PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,

Monday, February 26th, 1877—7 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 Buehrig, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Absent—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, and Craft—3.

The proceedings of the regular session, held February 19th, 1877, were read and approved.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report:

Indianapolis, February 26, 1877.

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

Gentlemen: - I herewith report the following estimates for work done:

A second and final estimate allowed John Schier for curbing the outside edges of the sidewalks on Broadway street, between Lincoln avenue and the first alley north—

662.1 lineal feet at 41 cents	\$271 46
Less former payment	239 85
Balance due	\$31 61

Also, a third and final estimate allowed James McB. Shepherd for grading and graveling Ray street and sidewalks from the west line of Tennessee street to the east line of West street—

2865 lineal feet at 38 cents \$1,088	70
46 loads of cinders, including ripraps, 80 cents	80
6 yards extra gravel, at 60 cents 3	60
311.1 yards extra embankment at bridge, at 40 cents	44
Administration and	
Total\$1,253	18
Former payments	18

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ, City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following estimate resolution:

Resolved, That the foregoing second and final estimate allowed John Schier for curbing the outside edges of sidewalks on Broadway street, between Lincoln avenue and the first alley north, 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 Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, McGinty, Ransdell, Reed, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—14.

Negative-None.

Also, the following estimate resolution:

Resolved, That the foregoing third and final estimate allowed James McB. Shepherd for grading and graveling Ray street and sidewalks, from the west line of Tennessee street to the east line of West 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 Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, McGinty, Ransdell, Reed, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—14.

Negative-None.

Also, the following report:

Indianapolis, February 26, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—In pursuance of the order of the Council, I attempted to turn on the water in the drinking fountains belonging to the city, but in consequence of the frost still remaining and pipes being frozen, I could open but seven out of twenty-three. The fact of there being repairs to be made on some of the fountains, I would recommend that the whole matter be referred to the Street Commissioner, and he be instructed to carry out the order of the Council relative to turning on the water, the same to be done only after the ground is entirely free from frost.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report:

Indianapolis, February 26, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—In compliance with instructions from the Council, we have examined the recorded plat of Japan street, and find it platted 50 feet in width, but it does not measure as much on the ground. In view of the dispute regarding said street, we would recommend that the County Surveyor be employed to establish the quarter-section line running north and south through section 13, township 15, range 3 east, which will enable us to measure properly and ascertain which side encroaches upon the street. It seems that both sides claims to have moved the required distance from the section line, but the measurements do not prove it.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.
WILLIAM HADLEY,
City Assessor.
R. O. HAWKINS,

. City Attorney.

Which was concurred in, and adopted.

The City Clerk submitted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, At a regular session of the Common Council, held on the 29th day of May, 1876, certain precepts were ordered to issue against Agedius Naltner; and afterwards, on the 12th day of June, 1876, a certain precept was ordered to issue against Willis W. Wright, all of said precepts having been issued upon affidavits filed by John Greene for work performed by him in grading and graveling Wisconsin street and sidewalks from Mississippi to Meridian street; and

WHEREAS, The estimate upon which said precepts were ordered to issue is erroneous in this, that the description of the property assessed against said Agedius Naltner and Willis W. Wright is incorrect and void; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the sale made under said precepts be set aside, and that all action had upon said precepts be and the same is hereby reconsidered and annulled. That the City Civil Engineer be and is hereby directed to prepare a new and corrected estimate, and report the same to this Council for approval, and that said John Greene be and he is hereby authorized to file new affidavits for precepts.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, McGinty, Ransdell, Reed, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—14.

Negative-None.

The Board of Health submitted the following report:

Indianapolis, February 26, 1877.

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 3d day of February, 1877, to 6 o'clock P. M., on the 10th day of February, 1877:

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Respectfully submitted,

F. M. HOOK, M. D.,

J. W. Marsee, President Board of Health.

Secretary Board of Health, pro tem.

Which was received.

Also, the following report:

Indianapolis, February 26, 1877.

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 10th day of February, to 6 o'clock P. M. on the 17th day of February, 1877:

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Respectfully submitted,

F. M. HOOK, M. D., President Board of Health

J. W. MARSEE,
Secretary Board of Health, pro tem.

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Which was received.

Also, the following report:

Indianapolis, February 26, 1877.

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 17th day of February, to 6 o'clock P. M., on the 24th day of February, 1877.

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Respectfully submitted,

F. M. HOOK, M. D., President Board of Health.

J. W. MARSEE,

Secretary Board of Health, pro tem.

Which was received.

ROLL CALL.

Mr. Darnell offered the following motion:

Moved, That the City Engineer be and is hereby ordered to advertise for proposals for building a 1000 barrel cistern at the corner of Williams and Mississippi streets.

Which was referred to the Fire Board.

Also, the following motion:

Mived, That the City Engineer be and is hereby ordered to plat the Sellers Farm into lots of one acre or more, as the case may be, with streets to the same, the width of said streets to be determined by the Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Also, the fo'lowing motion:

Moved, That the Chair appoint a special committee of three, with the City Attorney, to visit the Sellers Farm for the purpose of examining the place so as to draft an ordinance for the regulation of the same, and report said ordinance to this Council for its passage.

Which was adopted.

The Chair appointed as such committee Councilmen Darnell, Case and Buehrig.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner notify the President of the Street Railroad to fill up the railroad track between its rails from First to Tinker streets on North Illinois street, and the same to be done within ten days from notification, and the Street Commissioner to report to this Council two weeks from to-night whether the said road will comply.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby ordered to fill up the chuck-hole on Tinker street, from the I. C. & L. Railroad track to Meridian street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Darnell presented the following petition:

Indianapolis, February 26, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—Your petitioner would respectfully represent to your honorable body that there is a delinquent tax of \$18.00 carried against west half of west half of west half of square 6, out-lot 157, most of which was taken by the city for the widening and extending of Locke street; but the delinquency accruing on the part that is now in the street, is still carried to the small portion that I own, which I ask your honorable body to remit.

For which I will ever pray, etc.

CHRIS. HILGENBERG.

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

Also, the following petition:

Indianapolis, February 26, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—Your petitioner would respectfully represent to your honorable body that on the first day of November, 1875, he paid to the City Treasurer the city taxes assessed on lot 145, Fletcher et al. subdivision of out-lot 97, in the name of W. H. Matcalf, for 1874. This payment was made by mistake, your petitioner intending to pay on lot 144, in the same subdivision and out-lot, in the name of D. H. Miller.

Your petitioner would therefore ask that the City Clerk be directed to credit the amount of taxes thus erroneously paid to lot 144 in out-lot 97, and that the taxes on lot 145 in out-lot 97 be carried forward and charged to that lot as delinquent.

And as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

U. J. HAMMOND.

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

Mr. Kenzel presented the following petition:

Indianapolis, February 26, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, do certify that the whole estate, real and personal, of Mrs. Elizabeth Catterson, a widow, is worth seven hundred dollars, and that she is entitled to the exemption allowed by the present assessment laws, and asks that her tax be refunded for 1875.

And your petioners will ever pray, etc.

J. W. RICHARDSON, M. J. LAPORT, DANIEL DILLON.

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

Also, the following petition:

Indianapolis, February 26, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, do certify that the whole estate, real and personal, of Mrs. Margaret White, a widow, is worth six hundred dollars, and that she is entitled to the exemption allowed by the present assessment law, and ask that her tax be refunded for ——.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

EDMUND HUSSEY, JOHN CONNOR, JOHN LUCID.

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

Also, the following petition:

Indianapolis, February 26, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, citizens residing on West Morris street and vicinity, being in the Twelfth Ward of said city, do most respectfully represent to your honorable body that in violation of the city ordinance there are nuisances committed day after day in hauling filth and offensive garbage and dumping it so near our residences that the smell is intolerable and jeopardizing our own and our families' health.

We know of no other way by which we can be relieved of the above named nuisances but through you, the members of the City Council, and we as citizens and tax-payers of the city aforesaid, do hereby most respectfully pray the City Council to cause the same to be removed.

And as in duty bound we will ever pray, etc.

J. H. Scharn, H. Campbell, James M. Biddy, W. Beaver, Chas. Schrader, Fred. Suhr, Johanas Hahn, Michael Mountain, John S. Cahill, C. F. Meier, Louis Reimer, John W. Fultz, William Clark, John Ruske, Franklin Sourbeer, John Mountain, John B. Sourbeer, Oliver B. Pumphrey, John C. Ralston, Henry Hakermann, James Branyan, John Keating, William Olds, John Wittenmeier, Louis Hoff.

Which was referred to the Board of Health.

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Also, the following motion:

Moved, That the City Marshal be and is hereby directed to enforce the nuisance law, and bring the guilty party to justice.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Ransdell offered the following motion:

Moved, That John Darby have permission to pave the sidewalk alongside his property on the north side of St. Clair street, from Illinois street to the first alley west, at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Engineer; and he is hereby directed to set the grade stakes, said work to be done within sixty days.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That R. L. McOuat be permitted to build a private sewer along the alley running east and west through square 35, from Meridian street to Severn alley, thence north along Severn alley to the intersection of the private sewer built by A. Bird.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Reed offered the following motion:

Moved, That the City Engineer be and is hereby instructed to present his annual report, ending May first, 1877, to this Council in printed form.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman presented the following petition:

Indianapolis, February 26, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, Trustees and Executive Committee of the Home for Friendless Women of the city of Indianapolis, respectfully represent, that during the early part of 1876, the Home was prepared, at a great outlay of money, for the reception of city female prisoners; but that since

August first, 1876, no prisoners have been sent there, and that up to August first, 1876, no charges were made by the Home upon the city for the safe keeping and maintaining of the said prisoners.

Owing to the depressed financial condition of the Institution, the Home can not maintain these city prisoners without compensation, and therefore we ask your honorable body to send the female city prisoners to the Home, and allow to the institution such compensation for the maintenance of these city prisoners as in your judgment may be equitable and right, not to exceed, however, the cost at the City Station House for maintaining them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. VAJEN, J. H. KAPPES, CHAS. N. TODD,

Trustees and Ex. Com. Home for Friendless.

Which was referred to the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals.

Also, the following remonstrance:

Indianapolis, February 26, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned petitioners, would respectfully remonstrate against the petition presented to your honorable body for the purpose of graveling Bright street, from New York street south to the first alley, said petition having been presented by Mr. Drew. We would object to having it graveled for the following reasons:

First. There is no other outlet to the street, only to the coal yard. Second. Himself and his men are the principal ones that use it.

Whereas, Mr. Drew owns no property on said street, we earnestly protest against graveling it for his benefit.

We also petition that he remove, or cause to be removed, the black dust that he put on said street in the course of thirty days, or be prosecuted according to law.

John Scott, T. B. Gardner, Henry R. Miller, Chas. Mellan, Wm. A. Ousley, Louis Reising, H. J. Hale, Jr., Augustus Stelting.

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

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion:

Moved, That Ingram Fletcher be permitted to put in a sink in front of his block on Massachusetts avenue, near Noble street, said work to be protected by brick or stone arch, to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That hereafter no precepts be issued in favor of contractors, unless a statement accompanies each particular case stating why a precept should be issued, and showing that reasonable efforts have been made by them to collect the same.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That the City Attorney ascertain what agreement exists between Samnel J. Patterson, the city, and the owners of the land adjoining Michigan street, near White River Bridge, as to continuing the levee from Patterson's line to Michigan street embankment, a space still remaining open, that might, during high water, flood the land above Michigan street and endanger the embankment.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thomas moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution in relation to the Circle and University Parks was adopted, at last meeting of Council.

Mr. Reed moved to lay Mr. Thomas' motion on the table.

The question being on the adoption of Mr. Reed's motion, those who voted in the affirmative were:

Councilmen Byram, Darnell, Izor, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Webster, and Wright, William G.—11.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Councilmen Buehrig, Case, Diffley, Kenzel, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, and Wright, Arthur L.—11.

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

So Mr. Reed's motion was not adopted.

Mr. Thomas' motion to reconsider was then adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Case, Diffley, Kenzel, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, and Wright, Arthur L.—13.

Negative—Councilmen Byram, Darnell, Izor, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Webster, and Wright, William G.—9.

Mr. Thomas moved to amend the resolution by striking out everything relative to the University Square.

Which amendment was adopted.

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Webster, and Wright, William G.—20.

Negative—Councilmen Thomas and Wright, Arthur L.—2.

Mr. Darnell moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted at last session of Council, instructing the Chief Fire Engineer to have the streets sprinkled by members of the Department. Mr. Buehrig offered the following motion:

Moved, That the motion already introduced be considered in force, under the direction of the Chief, when deemed necessary.

Mr. Thalman moved to lay the above motions on the table.

Which motion to lay on the table was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Byram, Diffley, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, and Wright, William G.—18.

Negative—Councilmen Case, Darnell, Webster, and Wright, Arthur L.—4.

Mr. Webster presented the following petition:

Indianapolis, February 26, 1877.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned subscribers, do petition the Common Council of the city of Indianapolis for the completion of the grading and graveling of the alley between Pennsylvania and Maryland streets, and between Pratt and St. Joe streets, to be done at our expense, and to correspond with the grade and stakes to be set by City Engineer.

William A. Patton, 37½ feet; M. M. Landis, Administrator, 187½ feet; George V. Thayer, 75 feet; M. R. Culley, C. P. Culley, D. B. Culley, for the younger children, 75 feet.

Being the whole number of feet on either side of the proposed improvement, work to be done in sixty days.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. A. L. Wright offered the following motion:

Moved, That Mrs. Despa be permitted to grade, at her own expense, the first alley west of Liberty street, from Lockerbie street to the first alley north

of Lockerbie street, said alley adjoining her property; provided the work be done within sixty days. The City Engineer is hereby directed to give the proper grade stakes.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Schmidt, the reference of the petition of W. A. Patton et al. to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, was reconsidered, and the prayer of the petitioners granted.

Mr. W. G. Wright presented the following remonstrance:

Indianapolis, February 26, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—We the undersigned, citizens of Indianapolis, Ind., who own real estate situate at and fronting on the south side of Maryland street, between Missouri and West streets, would respectfully remonstrate against your honorable body passing an ordinance providing for the grading and paving with brick, and curbing the portion of said Maryland street lying on the south side and between said Missouri and West streets; and we respectfully suggest as a reason therefor, the hardness of the times, and that nearly all of said property holders are laboring men, and unable to spare the money to pay the assessments thereto; and we respectfully ask your honorable body not to pass said ordinance.

And we will ever pray, etc.

Mrs. S. J. Watson, 101 feet; John Redmond, 25 feet; G. F. Adams, 140 feet; H. M. Foltz, Adm'r of Morley estate, 30 feet; Martin Hurbalger, 50 feet.

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

Mr. W. G. Wright offered the following motion:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to put down a stone crossing on the alley on the north side of Ohio street, between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That W. H. Morrison have permission to raise and repair the stone pavement in front of his property, No. 28, I believe, East Washington street; said work to be done under the direction of the City Engineer, who is hereby directed to set the proper stakes; such improvement to be at said Morrison's cost, and to be done in sixty days.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

WHEREAS, Texas street is a continuation of Lincoln street; and whereas, there is one other street named Lincoln, viz, Lincoln avenue: therefore,

Moved, That the names of both of said streets which are located in the south part of the city be changed to Caven street; and the City Assessor and Civil Engineer are hereby directed to make the change on the platt, and cause the same to be recorded.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Stratford offered the following motion:

Moved, That the Commissioner of the South Park be authorized to allow N. A. Randall and other horsemen who wish to associate themselves with him for the purpose of training horses, the use of the race track in said Park; provided they repair the same and keep it in order at their own expense.

Mr. Darnell presented the following petition:

Indianapolis, February 26, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, being desirous of leasing the tract of land belonging to the city and known as the South Park, beg leave to make the following proposition, to-wit:

In consideration of a three years' lease of said tract of land, we propose to put the trotting track fences, bridges, buildings, water gates, and grounds, in good condition, and keep them in good condition, and so deliver them to the city at the termination of our lease, all at our own expense.

We to have the exclusive control of the buildings, grounds, and trotting track; but any owner or driver of a horse or horses can have the use of the trotting track or stabling on the grounds by paying a reasonable fee, and conforming to the rules in general use among trotting associations.

At all times except those days upon which premiums may be given for trotting or running contests, where an admission fee is charged, the grounds (with the exception of the trotting track), will be kept open free for the enjoyment of the general public.

This lease not to interfere with the city using any portion of the grounds for a Work House or any other purpose: Provided, that the trotting track, stabling, amphitheater, or any other buildings occupied by us are not interfered with.

We understand it has been the custom of the city to turn out to pasture upon the grounds, horses of the Fire Department, when unfit for active service or other causes. We are not only willing that such should be the case, under this lease, but we promise to keep a careful and proper supervision of them while they may be there.

WM. H. BOYCE, S. H. DUNLOP.

Mr. Thalman moved to refer the subject to the Councilmen from the Seventh and Thirteenth Wards.

Mr. Darnell moved as a substitute to refer the subject to the Committee on Parks.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

A Caren Mayor.

Attest:

City Clerk