

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday August 18, 1873, 7½ o'clock, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—His Honor the Mayor, James L. Mitchell, in the Chair, and the following members :

Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bollman, Brown, Craft, Darnell, Kahn, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Rush, Shepherd, Sherwood, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—19.

Absent — Councilmen Bigham, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kennington, Reagan and Stratford—7.

The proceedings of the regular session held August 11th, 1873, were read and approved.

Sealed proposals for improving sundry streets, sidewalks, etc., were received, opened, read and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

Mr. Kahn from the Committee on Contracts submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred sundry proposals, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows, to wit :

FIRST.

For grading and paving with brick the sidewalks on Alabama street from Fort Wayne avenue to the State Fair Ground, no proposals were presented. We therefore recommend that the same be readvertised.

SECOND.

For grading and graveling Park avenue and sidewalks from Lincoln to Eighth street, the following proposals were presented :

Samuel J. Smock, \$1.60 per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

John L. Hanna, \$1.35 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

John L. Hanna being the lowest and best bidder, we would recommend that he be awarded the contract.

THIRD.

For grading the first alley south of Harrison street, between Cedar street and the first alley west of Cedar street, no proposals were presented. We therefore recommend that said work be readvertised.

FOURTH.

For grading and bowldering the gutter on the north side of South street, from East street to the first alley east of East street, only one proposal was presented, and that by Oliver English, at 95 cents per square yard, which your committee consider too high. We therefore recommend that this job be readvertised.

FIFTH.

For grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk on Noble street from Louisiana to South street, the following proposals were presented :

Oliver English, 80 cents per lineal foot front.

John Schier, 72 cents per lineal foot front.

John Schier being the lowest and best bidder, we would recommend that he be awarded the contract.

SIXTH.

For grading and graveling Bicking street and sidewalks from Delaware to High street, the following proposals were presented :

Bernard Hammill \$3.30 per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

Michael Foust, \$1.65 per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

John Green, \$1.95 per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

Michael Foust being the lowest and best bidder, we would recommend that he be awarded the contract.

SEVENTH.

For grading and graveling Howard street and sidewalks from First to Seventh street, only one proposal was presented, and that by Patterson & Dunning, at \$1.39 cents per lineal foot front on each side, which we think low. We therefore recommend that they be awarded the contract.

EIGHTH.

For grading and paving with bowlders the street and curbing the outside edges with stone the sidewalks on Illinois street from South street to Pogue's run, no proposals were presented. We therefore recommend that this work be readvertised.

NINTH.

For grading and bowldering the gutter on the south side of North street from Delaware to Alabama street, where not already bowldered, only one proposal was presented, and that by Oliver English, at 75 cents per foot front, which we consider too high. We therefore recommend that the same be readvertised.

TENTH.

For grading and graveling Rose street and sidewalks running west from West street to a point near White river, thence north to Grant street, the following proposals were presented:

John Green, \$1.30 per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

Bernard Hammill, \$1.25 per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

Daniel Mahoney \$1.00 per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

John L. Hanna, 95 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

John L. Hanna being the lowest and best bidder, we would recommend that he be awarded the contract.

ELEVENTH.

For grading and graveling Fifth street and sidewalks from the west side of Illinois street to the west end of lot 6, in square 25, Drake's addition, only one proposal was presented, and that by Messrs. Patterson & Dunning, at \$1.20 per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved, which we deem low. We therefore recommend that they be awarded the contract.

TWELFTH.

For grading and graveling the first alley east of Broadway street, running from Christian avenue to Butler street, no proposals were presented. We therefore recommend that the same be readvertised.

THIRTEENTH.

For grading and bowldering Georgia street from Meridian to Illinois street, the following proposals were presented :

Patterson & Dunning \$2.99 per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

Bernard Hammill, \$2.63 $\frac{1}{3}$ per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

Bernard Hammill being the lowest and best bidder we would recommend that he be awarded the contract.

FOURTEENTH.

For grading and paving with brick and curbing the outside edges of the sidewalks with stone Alabama street from Merrill to McCarty street, only one proposal was presented, and that by John Schier, at 65 cents per lineal foot front for curbing, and 59 cents per front foot for paving.

John Schier being the only bidder, which we deem low enough, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

FIFTEENTH.

For grading and paving with brick and curbing with stone the west sidewalk on Alabama street from South to Merrill street, the following proposals were presented :

John Schier, curbing 64 cents per lineal foot front, and 72 cents per front foot for paving.

J. H. Smith, curbing 60 cents, paving 80 cents per lineal foot front on the line improved.

Bernard Hammill, curbing 59 cents per lineal foot front, paving 67 cents per lineal foot front on the line improved.

Bernard Hammill being the lowest bidder, we would recommend that he be awarded the contract for this work.

SIXTEENTH.

For grading and paving with brick and curbing with stone the east sidewalk on Alabama street, from Louisiana to Merrill street, the following proposals were presented :

John Schier, curbing 64 cents ; paving with brick 70 cents per lineal foot front.

J. H. Smith, curbing 60 cents ; paving with brick 80 cents per lineal foot front.

Bernard Hammill, curbing 59 cents ; paving with brick 69 cents.

Bernard Hammill being the lowest and best bidder, we would recommend that he be awarded the contract.

SEVENTEENTH.

Proposals were invited to build cisterns at the following locations, to wit :

At the corner of St. Clair and Winston streets.

At the corner of Dorman and John streets.

At the corner of Dunlap street and Madison avenue.

At the corner of Delaware and Georgia streets.

At the corner of Illinois and McNabb streets.

At the corner of Market and Winston streets.

At the corner of Vermont and Minerva streets.

And one at the corner of Rohampton and Eighth streets.

Only one proposal was presented, and that by Messrs, Bruner & Riner, for the following cisterns :

One at the corner of St. Clair and Winston streets, at 75 cents per barrel.

One at the corner of Oak and Vine street, at 75 cents per barrel.

One at the corner of Rohampton and Eighth streets at 75 cents per barrel.

One at the corner of Vermont and Minerva street at 85 cents per barrel.

And one at the corner of Dunlop street and Madison avenue, at 85 cents per barrel.

Your committee are of the opinion that the proposals submitted are too high, and recommend that all of said cisterns be readvertised.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON KAHN,
W. H. CRAFT,
M. C. ANDERSON,
Com. on Contracts.

Which was concurred in, and contracts awarded.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

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

A first and final estimate allowed Patterson & Dunning for grading and graveling California street and sidewalks from Washington to Market street, 818.33 lineal feet, at 73 cents per foot..... \$597 38

Also, a second and partial estimate allowed Andrew Douglas for curbing, bowldering and flagging at certain street and alley intersections, 392 sq. yds. bowldering at 70 cents.... 274 40
979.66 lineal feet of flagging at 49 cents..... 480 03
128 lineal feet curb at 49 cents..... 62 72
36.51 lineal feet curb at 55 cents..... 20 08

Total estimate.. \$837 23
Deduct former estimate..... 527 62

Present payment..... \$309 61

Also, a first and final estimate allowed James W. Hudson for curbing the sidewalks and raising and bowldering the gutters on Virginia avenue from Washington to Maryland street, south-west side, 336 feet curb, at 62 cents..... 208 32
 south-west side 251 sq. yds. bowldering at 40 cents per yd. 100 40
 north-east side, 423 feet curb at 62 cents..... 262 26
 north-east side, 72 sq. yds. bowldering at 40 cents per sq. yd..... 28 80

Total estimate..... \$599 78

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. BROWN,
 City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

Gentlemen—The City Civil Engineer would respectfully report the following contracts and bonds for your approval:

FIRST.

Contract and bond of B. F. Gridley, for putting in a cement pipe sewer on the east side of Delaware street, from Wyoming street to the Ray street sewer.

SECOND.

Contract and bond of Michael Foust, for grading and graveling Missouri street and sidewalks from McCarty to Ray street.

THIRD.

Contract and bond of Michael Foust, for grading and graveling the first alley south of Pogues Run, running east and west from New Jersey to East street.

FOURTH.

Contract and bond of John L. Hanna, for grading and graveling Rose street and sidewalks, running west from West street to a point near White river, thence north to Grant street.

FIFTH.

Contract and bond of John L. Hanna, for grading and graveling Park avenue and sidewalks, from Lincoln to Eighth streets.

SIXTH.

Contract and bond of Macauley & Stone, for grading and paving with Lefler paving stone, and curbing the outside edge of the sidewalks with pine curbing, and widening the sidewalks on College avenue from Seventh or Tinker street to the corporation line north.

SEVENTH.

Contract and bond of Andrew Douglass, for grading and paving with brick and curbing with stone the south sidewalk on Washington street, from the western arm of the canal to White river.

EIGHTH.

Contract and bond of Andrew Douglass, for grading and paving with brick and curbing the outside edges of the sidewalk with stone, the east sidewalk on West street, from Washington to Maryland street.

NINTH.

Contract and bond of Andrew Douglass, for grading and paving with brick and curbing the outside edge of the sidewalk with stone, the south sidewalk on Maryland street, from Tennessee street to Missouri street.

TENTH.

Contract and bond of Andrew Douglass, for grading and bowldering the gutters and curbing the outside edges of the sidewalks with

stone, the sidewalks and gutters on Park avenue, from Christian to Forest Home avenue.

ELEVENTH.

Contract and bond of Samuel J. Smock, for building two public cisterns, one at the corner of Rohampton and Eighth streets, and one at the corner of Oak and Vine streets.

TWELFTH.

First and final estimate allowed Patterson and Dunning, for grading and graveling California street and sidewalks from Washington to Market street.

THIRTEENTH.

First and final estimate allowed James W. Hudson, for curbing the sidewalks and raising the bowldered gutters on Virginia avenue, from Washington to Maryland street.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. BROWN,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in, and the bonds approved.

Also, the following estimate resolutions:

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate of Patterson & Dunning, for grading and graveling California street and sidewalks from Washington to Market streets 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 Adams, Anderson, Batty, Brown, Craft, Darnell, Gibson, Kahn, McLaughlin, Peck, Rush, Shepherd, Sherwood, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—17.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate of James W. Hudson, for curbing the sidewalks and raising the bowldered gutters on Virginia avenue from Washington to Maryland streets 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 Adams, Anderson, Batty, Brown, Craft, Darnell, Gibson, Kahn, McLaughlin, Peck, Rush, Shepherd, Sherwood, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—17.

Negative—None.

The City Gas Inspector submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

Gentlemen—From the abundance of rumors on the streets and in the columns of the daily papers on the subject of the irregularities and failures in properly lighting and extinguishing the street lamps, you will naturally expect from me some reliable information on the subject. But I have no such information to communicate. Up to the present hour I have failed to get any person to file in my office a statement giving time, place and circumstance of any failure to light or extinguish the public lamps, and until the facts can be thus obtained I know no remedy for the evil complained of. I can state to you what has fallen under my own personal observation, but I do not feel authorized to make any statements which have come to me from informants who will not verify them over their signature. That there is a degree of irregularity in the street lighting, which is a great inconvenience to the public, and perhaps an injustice to the Gas Company, I am morally certain, though I have not the legal evidence in a form that I can present it to you.

On last Friday evening at 9 o'clock, I made a tour of inspection, in which I noted that the lamps between Meridian and Illinois streets were not lighted, and the lamps on the east side of Delaware street between North and St. Joseph streets were in the same condition, and not a lamp has been lighted on Fort Wayne avenue for a week

between Pennsylvania and St. Joseph streets, excepting those belonging to Alabama and Delaware streets at the crossings. On Saturday morning at 6 o'clock all the lamps on St. Clair street from Massachusetts avenue to Alabama street were burning, and on yesterday two lamps on Park avenue and two on Forest avenue, were burning at 2 P. M.

That the contractor for lighting the public lamps is making an earnest, though it may be an unsuccessful effort to remedy these difficulties, I have good reason to believe; but he has undertaken to do more than any man can do well. I am more than ever convinced that one man can not properly superintend more than one-fourth of the lamps in the city, and especially when he has to employ new hands unacquainted with the routes.

I have presented this subject to the contractor, Dr. Cooper, and have obtained a promise of a speedy correction of these abuses, and yet I have but little faith in his ability to do so, though I have all confidence in his good intentions.

Respectfully submitted,

RYLAND T. BROWN,
City Gas Inspector.

Which was received.

The Chief of Police submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

Gentlemen—I would beg leave to call your attention to the condition of the lights on streets, as reported to me since August 14th. I have 242 lamps reported not lighted or burning, and a great number reported burning all day.

Respectfully submitted,

ELI THOMPSON,
Chief of Police.

Which was received.

Mr. Brown moved that the Gas Inspector be directed to notify Dr. J. M. Cooper that his contract will be forfeited in ten days.

Dr. Woodburn moved to postpone the matter for one week.

Which motion was adopted.

The Chief Fire Engineer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

Gentlemen—I herewith inform you, that on the fourth day of Aug., 1873, I notified the different engine builders of your action concerning the test trial of different engines, to come off the 15th of September, 1873.

Mr. Horace Silsby, who represents the Silsby Manufacturing Co., was in our city at that time, and stated that they would send an engine here for trial.

Mr. Richards, who represents the Clapp & Jones Engine, was also in our city, and stated that they would also send an engine.

Since that Mr. Richards was here at your last meeting, asking you to adopt a certain programme for said trial, which you refused to adopt. Mr. Richards told me that unless said programme, or at least the most important points therein were adopted, it would be of no use for him to bring an engine here—consequently I do not know whether he will send an engine here or not.

I have received an answer from the Amoskeag Engine Co., and also from C. Ahrens & Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio, which are herewith submitted for your consideration.

I have received no answer from Wm. Jeffers & Co., of Patucket, R. I., but do not think that they will send an engine for said trial.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. RICHMANN,
Chief Fire Engineer.

Which was received.

NEW YORK, August 13, 1873.

CHARLES RICHMANN, Esq.,

Chief Engineer Fire Department, Indianapolis, Ind. :

DEAR SIR—Having been out of town for a few days, is my excuse for not answering before this, your favor of August 4th.

As situated at our works at the present time, we could not make it convenient to send an engine to your city on the 15th of September, to be tested with those brought there by others, even if we were inclined to do so. At an early period, when steam fire engines were a new thing, and the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co. had a reputation

to make in connection with this class of machinery, they availed themselves of such invitations as your City Council now kindly extends, and went to considerable expense to bring "The Amoskeag Engine" into notice. It is quite probable that the success of our engine on such occasions contributed to the subsequent prosperity of the Company, and in part enabled the Company to become the largest builder of steam fire engines in the world.

For many years we have had as many orders as we could conveniently fill, and at the present moment are overdone with work.

We never build an engine except on order, and then we fully adapt them for duty in the particular locality where they go. As a rule engines that are built for sale are less likely to be successful.

Thanking you for your invitation, and also thanking you to send me the result of your trial when it does come off, I am,

Yours truly,

CHAS. A. LUCE,
Amoskeag Mfg Co.

Cut No. 1, enclosed, is about such an engine as we think would suit you.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 15, 1873.

MR. CHAS. RICHMANN,

Chief Engineer Fire Department, Indianapolis, Ind.:

DEAR SIR—Your letter of the 14th received. We will have a three wheel engine ready to deliver to St. Louis very soon, and might stop with it at your place, but it is not the style of engine we wish to sell you, and as we have no *programme* for the 15th, we cannot decide definitely what to do. We have a contract to deliver an engine in Chicago, and will have it ready by the forepart of October, when, if any inducement is offered, we will show you what it will do, as it is the style we wish you to purchase. Your Council need not hesitate to go slow in this matter, as they bought a Silsby engine four years ago in this same way. After we had answered a call to compete, we were the only ones on the ground—Mr. Silsby refusing to take his engine out, although it was in the city. He afterwards sold it, although it did not make as good a record as ours.

Respectfully,

C. AHRENS & CO.

The Board of Health submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

Gentlemen—The Board of Health would respectfully submit the following weekly mortality report for the week ending August 11th, 1873 :

Under 1 year.....	14
From 1 to 2 years.....	4
From 2 to 5 years.....	6
From 5 to 10 years.....	1
From 10 to 15 years.....	2
From 15 to 20 years.....	2
From 20 to 25 years.....	1
From 25 to 30 years.....	3
From 30 to 40 years.....	3
From 40 to 50 years.....	3
From 50 to 60 years.....	1
From 60 to 70 years.....	2
From 70 to 80 years.....	4
From 80 to 90 years.....	1
From 90 to 100 years.....	1
100 and upwards.....	0
Unknown.....	0
Total.....	48

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. ELBERT, M. D., Pres't.

W. WANDS, M. D. Secretary.

Which was received.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

Gentlemen—At a meeting of the Common Council held August 11, 1873, the following motion was referred to the Board of Health : That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean out and open the gutter on Lincoln avenue, from Barrow to Beeler streets, or Martindale avenue. We concur in the above as it is detrimental to public health.

Also, referred to Board of health August 11, 1873 : That the Street Commissioner be directed to fill up the mud holes on Linden street at the intersection of Delaware street.

We have examined the same and find the mud dried up, but in time of rain is in bad condition.

Respectfully submitted,

W. WANDS,
Secretary Board of Health.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

Gentlemen—We have examined the lower arm of the canal and find it injurious to the public health, and at this time causing malarial and other fevers.

Respectfully submitted,

W. WANDS,
Secretary Board of Health.

Which, on motion by Mr. Brown, was laid on the table—for the present.

The City Clerk submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

Gentlemen—The City Clerk would respectfully report the following affidavit now on file in his office for the collection of street assessment by precept, to wit:

James B. Smith vs. John R. Pierson and James B. Dickson for \$174.32, and would recommend that you order the precept to issue.

JOHN R. CLINTON,
City Clerk.

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

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING.

Mr. Brown introduced General Ordinance No. 59, 1873, e titled :

An Ordinance regulating the sprinkling of streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Rush presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

Gentlemen—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on the alley between, running north to the alley that intersects it on the north, thence west to the alley running north and south, and between Market and Ohio and Winston streets and the old corporation line east, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the alley running north and south between lots 6, 7 and 8, in M. E. & W. P. Noble's subdivision, in out-lot 61, and the property of Clemens Vonnegut, in the east part of said out-lot 61. Also, the alley running east and west between and alongside of lot 8, in M. E. & W. P. Noble's subdivision, in out-lot 61, and the south end of lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, in the said M. E. & W. P. Noble's subdivision of out-lot 61.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

JOHN W. DICKSON,
HENRY WIESE,
And 2 others.

Which was received.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 298, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel the alley running north and south between lots 6, 7 and 8, in M. E. & W. P. Noble's subdivision in out-lot 61, and the property of C. Vonnegut, in the east part of said out-lot 61 ; also, the alley running east and west between and alongside of lot 8, in M. E. & W. P. Noble's subdivision, in out-lot 61, and the south end of lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, in the said M. E. & W. P. Noble's subdivision of out-lot No. 61.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thalman presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

Gentlemen—We, the property holders of North West street, whose names are hereunto affixed, pray your honorable body to take into consideration the grading, graveling, and otherwise improving said street from St. Clair to Third street. The large number of inhabitants living on and contiguous thereto, together with the public school building now in course of erection on this street, which as a thoroughfare leading into the heart of the city is second to none in point of importance, demands its early improvement.

Furthermore, there are pools of stagnant water which accumulates without the necessary means of drainage, thereby imperilling the health of the community residing thereon. The sidewalks are in bad repair, and in winter time are almost impassible.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. MATTHEWS,
JOHN LUTHER,
JAMES BENNETT,

And 12 others.

Which was received.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 299, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel West street and sidewalks, from St. Clair street to Third street.

Which was read the first time.

Also, the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

Gentlemen—We the undersigned, property owners on Douglass street, between New York street and its southern terminus, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance to grade and gravel said street between the points named.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

FREDERICK HESS,
W. GLASSCOCK,
MRS. BRUNINER,
And 4 others.

Which was received.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 300, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel Douglass street and sidewalks, from New York street to its southern terminus.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Woodburn introduced Special Ordinance No. 301, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance to light with gas Meridian street, from William street to Hubert street.

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Gas Light.

Also, Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 45, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money to pay sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Kahn moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion was adopted at the last meeting authorizing M. C. Wellman to letter the corner lamps.

Which was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Craft, the motion as reconsidered was laid on the table.

On motion by Dr. Woodburn, the City Clerk was instructed to notify M. C. Wellman of the action of the Council.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Craft, from the Committee on Fire Department, submit the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Fire Department, to whom was referred sundry motions directing the Civil Engineer to advertise for proposals for building cisterns, one on the corner of William and Illinois streets, one on the corner of Homer and Tennessee streets, and one on the corner of South and Kentucky avenue, would report in favor of building cisterns at the points designated, and would recommend that the Civil Engineer be instructed to advertise for proposals for building cisterns at the points above named.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CRAFT,
D. GIBSON,
R. KENNINGTON,
Com. on Fire Dept.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Kahn, from the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred an ordinance granting the Kingan Railroad Company permission to lay down certain railroad tracks, as per plat filed, respectfully report the ordinance back, and respectfully recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID GIBSON,
ROBT. KENNINGTON,
Com. on Railroads.

Which was received.

Mr. Kahn moved that the report and ordinance be laid over for one week.

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

Mr. Pressly, from the Board of Police, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

Gentlemen—The Board of Police have received a communication from the Board of Health asking for an additional sanitary policeman, they having but one regular officer for such purpose. We have investigated the matter and are of the opinion that an additional officer should be assigned the Board, and would therefore report in favor of appointing said additional officer, and would ask for your concurrence.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. PRESSLY,
J. C. ADAMS.

Board of Police.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Brown, from the Board of Equalization, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

Gentlemen—We have heard and adjusted all complaints, and have equalized, by deducting from those that were too high and adding to

those that were too low, as in our judgment we thought to be just and right. After making all deductions and adding personal lists taken in since Assessor's report, we have on Assessor's books taxable property amounting in the aggregate to \$60,936,707, and 10,200 polls. Add value of railroad track, estimated at old measurement, \$199,850, making a total of \$61,136,557.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HADLEY,
City Assessor.
JNO. R. CLINTON,
City Clerk.

JOHN T. PRESSLY,
AUSTIN H. BROWN,
J. C. ADAMS,
J. H. WOODBURN,
Board.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

Gentlemen—The Finance Committee beg leave to submit the following estimate of current expenses of the municipal government for the year ending June 1, 1874, based mainly upon last year's expenditures, with an allowance made for increased expenditures by reason of a greater amount of work in some departments, and of an enlargement of others caused by an extension of corporate limits over territory annexed. It is believed these estimates will not be exceeded by the actual expenditures :

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Sewers.....	\$15,000
Tunnels.....	2,000
Gas.....	60,000
Bridges.....	30,000
Fire Department.....	70,000
Street repairs	50,000
Police	60,000
Street Improvements.....	70,000

Salaries.....	35,000	
Seller's Farm.....	5,000	
Engine Houses.....	20,000	
Hospitals.....	25,000	
Water.....	20,000	
Damages.....	5,000	
Stationery, Printing and Advertising.....	15,000	
Donations.....	5,000	
Assisting Civil Engineer.....	7,000	
Station House.....	5,000	
Incidental.....	5,000	
Cisterns.....	15,000	
Parks (within city limits).....	4,000	
Rent.....	2,000	
Bobbs Dispensary.....	1,500	
City Commissioners.....	1,500	
Board of Health.....	3,000	
Assisting City Assessor.....	2,500	
Drinking Fountains.....	1,500	
Posting Bills.....	500	
Markets.....	1,000	
Elections.....	350	
Fountains.....	2,000	
Assisting City Clerk.....	1,000	
Fuel.....	250	
Interest on bonds and warrants.....	66,000	
		<hr/> \$606,100

THE CITY OWES

Loan Bonds, due September 1, 1873.....	\$100,000	
Temporary loans on warrants due Sept. 1, 1873....	185,000	
Interest on Loan Bonds, due Sept. 1, 1873.....	4,000	
Interest on Warrants, due Sept. 1, 1873.	2,800	
		<hr/> \$291,800

Amount of loan authorized Aug. 4, bids for which	
are to be received Aug. 20.....	\$300,000
Deduct above indebtedness.....	291,800
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In Treasury.....	\$8,200

Estimating the monthly expenditures at \$50,000, it will require \$300,000 for the six months between September 1, 1873, and March 1, 1874, (but little revenue being available until last named date) which can be met only by anticipating the revenue by selling another issue of twenty years bonds about November 1, 1873, for \$300,000. The two years bonds maturing in July, August, September and November, 1874, amounting in all to \$400,000, can readily be replaced with twenty years bonds. The city would then have \$1,000,000 of bonds of this class, on which the annual interest would be \$73,000.

The taxables for 1873, as returned by the City Assessor, amount to \$61,136,557. A levy of 75 cents on the \$100 would produce a revenue of \$458,524.17. If the second issue of twenty years bonds be made in November, the \$300,000 will carry on the city government until March 1, 1874. Then at least \$400,000 of our taxes will be in the treasury, which will enable the Council to meet all municipal expenditures for at least eight months.

Your committee report an ordinance levying taxes for the year 1873, which they recommend be adopted at once.

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN H. BROWN.
LEON KAHN.
J. H. WOODBURN.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Brown introduced General Ordinance No. 60, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance making a general tax levy for the year 1873, upon the taxable property within the city of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

General Ordinance No. 60, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance making a general tax levy for the year 1873.

Was read the second time, and ordered engrossed.

General Ordinance No. 57, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance authorizing the Kingan Railway Company to lay tracks on certain streets and alleys.

Was read the second time, and on motion by Mr. Kahn, laid over for one week by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bollman, Brown, Craft, Darnell, Kahn, McLaughlin, Peck, Pressly, Sherwood, Thaman and Ward—12.

Negative—Councilmen Anderson, Batty, Rush, Shepherd, Twiname and Woodburn—6.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 45, 1873,

Was read the second time, and after being amended, was ordered engrossed.

Dr. Woodburn moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of reading the third time and passing the following ordinances :

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bollman, Brown, Craft, Darnell, Kahn, McLaughlin, Peck, Pressly, Rush, Shepherd, Sherwood, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—18.

Negative—None.

General Ordinance No. 60, 1873, entitled :

An Ordinance making a general tax levy for the year 1873.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bollman, Brown, Craft, Darnell, Kahn, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Rush, Shepherd, Sherwood, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—19.

Negative—None.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 45, 1873,

Was read the third time, when Mr. Brown moved to strike out the appropriation in favor of the Orphan Asylum, on account of street improvement.

Which motion was laid on the table by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bollman, Craft, Darnell, Kahn, McLaughlin, Peck, Pressly, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—15.

Negative — Councilmen Brown, Pendleton, Shepherd and Sherwood—4.

The ordinance was then passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bollman, Brown, Craft, Darnell, Kahn, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Rush, Shepherd, Sherwood, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—19.

Negative—None.

By consent, Mr. Brown presented the following order of vacation :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

ORDER OF VACATION.

WHEREAS, At a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, held at their Council Chamber in said city on the 9th day of June, 1873, there was presented the petition of J. J. Bingham, Secretary of the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis, asking the Council to vacate the first alley north of Vermont street, between Davidson and Railroad streets, and between lots Nos. 174 and 175 of Noble's subdivision of out-lot No. 55, for school purposes;

And whereas, notice of the pendency of the said petition and of the time of the action of the Common Council thereon, was duly given by publication in the *Daily Evening News*, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Indianapolis, Ind., which notice and proof of publication thereof, as aforesaid, have been filed in the office of the City Clerk, in the words and figures following, to-wit:

NOTICE OF VACATION.

Notice is hereby given of the pendency before the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, praying for the vacation of the first

alley north of Vermont street, running east and west, between Davidson and Railroad streets.

Final action will be taken on the above mentioned petition at the meeting of the Common Council to be held on the 18th day of August, 1873, or at some subsequent meeting.

JOHN R. CLINTON,
City Clerk.

STATE OF INDIANA, }
MARION COUNTY, } ss:

Personally appeared before the undersigned, John H. Holliday, publisher of the *Evening News*, a public daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Indianapolis, in the county aforesaid, who being duly sworn, upon his oath saith that the notice, of which the attached is a true copy, was duly published in said paper for three weeks successively, the first of which publication was on the 24th day of July, 1873.

JOHN H. HOLLIDAY.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 18th day of August, 1873.

W. F. BIRD,
Not. Pub.

And whereas, said notice, as by law required, was duly posted along the line of said alley proposed to be vacated, and which notice and proof of the posting thereof has been duly filed in the office of the City Clerk, in the words and figures following, to-wit:

This is to certify, that the undersigned posted in three public places, notices of the pendency before the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, of an application praying for the vacation of the first alley north of Vermont street, running east and west between Davidson and Railroad streets, as prescribed by law. The copy of the notice of vacation named above was the same as published in the *Evening News*, and certified to by John H. Holliday, publisher of that paper, in the proof of publication to which he subscribes, of this date.

Dated Indianapolis, August 18, A. D., 1873.

H. B. STEWART,
Building and Supply Agt. Pub. Schools.

And no person or persons appearing to object to the vacation of said alley, as described in the said petition of Jos. J. Bingham, Sec-

retary of the Board of School Commissioners of the city of Indianapolis, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Common Council that the prayer of the petitioner should be granted, it is therefore ordered and decreed by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, that the said alley be vacated.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bollman, Brown, Craft, Darnell, Kahn, McLaughlin, Peck, Pendleton, Pressly, Rush, Shepherd, Sherwood, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—19.

Negative—None.

On motion by Mr. Darnell, the Council proceeded to elect a City Sexton in place of John Ross, removed :

Mr. Darnell presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

Gentlemen—We, the undersigned, citizens of the city of Indianapolis, respectfully request you to appoint Thomas Spaulding as City Sexton in place of John Ross, removed.

DR. S. A. ELBERT,
R. P. CRAFT,
W. P. CRAFT,

And 30 others.

Which was received.

Mr. Pressly presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

Gentlemen—The undersigned respectfully petition your honorable body to appoint Benjamin Williams for City Sexton of the city of In-

dianapolis, feeling confident that he will discharge all the duties falling upon him.

MOSES BROYLES,
L. C. BOWSER,
W. H. SNIDER & CO.,
And 32 others.

Which was received.

Mr. Craft presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

Gentlemen—We, the undersigned, would earnestly recommend to your honorable body Mr. John Coleman for the position of Sexton for the old cemetery.

L. ABBETT,
M. D. STACY,
CAMPBELL & GREEN,
And 15 others.

Which was received.

Mr. Woodburn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

Gentlemen—We the undersigned, undertakers of the city of Indianapolis, respectfully petition your honorable body to appoint G. W. Allred to fill the vacancy of City Sexton, made vacant by the dismissal of John Ross.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

W. W. WEAVER & SON,
F. J. HERRMANN & SON,
DAVID KREGILO & SON,
And 3 others.

Which was received.

Mr. McLaughlin presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

Gentlemen—Your petitioners would respectfully represent that they

are acquainted with Mr. Thomas Jones, and that in their opinion he would be a suitable appointment for City Sexton.

R. N. TODD,
J. K. BIGELOW,
And 2 others.

Which was received.

Mr. Thalman presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

Gentlemen—We, the undersigned, legal voters of said city, do respectfully recommend Alonzo Passmore for the office of City Sexton, knowing him to be honest and believing him capable.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. CARY,
JOHN CARLISLE,
ELI THOMPSON,
And 132 others.

Which was received.

Also, the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873.

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

Gentlemen—We the undersigned, would respectfully recommend Michael Large as a proper person for City Sexton of the City of Indianapolis, and ask that the appointment be made to him.

JAMES T. DUNN,
G. G. HOHNAN,
J. F. PARKER,

And 66 others.

Which was received.

The following named persons were then placed in nomination for said position :

Thomas Spaulding, Benj. Williams, John Coleman, G. W. Alred, Thomas Jones, Michael Large, Alonzo Passmore and Jacob Roller.

His Honor the Mayor, appointed as tellers Councilmen Pendleton and Peck.

Mr. Craft moved that the person receiving a majority of all the votes cast be declared duly elected, etc.

Which was adopted.

A vote was then had, which resulted in the election of Thos. Spaulding.

On motion by Mr. Brown, the canal matter was made a special order of business for next Monday night.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

JAMES L. MITCHELL,
MAYOR.

ATTEST:

JOHN R. CLINTON,
City Clerk.