## PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# COMMON COUNCIL.

#### REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,

Monday, June 28th, 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, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—25.

Absent—Councilman Reed—1.

The proceedings of the regular session held June 21st, 1875, were read and corrected by substituting Mr. Geiger's name for Mr.

Darnell's, where it reads "Mr. Darnell moved to refer to the Committee on Streets and Alleys," on page 252, printed Council proceedings.

The minutes as corrected were approved.

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

A sealed proposal for erecting a drinking fountain on the corner of East and Washington streets, was received, opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

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

Indianapolis, June 28, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred the proposals for filling up the portion of Michigan street washed away by the late rains, would report that they have examined the same and find them to be as follows, to-wit:

#### O. W. Kelley-

Fifty cents per cubic yard for embankment, sixty cents per cubic yard for gravel, one dollar and fifty cents per cubic yard for cinders, and for grubbing trees and stumps, ten dollars.

#### Patterson & Dunning-

For filling with dirt, forty-five cents per cubic yard, for putting on gravel fifty cents per cubic yard, and for rolling mill cinders, one dollar per cubic yard.

#### Christian H. Jarvis-

For filling with dirt, according to Engineer's specifications, forty-five cents per cubic yard, and for graveling the same, sixty cents per cubic yard, and for furnishing cinders for the protection of the break, fifty cents per cubic yard.

#### Strong & Hanna-

For filling according according to specifications of Engineer, with earth, thirty-seven and one-half cents per cubic yard, thirty cents per cubic yard for gravel, and and one dollar and thirty cents per cubic yard for cinders.

Strong & Hanna being the lowest and best bidders, we recommend that they be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON KAHN,
P. H. CURRAN,
ROB'T. C. McGILL,
Committee on Contracts.

Which was concurred in, and contract awarded.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report:

Indianapolis, June 28, 1875

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

Gentlemen:—I have been directed by your honorable body to examine into and make survey of the northeastern part of the city, and report the most practicable, feasible and best way of draining that section of the city, would respectfully report that I have been unable to examine and survey said section, (with the exception of three points, a report of which I submit below,) for want of time, and the work is of such magnitude that I will be unable to accomplish the same in any reasonable time, and attend to the regular duties of my office in the interval, with my present force, and will be obliged to employ additional help.

I herewith submit a report of my examinations and surveys of the three (3) points above referred to:

The grade on North Alabama street, from Home avenue to Linden street, is very defective.

It is my opinion that there was an excavation made in said street for the purpose of securing gravel, and after the improvement was made, the grade sunk for the reason that the ground was not solid underneath, thus causing the defect in the grade above referred to.

It will be necessary, to secure the proper drainage of said street, to raise the grade of the same from Home avenue to Linden street, and at any other points north of Home avenue that may be necessary, and also to lower the gutters between five and six inches from Linden street north to State ditch.

This work can be done by the Street Commissioner.

It will also be necessary, to secure the proper drainage of Pennsylvania street in the neighborhood of the intersection of Home avenue, to build a sewer in Pennsylvania street, from Home avenue to Second street, (not yet opened) and west on Second street to connect with Second street sewer, on the west line of Meridian street.

This ought to be done at once, and Second street opened to permit the building of said sewer.

Said work will have to be done by contract.

I would also recommend the cleaning out of the gutters at the crossing of Meridian street on Tinker street, and the lowering of the gutters on the north line of Tinker street to a point where the sewer commences in said street, to permit the water of this locality running into said sewer.

This work can also be done by the Street Commissioner.

Respectfully submitted.

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report:

Indianapolis, June 28, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—As per your instructions, I have made two additional surveys for a levee immediately east of the Peru Railroad bridge, near Fall Creek, together with the estimated cost of same, and described in the accompanying plat as No. 3 and No. 4.

Levee No. 3 is located north of Millersville Pike, and between said pike and Fall Creek; said levee is to be 1075 feet long and 12 feet wide at the top, the slope to be one to one, requiring 7765 cubic yards of earth, the cost of which will be, at 40 cents per cubic yard, \$3,106,00.

Levee No. 4 is located immediately north of levee No. 3, and the nearest one to Fall Creek; said levee is to be 1375 feet long, and 12 feet wide at the top, the slope to be one to one, requiring 9532 cubic yards of earth, the cost of which will be, at 40 cents per cubic yard, \$3.812,80.

The ground upon which these levees are to be built is much lower than Millersville Pike, and if either one of said levees are to be established, no culverts should be permitted to be put in, for by so doing, it would endanger the washing out of the entire embankment. It is also my opinion, that if either one of said levees be built, that the entire force of the current in Fall Creek during a freshet, will centre at a point against the Peru railroad embankment between said levee and the creek, and I am afraid will force a passage at said point, or, if it fails to do this, it may be possible for it to force a passage through said railroad embankment from the west side, and thus getting behind the said levees, will cause a repitition of the same damage that occurred a short time since.

I am still of the opinion that, if the city can procure the right, the levee on Millersville Pike will be the best, as the embankment of same has been made solid and compact by travel and will make an A No. 1 foundation.

The embankments of the other projected levee will be fresh, and will take several years for them to become solid and compact.

In any event, this is a matter that requires the immediate action of your honorble body, and one of the proposed levees should be decided upon at once.

If the city cannot obtain the right for building the levee on Millersville Pike, I would respectfully recommend the building of the levee described as No. 3, in the annexed plat, as it is the cheapest.

The levee described as No. 4 in the annexed plat is equally as good as levee No. 3, but it will cost more because it is longer by three hundred feet.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ, City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

By consent, Mr. Adams offered the following motion:

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be and is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for the construction of the levee north of the Edge Tool Works, and designated in the Engineer's report as the north levee or survey No. 4, according to the plans and specifications now on file in the City Civil Engineer's office.

Which was adopted.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report:

Indianapolis, June 26, 1875.

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

Genilemen:—There was an ordinance passed by your honorable body on the 17th inst., ordering the improvement of Severn alley by grading and bouldering the

same, from Georgia street to Louisiana street, and the improvement of said alley is advertised to be let on Monday evening, July 5th.

I find upon examination that said alley is not open through to Louisiana street, and that there is a brick building erected on the south end of said alley opening into Louisiana street.

As said alley is not opened to Louisiana street, it cannot be improved but to the south line of Mobile alley, for the reason that the summit line is at the intersection of Mobile alley with Severn alley, causing the water to run north to Georgia street, south to Louisiana street, east to Meridian street and west to Illinois street.

If Severn alley is improved south of Mobile alley, it will cause the water to run directly into the building erected across said alley on Louisiana street.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, with the City Attorney.

The City Attorney submitted the following report:

Indianapolis, June 28, 1875.

Hon. C. C. Byfield, City Attorney:

You will please examine Section 7 of an act to provide for a uniform assessment of property, etc., and amendments of 1873 and 1875, and give your opinion to the Council on Monday, 28th inst., as to whether the real estate owned by the State Board of Agriculture, now within the city limits, is subject to city tax. You will please make your answer to cover both cases, of where property is in use directly, as the ground known as the exposition ground, and the ground in Johnson's heir's addition, which was once used for railroad switch, but is not now used for any purpose connected with the exposition.

WM. HADLEY,

City Assessor.

Indianapolis, June 28, 1875.

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

Gentlemen: —I enclose a communication from the City Assessor, with my opinion upon the question presented:

By section 1 of an act of the General Assembly, approved March 3, 1865, 3d Ind., Statute 7, "the Indiana State Board of Agriculture is empowed to purchase

and hold real estate for the purpose of holding state fairs, and other uses of the Board, to an amount not exceeding eighty acres." By section 3, it is provided "the real and personal estate of said Board shall be exempt from taxation."

The foregoing act is not, in my opinion, repealed, either expressly or impliedly, even if it could be, by any subsequent act. I do not regard it as necessary in order to exempt the land from taxation, that it should be enclosed, or that state fairs should be held on the ground itself. If actually used for any object legitimately connected with state fairs, or, even if not used at all, but held in good faith in anticipation of some such object in future, it should be exempt. If devoted to some object wholly and clearly foreign to state fairs, it would cease to be exempt.

It might be claimed, perhaps, that any real estate owned by fhe Board at the time of the passage of the above named act, would be exempt, although held for no other purpose but that of re-investing the proceeds in other real estate for the same general object for which the corporation was organized.

If necessary to determine this last question, I should ask time for a fuller statement of the facts and for further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

CAS. BYFIELD,
City Attorney.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report:

Indianapolis, June 21, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—In compliance with an order of the Council, I herewith submit an ordinance providing for the repair of sidewalks, and providing for a lien on abutting property.

Respectfully submitted,

CAS. BYFIELD,
City Attorney.

Which was received.

The City Attorney introduced general ordinance No. 45, 1875, entitled:

An ordinance for the repair of sidewalks, and for the taxation of adjoining property for the same.

Which was read the first time.

The City Clerk submitted the following report:

Indianapolis, May 21, 1875

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

Gentlemen:—I hereby report the following affidavit now on file in my office for the collection of street assessment by precept, to-wit:

Robert E. Smith vs. E. T. Keightley, (Christian name unknown) for ........ \$62 27

And recommend that you order the precept to issue.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT.

City Clerk.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Beuhrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kenkel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Thalman and Webster—22.

Negative—None.

The City Marshal submitted the following report:

Indianapolis, June 28, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—On account of the large amount of business in the City Court, I am unable to find time to make service in street opening cases and other matters ordered by your honorable body. There are some twenty street opening cases, which will take one man's time for the next sixty days.

I therefore respectfully request your honorable body to allow me to appoint an assistant for sixty days, to be paid for by the city.

Respectfully submitted.

ELI THOMPSON,

City Marshal.

Which was concurred in.

By consent, Mr. Kahn offered the following motion:

Moved, That the City Marshal be, and is hereby authorized to employ an additional deputy to serve for sixty days at a salary not exceeding three dollars per day.

Mr. Geiger moved to amend by inserting \$2.50 in lieu of \$3.00 per day.

Which amendment was adopted.

The motion as amended was then adopted.

The City Treasurer submitted the following report:

Indianapolis June 28, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to report that the fifty thousand dollars in city warrants issued by order of Council June 14, 1875, have been discounted by Parker & Cobb of Boston, at the rate of  $7\frac{3}{10}$  per cent. per annum; realizing to the city, the sum of forty-seven thousand and two hundred (\$47,200.00) dollars, which has been placed in the interest fund, to be duly accounted for by me as Treasurer.

HENRY W. TUTEWILER,

City Treasurer.

Which was received.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following petition:

Indianapolis, June 28, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—Your petitioner, David Quaintance, asks the privilege of your honorable body to retain the stand at the corner of Meridian and Washington streets, now occupied by him for the purpose of selling "The Joyful Oil," he being blind, and having no other means of making a living.

DAVID QUAINTANCE,

We, the undersigned, recommend the adoption of the above petition.

J. MILNER, WM. D. TOBIN, ALFRED RONS, And thirty-three others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals.

Also, the following communication:

Indianapolis, June 15, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—I am requested by Hezekiah Smith, the owner of lot 102, Allen & Root's addition, to present a claim for damages by the late flood. Please investigate and do right.

T. A. GOODWIN.

Which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING.

Mr. Adams presented the following petition:

Indianapolis, June 22, 1875

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on College avenue, between Reagan street, and Bruce street—Bruce Place, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures, complete to burn gas, except the service pipe on College avenue, between Reagan street and Bruce street, in Bruce Place.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

G. S. Wright, 260 feet, Benj. C. Wright, 195 feet, Jacob
T. Wright, 260 feet, George Bruce, et al., 975 feet,
Thos. W. Wright, 195, R. M. Engle, 65, Wm. Watson, 65.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas Light.

Mr. Adams introduced special ordinance No. 101, 1875, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on College avenue, between Reagan and Bruce street, Bruce Place.

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

Also, special ordinance No. 102, 1875, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Home avenue, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets.

Which was read the first time.

## Mr. Darnell presented the following remonstrance:

Indianapolis, June 22, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, and sole owner of the ground lying in a direct line of Fayette street, between Third street and the Central Canal would respectfully remonstrate against any improvement through his grounds for these reasons, viz:

- 1. That the petition for said improvement only calls for so much of Fayette street as lies between First and Third street.
- 2. That there is no need for any improvement further north than Third street, the ground being untenanted, and a vacant common, and to force me to pay for the improvement of the same would be unjust, and
- 3. The ground lying north of Third street in a direct line of Fayette street is not platted and recorded.

Your remonstrator respectfully asks, therefore, that you repeal the ordinance for the said improvement, and pass an ordinance in accordance with the petition asking for such.

Respectfully,

JOHN C. WRIGHT,

Guardian Fred. H. Wiley.

Which was received.

Mr. Darnell introduced special ordinance No. 103, 1875, entitled:

An ordinance to repeal an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Fayette street and sidewalks, from First street to the Central Canal," passed June 17th, 1875,

Which was read the first time.

Also, special ordinance No. 104, 1875, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Fayette streets and sidewalks, from First street to Third street.

Which was read the first time.

Also, special ordinance No. 105, 1875, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for grading and paving the south sidewalk of Fourth street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets, where not already paved.

Which was read the first time.

Also, special ordinance No. 106, 1875, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Third street and sidewalks, between the Central Canal and the Michigan road.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Laughlin introduced special ordinance No. 107, 1875, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling McCarty street, bouldering the gutters, and paving and curbing the sidewalks thereof, between Delaware and East streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Schmidt introduced general ordinance No. 46, 1875, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for the construction of a sewer in and along Washington street, from Pennsylvania street to New Jersey street, and along New Jersey street north to Ohio street, and providing for the assessment and collection of benefits.

Which was read a first time, and referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Dr. Stratford introduced special ordinance No. 108, 1875, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of East street, from Dougherty street to the first alley north.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Stuckmeyer introduced special ordinance No. 109, 1875, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on Stevens street, between Virginia avenue and East street.

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

Dr. Ward presented the following petition:

Indianapolis, June 28, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, owning property on the first alley east of Charles street, would respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance to provide for the grading and graveling of the above alley between St. Clair street and John street.

For which your petitioner will ever pray.

S. Homath, 65 feet.

Which was received.

Dr. Ward introduced special ordinance No. 110, 1875, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of Charles street, from St. Clair street to John street.

Which was read the first time.

The Council then proceeded with roll call, at the place where they left off at the last meeting.

Mr. Gimber presented the following indemnifying bond:

We, Henry Spielhoff and August Richter, herein severally bind ourselves, our heirs, assignors and executors, unto the city of Indianapolis, in the county of Marion, State of Indiana, in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

The conditions of the above bond, are, that heretofore, on the 8th day of December, 1874, the City Clerk and Treasurer of said city, issued to and caused to be issued to the said August Richter, two certain city orders or warrants of said city; each order or warrant being for the sum of fifty dollars, and numbered respectively, 8216 and 8217, and whereas said orders or warrants having been heretofore stolen from said August Richter, the said City Clerk and the City Treasurer of said city, have re-issued to said August Richter, two other certain city orders or warrants of said city, in lieu of said stolen orders or warrants, for the same amount as the above mentioned orders, numbered 8216 and 8217. Now, if the said bonds above mentioned, to-wit: bonds No. 82I6 and 8217, shall, at any time hereafter, be presented for payment to the City Treasurer of said city, then the said Henry Spielhoff and said August Richter, herein agree to refund and pay back to said City Treasurer of said city, the full amount of said bonds, and in case said orders or warrants numbered 8216 and 8217 shall never be presented for payment to said City Treasurer of said city, then this bond shall be void, otherwise it shall be in full force.

Witness our hands and seals, this 28th day of June, 1875.

HENRY SPIELHOFF, [SEAL.]

AUGUST RICHTER, [SEAL.]

STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF MARION. SS.

Before me, Francis M. Wright, a Notary Public in and for said county, personally appeared the within named, Henry Spielhoff and August Richter, and acknowledged the foregoing signatures to be their voluntary act and deed.

Witness my hand and notorial seal this 28th day of June, 1875.

FRANCIS M. WRIGHT,

Notary Public.

Which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims.

## Mr. Gimber offered the following motion:

WHEREAS, There has been many complaints in the vicinity of the entrance to the sewers, in regard to the stench arising from the sewers when cleaned, on account of the exposure of the filth when hauled off; therefore,

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby ordered to provide for that purpose an air-tight wagon bed, to be used for the purpose of cleaning such sewers.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following petition and resolution:

Indianapolis, June 19, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, your petitioners, respectfully represent to your honorable body that they are the owners of all the lots and lands adjacent to or abutting upon a street commonly known as Sand street, and that the said street was laid out and donated by the property owners.

That they are the only persons interested in, or whose property will be affected by, the vacation of said street.

That said street is a very short one, is of no public utility, that it is low, and in order to prevent its becoming a serious and public nuisance, it will require a fill of about fifteen feet, and unless this fill is made it will become a pond of stagnant water, and a receptacle for slops and filth from adjacent lots and streets.

That the vacation thereof will promote the public good, and will also benefit private interests.

Your petitions file herewith a plat, showing the said Sand street, its location and surroundings.

They also file herewith an agreement, as provided in section 24 of the act of March 17th, 1875.

Your petitioners pray your honorable body to order the vacation of said Sand street.

Respectfully,

J. H. McKERNAN,
CAPITAL CITY IRON CO.,
V. BUTSCH, Pres.
J. O. D. LILLY & SON,
SIMON YANDES,
CHARLES LILLY.

WHEREAS, All the persons owning or interested in lands abutting on Sand street, having petitioned for the vacation thereof, and having filed a written

agreement consenting to such vacation, and this Council being satisfied that it would be for the benefit of the public, as well as of individuals to vacate it, therefore,

Resolved, That Sand street be vacated as prayed in the petition of James H. McKernan, et al.

Which were referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Hall offered the following motion:

Moved, That the City Marshal proceed at once to remove the track of the I. C. & L. R. R. Co., now laid down in the first alley north of Fifth street, running east and west between Mississippi and Howard street.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That the City Assessor and City Civil Engineer be directed to report upon the papers referred to them in the matter of annexing certain lands in section 35.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That Isaac Thalman have permission to pave in front of his property on west New York street, at his own expense, and that the City Civil Engineer be directed to set grade stakes; also, that the contractor be directed to pave city's part on the corner.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That a Special Committee be appointed to examine and report upon the claim of James Maloney, for extra work on engine houses.

Which was adopted, and the Chair appointed as such Committee Councilmen Hall, Albershardt and Geiger.

## Dr. Hook offered the following motion:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to place a culvert over the west side ditch on Columbia avenue at the crossing of Seventh street.

Which was adopted.

## Also, the following motion:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to construct a wooden culvert over the ditch on Tinker street near the eastern terminus of said street.

Which was adopted.

## Also, the following motion:

Moved That the City Marshal notify the President of the Capital City Plaining Mill Company, R. M. Cosby, that he must either have the sidewalks planked or bouldered, where his teams are now crossing, near the Peru R. R., on Christian avenue, or stop said teams from crossing.

Which was adopted.

## Also, the following motion:

Moved, That the Committee on Railroads confer with the Citizen's Street Railway Company with reference to extending a double track street railroad north of Tinker street on Central avenue, and northeast on Malotte avenue to connect by way of Tinker or Eighth street, forming a continuous circuit so that the cars may run both ways.

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Also, the following petition and resolution:

Indianapolis, June 28, 1875.

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your petitioners, residents of the City of Indianapolis, and owning property in said city, on north Pennsylvania street between First and Fourth street, respectfully pray your honorable body, that proper measures may be at once

instituted to open Second street between Pennsylvania and Meridian streets, and that said street be laid out, fifty (50) feet in width, and the north line of lots two (2) and five (5) of Butsch & Goeppers sub-division of lot six (6) and a part of lot five (5) of St. Clair's addition to the city of Indianapolis, be the south line of said street, a plat of which is filed herewith.

In presenting this, your petitioners urge what they believe to be the fact to-wit:

That the opening of said street as herein petitioned for, will open a way for the drainage of north Pennsylvania street at its intersection with Home avenue.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

JOHN KNIGHT,
J. W. DRYER,
ANNIE DAVIS, by
E. A. DAVIS, her husband.
M. I. VOORHEES.

Resolved, That the petition of John Knight, J. W. Dryer et al., praying for the laying out and opening of Second street, between Pennsylvania and Meridian streets, to a width of fifty feet, the north line of lots two and five of Butch & Goepper's subdivision of lot six and part of lot five in St. Clair's addition to the city of Indianapolis, be the south line of said street, be referred to the Commissioners, with instructions to assess benefits and damages, and to make due report; and for the purposes of such laying out and opening of said street, 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 adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—22

Negative-None.

Mr. Kahn offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and is hereby instructed to place upon the backs of all and every city order issued, during this year the following: "This

order is redeemable at the office of the City Treasurer on the 1st day of April, 1876, and bears interest at the rate of  $7\frac{300}{100}$  per cent per annum."

Which was referred to the Committe on Revision of Ordinances and City Attorney, with instructions to prepare an ordinance in accordance with the resolution.

## Mr. Kahn presented the following petition:

Indianapolis, June 17, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate in Sturm & Koller's addition to the City of Indianapolis, respectfully represent:

That at the time of the recording of the plat of Sturm & Koller's addition to the city of Indianapolis, and its annexation to the city, there was designated upon said plat, and dedicated to the public, an alley, running through said addition from east to west, of the established width of twenty feet, the course of said alley being at the uniform distance of 160 feet south of the south line of Michigan street, opposite the U. S. Arsenal, said Michigan street being the north line and boundary of said addition.

That after the annexation of said addition to the City, it was determined by the then City Civil Engineer, that in the contemplated general system of sewers in said city, the aforesaid alley was designated by him as the proper line of sewer which should be canstructed through said addition, inasmuch as its construction at that point would cause the straightening of the channel of crooked creek, which was then in its natural course flowing through said addition. That in pursuance of such designation by the City Civil Engineer, the undersigned caused the said line of sewer to be excavated, thereby giving the waters of crooked creek a straight course through their property; and it was then expressly understood by the Engineer and the undersigned, that said sewer would be extended across Arsenal avenue in order to continue the straight course of said sewer. The undersigned further respectfully represent that said excavation of said sewer now abuts against the roadway of said Arsenal avenue, and there turns southward, along said roadway through the original course of said crooked creek, and crosses Arsenal avenue about 90 feet from where the excavation for said sewer in said addition terminates.

They further represent that the authorities of the Female Prison and Reformatory have constructed, and are about constructing, through the grounds of said institution, a sewer to drain off the waters and other accumulations on said grounds, which sewer will empty into and connect with the sewer of said addition in pursuance of the general system of sewers adopted by the city. That the accumulation of the waters of crooked creek, of the Female Prison, and the drainage of said addition will be a volume of such proportions that its obstruction by the roadway of Arsenal

avenue will cause destruction to the property of the undersigned, which can be avoided by the construction of the sewer across Arsenal avenue, where the excavation for said contemplated sewer now terminates.

Your petititioners therefore pray, in view of the premises to cause the removal of the culvert now existing on said Arsenal avenue to the point opposite to and adjoining the excavation of said sewer in said addition. They ask such removal, as the same could be accomplished without incurring great expense, as the material of every "description of said culvert where the same now stands, can be used in the construction of a new culvert.

All of which is very respectfully submitted.

JNO. C. NEW,
THEO. A. WAGNER,
EDWARD A. NALTNER,
JOSEPH BECKER,
CHRISTIAN H. SCHIVEL,
CHARLES SCHERING,
H. FUNKE, by
H. STURM, Attorney.
H. STURM,
C. S. ROLLIN.

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

## Mr. Kenzel offered the following motion:

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer and Street Commissioner be and are hereby directed to examine the grade of Tennessee street, between McCarty and Ray street, with a view to the prevention of the overflow of water into private property along the line of said street.

Which was adopted.

## Mr. Laughlin offered the following motion:

Moved, That the Committee on Fire Department be and is hereby instructed to purchase a bell striker for the hook and ladder and hose houses on South street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

Mr. Madden offered the following motion:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill the chuck holes on Madison ayenue between Meridian and Delaware streets.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That the City Marshal be instructed to notify Peter Leiber & Co., to discontinue the drainage of slops from their brewery on the open commons east of the J. M. & I. R. R. Co's. track, and in the neighborhood of Morris street, at the crossing of said railroad.

Which was adopted.

Mr. McGill offered the following motion:

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer advertise for a five foot brick sewer on Illinois street from Washington to South street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That J. O. D. Lilley & Sons, be permitted to remove a frame dwelling from Georgia street and Kentucky avenue to Rose street between Grant and McCarty streets.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to remove the bridge at the intersection of South and Missouri street, and continue the fill in the Canal from that point south to Merrill street.

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be and is hereby directed to examine the gutter sewer on west side of Washington street between Mississippi and Missouri street, and report to Council the best method of draining the same at that point.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer, with the Committee on Streets and Alleys, be and are hereby instructed to examine the south, or as it may be called the west, bank of White river in West Indianapolis. for the purpose of ascertaining if any and what steps that would be practicable could be taken to prevent the further washing away of streets along the west bank in that vicinity.

Which was adopted.

Mr. McGill presented the following:

Indianapolis, June 28, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—The accompanying ordinance, No. 138 of 1874, to grade and gravel Plum street and sidewalks in west Indianapolis, was referred to Councilmen from Fifth Ward. The same recommend that it be indefinitely postponed.

J. J. DIFFLEY,

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Ransdell offered the following motion:

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to take up and reset the lamp post on the south side of North street east of the bridge over the canal; the same to be removed to a sufficient distance to locate said post inside the gutter.

Moved, That Samuel Patterson be allowed to remove a frame house from north Tennessee street near Michigan to Third street between Howard and Missouri streets.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to chip off the block pavement in gutters at the foot crossings on north Tennessee street near Ryan's block, so the water can run off.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following remonstrance:

Indianapolis, June 28, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, property owners on North street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of the ordinance providing for bouldering the gutters, curbing and paving the sidewalks of said street between said points.

D. W. Grubbs, 150 feet, W. M. Adams, 150 feet, Wm. M. Blake, 66 feet, James P. Blake, 66 feet.

Which was received.

Mr. Reasner offered the following motion:

Moved, That the crossings on Michigan road, at the intersection of Washington street, be properly bouldered and flagged, and that the Street Commissioner do said work.

Mr. Schmidt presented the following petition and resolution:

Indianapolis, June 28, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—The Council at its last meeting passed a resolution directing the Street Commissioner to raise and reboulder the gutter on the west side of Pennsylvania street, from Market to Ohio street, which is now being done.

We know of no reason why this partiality should be shown the west side of the street, especially as the gutters on the east side are in a much worse condition than those on the west.

For three years past, the east side of Pennsylvania street in front of the new hotel<sup>3</sup> and the whole of Wabash street south of the same, has been blockaded with mortar boxes, lumber and debris from the fire of March, 1873.

We know of no reason why the city would not be responsible for any accident from this continued obstruction, and in fact for damages to the occupants and owners of property on said street, in consequence of this flagrant violation of their rights.

The undersigned, therefore, respectfully ask that you pass the resolution hereto attached, directing the Street Commissioner to remove the obstructions on Pennsylvania and Wabash streets, and raise and reboulder the gutter on the east side of Pennsylvania street, to correspond with the west side, from Market to Ohio streets, and place a stone crossing on Pennsylvania street, from a point opposite the entrance to the Grand Opera Hall to the west sidewalk of Pennsylvania street.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. C. GREEN,
E. B. MARTINDALE,
R. M. COFFIN,
A. A. SCOTT,
JOHN B. SMITH,
J. B. TROUTMAN,

And nineteen others.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby directed to remove all obstructions on the street and sidewalks in front of the new hotel, on Pennsylvania and Wabash streets, and that he raise and reboulder the gutter on the east side of Pennsylvania street, from Market to Ohio street, and place a stone crossing upon Pennsylvania street from a point opposite the entrance to the Grand Opera Hall to the west side of Pennsylvania street.

Which were referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Moved, That the Street Commissioner lay two rows stone flagging across Alabama street on the north side of east Market street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Schmidt presented a claim of Maria Mabb, for \$64.40, rent of house on North New Jersey street.

Which was referred to Committee on Accounts and Claims.

Mr. Schmidt offered the following motion:

Moved, That the Market Master be, and is hereby ordered to remove all shanties except the market house and the weigher's shed, from the east market square, and to allow none to be erected unless by consent of this Council.

Mr. Gimber moved to lay the motion on the table.

Which motion failed to pass by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Gimber, Hook, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—8.

Negative—Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Hall, Kahn, Kenzel, Ransdell, Reasner, Schmidt, Thalman Ward and Webster—17.

Mr. Gimber moved to refer to the Committee on Markets.

Which motion to refer was not adopted.

Mr. Schmidt's motion was then adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Schmidt, Thalman, Ward and Webster—16.

Negative—Councilmen Bollman, Buehrig, Diffley, Gimber, Hall, Lauglin, McGill, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—9.

Mr. Schmidt offered the following motion:

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby instructed to survey out-lots H. 62, 63, 64 and 65, for the purpose of opening Court street, and prepare a true plat of the same.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Stratford offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the owners of the following described real estate, to-wit:

The 3d and 5th lots sonth-east of Cedar street, on the north-east side of Hosbrook street; also, lot No. 410 of Dougherty's sub. of out-lot No. 99; also, lot No. 13, in McKernan's sub., out-lot 99; also, lot No. 423 in out-lot No. 98, which is the 2d lot west of the first alley east of Cedar street, on the north side of Virginia avenue, of the city of Indianapolis, be, and they are hereby, required to fill or drain the same, as, in the opinion of this Council, there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant or noxious as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and of the inhabitants thereof, and that the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby required to notify the owners thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 28, 1866, entitled; "An ordinance providing for the drainage and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same," and that in case of the failure of the owners thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to fill or drain the said hole or excavation as provided in said ordinance, provided, that the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the value of the aforesaid real estate, as assessed upon the tax duplicate for city purposes.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affimative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—21.

Negative—Councilman Hall—1.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to cut down Willow street where it intersects Shelby street, sufficient to allow teams to pass.

WHEREAS, In almost every improved street and alley, there is a portion low and wet, where water stands almost continually, becoming stagnant, and the poison arising therefrom endangers the health and lives of persons, and especially children, who live in the vicinity,

And WHEREAS, There has heretofore been no remedy for the evil except a majority of the persons owning property on such streets or alleys, petition for the improvement, therefore,

Moved, That on the petition of any resident property owner on the line of such street or alley, and the recommendation of the Board of Health, the Council may at once pass an ordinance for the improvement of so much of the street or alley as will prevent the standing of stagnant ponds on the city's property, but such improvement shall not be less than one square.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That G. L. Baar be allowed permission to locate a hay scale in front of his property on the corner of Virginia avenue and Maryland street, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following remonstrance:

Indianapolis, June 7, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, would respectfully remonstrate against the passage of a portion of an ordinance entitled, "an ordinance to regulate the location of hacks and express wagons in the city of Indianapolis," now pending before your honorable body.

We ask your honorable body to strike out that portion which regulates the location of hacks, believing that unless this is done, it will do us an irrepairable injury, inasmuch as having before been located on stands away from the hotels, and knowing by experience that we could not make our expenses, from the fact that our business is not of the same as the expressmen, theirs being more of a local, while ours depends upon the trancient and traveling public. Therefore, without the privileges

of the hotels and depots, some of us would be compelled to withdraw from the business.

Hoping your honorable body will act in fairness and justice with us, your remonstrators, we will ever pray.

JOSEPH GRINSTEINER, F. J. HERRMANN & SON, BEN. IRVIN, WM. WADE, DENNIS SULLIVAN,

And ten others.

Which was received.

Also the following petition:

Indianapolis, June 28, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned respectfully petition that a small sewer be laid down in the alley running north and south between Alabama and Delaware streets from Pearl street to Maryland street, to connect with the Virginia avenue sewer now in course of construction.

And your petitions will ever pray, etc.

German Mutual Insurance Company, by A. Seidensticker, President, 63 feet, John Grosh, 67 feet, J. K. Sharp, on Maryland street 65 feet, on alley, 125 feet, German English School, by Clemens Vonegut, Pres. on Maryland street, 40 feet, on alley, 195 feet.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Mr. Stuckmeyer offered the following motion:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby ordered to put in a cement pipe drain sewer in the rear end of Tomlinson property to connect with the Illinois street sewer.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers.

WHEREAS, John G. Webb has declined to serve as Park Commissioner of the Southern Park, therefore,

Moved, That Dr. I. W. Stratford be appointed Park Commissioner of Southern Park, to serve without pay.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion:

Moved, That a drain pipe be placed across Michigan road by the Street Commissioner, and that he be directed to properly protect the ends, so that it will not wash out.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That Chas. Dougherty have permission to move a house from No. 20 east Pratt street to Mississippi street, north on Mississippi to Third street, west on Third street to corner of Howard.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That John S. Spann, Commissioner of University Park be authorized to put in order said Park, the expense not to exceed two hundred dollars.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That Wm. H. English, Esq., be appointed Commissioner of Circle Park for the ensuing year.

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to widen the culvert at junction of St. Clair street and Indiana avenue so the water can pass through without overflowing; also to clean the gutters on Indiana avenue west of West street.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be directed to contract for the erection of a drinking fountain corner New York and Blake street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Dr. Ward presented the following petition:

Indianapolis, June 28, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—The undesigned, property owners and citizens of Indianapolis, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the appointment of an inspector for hogs, cattle, etc., for the reason that we believe a great deal of the meat sold is impure, unsound, and unhealthy, and we believe the only way to get pure and healthy meats, will be to appoint an honest and competent inspector.

For which your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

R. N. TODD,
W. WANDS,
J. A. SUTCLIFFE,
S. A. BUTTERFIELD,
S. D. JONES,
W. B. FLETCHER, M. D.
JNO. CHAMBERS, M. D.

N. L. ISGRIGG, M. D.

And 105 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Revision of Ordinances.

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be and is hereby directed to report to this Council the best plan for getting rid of the water that accumulates in the gutters on East street, immediately north of Massachusetts avenue.

Which was adopted.

## Also, the following motion:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to continue the gutter on the west side of Broadway street across Cherry street, place a wooden culvert over said gutter, and clean out the gutter on the west side of Broadway street, south from Cherry street, so as to carry off the water that accumulates at the crossing of said streets.

Which was adopted.

#### Also, the following motion:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby instructed to repair the sidewalks on either side of St. Clair street between Charles street and the first alley east, by placing a few loads of gravel thereon.

## Also, the following motion:

Moved, That H. S. Hutchins be, and is hereby granted permission to curb the sidewalk in front of his property on Alabama street between Seventh and Eighth streets; said curbing to be done to the satisfaction of the City Civil Engineer, who is hereby directed to set the grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

## Also, the following motion:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to open a gutter under the stone crossing on the west side of Alabama street, at the crossing of Home avenue with said Alabama street.

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to at once remove the piles of dirt scraped up along St. Clair street, between Delaware and Pennsylvania street.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That Joseph Hanna be allowed thirty days further time for building a brick sewer in Potomac alley, commencing at a point twenty feet from the east line of Meridian street in said Potomac alley, and to run east and connect with the Pennsylvania street sewer.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That Strong & Hanna be allowed thirty days time in which to complete their contract for grading and graveling the alley running from St. Mary to Morrison street, between Central avenue and New Jersey street.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That the Trustees of the City Hospital be, and are hereby authorized to have a twelve inch tile drain from the City Hospital building to the nearest point of the bluff of Fall Creek, for the purpose of draining away the waste water from the said hospital buildings.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Mr. Webster offered the following motion:

Moved, That Samuel Lefever be granted forty days additional time in which to complete the grading and graveling Tinker street.

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to have the lamp posts on Central avenue, between Eighth and Tenth streets, removed and placed in the proper place, and have two repaired.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That Samuel Strong be granted thirty days additional time in which to complete his contract for grading and graveling the alley running from St. Mary's street to Morrison street, and between Alabama and New Jersey streets.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Darnell asked consent of the Council to make a report from Special Investigation Committee.

Which was not granted.

Mr. Darnell then moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of allowing such Committee to present their report.

Mr. Laughlin moved to lay the motion on the table.

Which was not adopted.

The question then being on the motion to suspend the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were:

Councilmen Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Hall, Kahn, Kenzel, Ransdell, Reasner, Schmidt, Thalman, Ward and Webster—14.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Gimber, Hook, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—11.

So the motion to suspend the rules was not adopted.

Mr. Geiger offered the following motion:

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer is hereby instructed to readvertise for bids for the improvement of Indiana avenue, from Tennessee to Missouri street.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That the Mayor and City Clerk be, and are hereby authorized to sign and deliver to W. W. Northrop, bonds to the amount of seven thousand dollars, in consideration for the purchase of grounds, as passed by this Council June 14, 1875.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That the City Clerk be, and is hereby instructed to divide the orders on the Treasurer, to pay the Police and Fire Department, in such amounts as not to exceed ten (10) dollars in any one order, when so requested by such employees.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following resolution:

Resolved That the first alley east of Illinois street, extending from Ohio street to Vermont street, is hereby constituted a street, and shall hereafter be designated and known as Bird street.

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, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Schmidt, Strattord, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—25.

Negative-None.

Mr. Gimber moved that when the Council adjourn it adjourn to meet Tuesday evening, July 6th, 1875.

Which was adopted.

By consent, Mr. Craft offered the following motion:

Moved, That the contractor for the grading and graveling of Michigan street from the east line of U. S. Arsenal grounds to the east line of Woodruff Place have ninety days further time in which to complete his contract.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Geiger moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of taking up and passing general ordinance No. 37, 1875.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—24.

Negative—Councilman Albershardt—1.

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.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Beuhrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook,

Kahn, Kenzel, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—24.

Negative-None.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest:

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.