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches on the street.

The south line of the Union Depot, at Meridian street, is 20 feet 3 inches north of the north line of McNabb street.

Depot at Illinois street is 19 feet 10 inches north of the north line of McNabb street.

Respectfully submitted.

R. M. PATTERSON, City Engineer.

Which was read by the Clerk and received.

The question then being, shall the minority report be approved and concurred in, the ayes and noes were demanded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Cottrell, Craft, Gimber, Kahn, Kennington, Reagan and Rush—10.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Gibson, Hardesty, Pressly, Sherwood, Thalman, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—8.

So the minority report was concurred in.

General ordinance No. 5, 1873, entitled:

An ordinance authorizing the Union Railway Company of the city of Indianapolis to lay additional tracks and to extend the Union Passenger Depot over a portion of Louisiana street, and prescribing certain conditions, restrictions and regulations.

Was taken up, when Mr. Kennington offered the following amendment :

Sec. 15. But it is expressly ordained that this ordinance shall not take effect, or be in force, until the matters of damage to property fronting on the south side of McNabb street, shall have first been satisfactorily adjusted by agreement of parties or by arbitration; and the damages so adjusted paid to the owners of said property, or to the persons legally entitled to receive the same.

Mr. Thalman offered the following :

*Provided*, That no railway track shall be laid down upon, in, along, or through any part of McNabb street, in the city of Indianapolis, until the matter of damages to property fronting on the south side of McNabb street shall have first been satisfactorily adjusted by arbitration, and the damages so adjusted paid to the property owners.

Dr. Woodburn moved that the ordinance, with the proposed amendments be stricken from the files.

Which, after some discussion, was adopted.

By consent, Dr. Woodburn offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the members of Council from the 2d, 3d, 5th and 8th Wards be authorized to select some suitable person to take the enumeration in the proposed new Wards.

Which was adopted.

The report of the Special Committee in regard to the location of manufactories of animal offal and other offensive matter, &c., made to Council Feb. 10th, 1873, was taken up, and after being thoroughly discussed, approved and concurred in.

On motion the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY, Mayor.

ATTEST :

JOHN R. CLINTON, City Clerk.