

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL

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REGULAR SESSION.

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CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
*Monday, August 25, 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, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Shepherd, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—22.

Absent—Councilmen Craft, Pendleton, Sherwood and Stratford—4.

The proceedings of the regular session held August 18th, were read and approved.

Sealed proposals for sundry street improvements were received, opened, read and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, August 25, 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 graveling Garden street and sidewalks from Illinois to Tennessee street, only one proposal was presented, and that by James Mahoney, at 69 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

SECOND.

For grading and graveling the first alley west of Meridian street running north and south from Ray to Wilkens street, only one proposal was presented, and that by James Mahoney, at 40 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

THIRD.

For grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk on East street from St. Clair to Gregg street, where not already paved, no proposals were presented.

FOURTH.

For grading and paving with brick and curbing with stone the sidewalks on Sinker street from Alabama to East street, only one proposal was presented, and that by Bernard Hammill, at 48 cents per front foot for paving, and 59 cents per lineal foot front for curbing.

FIFTH.

For grading and paving with brick the sidewalk on the west side of Tennessee street from North to First street, where not already paved, no proposals were presented.

## SIXTH.

For grading and graveling the first alley west of East street running north and south from Bicking to Coburn street, the following proposals were presented:

James Mahoney, 48 cents per lineal foot front.

Michael Foust, 55 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

David Sylvester, 35 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

David Sylvester being the lowest and best bidder, we would recommend that he be awarded the contract for the said work.

## SEVENTH.

For grading and graveling the alley running north and south from Market to Wabash street, through the south part of square 44, only one proposal was presented, and that by James Mahoney, at 38 cents per lineal foot front on each side, which we think low enough, and therefore recommend that he be awarded the contract.

## EIGHTH.

For grading and graveling the first alley west of East street running from Michigan street to the first alley south of Michigan street, only one proposal was presented, and that by David Sylvester, at 30 cents per front foot on each side, which we consider low enough. We therefore recommend that he be awarded the contract for said work.

## NINTH.

For the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on the following named streets the following proposals were presented, to wit:

On Douglass street, between North street and Indiana avenue.

On St. Clair street, from Illinois to Tennessee street.

On Arsenal avenue, from Washington street to Arsenal Ground.

On Pratt street, from Meridian to Pennsylvania street.

On Huron street, from Virginia avenue to the corporation line east.

The lamps to be the Cincinnati Square Lamp.

D. Root & Company, \$30 per lamp and post.

D. Coulter & Company, \$29.50 per lamp and post.

D. Coulter & Company being the lowest and best bidders, we would recommend that they be awarded the contract.

## TENTH.

For building public cisterns at the following points, to wit, the following proposals were presented only:

One 700 barrel cistern at the corner of St. Clair and Winston streets.

One 700 barrel cistern at the corner of Dunlap street and Madison avenue.

One 700 barrel cistern at the corner of Delaware and Georgia streets.

One 700 barrel cistern at the corner of Illinois and McNabb streets.

One 700 barrel cistern at the corner of Market and Winston streets.

One 600 barrel cistern at the corner of Vermont and Minerva streets.

One 600 barrel cistern at the corner of John and Dorman streets.

Joseph Kruger & Son, 75 cents per barrel for all except the one at the corner of St. Clair and Winston and John and Dorman streets, at 78 cents per barrel.

#### ELEVENTH.

For grading Sanders street and sidewalks from Shelby street to the present terminus of said street, no proposals were presented.

#### TWELFTH.

For building a covered ditch in Japan street from Morris street to Pleasant Run, no proposals were presented.

#### THIRTEENTH.

For laying down two rows of stone crossings at the four corners of McCarty and Union streets, and bowldering the crossings, the following proposals were presented, to wit:

James W. Hudson, flagging single row, per foot run, 60 cents; bowldering, per superficial yard, 75 cents.

Andrew Douglass, flagging single row, 50 cents; bowldering, 75 cents per yard.

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

#### FOURTEENTH.

For bowldering that portion of the East Market square used for market purposes, and also the space used for wood market purposes, only one proposal was presented, and that by D. P. Cross, at 87½ cents per superficial yard.

#### FIFTEENTH.

For putting stone crossings over the street and iron crossings over the gutters on Illinois street from Second to Tinker street, only one proposal was presented, and that by Andrew Douglass, at 53 cents



per lineal foot run for flagging single row; bowldering, 75 cents per superficial yard; iron plates 5 cents per pound.

This is low, and we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Your committee would recommend that all of the above work not awarded be readvertised.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON KAHN,  
M. C. ANDERSON,  
Com. on Contracts.

Which was concurred in and the contracts awarded.

#### REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, August 25, 1873.

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

*Gentlemen*—I hereby report the following estimates for work done:

A second partial estimate allowed Bruner and Riner on account of the Pine street sewer, 861 $\frac{1}{4}$  lineal feet of sewer, at \$3.75..... \$3,229 69  
Eight catch basins at \$120 each..... 960 00  
Three manholes at \$45 each..... 135 00

Total..... \$4,324 69  
Less 4 per cent..... 172 99

4,151 70  
Less former payment..... 1,306 88

Present payment..... 2,844 82

Also,

A first and partial estimate allowed Joseph Kruger for building public cisterns at certain points: one cistern near the intersection of Mississippi and St. Clair streets, capacity 661.3 barrels, 70 cents..... 462 91  
One cistern near the corner of West and First streets, capacity 500.2 barrels, at 62 cents per barrel..... 310 12  
One cistern near the L. B. & W. R. R. Co.'s shops west of White river, capacity of cistern 783.46 barrels at 70 cents 548 42

Total..... 1,321 45  
Deduct 15 per cent..... 198 22

Present payment..... 1,123 23

ALSO,

A first and partial estimate allowed I. & A. Bruner for building public cisterns: one cistern near the corner of Delaware and Ray streets, capacity 1088.14 barrels, at 61 cents.....		663 78
One cistern on College avenue, capacity 898.3 barrels at 62 cents per barrel.....		556 95
Total .....		1,220 73
Less 15 per cent.....		183 11
Present payment.....		1,037 62

ALSO,

A first and partial estimate allowed H. C. Roney for building a public cistern near corner West and Georgia streets, capacity of cistern, 769.8 barrels, at 63 cents.....		484 97
Less 15 per cent.....		72 75
Present payment.....		412 22

ALSO,

A fourth and partial estimate allowed J. B. Smith for grading, curbing, paving, etc., on North Meridian street from the south line of New York street to the north line of Second street, 22,150 square yards pavement, at \$1.57½..		34,886 25
8,259.18 lineal feet curb at 58 cents.....		4,790 32
Total .....		39,676 57
Deduct former estimates.....		31,177 60
Present payment.....		8,498 97

ALSO,

A first and partial estimate allowed Bruner & Riner for laying cement pipe on Bellefontaine street, 1,400 lineal feet pipe at \$2.10 per foot.....		2,940 00
Less 15 per cent.....		441 00
Present payment.....		2,499 00

ALSO,

A second and final estimate allowed John A. Whitsitt for building public cisterns at certain points: one cistern at

the intersection of Home and College avenues, 952.68 barrels; one at the corner of Daugherty and McKernan streets, capacity 879.14 barrels; one at the corner of Prospect and Linden streets, capacity 818.72 barrels; total 2,650.54 barrels, at 62 cents per barrel.....	1,643 33
One cistern near the corner of Illinois and Pratt streets, capacity 636.97 barrels, at 68 cents per barrel.....	433 13
Total.....	2,076 46
Deduct former estimate.....	1,765 01
Present payment.....	311 45

## ALSO,

A first and partial estimate allowed Cummins & Petrie for building a stone culvert over Pogue's run on Michigan street, 14,000 feet timber at \$20 per thousand ft.....	280 00
115 cubic yards stone masonry, at \$6.25 per yard.....	718 75
300 cubic yards excavation, at 25 cents per yard .....	75 00
Total estimate.....	1,073 75

## ALSO,

A first and final estimate allowed James Mahoney for grading and bowldering the first alley south of Cumberland street running from Alabama to New Jersey street, length on north side 420 feet; length on south side 420 feet; total length, 840 feet, at 44 cents per ft.....	369 60
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## ALSO,

A first and final estimate allowed Bernard Hammill for grading and graveling the alley running north and south through square 17, length on east side 420 feet; length on west side 420 feet; total length, 840 feet, at 49 cents per lineal ft.....	411 60
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## ALSO,

A first partial estimate allowed Jesse S. Whitsitt for grading, curbing and paving, etc., on North Tennessee street from the south line of Seventh street to the north

line of Eighth street, 4,536.58 sq. yds. pavement at \$1.56...	7,077.06
1,920.37 lineal feet curb, at 60 cents.....	1,152 22
Present estimate.....	8,229 28

ALSO,

A first partial estimate allowed Henry C. Roney for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks on Delaware street from the north line of St. Clair street to the south line of Morrison street on the east side, and to the old corporation line on the west side of Delaware, 2,006 lineal feet of pavement, at 78 cents per ft.....	1,564 68
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ALSO,

A first and final estimate allowed John L. Hanna for grading and graveling Williams street and sidewalks from Illinois to Meridian street, length on north side 433.5 feet; length on south side 433.5 feet; total length 867 feet, at 75 cents per ft.....	650 25
Respectfully submitted,	

JAMES W. BROWN,  
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, August 25, 1873.

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

*Gentlemen*—The Civil Engineer respectfully reports to the Council:

FIRST.

Contract and bond of John Schier for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk on Noble street from Louisiana to South street.



SECOND.

Contract and bond of Patterson & Dunning for grading and grav-  
ing Fifth street and sidewalks from the west end of lot 6 in square  
No. 25, Drake's addition, to the west side of Illinois street.

THIRD.

Contract and bond of Patterson & Dunning for grading and grav-  
eling Howard street and sidewalks from First to Seventh street.

FOURTH.

Contract and bond of John Schier for grading and paving with  
brick and curbing the outside edges of the sidewalks with stone the  
sidewalks on Alabama street from Merrill to McCarty street.

FIFTH.

Fourth and partial estimate allowed J. B. Smith for grading, curb-  
ing, paving, etc., on North Meridian street from the south line of New  
York street to the north line of Second street.

SIXTH.

Contract and bond of Michael Foust for grading and graveling  
Bicking street and sidewalks from Delaware to High street.

SEVENTH.

First and final estimate allowed James Mahoney for grading and  
bowldering the first alley south of Cumberland street running east  
and west from Alabama to New Jersey street.

EIGHTH.

First and final estimate allowed Bernard Hammill for grading and  
graveling the alley running north and south through square No. 17,  
from Vermont to Michigan street.

## NINTH.

First and final estimate allowed Henry C. Roney for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks on Delaware street from the north line of St. Clair street to the south line of Morrison street on the east side, and to the old corporation line on the west side.

## TENTH.

First and final estimate allowed John L. Hanna for grading and graveling William street and sidewalks from Illinois to Meridian street.

## ELEVENTH.

First and partial estimate allowed Jesse S. Whitsett for grading, paving, curbing, etc., Tennessee street from the South line of Seventh street to the north line of Eighth street.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. BROWN,  
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in, and the bonds approved, except the bond of Michael Foust for grading and graveling Bicking street and sidewalks from High to Delaware streets, which was rejected by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bollman, Brown, Gimber, Hardesty, Kennington, McLaughlin, Pressly, Reagan, Shepherd, Thalman, Ward and Woodburn—13.

Negative—Councilmen Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Darnell, Gibson, Kahn, Peck, Rush and Twiname—9.

On motion the Civil Engineer was instructed to readvertise for proposals for making such improvement.

Also, the following estimate resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the first and final estimate of John L. Hanna for grading and graveling William street and sidewalks from Illinois

to Meridian 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, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Shepherd, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—22.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing first and final partial estimate of Henry C. Roney for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks on Delaware street from the north line of St. Clair street to the south line of Morrison street on the east side, and to the old corporation line on the west side 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, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Shepherd, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—22.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing first and final estimate of James Mahoney for grading and bowldering the first alley south of Cumberland street, running from Alabama to New Jersey 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 Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Shepherd, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—22.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing first and final estimate of Bernard Hammill for grading and graveling the alley running north and south through square 17 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, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Shepherd, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—22.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing first and partial estimate of Jesse S. Whitsett for grading, paving, curbing, etc., on North Tennessee street from the south line of Seventh street to the north line of Eighth 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 Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn,



Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Shepherd, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—22.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing fourth and partial estimate of J. B. Smith for grading, curbing, paving, etc., on North Meridian street from the north line of New York street to the north line of Second 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 Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Peck, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Shepherd, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—22.

Negative—None.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 25, 1873.

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

*Gentlemen*—I would again call your attention to the drainage of North Pennsylvania street at the intersection of Home avenue. Heretofore the low ground in the neighborhood has held the water which gathers there, so that no serious damage has been done. But this low ground is being filled up and the next heavy rains may cause considerable damage. No arrangements have been made for deepening the State Ditch, and until this is done a section of the sewer could not be built at College avenue, and as there is also a possibility of the location of the ditch being changed to Tenth street, it would be well to put in a temporary bridge at College avenue. Arrangements could be made with the contractor for laying the block pavement to do the work.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. BROWN,  
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in, and the City Civil Engineer directed to contract with Mr. J. S. Whitsit for building such bridge.



The City Treasurer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 25, 1873.

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

*Gentlemen*—I have the honor to report that the twenty years bonds for three hundred thousand dollars, "Series A," have been sold by the Finance Committee as follows :

To McKim & Co., Baltimore, 50,000 at par and accrued interest; 50,000 at one-half per cent. premium and accrued interest; 100,000 at 1 per cent. premium and accrued interest.

To David Baldwin, Baltimore, 10,000 65-100 per cent. premium and accrued interest.

To Indiana Banking Company, city, 90,000 at par *flat*.

The money to be paid upon delivery of bonds in New York City, September 1, 1873.

HENRY W. TUTEWILER,  
City Treasurer.

Which was concurred in.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, August 25, 1873.

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

*Gentlemen*—The Finance Committee would respectfully report that advertisement was made in sundry newspapers that sealed proposals would be received at the City Treasurer's office on the 20th inst., for the purchase of \$300,000 of the city's bonds, authorized to be issued by ordinance passed August 4, 1873, said bonds bearing 7 30-100 per cent. interest, and payable twenty years from July 1, 1873. In pursuance of such advertisement sealed proposals were received and opened by the committee in the presence of the City Treasurer, at 4 o'clock P. M., on the 20th instant, and the bonds awarded to the following named successful bidders :

McKim & Co., Baltimore, Md., \$50,000 at par and accrued interest.

McKim & Co., Baltimore, Md., \$50,000 at one-half of one per cent. premium and accrued interest.

McKim & Co., Baltimore, Md., \$100,000 at one per cent. premium and accrued interest.

David Baldwin, Baltimore, Md., \$10,000 at sixty-five one-hundredths of one per cent. premium and accrued interest.

Indiana Banking Company \$90,000 at par.

All of the bonds to be delivered Sept 1, 1873.

Your committee ask the Council to approve its action in awarding said loan.

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN H. BROWN.

DAVID GIBSON,

LEON KAHN.

J. H. WOODBURN.

H. S. BIGHAM.

Finance Committee.

Which was concurred in.

The City Clerk submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, August 25, 1873.

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

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

John Greene vs. Wm. H. A. Dell, for \$143.

John Greene vs. Wm. Valentine, for \$52.02.

John Scheier vs. James C. Yohn, for \$30.48.

John J. Palmer vs. John H. Lindley, for \$237.03.

I would respectfully recommend that you order the precept to issue.

JNO. R. CLINTON,  
City Clerk.

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

The Board of Health submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, August 25, 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.....	12
From 1 to 2 years.....	6
From 2 to 5 years.....	4
From 5 to 10 years.....	4
From 10 to 15 years.....	0
From 15 to 20 years.....	0
From 20 to 25 years.....	1

From 25 to 30 years.....	2
From 30 to 40 years.....	5
From 40 to 50 years.....	1
From 50 to 60 years.....	2
From 60 to 70 years.....	2
From 70 to 80 years.....	0
From 80 to 90 years.....	1
From 90 to 100 years.....	0
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.

The Chief Fire Engineer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 25, 1873.

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

*Gentlemen*—I herewith report the expenses of the Fire Department for the three months ending August 15, from May 15, to August 15, 1873, as follows :

Amount paid on account of salaries.....	\$8,901 50
For new hose.....	2,000 00
For hose couplings and bands..	420 85
For rent.....	131 67
For sundry repairs.....	46 42
For oils, paint and vitrol.....	141 51
For telegraph material.....	63 30
For hardware.....	7 28
For horses.....	610 00
For horse shoeing and sundry repairs.....	67 60
For harness and repairs.....	113 90
For feed.....	303 81
For lumber and kindling.....	91 72
For coal.....	18 00
For furniture and bedding.....	71 68
For white washing.....	82 00
For new ladders.....	120 00
For repairs ladder wagon and reels.....	53 25
For waste .....	43 37
For attending sick horses.....	13 50

For new hose reel.....	600 00
For new suction for engine, smoke pipes, nozzles, torches, etc.....	308 58
For sundry freights.....	69 07
For hose straps.....	15 00
For brooms.....	20 25
For spouts for engine house.....	11 00
For digging vault, laying brick pavement, and other sun- dries.....	13 50

Total.....\$14,338 76

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. RICHMANN,  
Chief Fire Engineer.

Which was received.

The City Marshal submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 25, 1873.

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

*Gentlemen*—The undersigned would respectfully report that he has served the following notices in relation to the opening and widening of streets in the city since the 13th day of May, 1873 :

Extending Broadway street from St. Clair street to Massachusetts avenue.

Widening Alabama street from Fort Wayne avenue to Morrison street.

Opening alley nine feet wide between East and Liberty streets, in out-lots 62 and 63.

Opening Michigan street to the width of sixty feet from the first alley east of Winston street to the old corporation line.

Opening an alley fifteen feet wide in out-lot No. 104.

Widening North Tennessee street from Seventh to Twelfth street.

Opening and extending of Winston street to St. Clair street:

Extending West Vermont street to Minerva street.

Opening and extending Blackford street from Washington to Market streets.

Widening College avenue between Seventh street and the corporation line north.

Opening Exposition avenue from Fort Wayne road to Illinois street.

Widening the first alley south of Pogue's run, in square 80, city of Indianapolis.

Also, the following notices :

Odorless Sink and Privy Cleaning Company to refrain from emptying their tanks in or near the city limits, or White river.



The owners of certain sign boards on West Washington street.

William S. Hubbard to remove gravel deposited on Kentucky avenue.

Commissioner of Military Park not to employ more than two men to keep in order the grounds of the Park, and not to exceed \$2.00 per day for each man.

Bellefontaine Railroad Company to remove all manure and filth from the side of their tracks.

N. McCarty to prohibit the spread of hogs' hair on his grounds laying between the canal and Pogue's run, south of Ray street.

Mrs. Anna Day to move house from off Locke street.

Property owners on Tennessee street between Seventh and Twelfth streets, to remove their fences to accord with stakes set by City Civil Engineer.

Property holders corner Merrill and Valley streets, to remove their fences to accord with stakes set by Civil Engineer.

Property owners on Indiana avenue, west of canal, to remove cellar stairway and cover the same on a level with the sidewalk, etc.

Open Coburn street from Short street to Virginia avenue.

Open alley in out-lot 62, or from East to Liberty streets.

Open alley through out-lot No. 8.

Straighten and widen East Washington street.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. WEST,  
City Marshal.

Which was received.

The City Commissioners submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 25, 1873.

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

*Gentlemen*—The Board of City Commissioners have acted on the matter of opening and straightening East Washington street from Cruse to Highland street, referred to them by your honorable body, and would report the following assessment of the benefits and damages :

We find the aggregate value of the ground taken and improvements removed to be \$640.

We estimate the benefits to property and property holders from said straightening of said street to be six hundred and forty dollars, (\$640.)

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

The following schedule sets out the damages and benefits to the lots and lot owners in detail :

Damages to W. W. Northop and Geo. W. Hueston for a strip of the required width (to straighten said north line of said street) off the



south side of a tract of ground fronting on said street, 222 feet wide, and situate in the south-west corner of the southwest quarter sections 6, 15, 4, \$400. Damages to W. W. Northrop and G. W. Hueston from moving fence, \$12. Total damage to Northrop and Hueston, \$412.

Benefits to W. W. Northrop and G. W. Hueston on the balance of said tract, \$400.

Balance of damages to said Northrop and Hueston from said improvement, \$12.

Damages to Christopher Zimmerman for a strip of the required width to straighten said street, off the south side of a tract just east of the last named lot, and being 150 feet on Washington street, being lot 1, Davidson's addition, \$150. Damages to said Zimmerman for moving fence, \$18. Total damages to Zimmerman, \$168.

Benefits to Zimmerman for said improvements, \$150.

Balance of damages to Zimmerman, \$18.

Damages to Lydia A. Latham for strip of required width off south end of lot just east of Zimmerman, being 150 feet on Washington street, and lot 2, Davidson's addition, \$50. Damages for moving fence on said lot, \$10. Total damages to said Latham, \$60.

Benefits to said Latham on said lot, \$50.

Balance of damage to said Latham from said straightening of street, \$10.

Benefits to C. H. Schwear, on lot 8, in out-lot 72, \$3.25.

Benefits to Leonard Haslinger, on lot 7, in out-lot 72, \$4.80.

Benefits to C. H. Schwear, on lot 6, in out-lot 72, \$7.75.

Benefits to C. H. Schwear, on lot 5, in out-lot 72, \$5.00.

Benefits to C. H. Schwear, on five feet off east side of lot 4, in out-lot 72, 80 cents.

Benefits to George C. Hust on lot 3, in out-lot 72, \$4.00.

Benefits to George C. Hust on 20 feet off west side of lot 4, in out-lot 72, \$3.20.

Benefits to Mrs. J. Brothers on lot 2, in out-lot 72, \$4.80.

Benefits to J. A. Kealing on lot 1, in out-lot 72, \$6.40.

Total damages, \$640. Total benefits, \$640.

By the petition and plat filed in the case it will be seen that a vacation is necessary of a wedge-shaped strip on the north side of Washington street, from Cruse street to the old corporation line. The property holders along the strip should follow the rule laid down in the statute to make this vacation legal, and we recommend that they at once take the necessary steps in order that the whole matter may be speedily settled, and the street properly straightened as prayed for.

Respectfully submitted,

J. GEORGE STILZ.

GEO. W. ALEXANDER.

W. J. ELLIOTT.

PETER WEIS.

IGNATIUS BROWN.

Board of Commissioners.

Which was received.

The City Gas Inspector submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, August 25, 1873.

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

*Gentlemen*—I herewith transmit to you two communications containing complaints which have been placed on file in my office relating to the irregularities in lighting and extinguishing the public lamps. Besides these I have nothing new on that subject to communicate.

In a former report I alluded to the unsatisfactory character of the burner in use in the public lamps, and recommended the introduction and use of the new burner invented by Mr. Sugg, of London. This recommendation (with others) was referred to the Committee on Gas with power to act. That committee referred the matter of burners to me, and I have arranged with Messrs. Dickson & Co., of this city, to manufacture and supply the city with these burners as they may be needed to replace those now in use, many of which need replacing immediately.

The burners are all to be adjusted to consume four feet of gas per hour, according to the contract with the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company. They are to be made in the most permanent manner, and furnished with lava tips. I have confidence that these burners will measure the gas consumed per hour nearly as accurately as a metre. The first cost of the new Sugg burners will be \$6.00 per dozen, and when they are worn out, or get out of repair, the manufacturers will take the old burners and replace them with new ones at ten cents a piece. This arrangement has been made with the concurrence of the Gas Company, who appear anxious to secure an accurate measurement of the gas consumed in the public lamps.

Respectfully submitted,

RYLAND T. BROWN,  
City Gas Inspector.

Which was concurred in.

INDIANAPOLIS, August 21, 1873.

MR. R. T. BROWN, ESQ., CITY GAS INSPECTOR:

*Dear Sir*:—At noon to-day the lamp in front of George Lowe's house, east side of Pennsylvania street, north of Fort Wayne avenue, was still burning. A number of the lamps between that point and Washington street were observed by me as turned off but the door left swinging open.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS H. BOWLES,  
62 East Wash. St.

OFFICE INDIANAPOLIS GAS LIGHT AND COKE COMPANY, }  
INDIANAPOLIS, August 18, 1873. }

R. T. BROWN, Esq., CITY GAS INSPECTOR :

*Dear Sir:*—Complaints are coming in continuously about the irregular manner of lighting and extinguishing the public lamps. Nearly all the lamps in the south-east part of the city were found burning at 3 o'clock, A. M., yesterday morning, should have been out at 12:45. We had them extinguished. On some streets when the lamp lighters do not light it is being done by citizens and boys who do not extinguish. It is a matter of expense to us to look after them. We are mutually interested in having the lamps lighted and extinguished according to the time table. Any new lamplighter is liable to make some mistakes at the beginning. We hope you will have the lamplighters remedy the cause of complaint at the earliest possible moment and oblige

Yours truly,

L. VAN LANINGHAM, Sec'y.

Which were received.

Mr. Rush by consent presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 25, 1873.

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

*Gentlemen*—The subscribers, citizens and tax payers of said city, respectfully represent to your honorable body that the lighting and extinguishing of the gas lamps on Ohio street, east of Delaware, is in a most shamefully neglected condition. That during the last month not one-half of the lamps have been lighted, except where done by private enterprise, and in many instances when lighted, the lamps have been suffered to burn until long after daylight and sunrise.

We respectfully ask that this evil be corrected at once.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

FABIUS M. FINCH,  
JOSEPH JONES,  
CHAS. THOMAS,  
And 24 others.

Which was received.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

*Moved,* That the contract of Joseph M. Cooper, for the lighting and extinguishing the public lamps, be and the same is hereby declared forfeited, for the reason of his failure to comply with the requirements of his contract, and that the City Gas Inspector be directed to give said Cooper ten days' notice of the termination of said contract.

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Pressly moved that the Gas Inspector be directed to at once give J. M. Cooper, the contractor for lighting the public lamps, ten days notice that his contract will be forfeited, and that the Committee on Gas Light be instructed to investigate the charges made, etc.

Mr. Kahn offered the following amendment :

*Moved,* That the Police Board be requested to instruct the police to light and extinguish all gas lights in their respective districts that they find not lighted after dark and burning after day light.

Which was adopted.

The motion as amended was then adopted.

By consent Mr. Bigham offered the following motion :

*Moved,* That the contractor be required to move the fountain from the north side of Washington street to the south side, under the direction of the Committee on Water Works, at the contractor's expense.

Which was adopted.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING.

Mr. Gibson introduced General Ordinance No. 61, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance prohibiting the blowing of steam whistles within the city of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Hardesty introduced Special Ordinance No. 302, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance to grade and bowlder the first alley west of Delaware street running from Maryland street to the first alley running east and west.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Pressly introduced General Ordinance No. 62, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance relative to placing a flagman at the crossing of Cady street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thalman introduced Special Ordinance No. 303, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance to grade and pave with brick the west sidewalk of Blake street between New York and North streets.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Ward presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 25, 1873.

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

*Gentlemen*—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on the east side of East street, between St. Clair and Cherry street, re-



spectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the grading and paving with brick to the width of six feet, the sidewalk on the east side of East street, between the points above named.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

JOHN REICHARDT,  
JAMES CRIGLER,  
JOHN L. HANNA,

And 2 others.

Which was received.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 304, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance to grade and pave with brick the east sidewalk of East street from St. Clair to Cherry streets.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 25, 1873.

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

*Gentlemen*—In consequence of the delay occasioned by the heavy rains during the months of May and July, and the frequent interruption of work, occasioned by the lowering of pipes and cisterns, I would respectfully petition your honorable body for an extension of twenty days, in which to complete the block pavement on North Meridian street—the time now given in contract terminating Sept. 1st, 1873.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SMITH.

Which was received and the prayer of the petitioner granted.

Mr. Shepherd offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That William Baird be allowed to locate and use a portable engine on the north-west corner of Maryland street and the first alley west of Hellen street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department and Chief Fire Engineer.

Dr. Ward offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the subject of grading and graveling Alabama street from Tinker street to the State Ditch, be referred to the Finance Committee, with power and instructions to take such action as will secure the completion of the work by the 5th of next month, or sooner if possible.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Pressly presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 25, 1873.

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

*Gentlemen*—Please grant us a permit to remove a two story frame house, now situated south of Pogues run on New Jersey street, up New Jersey to South street, South street east to East street, East street south to Georgia street, Georgia street to the first alley east of East street, and up the alley half a square.

JOHN BLATTNER.

Which was received and the prayer of petitioner granted.

On motion of Mr. Gimber the report of the Board of Health made to Council at the last meeting of the Council in relation to the canal, was taken up and concurred in.

Mr. Gimber presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 25, 1873.

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

*Gentlemen*—We the undersigned, citizens of the Fifth and Twelfth Wards, in the City of Indianapolis, most respectfully petition your honorable body that that portion of the canal south from Market street to the corporation line be abated as a nuisance and disposed of, as you in your judgment may deem right and just. This we respectfully ask and expect at your hands, as the health of our wives and

children is endangered by it every hour it is allowed to remain in its present condition.

Hoping this will meet your prompt attention, we remain,  
Yours respectfully,

CHAS. NABURES,  
MARTIN OHRO,  
JOHN MURPHY,  
And about 500 others.

Which was received.

Mr. Pressly moved that the canal matter be postponed until Monday evening, September 8th, and be made a special order of business for that evening.

Which was adopted.

General Ordinance No. 57, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance granting the Kingan Railway Company permission to lay railway tracks upon and across streets and alleys of the city of Indianapolis,

Was taken up and ordered engrossed.

Mr. Reagan presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 25, 1873.

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

*Gentlemen*—The undersigned, citizens and property holders respectfully and earnestly remonstrate against the passage of General Ordinance No. 57, 1873, now pending before your honorable body, entitled, "An ordinance granting the Kingan Railway Company the right to lay railway tracks upon and across streets and alleys of the city of Indianapolis," for the following reasons :

First—Because we respectively own a large amount of property which will be greatly and irreparably injured by the passage of said ordinance.

Second—Especially will we be injured by the laying and maintaining of the contemplated track upon and along Louisiana street from Mississippi to Missouri streets, and the contemplated tracks from Missouri street to White river.

Third—Because the 7th section of the ordinance will render nugatory the other sections of the ordinance, as every one knows who has examined the premises, that laying and maintaining of the proposed tracks would interfere with and repair private rights.

We therefore pray you to refuse the passage of said ordinance.

ROBERT C. MCGILL.  
ANDERSON MCGILL.  
JANE MCGILL WALDO.  
MARGARET MCGILL SULLIVAN.  
REBECCA MCGILL.  
AZEL WALDO.

Which was received.

General Ordinance No. 57, 1873, was read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bollman, Brown, Darnell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Peck, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Shepherd, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—20.

Negative—Councilman McLaughlin—1.

Mr. Hardesty presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 25, 1873..

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

*Gentlemen*—The undersigned was awarded the garbage contract under general ordinance No. 44, and agreed to pay the City \$100 per year for the contract, and gave a bond of \$2,000 for faithful performance of duty, under the impression that the right to and removal of all garbage was exclusive, and could not be moved by other parties who do not pay for the privilege, and who are under no bonds. I have invested in teams and commenced to fulfill the requirements of the ordinance, and find *many other parties* engaged in the same business, moving garbage from principal hotels, boarding houses, and where it is most profitable. I understand from the City Attorney that there is nothing in the ordinance prohibiting any one engaging in the business and making the right exclusive.

I have therefore to ask your honorable body to pass a special ordinance, similar to that of other cities, making it unlawful for any one

but the contractor to haul away, move or dispose of any garbage within the city limits.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. MORRIS,  
Contractor.

Which was referred to the City Attorney.

Mr. Shepherd presented the following remonstrance:

INDIANAPOLIS, August 25, 1873.

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

*Gentlemen*—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Louisiana street, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and bowldering of the north half of Louisiana street, and curbing and paving the north sidewalk thereof, between the points named, as such improvement is not needed, and we are satisfied that should it be let this fall it would cost the property owners at least one-third more than any other season of the year.

And your remonstrants will ever pray, etc.

COBURN & JONES.  
M. H. WRIGHT.

Which was received.

Mr. Kahn presented the following remonstrance:

INDIANAPOLIS, August 25, 1873.

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

*Gentlemen*—We the undersigned, property holders living on Liberty street, between North and Michigan streets, remonstrate against grading and paving the west side of the above street, and also grading and graveling the alley in the rear.

And your remonstrants will ever pray, etc.

ADAM HELM,  
JOHN KNEIP,  
N. SCHIERLING,  
And 3 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.



ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Special Ordinance No. 275, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance to grade, gravel, pave and curb Rockwood street and sidewalks from East street to the second alley running north and south.

Was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Special Ordinance No. 257, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance to grade and gravel Dillon street from the south line of English avenue north to the north line of Harrison street, including the sidewalks.

Was read the second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Mr. McLaughlin the rules were suspended by unanimous consent for the purpose of calling the roll for the presentation of new business.

Mr. Adams offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That David Sylvester be and is hereby granted permission to move a one-story house from the corner of St. Joseph and Alabama streets to John street via. Fort Wayne avenue and Cherry street.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to put in a wooden culvert at the intersection of Clifford and Brookside avenues.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

WHEREAS, The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis proposes to open and extend Bellefontaine street, in a width of sixty feet,

from its present southern terminus to Massachusetts avenue; therefore,

*Moved*, That the City Civil Engineer be, and he is hereby directed to prepare a plat of the street and adjoining ground, as is proposed to be opened and extended, and that the City Clerk be directed to issue the necessary notices to the City Commissioners and property owners, as is required by the city charter, and the City Marshal is hereby directed to serve such notice and make the proper return of the same.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

*Moved*, That the City Civil Engineer be directed to advertise for proposals for sprinkling the following streets, to wit, from the first day of September to the tenth day of October, 1873 :

On Tennessee street from Ohio street to the Home of the Friendless Building.

On Illinois street from the Union Depot to where the Street Railway Company's track turn east, and thence east to the Exposition building.

On Meridian street from Washington to Tinker street, or so far as the wooden block pavement is completed on said street.

On Delaware street from Washington street to the Exposition Building.

On Massachusetts avenue from Pennsylvania to New Jersey street.

On New Jersey street from Massachusetts avenue to Fort Wayne avenue.

On Fort Wayne and Central avenues from New Jersey street to the Exposition Building.

On Alabama street from Tinker street to the Exposition Building.

On Kentucky avenue from Washington street to Tennessee street, thence on Tennessee street to Louisiana street, thence east on Louisiana to Illinois street.

On Tinker street from Tennessee street to Central avenue.

On Alabama street from Massachusetts avenue as far north as the same may be completed by grading and graveling.

The whole to be done under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer, and that the said proposals be received by the Common Council on Friday evening next to receive the proposals and award the contract.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the subject be postponed until next Monday evening, and that a committee of three be appointed to wait on the Secretary

of the State Board of Agriculture, and the President of the Citizens Street Railway, and see how much they will contribute toward sprinkling prominent streets leading to the State Fair grounds.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the matter of inquiry of the special committee as to sprinkling streets be confined to the following named streets and avenues :

Tennessee street from Indiana avenue to Tinker street.

Meridian street from New York street to Tinker street.

Delaware street from Washington street to Tinker street.

From Massachusetts avenue on New Jersey street to Fort Wayne avenue and Central avenue to the State Fair grounds and Tinker street.

Which was adopted.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed as such special committee Councilmen Brown, Woodburn and Ward.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be directed to remove the sand and gravel from Tennessee street, between Indiana avenue and First street. The same to be done forthwith under the direction of the Civil Engineer.

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Kahn offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby instructed to clean the sand and dirt from off Delaware street from St. Clair to Tinker street.

Mr. Brown moved to amend by striking out Tinker street and inserting Washington street.

Which amendment was adopted.

The motion as amended was adopted.

On motion the Council adjourned.

JAMES L. MITCHELL,  
MAYOR.

ATTEST:

JOHN R. CLINTON,  
*City Clerk.*