

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
Monday, June 7th, 1875—7½ o'clock P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair and the following members:

Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—26.

Absent—None.

The proceedings of the regular session, held May 31st, 1875, were read and approved.

Sealed proposals for removing garbage, etc., from within the city limits, were received, opened, read and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—I hereby report a second, *corrected*, and final estimate allowed D. Root & Co., for erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on Madison Avenue, from Morris to Nebraska street.

Nine lamps and posts at \$22.44 each, \$201.96.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing second, corrected and final estimate of D. Root & Co. for erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures, on Madison Avenue from Morris to Nebraska 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, Abershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman and Webster—23.

Negative—None.

Also, the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—The City Civil Engineer respectfully reports to Council for your approval, the following contract and bonds:

1st. Contract and Bond of John J. Palmer for grading and graveling Twelfth street, and sidewalks from Illinois to Tennessee street, and taking up and relaying the Citizens' Street Railway track on said street between said points.

2d. Contract and Bond of Bernard Hammill for grading and graveling the alley between Delaware and Alabama street, from Home Avenue to the first alley south of Sixth street.

3d. Contract and Bond of Bernard Hammill for grading and graveling Randolph street, and sidewalks between New York and Michigan streets.

4th. Contract and Bond of the Indianapolis Bridge Company for building an iron bridge over Pleasant Run at the crossing of Reid street.

Respectfully submitted.

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was received, contracts concurred in and the bonds approved.

Also, the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—There is an ordinance in force requiring the "Gas Inspector" to inspect and badge "Gas Meters."

I desire to know if it was the intention of the Council to rescind this ordinance in abolishing the office of Gas Inspector, or to have the City Civil Engineer perform this work.

If the latter was your intention, it will be necessary to furnish me with a badge, as I can find no trace of the badge used by the former Gas Inspector.

Respectfully submitted.

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas Light.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—The Street Commissioner reports to me that there is about thirty pieces of sewer pipe broken in Illinois street, between Washington street and South street, which needs to be replaced by new pipe.

Respectfully submitted.

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—I have to report the following lamp posts broken which need to be replaced by new ones, and hope your honorable body will instruct me what to do in the premises. One on north side of Ohio, between Missouri and Mississippi, and one on north side of St. Joseph street, between Meridian and Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas Light.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—I herewith give you in detail, as far as my examination has extended, the extent of the damage sustained by the city during the recent high water, in the different sections of the city, and which requires your immediate attention.

I cannot give you the exact figures on account of the quantity of water at the various points.

I find that Fall creek, during high water, overflows on Millersville pike, just below the Peru Railroad bridge, and passes down through Fletcher's swamp, Car Shops, Root and Allen's addition and all the low grounds in that section, and passes west on Home Avenue, south on Delaware, and across to Pennsylvania, etc.

I would respectfully recommend the raising of the grade on Millersville pike at the point above mentioned sufficiently high and strong in order to prevent a like occurrence.

I also find the embankment on both sides of the new channel of Fall Creek has been washed out to an extent of from 200 to 250 feet on both sides, immediately below Geisendorff's dam, and about 320 feet on the north side and 200 feet on south side near the mouth.

These breaks ought to be filled up at once, and the slopes on both sides of embankment sodded over, or sown with grass seed and young willows planted, as this will materially strengthen the banks and lessen the danger of washing during high water.

The breaks at Geisendorff's dam should be made about 5 feet wider than formerly.

It will also be necessary, and I would respectfully recommend the building of an embankment on the east side of White river, from the north side of Fall creek, running north about 400 feet, in order to prevent the water of White river from washing out the bank of Fall creek, on the north side, during high water.

On account of the recent high water in White river and Fall creek, there has been about 170 feet of the improved portion of west Michigan street washed out at a point where the old channel of Fall creek crosses Sand street. On account of the water in the channel I could not ascertain the exact number of yards. I would recommend the repairing of this street at once.

I would also recommend to your honorable body the enlarging of the west bank of Fall creek, from Geisendorff's dam to the high bluff north of the pest house, by raising and widening the same so as to make it 3 feet above high water mark, and about 5 feet wide at the top.

I also find that culvert on Clifford street, over Pogues run, has given away some 8 or 10 feet and needs to be rebuilt. I understand that the contractor, who built this culvert, has given bond that it would stand five years, and can be made to do this work at his own expense.

I also find that the culvert on East Michigan street has given away some 10 or 12 feet at the north end and will have to be rebuilt at once.

I also find that the culvert on Morris street has given away at the north end some 10 or 12 feet and requires rebuilding.

I also find that east end of culvert on Illinois street, crossing Pogues run, needs slight repairing.

This can be done by the Street Commissioner under the supervision of myself.

I also find that embankment at White river bridge, on Morris street, on northeast and northwest corners, requires filling up and protecting with cinders or stone at the base. This work can be done by the Street Commissioner, under the supervision of myself.

I also find that wooden bridge, at the north end of Delaware street over the State ditch in front of Exposition buildings, is down and needs to be rebuilt.

This work can be done by the Street Commissioner under the direction and supervision of myself.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner under the direction of the Civil Engineer, be directed to repair Michigan Street between Mill Race and White River, where damaged by the flood.

Which was adopted.

The remainder of the report was then referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The City Attorney submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS June 4, 1875.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis

I herewith return the communication and bond of Andrew Wallace, referred to me on 24th day of May, 1875, for an opinion as to the liability of the city to pay interest on said bond after the same became due, without being presented for payment.

After an examination of the matter, I am of the opinion that the obligation submitted to me, is the promissory note of the city, it being a contract to pay a certain sum at a certain time, and that the holder is entitled to interest from the date of its maturity, whether it was presented for payment or not, unless the city can show that she was ready at all times since the maturity of the same to pay off said order.

This position, I think, is fully sustained by the following authorities :
 City of Aurora vs. West, 7 Wallace, 82; 22 Ind., 88; 20 Ind., 6.;
 Dillon on Municipal Corporations, Sec. 414; 26 Ind., 15.

The obligation does not fix any rate of interest, and therefore it will only bear the rate fixed by statute, to wit: six per cent., per annum.

The amount now due is:

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| Principal..... | \$100 00 |
| Interest at 6 per cent., from April 1st, 1870, to June 7th, 1875..... | 31 00 |
| Coupon attached..... | 5 00 |
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| | \$136 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

CAS. BYFIELD,
City Attorney.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 4, 1875.

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

GENTLEMEN:—There are now pending in the various Courts of the State about thirty-five suits against the city, which number will probably be increased. A great many of these suits will be tried by juries, and a great number of witnesses will be required. I am satisfied that the city would save hundreds of dollars if she had some one whose business it should be to look up the evidence in cases in which the city is interested. It is impossible for the City Attorney to perform this work, if it were his duty to do so. I therefore suggest that the City Marshal be required to do this work, and that the Council pay him for the actual labor performed in that behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

CAS. BYFIELD,
City Attorney.

Which was received.

The City Treasurer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1875.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I would respectfully call the attention of the Council to the fact that the Tomlinson property is greatly out of repair generally, and respectfully suggest that you give it immediate attention, as the tenants of said property say they can not stay there if something is not done.

I, with the Committee on Public Buildings, have examined the property and find that the parties have just cause to complain.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. TUTEWILER,

City Treasurer.

We, your Committee on Public Buildings, concur in the report as made by the City Treasurer.

JOHN STUCKMEYER,

J. C. LAUGHLIN,

C. F. DARNALL,

Committee.

Which was concurred in, and the Committee instructed to have the necessary repairs made.

The Board of Health submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1875.

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

Report of deaths in the city of Indianapolis from 6 o'clock, P. M., on the 29th day of May, to 6 o'clock, P. M., on the 5th day of June, 1875.

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| Under 1 year..... | 11 |
| 1 to 2 years..... | 0 |
| 2 to 3 " | 0 |
| 3 to 4 " | 0 |
| 4 to 5 " | 2 |
| 5 to 10 " | 0 |
| 10 to 20 " | 1 |
| 20 to 30 " | 2 |
| 30 to 40 " | 2 |
| 40 to 50 " | 1 |
| 50 to 60 " | 1 |
| 60 to 70 " | 1 |
| 70 to 80 " | 0 |
| 80 to 90 " | 0 |
| 90 to 100 " | 0 |
| Above 100 " | 0 |
| Unknown..... | 0 |
| Total..... | 21 |

J. S. ATHON, M. D.,

President Board of Health.

A. STRATFORD, M. D.,

Secretary Board of Health.

Which was received.

The City Clerk submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—The City Clerk reports the following affidavits now on file in his office for the collection of street assessments, to-wit:

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| Dos. Riker & Webb vs. Henry Schofield, for..... | \$10 00 |
| George W. Seibert vs. Michael Hamill, for..... | 15 50 |
| George W. Seibert vs. Ella Hamill, for..... | 13 50 |
| George W. Seibert vs. Henry Kramer, for..... | 11 40 |
| George W. Seibert vs. Malinda M. Forbes, for..... | 15 50 |
| George W. Seibert vs. Alex. A. Dillon, for..... | 15 50 |

And respectfully recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,

City Clerk.

Which was concurred in, and the precepts ordered to issue by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—26.

Negative—None.

Also, the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1875

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit contract and bond of the Indianapolis Sentinel Company for doing the city printing, advertising, furnishing stationery, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,

City Clerk.

Mr. Adams moved not to approve the contract and bond of the Indianapolis Sentinel Company.

Mr. Darnell offered the following motion as a substitute to Mr Adams' motion :

Moved, That the proposition of the Sentinel Company be rejected and the City Clerk ordered to advertise for proposals for the city printing and stationery.

Dr. Stratford moved to refer the matter to the City Attorney with instructions to report as to the power of the Committee on Printing to make a contract.

Mr. Darnell moved to lay Dr. Stratford's motion on the table.

The question being on laying Dr. Stratford's motion on the table.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—20.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Councilmen Bollman, Buehrig, Geiger, Gimber, Madden and Stratford—6.

So Mr. Darnell's motion to lay on the table was adopted.

Mr. Gimber moved to lay Mr. Darnell's motion on the table.

The question being on the adoption of Mr. Gimber's motion.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—13.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Councilmen Adams, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, Ward and Webster—13.

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

So Mr. Gimber's motion was not adopted.

The question being on Mr. Darnell's motion.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Councilmen Adams, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, Ward and Webster—13.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—13.

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

So Mr. Darnell's motion was adopted.

The Gas Inspector submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7th, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—I would respectfully submit for your consideration the following report of the work and expenditures of my office for the past year, from May 1st, 1874, to May 1st, 1875.

On taking possession of the office after my appointment, I found very little in it, and at my own expense I purchased several pieces of apparatus, and some expensive

chemicals with which to conduct tests. I also found a great many of the Cincinnati pattern tin lamps broken, and to save expense to the city I went to work at them myself, and during the year I repaired about 50 of them.

Of the old lamp cocks that came in, I fixed as many as were fit to be used again, the others I traded for new ones.

During the year I noticed that the gas bill for the Illinois Street Tunnel was higher than it ought to be, and permission was granted by the Council to make a change. Accordingly, I purchased 4 locomotive head-lights and fitted them up for gas, performing the labor myself, and the result was the saving of over \$150.00 per month in the gas bill. I would further say, that a few weeks before my time was out, some person set fire to the drip-cock in the reflector boxes, burning them so that they became useless. I have taken two of the boxes to my shop, and with the consent of your honorable body, will take the other two and repair them, and fit them up in the tunnel again by the first of the present month, at no cost to the city.

I would also state, that during the year I have tested for the Gas Company 835 meters, 25 of which I rejected as incorrect; the remaining 815 being within the 2 per cent. limit, I badged as correct.

I have also, from time to time, conducted Photometrical and chemical tests as to the illuminating power and purity of the gas furnished to the city and consumers, and have found it to be of excellent quality. At no time did I find the candle power less than 18 candles, and though there were traces of impurity, I could not get a weighable quantity. The only trouble with the gas is the high pressure, and that should be looked after. I had a great deal of trouble through the winter with frozen lamps, for which it is hard to suggest a remedy, as the winter was unusually severe, and the same thing may not happen again in years.

During the year I have located and superintended the erection of 454 lamp posts, all of which were erected according to contract, and were accepted.

The expenses of my office for the year amounted to \$72,436.03, of which amount \$53,242.00 was paid for gas for street lamps, \$6,659.60 was paid for gas for the engine houses and other places, \$6,568.08 was paid for lamp-lighting, leaving a balance of \$5,966.35 for repairs on street lamps, etc.

On leaving the office, I stored away in the Photometer room all the material I had on hand, viz: 12 boxes glass, 3 cases matches, about 20 dozen burners, and the apparatus belonging to the city laboratory, which are all in good condition. The year was one of hard work, and the only regret I have, is that I was unable to accomplish more work than I did.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICK ROBERTSON,

City Gas Inspector.

Which was received.

The Street Commissioner submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—The Street Commissioner would respectfully report that numerous sidewalks have been torn up by the late flood, and I would ask of your honorable body what is my duty in the matter, as my duty as set out in the Charter says nothing in regard to relaying and repairing sidewalks.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN MATTNER,

Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to the City Attorney and City Civil Engineer, with instructions to report next Monday night.

The Mayor submitted the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1875.

Gentlemen of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

I hereby appoint the Hon. M. E. Hall, James C. Laughlin and Wm. F. Reasner Committee on Sellers Farm.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CAVEN,

Mayor.

Dr. Ward presented the following report :

CITY DISPENSARY REPORT FOR MAY, 1875.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1875.

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

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| Calls north of Washington street..... | 147 |
| Calls south of Washington street..... | 322 |
| Calls to Little Sisters of the Poor | 25 |
| Calls to Colored Orphan Asylum..... | 27 |
| Calls to Jail..... | 15 |
| Calls to the Station House..... | 26 |
| Calls to outside patients | 18 |
| Total calls..... | 580 |

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| Eye and Ear cases..... | | | 38 |
| Patients prescribed for at office..... | | | 325 |
| Vaccinations..... | | | 10 |
| Prescriptions filled at office, including seventy-two for jail ..... | ..... | ..... | 760 |

Medicines were furnished to Little Sisters of the Poor and Colored Orphan Asylum.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. CARTER,

Clerk City Dispensary.

DR. W. B. FLETCHER,

Superintendent.

Which was received.

The Superintendent of City Hospital submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1875.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit the following report of the City Hospital and Branch thereof, for the month ending May 31, 1875:

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| Number of patients in Hospital per last report..... | | | 81 |
| Number of patients received during the month..... | | | 68 |
| Number of patients born during the month..... | ..... | ..... | 4 |
| Number of patients discharged during the month..... | ..... | ..... | 60 |
| Number of patients died during the month..... | ..... | ..... | 14 |
| Number of patients now in Hospital..... | ..... | ..... | 79 |
| Average daily attendance..... | ..... | ..... | 83½ |
| Average daily attendance of officers and employes..... | ..... | ..... | 22 |
| Number of days subsistence furnished ..... | ..... | ..... | 3272 |
| Total expenses..... | ..... | \$1,964 90 | |
| Amount received from patients..... | ..... | ..... | 80 00 |
| Average daily expenses, per capita..... | ..... | ..... | 60 |

Respectfully,

WM. B. McDONALD,

Superintendent.

Which was received.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING.

Mr. Adams presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 3, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Fern Way, between Lawrence street and Hazel street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling Fern Way from Lawrence street to Hazel street, exclusive of sidewalks.

Street to be properly graded and graveled twenty feet wide, fifteen inches in the center and sloping to five inches at the edges, with river or creek gravel.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

John L. Hanna, H. H. DeWolf, Cicero Brown,
Cecelia Giffin, R. S. Dorsey.

Which was received.

Mr. Adams introduced special ordinance No. 80, 1875, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Fern Way, from Lawrence street to Hazel street, exclusive of sidewalks.

Which was read the first time.

Also, special ordinance No. 81, 1875, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Lawrence street, exclusive of sidewalks, from Hill Avenue to Fern Way.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Darnell introduced special ordinance No. 82, 1875, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Twelfth street and sidewalks, from the east side of Illinois street to the east side of Pennsylvania street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Geiger presented the following petition

INDIANAPOLIS, June 1, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on west side of Illinois street, between Michigan street and Indiana Avenue, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the raising and relaying, and curbing the above named sidewalk. The sidewalk to be paved with new brick and the edge to be curbed with stone.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.,

S. W. Morgan, 42½ feet, Wilson Morrow, 67½ feet,
J. L. Fatout, 33 feet 9 inches, Wm. Sullivan, 50
feet 7½ inches, A. Bird, 150 feet, Mary a Walker, 50
feet 7½ inches, and several others.

Which was received.

Mr. Geiger introduced special ordinance No. 83, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for raising, paving with brick the sidewalk, and curbing the outside edge thereof, of the west sidewalk of Illinois street from Michigan street to Indiana avenue.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Geiger presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 1, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned owners of the real estate fronting on North street between Illinois street and Tennessee street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the curbing and paving where not already paved of the above named streets between the said points.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

F. S. Newcomer, 44 feet, W. Harrison 150 feet,
W. B. Thurston, 40 feet, and others.

Which was received.

Mr. Geiger introduced special ordinance No. 84, 1875 entitled:

An ordinance to provide for paving the sidewalks of North street where not already paved and curbing with stone the outside edges thereof from Illinois to Tennessee streets.

Which was read the first time.

Also, general ordinance No. 36, 1875, entitled:

An ordinance authorizing the issue of city warrants and for their negotiation and sale by the City Treasurer to the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars.

Also, general ordinance No. 37, 1875, entitled

An ordinance authorizing the Finance Committee and City Treasurer to borrow the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and providing for the issuing of Bonds for the same.

Which was read the first time.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7th, 1875.

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

The Finance Committee begs leave to respectfully submit the following as their report: Showing the financial condition of the city of Indianapolis, on the 12th day of May, 1875.

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.

Bonds have been issued by the Common Council as follows:

RAILROAD BONDS.

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| January 1st, 1869, due January 1st, 1880. To the Indianapolis and Vincennes Railroad Company; payable at twenty (20) years, bearing six (6) per cent. interest, payable annually, at the office of the City Treasurer. Amounting to..... | \$60,000.00 |
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| January 1st, 1869, due January 1st, 1889. To the Indianapolis and Cincinnati Junction Railroad ; payable at twenty (20) years, bearing six (6) per cent. interest, payable annually, at the office of the City Treasurer. Amounting to..... | \$50,000.00 |
| January 1st, 1870, due January 1st, 1890. To the Crawfordsville and Danville Railroad Company ; payable in twenty (20) years, bearing six (6) per cent. interest, payable annually, at the office of the City Treasurer. Amounting to..... | 45,000.00 |
| Total Railroad Bonds outstanding..... | \$155,000.00 |

SELLER'S FARM BONDS.

April 1st, 1873, due April 1st, 1893. To Wm. H. English, on account of the purchase of the Seller's Farm ; payable in twenty (20) years, bearing eight per cent. interest per annum, payable semi-annually, at the office of Winslow, Lanier & Co., New York City. Amounting to \$21,000.00

LOAN BONDS.

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| July 1st, 1873, due July 1st, 1893. Series A, payable in twenty (20) years, bearing seven and three-tenths ($7\frac{3}{10}$) per cent. interest per annum, payable semi-annually, at the office of Winslow, Lanier & Co., New York City. | |
| To McKine & Co., Baltimore..... | \$200,000 |
| To David Baldwin, Baltimore..... | 10,000 |
| To Indiana Banking Co., Indianapolis..... | 90,000 |
| Total of Series A | \$300,000.00 |

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| July 1st, 1873, due July 1st, 1893. Series B, payable in twenty years, bearing seven and three-tenths ($7\frac{3}{10}$) per cent. interest, payable semi-annually, at the office of Winslow, Lanier & Co., New York City, | |
| To Smith & Hannaman, Indianapolis..... | \$ 25,000 |
| To Drexell & Co., Philadelphia..... | 5,000 |
| To W. H. Newbold & Son, Aertson & Co., Philadelphia.. | 165,000 |
| To T. O. Enders, Pres't Aetna Life Ins. Co., of Hartford.. | 90,000 |
| To Swaine & Barrett, Portland, Me..... | 15,000 |

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| Total of Series B..... | \$300,000.00 |
| July 1st, 1874, due July 1st, 1894. Series C, payable in twenty (20) years, bearing seven and three-tenths ($7\frac{3}{10}$) per cent. interest per annum, payable semi-annually, at the office of Winslow, Lanier & Co., New York City. | |
| To T. O. Enders, Pres't Aetna Life Ins. Co., of Hartford.. | \$230,000 |
| To Woollen, Webb & Co., Indianapolis..... | 20,000 |
| To Jos. A. Moore & Bro., Indianapolis..... | 50,000 |
| Total of Series C..... | \$300,000.00 |
| Total amount of Loan Bonds..... | \$900,000.00 |

PARK PURCHASE BONDS.

January 1st, 1874, due January 1st, 1894. To N. R. Ruckle, payable in twenty (20) years, bearing seven and three-tenths ($7\frac{3}{10}$) per cent. interest per annum, payable semi-annually, at the office of Winslow, Lanier & Co., New York City..... \$109,500.00

TEMPORARY LOANS.

Warrants were sold last year at a discount, to raise money to meet current expenses ; and the following remain unpaid :

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| September 29th, 1874, due September 29th, 1875. To Smith & Hannaman, Indianapolis..... | \$100,000 |
| November 12th, 1874, due November 12th, 1875, to Parker & Cobb..... | 50,000 |
| November 17th, 1874, due November 17th, 1875, to Parker & Cobb..... | 50,000 |
| Total amount of Temporary Loans..... | \$200,000.00 |

RECAPITULATION.

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| Railroad Bonds bearing 6 per cent. interest..... | \$155,000.00 |
| Bonds bearing seven and three-tenths ($7\frac{3}{10}$) per cent. interest : | |
| Loan Bonds..... | \$900,000 |
| Park Purchase Bonds..... | 109,500 |
| | — \$1,009,500.00 |
| Temporary Loans due in September and November..... | 200,000.00 |
| Seller's Farm Bonds, bearing 8 per cent. interest..... | 21,000.00 |
| Total indebtedness..... | \$1,385,500.00 |
| To this should be added, for city orders issued against the City Treasury since April 1st 1875, and unpaid. Estimated at | \$70,000.00 |

Memorandum of Interest accruing the current year :

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| July 1st, 1875. On Loans..... | \$32,850.00 |
| July 1st, 1875. On Park Purchase..... | 3,906.75 |
| October 1st, 1875. On Seller's Farm..... | 840.00 |
| January 1st, 1876. On Railroad Bonds..... | 9,300.00 |
| January 1st, 1876. On Loan Bonds | 32,850.00 |
| January 1st, 1876. On Park Purchase..... | 3,996.75 |
| Total..... | \$83,833.50 |

The following statement shows the amount of taxables and amount of city taxes, exclusive of school tax, for the years named:

| | Taxables. | City Taxes. |
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| For the year 1872..... | \$34,746,026.00 | \$393,630.00 |
| For the year 1873..... | 61,246,311.00 | 459,347.32 |
| For the year 1874..... | 67,301,543.00 | 510,026.07 |

The affidavit of the City Assessor, the City Clerk, and the City Treasurer, is herewith appended, showing that the Tax Duplicate for the present year will exceed \$70,000,000.

We also beg to submit for your approval, an ordinance to provide for the issuing and sale of warrants to the amount of \$50,000.00, to provide for the payment of the semi-annual interest falling due July 1st, 1875. Also, an ordinance to authorize the negotiation of a loan, and providing for the issuing of bonds to the amount of \$200,000.00, on twenty years time, for the payment of the warrants falling due in September and November, 1875.

Your Committee are deeply impressed with the fact that this course is necessary to maintain the credit of the city; and in our judgment the policy pursued by the Council for the past few years in carrying over, from year to year, large amounts of indebtedness, and borrowing money temporarily to keep up the current expenses, would, under present circumstances, be inexpedient and unwise, and we cannot recommend a continuance of it. What is needed now, is the strictest economy in all the departments of the city, and the limiting of the expenditures to the actual receipts of the treasury; and providing for and maintaining, as the charter provides, a sinking fund for the gradual payment of the accumulated debt. This can be done by an increase of the tax levy, which will not prove a hardship upon the tax-payers, as the rate of taxation has been lower here than in most cities.

The expenditures for the past few years have exceeded the revenue over \$200,000, each year, and it now becomes us to carefully guard against any increase of the debt in the future. It is the opinion of your Committee that expenses can be considerably curtailed in the expenditures for bridges, cisterns, fire department, purchasing gravel roads, hospitals, sewers, street improvements and street repairs.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. GEIGER,
I. W. STRATFORD,
D. M. RANSDELL,
ENOS B. REED,
LEON KAHN,

Committee.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following affidavit :

STATE OF INDIANA, } ss.
MARION COUNTY.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, upon oath and affirmation say : That William Hadley is the City Assessor, Benj. C. Wright the City Clerk and Henry W. Tutewiler City Treasurer ; that the total value of the taxable property of said City of Indianapolis, as shown by the tax duplicate of said City, is sixty-seven million three hundred and nine thousand one hundred and ninety-three dollars, (\$67,309,193.00); that the fair valuation of said property now is, at least, seventy million dollars (\$70,000,000).

WILLIAM HADLEY,
BENJ. C. WRIGHT,
HENRY W. TUTEWILER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of June, 1875.

JOHN CAVEN,
Mayor.

Which was received.

Dr. Hook introduced special ordinance No. 85, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk on Brookside avenue from Clifford avenue to Orange street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Madden introduced special ordinance No. 86, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and paving the east sidewalk of Union street, between Madison avenue and Hanway street.

Which was read the first time.

By consent, Mr. Madden offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following named persons are hereby appointed Inspectors and Judges of election for School Commissioners, to be held in the Districts named on Saturday, June 12, 1875, viz.:

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Inspector—James Renihan.

Judges—Adam Scott and Samuel Perrott.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

Inspector—John E. Colden.

Judges—James M. Lambert and Charles J. Schmidt.

NINTH DISTRICT.

Inspector—Henry Keeley.

Judges—William H. Latham and Christian Schwear.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—25.

Negative—None.

Mr. Gimber introduced general ordinance No. 38, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating fifteen hundred dollars for the payment of an Assistant Chief Fire Engineer.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Stratford introduced special ordinance No. 87, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Coburn street and sidewalks from Short street to Virginia avenue.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Webster presented the following petition:

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

The undersigned would respectfully show that they are property owners fronting on New Jersey street, north of St. Mary's street; that New Jersey street is improved south of Ft. Wayne avenue and north of St. Mary's street, leaving the square between Ft. Wayne avenue and St. Mary's street unimproved and, in bad weather, impassible for footmen.

They would further show that the United Brethren Church has recently erected a house of worship on St. Mary's street, fronting New Jersey street, and attendants thereat, living south of St. Mary's street, will be greatly discommoded without New Jersey street is improved between St. Mary's street and Ft. Wayne avenue.

They, therefore, petition your honorable body to grant an order directing that New Jersey street be improved as soon as possible as follows:

Grade and gravel New Jersey street between Ft. Wayne avenue and St. Mary's street, and also grade and pave the sidewalks with brick and boulder the gutters.

Signed :

B. F. WITT,

T. J. CONNOR,

WM. G. RUBUSH,

DANIEL STOVER,

THOS. EVANS,

Trustees of United Brethren Church.

Dan Howe, 509 North New Jersey street, W. W. Curry, 515 North New Jersey street, John M. McMahon, 518 North New Jersey street, G. W. Richardson, 597 North New Jersey, L. Wood, J. C. A. Schramm, vacant lot, John Scudder.

Which was received.

Mr. Webster introduced special ordinance No. 88, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling New Jersey street and pave with brick the sidewalks thereof from Ft. Wayne avenue to St. Mary's street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Reed introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 22, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money on account of Station House for month of May, 1875.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Ward introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 23, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money on account of City Hospital and branch, for the month of May, 1875.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Reasner introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 24, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money on account of general election held May 4, 1875.

Which was read the first time.

Also, special appropriation ordinance No. 25, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money to pay sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis for month of May, 1875.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Gimber introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 26, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating ten thousand dollars for the use of the Street Commissioner in repairing bridges.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Madden introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 27, 1875, entitled:

An ordinance appropriating money on account of printing, stationery, etc., for the month of May, 1875.

Which was read the first time.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 22, 1875, was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Special appropriation ordinance No 23, 1875, was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 24, 1875, was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 25, 1875, was read the second time.

Mr. Darnall moved to amend by inserting claim of \$21.50 in favor of Geo. W. Pitts.

Which was referred to Committee on Accounts and Claims.

On motion, by Mr. Albershardt, the ordinance was amended by inserting claim of \$7.70 in favor of H. G. Stiles for taxes refunded.

On motion, by Mr. Bollman, the ordinance was amended by inserting claim of \$25.75 in favor of John L. Davis for repairs at Market House.

On motion, by Dr. Ward, the claim of E. Hedges, in the sum of \$50, for burying small pox cases, was stricken from the ordinance.

By consent, Mr. Reasner submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Accounts and Claims have examined a number of claims for meals furnished the inspectors, judges and clerks of the late election, and hereby report against the payment of said bills by the Common Council, believing that such bills should be paid by the successful candidate for councilman in his respective ward.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. REASNER,

GEO. C. WEBSTER,

G. W. GEIGER,

Committee on Accounts and Claims.

Mr. Thalman moved to refer to special Committee of three.

Which motion was adopted.

The Chair appointed as such Committee Councilmen Thalman, Curran and Schmidt.

The ordinance as amended was then ordered engrossed.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 26, 1875, was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 27, 1875, was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Dr. Stratford introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 28, 1875, entitled:

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of Extra Policemen.

Which was read the first and second time and referred to Committee on Accounts and Claims.

By consent, Mr. Craft presented the following petition:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned respectfully petitions the Common Council of Indianapolis for further legislation to secure the safety of people crossing the railroad tracks on Virginia Avenue, at Pogues Run.

1st. One watchman and a service terminating at 6 o'clock p.m., is wholly inadequate. There should be at least two watchmen and a service extending from 6 in the morning to 12 o'clock at night.

2d. All trains as they approach the crossing should come to a full stop before crossing over.

3d. Trains opening to allow passengers to go through, should be required to open a space the full width of the street.

4th. Trains should not be allowed to back into the street without an employe of the company being on the rear of such train to give warning.

These and other preventive measures, I respectfully suggest, should at once be adopted and enforced until such time as the trouble can be permanently relieved by the construction of a viaduct or in some other way.

WM. H. ENGLISH,

For himself and numerous other citizens.

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 22, 1875, was read third time and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Ward and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 23, 1875, was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel,

Laughlin, Madden, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Ward and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 24, 1875, was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Darnall, Diffley, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Ward and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 25, 1875, was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Ward and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 26, 1875, was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Reasner, Reed Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Ward and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 27, 1875, was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Ward and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Mr. Reed presented the following communication:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1875.

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

STATE OF INDIANA, }
MARION COUNTY, } ss:

Be it Remembered, That heretofore, to wit, at a term of the Marion Civil Circuit Court of the County of Marion, in the State of Indiana, begun, holden and continued at the Court House in the City of Indianapolis, on the 4th day of June, 1875, the same being the 29th judicial day of the May Term, A. D., 1875, of the said Marion Civil Circuit Court, before the Honorable Livingston Howland, President Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in the State of Indiana, and sole Judge of the Marion Civil Circuit Court, the following order of appointment was made, viz :

Moses R. Barnard, City Commissioner.

The Court being notified that David Gibson, heretofore appointed one of said City Commissioners, has declined to accept said appointment.

In consideration of the premises the Court now here appoints in his stead Moses R. Barnard such City Commissioner, to serve from the date hereof until the 25th day of March, 1876.

And the Clerk is hereby directed to certify this order to the City Council of the City of Indianapolis.

STATE OF INDIANA, }
COUNTY OF MARION. } ss:

Marion Civil Circuit Court.

I, Austin H. Brown, Clerk of the Marion Civil Circuit Court of the County of Marion, in the State of Indiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the proceedings and judgment of said

Court, in the above entitled cause, on the day and year first aforesaid, as appear of record in my office.

[SEAL.] IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my name and hereto affix the seal of the said Marion Civil Circuit Court at my office, in the City of Indianapolis, this 4th day of June, A. D., 1875.

AUSTIN H. BROWN,
Clerk of Marion Civil Circuit Court.

Which was received, and the Clerk instructed to issue the proper certificate.

Mr. Kahn presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 5, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—The covered wooden drain which the City recently constructed at the intersection of Randolph and Michigan streets, just west of the Indiana State Reformatory grounds, has been proven, by the late rains, to be wholly inadequate for the purpose of carrying away the accumulated water in the crooked run. The volume of water collecting at that point and finding no outlet, backs up and overflows the Reformatory grounds, causing great damage and interfering very seriously with the improvements now being made by the State.

This sewer should be nearly three times its present size, in order to accomplish the purpose for which it was placed there. I ask, therefore, the immediate attention of your honorable body to this subject, in order that the city may not be made liable for damage done to State property.

Accompanying this I send you the report of Mr. Wm. H. Morrison, Civil Engineer, to whom was entrusted the examination of the grounds.

By order of the Board of Managers of I. R. I.

J. H. KAPPES, President,

INDIANAPOLIS, June 5, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—I have carefully examined the proposition presented by Mr. Kappes, as President of the Board to the City Council, and concur in his views and ask the careful and favorable consideration of the Council.

Very respectfully yours,

THOMAS A. HENDRICKS,

Governor.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 3, 1875.

J. H. Kappes, Esq. President of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Female Reformatory:

Sir :—I have examined, since the recent rains, the covered wooden drain built by the city immediately west of Randolph street, and south of Michigan street ; and the valley of the branch running through the Reformatory grounds, and have to report, that said drain or sewer is insufficient to carry off the water of the branch, and therefore materially injures the Reformatory grounds.

The average area of the cross section of the natural channel of said branch above the State grounds, is about thirty square feet ; and in high water this channel is insufficient ; the water overflowing the adjacent grounds. My judgment is, that a covered drain, to pass the water of this branch without much damming up of the water, ought to have a cross section of not less than forty (40) square feet ; whereas the area of the cross section of the wooden drain constructed by the city is only about sixteen (16) square feet.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. HENRY MORRISON,
Engineer.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers and City Civil Engineer.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Moved, That Bradshaw and Wright have permission to put in coal vault on Pearl street, between Meridian and Illinois.

Which was adopted, and the same to be built in accordance with ordinance of the city.

It being 11 o'clock, Mr. Adams moved to suspend the rules and continue the session of the Council, and that each member be allowed to present two papers.

Which was adopted by unanimous consent.

Mr. Adams offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to proceed at once to rebuild the bridges at the intersection of the State Ditch with Broadway,

College Avenue, and Ash street, repair the damage done to the streets, culverts, bridges, and all public interests in the northeastern section of the city by the recent flood.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be and is hereby directed to make a survey and to prepare plans and specifications for a levee on or near the Fall Creek Gravel Road, immediately east of the Peru Railroad, of sufficient dimensions to prevent the water from Fall Creek from overflowing the same, together with cost of said levee and report the same to this Council next Monday night.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Albershardt offered the following motion :

Moved, That John Andrew have permission to grade and pave the sidewalk in front of his property on New York street, between Liberty and Noble streets, at his own expense, and the City Engineer is hereby directed to set the grade stakes. Said work is to be done in sixty days.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Committee on Water Works be, and they are hereby instructed, to contract with C. Neab for the erection of a drinking fountain at the northeast corner of East and Washington streets.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Buehrig offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Atlas Works Company, have permission to grade and pave with brick the sidewalk in front of their premises, on South Pennsylvania street, and that the City Civil Engineer be instructed to set the grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Curran offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner put in a wooden culvert on Leota street, where said street connects with English avenue.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the City Marshal notify the Indianapolis, Cincinnati & Lafayette Railroad Company to plank between the rails on their tracks where the same crosses Leota street, the same to be planked the full width of said street, and to be done without delay.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Darnell offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Chair appoint a Committee of three to confer with Messrs. Goepper & Dickson in reference to running of the Second street sewer through their grounds from the eastern terminance of Second street sewer to Pennsylvania street.

Which was adopted,

The Chair appointed as such Committee, Councilmen Darnell, Hall and Webster.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That William Wiles is hereby granted permission to pave the north sidewalk of Third street between Illinois and Tennessee streets, and the same to be done at his own expense and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Diffley offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Committee on Water Works, with the City Engineer, be and is hereby instructed to enquire at once into the necessity of laying water mains on

Kentucky avenue, from the intersection of Kentucky avenue and Illinois street, southeast as far as may be expedient.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Committee on Streets and alleys, in connection with the Street Commissioner, be directed to examine, with power to act, West Georgia street, on north side of railroad track, between West and Missouri streets; the same, for a space of about sixty feet in length by ten in width, being so much lower than the south side of railroad track that it forms a very nasty mud hole and an unsafe drive.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Gimber, from the Committee on Streets and Alleys, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 24, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your committee, to whom was referred the petition of Albert Reisner *et al.*, asking the Council to vacate twenty inches off of the west side of Missouri street between Washington and Maryland streets, the petitioners represent that there was an error in the original survey and plat of the Block (70). Your committee recommend that the petition be referred to the City Civil Engineer with instructions to examine the plat of said Block 70 and to report to this Council, and report correct plat.

Respectfully submitted,

H. GIMBER,

W. F. REASNER,

ISAAC THALMAN,

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Gimber offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the petition of Albert Reisner and others praying for the vacation of twenty inches of ground off of the west side of Missouri street, between Maryland

and Washington streets, be referred to the Commissioners, with instructions to assess benefits and damages, and to make due report; and that for the purposes of such vacation the Common Council do propose to appropriate such real estate and property as may be necessary therefor.

The said Commissioners are instructed to return, as part of their report, all petitions and notices.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to issue, and the City Marshal to serve, the proper notices upon the Commissioners and property owners.

Which was referred to the Committee on Opening Streets and Alleys.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer contract with a competent stone mason to repair the stone arches and stone culverts washed down by the late freshets.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 4, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—Your petitioner would represent that a clerical error was made by carrying the appraisement of my house from the Assessor's book to the duplicate. The Assessor's appraisement was \$200.00, and it was carried onto the books \$2,000, an evident clerical error of \$19.80, which I have paid under protest, and ask your honorable body to refund the same, for which your petitioner would ever pray.

GEORGE WOFMANN.

JOHN VONDERSAAR.

Which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims and City Assessor.

Mr. Hall offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Market Master allow M. Rothschilds to erect a small stand on the east market ground, the same to be constructed under the instructions of the Market Master.

Which was referred to the Committee on Markets.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Committee on Markets be and is hereby authorized to make repairs to the East Market, not to cost over \$150.00. Such repairs to consist in boarding up the stalls on the outside, and to pave in and around the new addition to the Market House.

Which was referred to the Committee on Markets.

Dr. Hook offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to place a wooden culvert across Columbia avenue at a point about one hundred feet south of Home avenue, and fill with gravel the gutter now in the center of the street, under the direction of the City Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That John W. Davis have permission to move a frame house from its present location on Massachusetts Avenue, between East and Liberty streets, by way of Massachusetts and Clifford Avenues, to its destination on Clifford Avenue

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kahn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—Your petitioners pray your honorable body to cause Alabama street to be widened to a width of eighty (80) feet, from Fort Wayne Avenue to Morrison street.

A plat of such proposed street is herewith filed and made a part of this petition.

Respectfully,

J. F. Mick, 90 feet, J. B. Cleaveland, 100 feet, Jacob Huber, 100 feet, W. H. Allen and A. L. Wright, 83 feet, Conrad Baker, 110 feet, Noah A. Walden, 50 feet, L. Howland, 48½ feet, H. B. Palmer, 60 feet, A. J. Danforth, 33 feet, D. H. Wiles, 100 feet, John B. Glover, 50 feet, Hamilton and Shipp, 70 feet, F. M. Herron, 49 feet 7 inches, M. Hartman, 73 feet, Wm. H. Corbaly, 26 feet 8 inches, C. M. Randall, 80 feet, James T. Layman, 80 feet, Chas. F. Cleveland, 50 feet, Geo. W. Powell, 46 feet, David Powell, 50 feet, Chas. M. Raschig, 43 feet, Chas. Haynes, 40 feet, Geo. W. Powell, south of the proposed widening, 32 feet, W. W. Lowe, 40 feet, T. J. Connor, 131 feet, W. G. Munson, 50 feet, A. M. Robertson, 48 feet, B. V. Enos and Son, 78 feet, H. S. Hutchins, 126 feet B. Ward, 60 feet.

Which was referred to the Committee on Opening Streets and Alleys.

Also the following communication and motion :

INDIANAPOLIS, JUNE 7, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—I have been awarded the contract for grading and graveling Twelfth street and sidewalks, between Tennessee and Illinois streets, and taking up and relaying the street railway tracks between the same points. I have been notified by Mr. English, president of the street railway company, not to remove or in any way disturb the street railway tracks under penalty of a suit for damages, etc. I

would respectfully ask your honorable body to take such action in the premises as will fully protect me in the prosecution and completion of the work without hindrance or loss from any controversy that may arise with said railway company.

Respectfully,

J. J. PALMER,

Contractor.

Moved, That the City Attorney be, and is hereby ordered, to defend any suits that may be brought against John J. Palmer by reason of the improvement of Twelfth street under his contract with the City for the improvement of said street.

Which communication was received and the motion adopted.

Mr. Kenzel offered the following motion:

Moved, That William McLaughlin be allowed to grade and pave with brick the sidewalk in front of his property on South West street, northwest corner Merill and West streets. Said work to be done at his own expense and that the Civil Engineer be instructed to set the grade stakes for the same.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to clean the gutter on Kansas street, between Meridian street and Canal.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Laughlin offered the following motion :

Moved, That the alley crossing on the south side of Merrill street between Alabama and Delaware streets, be properly bouldered, and the Street Commissioner be authorized to do the same.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to lay down stone crossings on Duncan street across Alabama street. Also, on Merrill across Alabama street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Madden offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to advertise for proposals to build a stone arch bridge over Pogue's Run, at the crossing of Meridian street, of sufficient capacity to admit of the free passage of the water at its highest stage.

Which was referred to the Committee on Bridges.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to replace the pipe now laid at the south-east corner of Illinois and Maryland streets, for the purpose of conducting the surface water into the sewer, with one of greater capacity; that now in use being too small.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Mr. Reasner presented the following communication and motion:

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

Gentlemen :—Should it be agreeable to the Common Council, I should be pleased to erect my lightning conductor upon the city engine houses, respectively. I represent my rods to be a perfect safeguard from the disastrous results of electricity. I also guarantee that my lightning conductors will obviate that danger, which so frequently occurs by the wires being connected with the buildings. Should the City Treasury not have the money to spare at present, I will wait to suit their convenience.

Very respectfully, yours,

DAVID MUNSON.

Moved, That all the Engine and Hose-reel Houses have lightning rods placed upon them.

Which were referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Also, the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned are the owners of the land lying on the east side of State street, between English avenue and Huron street, except about 260 feet belonging to F. M. Brown, and Messrs. John S. Spana, Stillman Witt, Amasa Stone, James M. Hoyt, and John W. Taylor, are the owners of the land on the west side of State street, between English avenue and Huron street. That said land on said west side, is not incorporated within the City, but by arrangements mutually satisfactory between said owners on both sides, said grading may be done by the undersigned. We are also the owners of the land lying south of English avenue, between State street and Block "D." on the Indianapolis & Cincinnati Railroad Company's Sub-division, while the land on the north side belongs to the State.

We therefore ask permission of your honorable body to grade said State avenue between the points named, and the south half of English avenue between the points named, the same to be done at our own expense and under the direction and to the satisfaction of the City Civil Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. O. ROCKWOOD,
J. CAVEN.

Which was received and prayer of petitioners granted.

Mr. Reed presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 31, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your petitioners respectfully represent that we have and are now having Indiana avenue paved with boulder stone full width from curb to curb in front of our property in a good and substantial manner from West street to Missouri street, and we would like to have the intersection of West street and of Missouri street to the bridge paved in the same manner. The cost of the boulders will be only \$1.20 more than Mr. Smith's present contract to gravel, per front foot. We think it is economy in the city to so do. All of which is respectfully submitted for your considertion and action.

LUDWIG WOENER,
CHARLES KUHN,
N. A. SMOOTHERS,
JOHN J. BURKE,
JOHN LINTNER,

And four others.

Which was received and the City Civil Engineer instructed to contract with R. E. Smith for doing such work.

Mr. Reed offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be and is hereby instructed to set the proper grade stakes at the sidewalks at the corner of Elizabeth and Agnes streets with a view to the prevention of the overflow of water in said locality, and that the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to prosecute the work in accordance therewith to a speedy completion.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Schmidt offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to put down two rows of stone crossings on Delaware street at the intersection of Court street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Also, the following remonstrance :

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

Gentlemen :—We, the undersigned, residents and owners of property fronting on Market street and between Noble and Alabama streets, most respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of the said street, bouldering of the gutters and curbing the sidewalks with stone between the points named, and most respectfully petition your honorable body to substitute therefor an ordinance providing for the grading and macadamizing of said street, bouldering the gutters and curbing the sidewalks with stone. We also petition for the parking of the sidewalks between Alabama and East streets so as to make the street fifty (50) feet between the curbs from East street to the eastern terminus. All west of East street no change.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Mrs. C. Wenger, 86 feet; Fred. Schildmeier, 48 feet;
Jno. J. Grinplaimer, 24 feet; Valentin Schaaf, 35
feet; A. Galvin, 85 feet; Felix Dietch, 32 feet; A.
A. Scott, 32 feet; Mrs. Mary McTaggart, 32 feet;
Mrs. Huldah A. Stout, 32 feet; David Silbiar, 23
feet; J. S. Wilson, 47 7½-12 feet; Thomas Rickards
32 feet.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys with the ordinance.

Dr. Stratford offered the following motion:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to fill the chuck holes on Shelby street at the end of Virginia avenue.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman, from the Committee on Parks, submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Parks, to whom was referred an ordinance regulating expenditures, etc., would report that we recommend the following be substituted as section No. 4:

That no purchases or new improvements, exceeding fifty dollars per month, shall be made by said Commissioner unless specially authorized by the Common Council.

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC THALMAN,

H. GIMBER,

WM. BUEHRIG,

Committee on Parks.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Parks, to whom was referred sundry motions and petitions from horse owners and trainers have been referred to us asking privileges to use the Southern Park track. We would recommend that the Indianapolis Trotting Association be allowed to use and control said track subject to the approval of the Southern Park Commissioner.

A motion to open and a remonstrance against opening Circle Park was also referred to us. Said remonstrance is signed by property owners in the vicinity, also

by the Auditor of State, and an endorsement by Governor Hendricks, giving it as his opinion that the Common Council has no authority over Circle Park, it being State property, in view of which we recommend that the matter be referred to the City Attorney.

We recommend that the Commissioner of Military Park be authorized to have the fence and gates put in order and repaired.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC THALMAN,

HENRY GIMBER,

WM. BUEHRIG,

Committee on Parks.

Which was concurred in.

Dr. Ward offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Board of Trustees at the City Hospital be, and are hereby authorized, to have the fence repaired around the Pest House grounds, which was washed away by the late flood.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1875.

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

The undersigned petitioners, would respectfully represent to your honorable body that it would be of great public utility, and especially to shippers of lumber, to have a side track laid on the east side of the right of way of the Indianapolis, Peru and Chicago Railway Company on Peru street, between North street and Massachusetts Avenue; and said railway company propose putting in said side track ; in so doing, it will be necessary to lay the same across St. Clair street, and one alley. Your petitioners would, therefore, respectfully ask your honorable body to grant said permission, said company agreeing to plank the same and keep both the street and alley in good passable condition.

Indianapolis, Peru and Chicago Railway Company,

By DAVID MACY, President.

Builders and Manufacturers Association,

By C. EDEN, President.

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Webster offered the following motion :

Moved, That permission be, and is hereby granted, G. W. Vanantwerp to pave the sidewalk in front of his property, No. 70 State street, at his own expense, and that the Civil Engineer is hereby directed to set the grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the City Marshall be, and is hereby directed, to notify the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad Company, and the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Indianapolis Railroad Company to have constructed a drain under their tracks from Summit street to the Michigan road, so the water can be drained from Summit street.

Which was adopted.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest:

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.