

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, March 5th, 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, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—21.

Absent—Councilmen Adams, Craft, Kenzel, and Reasener—4.

The proceedings of the regular session, held February 26th, 1877, were read and approved.

Sealed proposals for erecting wooden bridge over Pogues Run at the crossing of Ray street were received, opened, read and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, March 5, 1877.

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

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

A first and final estimate allowed August Verhofstad for grading and graveling the first alley east of West street, running from Merrill street to the first alley south of Merrill street—

365 lineal feet at 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents..... ..\$31 93

Also, a third and final estimate allowed Johnson & Christerson, for building a fire cistern at the corner of Beecher and Shelby streets—

1057.41 bbls. at 35c..... ..\$370 09

Less former payments..... .. 260 47

Final payment\$109 62

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed August Verhofstad for grading and graveling the first alley east of West street, running from Merrill street to the first alley south of Merrill 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 Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Izor

Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reed, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L, and Wright, William G.—15.

Negative—None.

The City Attorney submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, March 5, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—I was directed to report what contract exists between Samuel J. Patterson and the city and the parties owning the lands adjoining Michigan street as to continuing the levee from Patterson's line to Michigan street. I would report that there is no contract between the city and the parties owning the land adjacent to Michigan street at White river to complete the levee down to White river bridge. Mr. Patterson's contract with the city was to build a levee down to his south line, and that has been done. Mr. Rockwood is the owner of the lands between Patterson's and Michigan street, and Mr. Patterson stated at the time of making his contract with the city that Rockwood would extend the levee to Michigan street, but there is no contract or stipulation to that effect in the contract of Patterson with the city.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS,

City Attorney.

Which was approved.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, March 5, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—In the matter of the petition of John C. Wright, administrator of William Y. Wiley's estate, asking that certain damages awarded by the commissioners in the opening of Blackford street should be paid to him, I would report that I have examined the matter, and find that the property mentioned in the petition and also the damages referred to are claimed by one Millie Chizum. The statute under which Blackford street was opened and the damages awarded, provides in section 16 that "should such damages be claimed by different persons and the treasurer be duly notified thereof, he shall in writing certify that fact to the attorney of the city, and it shall be the duty of the attorney to file a bill of impleader in a court of general jurisdiction of the county, making parties thereto such claimants, and he shall

also pay into the hands of the county clerk the damages aforesaid, and upon the determination of the question the money shall be paid to the party entitled thereto, and the damages so far as the city is concerned shall be deemed paid from the time of their payment into the hands of the county clerk." I think that this is the only way of settling the matter, and I would recommend that the petition be referred to the city treasurer with instructions to take the proper steps to have such a bill filed.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS,
City Attorney.

Which was concurred in.

The Street Commissioner submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, March 5, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—I have the honor to submit the following report of work done in my department for the month of February, 1877 :

Repaired and reset 106 foot bridges and culverts, and completed the repairs on the Virginia avenue bridge over Pogue's run.

Laid down stone walks at the following street crossings : On Virginia avenue, at the south end of street railroad tracks, and on the crossings of three alleys on South Union street; one crossing in front of Board of Trade; two crossings at the intersection of Pennsylvania and Ohio streets; four crossings at East and Walnut streets; two crossings at Massachusetts avenue and Delaware street; one crossing at Massachusetts avenue and Alabama street; one crossing at First and Illinois streets; one crossing at Illinois north side of Tinker street.

Bolwdered two alley crossings on North Mississippi street.

Repaired Illinois street at Pogue's run.

Repaired the driveways at Engine Houses Nos. 4 and 5.

Repaired the washouts and cleaned the gutters on Morris street, from West street to the river bridge.

Filled the chuck-holes with gravel on the following streets: On Prospect from Dillon to Reed streets; on Shelby street from Virginia avenue to Pleasant Run; on North from Illinois to California street; on Fifth at intersection of Illinois street; on Tinker from I. C. & L. R. R. to Meridian street, and on Madison avenue, Maple and Illinois streets.

Pay Roll.....	\$2 114 76
John Hanna, gravel.....	4 80
Aaron Grube, lumber.....	183 87
James Childers, bowlders.....	64 75
Smith & Ittenbach, spoils.....	18 00
G. H. Hoover, smithing.....	7 95
W. H. Stover, smithing.....	46 75
C. A. McFarland, bowlders.....	152 25
Charles Kohl, smithing.....	1 50
M. M. Hook, gravel.....	52 50
Daniel Ware, bowlders.....	8 75
G. H. Wright, smithing.....	35 50
A. Simmons, sand.....	7 75
H. C. Roney, laying stone crossings..	75 00
Clemens Vonnegut, hardware.....	49 05
Indianapolis Rolling Mill, cinders.....	50 00
H. B. Mears, oak lumber.....	75 00
Richard Carr, gravel.....	20 30
Samuel Patterson, gravel.....	20 00
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Total.....	..\$2,988 48

Respectfully submitted,

LEANDER A. FULMER,
Street Commissioner.

Which was received.

The Board of City Commissioners made the following report:

Indianapolis, March 5, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned respectfully show to your honorable body:

First. That they were duly appointed by Civil Circuit Court to act as Commissioners to assess damages and benefits, "accruing to the owners of lands and lots through which any street is proposed to be constructed or altered, or any building appropriated, or through which any creek or other water course is proposed to be straightened, or of which the course is proposed to be altered."

Second. That they did, as required by law, take and subscribe the oath and affirmation by law required.

Third. That they were and are duly qualified to act as such Commissioners, and do possess lawful authority to assess benefits and damages.

SECOND.

Your Commissioners do further report—

First. That on the 14th day of December, 1876, they met at City Clerk's room, pursuant to the notice hereunto annexed, marked exhibit "A."

Second. That they did, at the time and place aforesaid, enter upon the consideration of the matter of opening Dunlop street, more fully described in the petition to us referred, and hereto annexed, marked exhibit "B."

Third. That they did inquire into the matter of the service of notice upon property owners, and do herewith report said notices, with the Marshal's indorsement of service thereon.

Fourth. That the following named persons appeared in answer to said notice, viz: Arthur Mueller (for heirs), Fred. Kottkamp, Wm. Smith, Chris. Boose, J. Vandersaar, Hester J. Harrison (by A. C. Harrison), Philip Guenther, Mrs. H. Clearwater (by A. C. Harrison), Geo. Merritt.

THIRD.

The said Commissioners do further report that they did, at the time aforesaid, examine the real estate proposed to be appropriated, and did at the time and place indicated in said notice, hear evidence touching the questions before them, and did also view the premises, and that they did estimate—

First. The value of the land and property to be appropriated for said improvement.

Second. What part thereof, if any, ought to be borne by the city.

Third. What real estate, if any, would be benefitted by the improvement.

FOURTH.

Your Commissioners do further report—

First. That the value of the land to be appropriated is in the aggregate eighteen hundred dollars (\$1800).

Second. That the city should pay two hundred dollars (\$200) thereof.

That we do assess benefits as follows upon the following described real estate of, viz:

Peter Lieber & Co., 2 acres s. e. cor. n. w. qr. of n. w. qr. sec. 13 t. 15 r. 3.....\$	300
City of Indianapolis, lots 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96 and 97, McCarty's s. add.	200
John Mueller's heirs, 2 39-100 acres s. e. cor. n. w. qr. of n. w. qr. sec. 13 t. 15	
r. 3.....	120
Margaret Hand, lot 4, Dunlop & Tutewiler's sub. of Morris' add.....	25
A. C. Hand, lot 5, " " " " "	15
Moritz Schmidt, lot 6, " " " " "	10
Jacob Widlenger, lot 7, " " " " "	7
Jacob Widlenger, lot 8, " " " " "	5
Jacob Widlenger, lot 9, " " " " "	3
Peter Baltz, 110 feet w. end lot 3, D. & T.'s " " "	20
Peter Baltz, " " lot 2, " " " "	12
Barbara Sponsel, lot 1, D. & T.'s sub of M.'s add.....	10
Henry Krafthaefer, lot 12, Yeiser's add.....	7
Catharine Hess, executrix, lot 11, Yeiser's add.....	5
Elizabeth, John and Caspar Hess, lot 10, Yeiser's add.....	6
James Frank, lot 5, Hansen et al. re-sub. of Yeiser's add.....	4
Joseph Asbury, lot 11, D. & T.'s sub. of M.'s add.....	5
Charles Tutewiler, lot 12, D. & T.'s sub. of M.'s add.....	5
George Merritt, lot 1, Merritt's re-sub. of D. & T.'s sub. of M.'s add.....	10
George Merritt, lot 4, " " " " "	5
George Merritt, lot 5, " " " " "	5
George Merritt, lot 6, " " " " "	5
Philip Guenther, lot 3, " " " " "	10
Fanny Dawson, lot 2, " " " " "	10
Clarissa Young, lot 10, D. & T.'s sub. of M.'s add.....	15
Chris. Baase, lot 21, " " " "	15
H. Carter, lot 22, " " " "	14
J. Billingsworth, lot 23, " " " "	14
J. Billingsworth, lot 24, " " " "	14
Charles Kuhn, lot 25, " " " "	13
Charles Kuhn, lot 26, " " " "	13
Henry Helm, lot 27, " " " "	12
Conrad Russe, lot 28, " " " "	12
Harvey Taylor, lot 29, " " " "	12
Harvey Taylor, lot 30, " " " "	12
Elizabeth Schmidt, lot 31, " " " "	11
Lewis Myers, lot 32, " " " "	11
Baltimore Pearl Hominy Co., lot 33, D. & T.'s sub. of M.'s add.....	11
W. H. Berryman, lot 34, D. & T.'s sub. of M.'s add.....	8
W. H. Berryman, lot 35, " " " "	8
Sophia Kenberger, lot 36, " " " "	8
George Shoen, lot 37, " " " "	7

Mary Dodge, lot 38,	D. & T.'s sub. of M.'s add.....	\$	7
Reynard Belters, lot 39,	" " "		7
Annie C. Young, lot 40,	" " "		6
N. M. Schofield, lot 41,	" " "		6
Chris. Heckman, lot 42,	" " "		6
Chris. Heckman, lot 43,	" " "		5
Chris. Heckman, lot 44,	" " "		5
John C. Hoffman, lot 45,	" " "		5
John Vandersaar, lot 46,	" " "		4
John Vandersaar, lot 47,	" " "		4
Jane Billingsworth, lot 48,	" " "		15
J. B. Stumph, lot 49,	" " "		15
R. G. Kelly, lot 50,	" " "		15
Martha Clearwater, lot 51,	" " "		14
Michael Toohey, lot 52,	" " "		14
Michael Toohey, lot 66,	" " "		7
Michael Toohey, lot 67,	" " "		7
John Francis, lot 53,	" " "		14
John Francis, lot 54,	" " "		13
Brackston Jones, lot 55,	" " "		13
Josephine Baltz, lot 56,	" " "		13
Harietta Owens, lot 57,	" " "		12
Harietta Owens, lot 58,	" " "		12
L. Ehrman, lot 59,	" " "		12
John Fishback, lot 60,	" " "		11
Wm. G. Randall, lot 61,	" " "		11
Wm. G. Randall, lot 62,	" " "		11
A. P. Howe, lot 63,	" " "		8
John Bossert, lot 64,	" " "		8
Michael Lynch, lot 65,	" " "		8
Esther J. Harrison, lot 68,	" " "		7
Chris. Hilgenberg, lot 69,	" " "		7
Chris. Heckman, lot 70,	" " "		6
Chris. Heckman, lot 71,	" " "		6
Chris. Heckman, lot 72,	" " "		5
James Frank, lot 73,	" " "		5
James Frank, lot 74,	" " "		5
James Frank, lot 75,	" " "		4
J. A. Meyers, lot 76,	" " "		4
Catherine Meyers et al., lot 77,	" " "		4
Catherine Meyers et al., lot 78,	" " "		4
C. F. & B. A. Meyers, lot 79,	" " "		4
C. F. & B. A. Meyers, lot 80,	" " "		4

Fred. Kottkamp, lot 90, McCarty's s. add.....	\$ 18
Nicholas McCarty, lot 31, " "	16
Nicholar McCarty, lot 34, " "	10

The following named persons have not been notified :

P. Rassmensen, lot 8, Hansen et al. re-sub. Yeiser's add.....	4
Loren Hanson, lot 7, " " " " "	4
Jas. Cordry, lot 6, " " " " "	4
Emma G. Stacy, lot 100, Yeiser's add.....	2
Adaline Young, lot 101, " "	2
G. F. Robertson, lot 102, " "	2
Peter Drier, lot 103, " "	2
Frank Ebberheart, lot 104, " "	2
Jas. T. Wright, lot 105, " "	2
C. H. Telheming, lot 106, " "	2
H. A. Ainsworth, lot 107, " "	2
Wm. Fitzpatrick, lot 108, " "	2
H. A. Ainsworth, lot 109, " "	2
H. A. Ainsworth, lot 110, " "	2
H. A. Ainsworth, lot 111, " "	2
W. H. Draper, lot 112, " "	4
Melville Strong, lot 113, " "	4
Flabius Vanvorhis, lot 114, " "	4
W. W. Curry, lot 115, " "	4
Johnston & Milburn, lot 116, " "	4
Chas. Rossfelt, lot 117, " "	4
H. W. Hildebrand, lot 118, " "	4
S. H. Geisendorff, lot 119, " "	4
Elizabeth M. Inlow, lot 120, " "	4
Clara G. Turner, lot 121, " "	4
Margaret Engars, lot 122, " "	4
Margaret Engars, lot 123, " "	4
Margaret Engars, lot 124, " "	4
Henry Baas, 30 feet e. end of lots 2 and 3, D. & T.'s sub. M.'s add.....	10
Henry Baas, lot 16, D. & T.'s sub. of M.'s add.....	15
Henry Baas, lot 17, " " "	10
Henry Baas, lot 18, " " "	5
W. A. Schofield, lot 10, " " "	5
French & Dougherty, lot 19, D. & T.'s sub. M.'s add.....	15
Fred. Keppen, lot 81, " " "	4
Hiram Seibert, lot 82, " " "	4
M. Kepple and wife, lot 83, " " "	4
Chris. Gomph, lot 84, " " "	4
Barbary Leadly, lot 85, " " "	4

Thomas Kane, lot 86, D. & T.'s sub. ot M.'s add.....	\$	4
Thomas Kane, lot 87, " " "		4
Thomas Kane, lot 88, " " "		4
Thomas Kane, lot 89, " " "		4
Wm. & Maria Werther, lot 90, " " "		4
Henry Gimber, lot 91, " " "		4
Charlotte Douglass, lot 92, " " "		2
John Otte, lot 93, " " "		2
Hannah Drayer, lot 94, " " "		2
Margaret McGrath, lot 95, " " "		2
R. L. Talbot, lot 96, " " "		2
R. L. Talbot, lot 97, " " "		2
Sam. Delzell, lot 98, " " "		2
J. R. Perkenpine, lot 99, " " "		2
J. R. Perkenpine, lot 100, " " "		2
Oliver Smith, lot 101, " " "		2
Oliyer Smith, lot 102, " " "		2
Geo. Hoffman, lot 103, " " "		2
Geo. Menshardt, lot 104, " " "		2
Caroline Morris, lot 105, " " "		2
Nicholas McCarty's heirs, lot 89, McCarty's S. add.....		16
Nicholas McCarty's heirs, lot 88, " "		14
Nicholas McCarty's heirs, lot 87, " "		12
Nicholas McCarty's heirs, lot 86, " "		10
Nicholas McCarty's heirs, lot 85, " "		8
Nicholas McCarty's heirs, lot 25, " "		4
Nicholas McCarty's heirs, lot 24, " "		2
Fred. Keppen, lot 84, " "		6
Adam H. Henshen, lot 83, " "		4
John F. Buchanan, lot 32, " "		14
Delphin Buchanan, lot 33, " "		12
Chas. A. Simpson, lot 35, " "		8
Fahnley & McCrea, lot 37, " "		4
Henry W. Muir, lot 38, " "		2
Wm. Smith, lot 29, " "		12
Wm. Smith, lot 30, " "		14
Fielden Ross, lot 28, " "		10
Caroline Holzwirtt, lot 27, " "		8
Caroline Holzwirtt, lot 26, " "		6
Myron H. Strong, lot 23, " "		1
Total amount.....	\$	1800

That we do assess damages as follows, to-wit, upon a parcel of ground owned by and described as follows:

John Mueller's heirs, a strip of land fronting 54 feet on Madison avenue, and 55 67-100 feet fronting on the J. M. & I. R. R., off of n. side of 2 39-100 acres, s. e. cor. n. w. qr. of n. w. qr. of sec. 13, t. 15, r. 3.....	\$1,620
Peter Lieber & Co., 6 feet on Madison avenue, running w. on a line to 4 33-100 feet on the J. M. & I. R. R., off of s. side 2 acres, s. e. cor. n. w. qr. of n. w. qr. sec. 13, t. 15, r. 3.....	180
Amount.....	<u>\$1,800</u>

That the benefits aforesaid are such as each of the persons respectively would receive. That the damages assessed are such as each of said persons to whom damages are awarded would sustain.

The persons whose benefits exceed damages, and the amounts of the excess, are shown in table "A," and those whose damages exceed benefits are shown in table "B," showing in the one table the benefits in excess of the damages, and in the other the excess of the damages over and above the benefits.

Your Commissioners do therefore recommend that the said Dunlop street be opened as prayed, and that the damages and benefits assessed be paid and collected according to law.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. AVERY,
R. H. PATTERSON,
GEO. W. HILL,
J. S. HILDEBRAND,
Commissioners.

Your Commissioners would further state that the portion of ground lying between the Mueller's and Lieber & Co.'s, on the east, and Chestnut street on the west, proposed to be taken in the opening of Dunlop street, is owned by N. McCarty and the J. M. & I. R. R. Co., and has not yet been taken in the corporate limits of the city, consequently your commissioners have no jurisdiction over that portion of land. But Mr. McCarty say he will deed the right of way through his ground to the city for the purposes of a street.

G. W. HILL,
Clerk.

TABLE A.

BENEFITS TO BE COLLECTED:

Margaret Hand.....	\$ 25
A. C. Hand.....	15

Moritz Schmidt.....	\$ 10
Jacob Widlenger.....	15
Peter Balz.....	32
Barbara Sponsel.....	10
Henry Krafthaefer.....	7
Catherine Hess, Executrix.....	7
Elizabeth, John and Caspar Hess.....	6
James Frank.....	18
Joseph Asbury.....	5
Charles Tutewiler.....	5
George Merritt.....	25
Philip Guenther.....	10
Fanny Dawson.....	10
Clarissa Young.....	15
Chris. Baase.....	15
H. Carter.....	14
Jane Billingsworth.....	48
Charles Kuhn.....	26
Henry Helm.....	13
Conrad Russe.....	12
Harvey Taylor.....	24
Elizabeth Schmidt.....	11
Louis Meyers.....	11
Baltimore Pearl Hominy Co.....	11
W. H. Berryman.....	16
Sophia Kenberger.....	8
George Shoem.....	7
Mary Dodge.....	7
Renard Belters.....	7
Annie C. Young.....	6
N. M. Schofield.....	6
Chris. Heckman.....	33
John C. Hoffman.....	5
John Vandersaar.....	8
J. B. Stumph.....	15
R. G. Kelley.....	15
Martha Clearwater.....	14
Michael Toohey.....	28
John Francis.....	27
Brackston Jones.....	13
Josephine Balz.....	13
Harrietta Owens.....	24
L. Ehrman.....	12

John Fishback.....	\$ 11
Wm. G. Randall.....	22
A. P. Howe.....	8
John Bossert.....	8
Michael Lynch.....	8
Esther J. Harrison.....	7
Chris. Hilgenberg.....	6
J. A. Meyers.....	4
Catherine Meyers.....	8
C. F. & B. A. Meyers.....	8
Fred Kottkamp.....	18
Nicholas McCarty	26
P. Rassmensen.....	4
Loren Hansen.....	4
James Cordry.....	4
Emma J. Stacy.....	2
Adaline Young.....	2
G. F. Robertson.....	2
Peter Drier.....	2
Frank Ebberhart.....	2
James T. Wright.....	2
C. H. Lelheming.....	2
H. A. Ainsworth.....	8
W. Fitzpatrick.....	2
W. H. Draper.....	4
Melville Strong.....	4
Flabius Vanvoris.....	4
W. W. Curry.....	4
Johnson & Milburn.....	4
Charles Rossfelt.....	4
W. H. Hildebrand.....	4
S. H. Geisendorff.....	4
Elizabeth M. Inlow	4
Clara G. Turner.....	4
Margaret Engars.....	12
Henry Bass.....	40
W. A. Schofield.....	5
French & Dougherty	15
Fred. Keppen.....	4
Hiram Seibert	4
M. Kepple and wife.....	4
Chris. Gomph.....	4
Barbara Leadly.....	4

Thomas Kane.....	\$ 16
Wm. and Maria Werther.....	4
Henry Gimber.....	4
Charlotte Douglass.....	2
John Ott.....	2
Hannah Drayer.....	2
Margaret McGrath.....	2
R. L. Talbot.....	4
Sam. Delzell.....	2
J. R. Perkenpine.....	4
Oliver Smith.....	4
Geo. Hoffman.....	2
Geo. Menshardt.....	2
Caroline Morris.....	2
Nicholas McCarty's heirs.....	66
Fred. Koppen.....	6
Adam H. Henshen.....	4
John T. Buchanan.....	14
Delphine Buchanan.....	12
Chas. A. Simpson.....	8
Fahnley & McCrea.....	4
Henry W. Muir.....	2
Wm. Smith.....	26
Fielding Ross.....	10
Caroline Holzwertt.....	14
Myron H. Strong.....	1
Peter Lieber.....	120
City of Indianapolis.....	200
Total amount.....	\$1500

TABLE B.

DAMAGES TO BE PAID.

John Mueller's heirs.....\$1500

Which was received.

Mr. Thomas presented the following remonstrance :

Indianapolis, March 5, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, interested tax payers, respectfully remon-

strate and protest against the adoption of the report of the City Commissioners recommending the opening of Dunlop street, between Madison avenue and Chestnut street, and assessing benefits and damages therefor.

P. Lieber & Co., Arthur Mueller, Frederick Mueller, Lewis Ehrman, E. Krafthoefer, B. Sponsel, J.W. Billingsworth, Peter Balz, Josephine Balz, U. C. Harrison, J. Vandersaar, Adaline Young, Peter Drier, George Schoen, Baxter Jones, H. Clearwater, Thomas Kane,* Adolphus C. Hand, Margaret A. Hand, Elise Schmidt, Henry Baas, Christian Baase, F. Kottkamp, Wm. Smith, J. F. Buchanan, D. R. Buchanan, Philip Guenther, F. Hoffman.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The Chief of Police presented the following communication :

Indianapolis, March 5, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—During the past week or so very serious charges have been preferred against me as Chief of Police by the press of the city, and also by a late member of the force, and as the charges severely reflect upon my character and reputation as a man and an officer, I desire that the Council should at once take the necessary steps to investigate the charges, and allow the opportunity to vindicate myself and prove them to be wholly false. I feel that such action is due to me, and I therefore ask your honorable body to take action in the matter at once.

Very respectfully yours,

A. C. DEWEY,
Chief of Police.

Mr. Byram, from the Police Board, submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, March 5, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—Charges against the character and official incapacity of Austin C. Dewey, Chief of Police, having appeared in the public prints of the city, and the same having been filed with the undersigned, the Board of Police, and they, after due consideration, finding that they have no jurisdiction in

the case, herewith hand your honorable body the papers filed with them, and ask that a special committee be appointed to investigate and report to your honorable body if there are sufficient grounds to prefer charges against the said Austin C. Dewey.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,

MICHAEL STEINHAUER,

GEO. C. WEBSTER,

Board of Police.

Also, the following charges:

Indianapolis, February 23, 1877.

To the Honorable Members of the Board of Police of the city of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—I make and present the following charges of misconduct and drunkenness against Austin C. Dewey, Chief of the police force, and respectfully ask that the trial and hearing thereof be fixed for an early day.

J. MOREAU.

I charge Austin C. Dewey, Chief of the Police of the city of Indianapolis, while on duty and in uniform as such officer in said city, with drunkenness, drinking intoxicating liquors, disorderly conduct, and with conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, in this, to-wit :

SPECIFICATION 1. That on or about the 8th day of January, 1877, at the city of Indianapolis, county of Marion and State of Indiana, said Austin C. Dewey, being then and there Chief of the Police of said city, and being then and there in uniform and on duty as such chief officer of said police force, was drunken and intoxicated, and thereby incapacitated for the discharge of his duties, contrary to the laws of said city and the rules governing said police force.

And I further charge said Austin C. Dewey, Chief of the Police of the city of Indianapolis, with drunkenness and conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, in this, to wit :

SPECIFICATION 1. That on or about the 14th day of February, 1877, at the city of Indianapolis, county of Marion and State of Indiana, said Austin C. Dewey, being then and there Chief of the Police of said city, and being then and there on duty and in uniform as such officer, was drunk and intoxicated, and thereby unfit for duty, contrary to the ordinances of said city and the rules and regulations governing said police force.

SPECIFICATION 2. That on or about the 14th day of February, 1877, at the city of Indianapolis, county of Marion, and State of Indiana, said Austin C. Dewey, being then and there chief of the police force of said city, and being then and there on duty and in uniform as such officer, visited a house of prostitution kept by one Maggie Richmond in said city, for the purpose of having illicit or unlawful intercourse or connection with one of the women thereof, and that said Dewey, as such officer, and while on duty as aforesaid, then and there did have unlawful intercourse or carnal knowledge of one of the women thereof, whose name is unknown to informant. And that said Dewey did not visit said house of prostitution in the discharge of his official duties, all of which conduct was contrary to the ordinances of said city and the rules governing said police force.

SPECIFICATION 3. That on or about the 14th day of January, 1877, at the city of Indianapolis, county of Marion and State of Indiana, said Austin C. Dewey being then and there in uniform and on duty as Chief of the Police force, and at the head of a procession of the police, who were attending or proceeding to the funeral of a deceased comrade, lifted his hat and saluted publicly and spoke to one Hattie Anderson, a notorious prostitute of said city, in the presence of numerous and divers citizens of said city, which conduct was unbecoming an officer in the presence of his men, and against the rules and regulations governing said police force.

SPECIFICATION 4. That afterwards, to-wit, on or about the 14th day of January, 1877, said Austin C. Dewey, being then and there Chief of the police force of said city, and being then and there on duty and in uniform as such officer, took one Hattie Anderson, a notorious prostitute and strumpet, out riding in a buggy along the streets of said city, and in public highways and places, and conducted himself in a scandalous manner, all of which was improper, scandalous conduct, unbecoming an officer and gentleman, and contrary to the ordinances of said city, and the rules and regulations of said police force.

And I further charge said Austin C. Dewey, Chief of the police force of said city of Indianapolis, with incompetency and inefficiency as such chief officer, and with neglect of duties pertaining to his said office, in this, to-wit:

SPECIFICATION 1. That houses of prostitution in said city of Indianapolis are not suppressed, that the gambling houses of said city are

not closed up, and that all attempts in that direction by the said chief have been weak or abortive, and he frequently violates the ordinances of said city himself.

SPECIFICATION 2. That said Dewey, while chief of said force and acting as such, has never issued or promulgated any general orders of value to the men pertaining to the discharge of their duties.

SPECIFICATION 3. That said Dewey is wholly incompetent and unfit for the duties of his said office.

And I further charge said Austin C. Dewey, Chief of the Police of said city, while on duty as such officer, and in his uniform, with frequenting and visiting houses of prostitution in the city of Indianapolis, not in the discharge of official duties, but for the purposes of drinking intoxicating liquors and having illicit intercourse with inmates thereof, contrary to the ordinances of said city of Indianapolis and the rules governing the police force.

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

Jeremiah Moreau being first duly sworn upon his oath says, that the matters and facts alleged and set forth in the foregoing charges and specifications against Austin C. Dewey, are true, as he is informed and verily believes.

JEREMIAH MOREAU.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this first day of March, 1877.

ALBERT B. COLE,

Notary Public.

And I would further state that I am ready and prepared to furnish the names of a large number of witnesses to fully prove the foregoing charges and specifications to be true; that I will furnish them at any time, to any committee that the Council may appoint to investigate the matter.

JEREMIAH MOREAU.

Mr. Schmidt moved that the report of the Board of Police be concurred in.

Which motion was adopted.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed as such investigating committee, Councilmen Thalman, Izor and Buehrig.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following remonstrance :

Indianapolis, February 14, 1877.

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

The undersigned, signers to a petition which has already been presented to your Honorable Body, that the city give her body in the sum of \$500,000 (five hundred thousand dollars) toward the construction of the projected Belt Railroad and Stock Yards, respectfully ask that their names be stricken from the petition before mentioned, for the reasons hereinbelow given.

The petition aforesaid set forth that the various railroads centering at this point would use the said Belt Railroad when completed, but investigation proves that not one road has, by a written article, agreed to use the said Belt Railroad, while certain of the roads have refused, in writing, to have anything to do with it.

For which reason we petition as above set forth.

J. HENRY MEYER,
HENRY REASENER,
JOHN R. HOFFMAN,
GEO. F. BERG,

And  others.

Which was received.

The Superintendent of the City Hospital submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, March 3, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—I would respectfully report that I have collected and paid to the City Treasurer, as shown by the accompanying duplicate receipt, the following sums of money, collected from the following sources, to-wit :

Pay patients....	\$85 00
Tallow sold.....	5 32
Old iron sold.....	2 55
Total	<u>\$92 87</u>

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. VAN VORHIS,

Superintendent.

Which was approved.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

Mr. Izor introduced general ordinance No. 6, 1877, entitled :

An ordinance to amend section twenty (20) of an ordinance entitled, "an ordinance regulating the markets within the City of Indianapolis, defining the duties of Market Master, and prescribing certain rules and regulations relative to the sale of provisions, produce, and other articles in the markets and other portions of said city," ordained November 30th, 1863.

Which was read the first time.

By consent, Mr. Byram submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, March 5, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, your Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, herewith submits the report of the City Dispensary for the quarter ending February 28, 1877, together with sundry papers received by them, and recommend that an appropriation of \$800 be made for the use of said Dispensary, and that the same be put in the general appropriation ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,

J. W. BUGBEE,

Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, March 5, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—Report of the City Dispensary for the month ending February 28th, 1877:

Number of visits north of Washington street..	137
Number of visits south of Washington street.....	150
Number of visits to Station House.....	56
Total number of visits.	343

Number of Patients prescribed for at Dispensary.....	401
Number of Prescriptions filled at the Dispensary.....	810
Number of Surgical Operations.....	11
Number of Vaccinations.....	7
Number of Births.....	2
Number of Deaths.....	3

The above is a true and correct statement as shown by the reports of the visiting physicians and the books of the dispensary clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. FLETCHER,

Sup't City Dispensary.

Which was received.

The papers mentioned in the report of the Committee on Benevolence were referred back to said committee.

By consent, Mr. Darnell presented the following communication :

Indianapolis, March 5, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, residents of the city, whose homes are in the neighborhood of the building known as the Home of the Friendless, controlled by a charitable corporation organized for the protection and reform of friendless women, beg to state that they are informed that it is the design of said corporation to ask your honorable body to use said building, under its present management, as a prison for the confinement of female culprits who have been sentenced for violation of city ordinances.

That this building has been heretofore used to some extent for the same purpose, and has proved to these petitioners an indescribable nuisance, which has rendered residence in its neighborhood intolerable.

The prisoners are necessarily of the lowest class, who by the vulgarity, profanity and indecency of their speech, and the shameless exposure of their persons, call around the building gangs of brutal men and women, who render the streets in the neighborhood as offensive as the prison, and who render their use by the public, and especially by women and children, dangerous and in every way disgraceful.

The management of the building is in the hands of females, who are utterly unable to control the wretched prisoners whom it is proposed to commit to their care.

The object of the corporation is defeated by any such use of their house, as it is in vain to expect decent women to accept a refuge in such a place, and equally vain to hope for the reformation of the fallen who are to be surrounded by such shameful influences.

The petitioners have their homes surrounding this place, which is directly upon one of the most frequented streets of Indianapolis, and but little removed from the dwellings of many decent tax payers of the city; and these for the pretext of eking out a support for this charity by turning it into a female prison are to have their wives and their children, and their friends and visitors exposed to the infamies which are to be thus foisted upon them in the name of charity and reform.

We earnestly protest against any such outrage.

W. Q. GRESHAM,
JOHN HART,
N. B. TAYLOR,
EDWIN TAYLOR,
And 27 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

Mr. Ransdell introduced appropriation ordinance No. 15, 1877, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money on account of City Hospital and Branch for the month of February, 1877.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Byram introduced appropriation ordinance No. 16, 1877, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money on account of Station Houses for the month of February, 1877.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Reed introduced appropriation ordinance No. 17, 1877, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money on account of printing, etc., for the month of February, 1877.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Webster introduced appropriation ordinance No. 18, 1877, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis for the month of February, 1877.

Which was read the first time.

Appropriation ordinance No. 15, 1877, appropriating money on account of City Hospital and Branch,

Was read the second time and engrossed.

Appropriation ordinance No. 16, 1877, appropriating money on account of Station House,

Was read the second time, and engrossed.

Appropriation ordinance No. 17, 1877, appropriating money on account of Printing, etc.,

Was read the second time and engrossed.

Appropriation ordinance No. 18, 1877, appropriating money to pay sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis,

Was read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Thomas, the above ordinance was amended by striking out claim of Messrs. Cottrell & Knight, for rent.

By consent, Mr. Izor, from the Committee on Gas Light, submitted the following report:

Indianapolis, March 5, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—Your committee to whom was referred the petition of John T. Dickson and others, asking that a lamp post be erected on Chesapeake alley, in front of the school house of St. Mary's church, would respectfully report as follows:

We find it practicable to remove one lamp post from the east end of Washington street bridge over White river, and would recommend that said post be removed to the point indicated in the petition above referred to, provided that the expense of removing said post and making the necessary connections be paid by the petitioners.

2. In regard to the petitions of Weitzel & Marples, agents for the DePalos "Pressure Moderator and Gas Saver," and J. Knight, agent for "Stacey's Automatic Regulating Gas Burner," we would report as follows:

That we have had one of Weitzel & Marples' Pressure Moderators in use at the City Hall since the 20th day of January, 1877, with the following results: amount of gas consumed during December, 1876, without Moderator attached, 20,000 feet; amount consumed during month of January, 1877, with Moderator attached ten (10) days, 16,500 feet; amount consumed during month of February, 1877, with Moderator attached, 9,800 feet. The week commencing January 13, shows a consumption of 4,600 feet without the Moderator, and the week following, with the same quantity of gaslights, shows a consumption of 2,300 feet with the Moderator attached, showing a saving of fifty per cent. of gas consumed in the same length of time.

3. The following is a correct statement of gas consumed at the Station House during the same months, with and without "Stacey's Automatic Gas Burner" attached: Number of feet consumed during month of December, 1876, without the Stacey Burner attached, 2,300 feet; number of feet consumed during month of January, 1877, with Stacey's Burner attached twenty days, 2,640 feet; thus showing a consumption of 340 feet more gas in the

same time with the Stacey Burner attached two-thirds of the month; number of feet consumed during the month of February, 1877, with the Stacey Burner attached, 1,790 feet. Therefore we would report in favor of the De Palos Pressure Moderator and Gas Saver, it being, in our judgment, the best method of saving gas, and would recommend the purchase of a few for the use of the city where the largest quantity of gas is consumed by meter measurement.

4. We also present the report of Prof. R. T. Brown as to the quality of gas furnished from January 17th to February 22d, giving the candle-power of fourteen observations:

PHOTOMETER OBSERVATIONS.

January 17, candle-power.....	7.58
January 18, " " ..	9.02
January 19, " "	10.66
January 20, " "	8.81
January 22, " "	9.24
January 24, " "	8.54
January 27, " "	9.30
January 29, " "	9.16
February 1, " "	8.61
February 9, " " ..	8.19
February 12, " "	9.19
February 15, " "	7.69
February 17, " "	10.81
February 22, " "	8.97
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	9.05

Mean candle-power of fourteen observations made at the dates above written, 9.05. An observation made March 5, 1877, gave 14.38 candle-power.

R. T. BROWN.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT IZOR,
 A. L. WRIGHT,
 MARTIN MCGINTY,
 Committee on Gas.

The first section of the report was concurred in, and the remainder of the report was received.

Mr. A. L. Wright offered the following amendment to the appropriation ordinance No. 18, 1877 :

Moved, That the account of the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company for gas consumed by the city of Indianapolis during February, 1877, be reduced 25 per cent., because of the quality of gas furnished being below the required standard.

Which was adopted.

The ordinance, as amended, was then ordered engrossed.

Appropriation ordinance No. 15, 1877, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money on account of City Hospital and Branch for the month of February, 1877,

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—19.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 16, 1877, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money on account of Station House for month of February, 1877,

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—19.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 17, 1877, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money on account of printing, stationery, etc.,

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L. and Wright, William G.—19.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 18, 1877, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis for the month of February, 1877 :

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—19.

Negative—None.

Mr. Darnell offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals confer with the County Commissioners in reference to the City Dispensary.

Which was adopted.

ROLL CALL.

Mr. Buehrig offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Council now proceed to the election of two Trustees to receive and hold the city bonds as provided for in general ordinance No. 51, 1876, known as the Belt Railroad ordinance.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Ransdell offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, On the 23d day of October, 1876, the Common Council passed a motion to reconsider the vote by which general ordinance No. 51, 1876, entitled "An ordinance providing for the issuing of certain bonds in aid of the Union Railroad Transfer and Stock Yard Company, and prescribing the conditions upon which such bonds are issued and delivered;" therefore,

Resolved, That the said motion to reconsider the vote by which said general ordinance was passed be and the same is hereby reconsidered and declared null and void, and the record of the same is hereby ordered stricken from the records of proceedings of the Common Council.

The City Attorney presented to the Council a certified copy of the act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, legalizing the contract entered into between the Union Railway Transfer and Stock Yard Company and the City of Indianapolis, as defined in general ordinance No. 51, 1876.

Which was read for information.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Moved, That the matter be referred to the City Attorney with instructions to report to this Council whether the bill passed by the Legislature authorizes the Council to pass an ordinance to its second reading shall then be in force.

By request, the City Attorney addressed the Council fully explaining the subject under consideration, and especially the point raised by Mr. Thalman.

Mr. Diffley offered the following motion :

Moved, That the motion by which the Council decided to go into an election of trustees of the city's Belt Railroad bonds be and is hereby reconsidered.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell,

Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—21.

Negative—None.

The resolution offered by Mr. Ransdell was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Bugbee, Case, Diffley, Izor, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—16.

Negative—Councilmen Byram, Darnell, Morse, McGill, and Thalman—5.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Bugbee, Case, Diffley, Izor, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—16.

Negative—Councilmen Byram, Darnell, Morse, McGill, and Thalman—5.

The Chair appointed Councilmen Izor and Diffley as tellers.

Nominations being in order, the names of Councilmen Ransdell, Diffley, Reed, Byram, and A. L. Wright, were placed in nomination.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows :

Councilman Ransdell received	. . .	13 votes.
Councilman Reed received	. . .	15 "
Councilman Diffley received	. . .	3 "
Councilman Byram received	. . .	5 "
Councilman A. L. Wright received	. . .	5 "

Councilmen Ransdell and Reed having received a majority of the votes cast, were declared duly elected as Trustees.

Mr. Buehrig offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Council now proceed to the election of two members of the Board of Directors of the Union Railroad Transfer and Stock Yards Company, as provided in general ordinance, No. 51, 1876.

Mr. Thalman moved that the subject of electing two Directors be made the special order of business for next Monday night.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Buehrig offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby directed to proceed to execute the \$500,000 in city bonds for the Union Railroad Transfer and Stock Yards Company, as provided in general ordinance No. 51, 1876, and when so executed that they be delivered to the trustees elected to hold them under the provisions of said ordinance.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Bugbee, Case, Diffley, Izor, McGinty, Pouders, Ransdell, Reed, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—15.

Negative—Councilmen Byram, Darnell, Morse, McGill, and Thalman—5.

By consent, Mr. Buehrig, from the Committee on Parks, submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, March 5, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Parks, to whom was referred a communication from Messrs. Boyce & Dunlap, asking for a lease of the Southern Park for a term of three years, respectfully report that the park grounds, build-

ings and track are in a very dilapidated condition, and as the city will not have much money to expend on parks for some time to come, we would recommend that the parties be granted a lease of said track and buildings for a term of three years, they binding themselves to permit all other parties to use the track, on paying a reasonable fee. In consideration of such lease they are to repair and protect the banks of the creek where washed out, put in new and substantial bridges over the creek, fix up the gates, fences, buildings and amphitheater, and keep the same in good order until the end of such lease, when the same is, in like good order, to be turned over to the city. Such repairs to be made under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Park Commissioner and Civil Engineer. The said parties to file a bond, to be approved by the Council, for the faithful performance of said contract, also to bind themselves to keep all immoral characters off the grounds, and suffer no animals, such as cattle, sheep, swine, horses or mules, to run at large in said park, nor suffer any trees to be cut down or destroyed. The grounds to be at all times open and free to all, except on days when races are given, for which admission is charged at the gates, at which times they are to have entire control. We also recommend that the City Attorney, Park Commissioner and Committee on Parks be authorized to draw up and sign a contract with the parties to the effect of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. BUEHRIG,

ISAAC THALMAN,

T. J. MORSE,

Committee on Parks.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Bugbee offered the following motion :

Moved, That W. C. Shortridge have thirty days' further time in which to complete his contract for grading and graveling the alley east of Meridian street, between Second and Fifth streets.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the City Marshal be and is hereby directed to notify the property owners on the east side of Rohampton street, between Lincoln avenue

and Seventh street, to remove their buildings and fences to the east line of said street, the City Engineer to set the proper line and grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Case offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby instructed to place a wooden culvert across English avenue at the intersection of Pine street, on the east side of said Pine street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Morse offered the following motion :

Moved, That J. C. Campbell have permission to erect an awning over the sidewalk, on Mississippi street.

Which was ruled out of order.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Civil Engineer be directed to advertise for proposals for grading and graveling west Court street, between California and West streets, as per ordinance.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Ransdell offered the following motion :

Moved, That Henry Biedeman be permitted to grade and pave with brick the sidewalk in front of his property on the south side of St. Clair street, between Meridian and Illinois streets, the same to be done at his own expense and to be completed within sixty days, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, and he is hereby directed to set the grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Stratford offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Clerk be directed to employ the County Surveyor to establish the quarter-section line running north and south through section 13, township 15, range 3 east.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Stratford presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, March 5, 1877.

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

I, Dennis Golden, am unduly taxed for the south one-third of lot No. two (2), and the north one-third of lot No. three (3), in the south half of out-lot No. one hundred and one (101), in the city of Indianapolis, according to the subdivision of the same made by David S. Beatty, administrator, of Green & Waters' subdivision. P. Phelan is taxed \$19 for 90 feet; I. White is taxed \$19 for 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet; D. Golden is taxed \$31 58 for 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

DENNIS GOLDEN.

Which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and City Assessor.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Civil Engineer be directed to set grade stakes on Lynn street, in West Indianapolis.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Chief Fire Engineer be directed to inspect the condition of a stable between Blake and Minerva streets, which is about tumbling down, and likely to do great damage to a house adjoining; that he report at once to the Mayor, and take such steps as will protect the adjoining property

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to examine the sidewalks on Washington street, between Noble and West streets, and cause a notice to be issued as is provided by ordinance, requiring all parties to put in good repair such sidewalks where out of repair.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, March 5, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned property owners along the line of New York street, west of White river, respectfully represent to your honorable body that we, being a majority of the property owners along the line of said street where it is proposed to have opened, remonstrate against the same, and respectfully ask that you instruct the City Marshal not to take any legal action in the matter, as it would only put us to cost and trouble, which we at this time can not pay.

Respectfully,

CHARLES S. BOYNTON,
A. WILLIAM MINKNER,
CH. F. LENTZ.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, To refer to the City Attorney and Civil Engineer, with instructions to examine the records and ascertain if the petitioners' statements are correct, if so, that the Marshal be directed to take no further action.

Which motion was adopted.

By consent, Mr. Thalman submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, March 5, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred a motion from Mr. Diffley, relating to the protection of the embankment of White river, in West Indianapolis, would recommend that the Civil Engineer

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be directed to make a survey of the embankment and report a plan that would be best for the city and property holders to adopt.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC THALMAN,
ALBERT IZOR,
WM. F. REASENER,
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Thomas offered the following motion :

Moved, That the committee appointed to visit the Sellers farm for the purpose of investigating the propriety of passing an ordinance for the government of the same, be and are hereby instructed to visit the slaughter houses on the east side of White river, near the Belt Railroad, and report the condition of the same to this Council by ordinance or otherwise.

Which was adopted.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

J. Soren..... Mayor.

Attest :

Beije Wright..... City Clerk.