

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.
REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, April 23d, 1877—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, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—24.

Absent—Councilman Kenzel—1.

The proceedings of the regular session, held April 16th, and the adjourned session, held April 18th, 1877, were read and approved.

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

Indianapolis, April 23, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred the proposals presented to Council Monday evening, April 16, 1877, for grading and graveling Second street and sidewalks, where not already improved, between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows, to-wit:

J. J. Palmer, 69 cents per front foot on each side, and where the sidewalks are improved a reduction of 18 cents per front foot to be made.

John Greene, 65 cents per lineal foot front on north side of said street, and for 55 cents per foot front on south side from Meridian street to the first alley east of Meridian street, and 60 cents per foot from said alley to Pennsylvania street.

J. G. Sickler, 37 cents per front foot on south side, where improved first 200 feet, and 60 cents per front foot on north side first 200 feet, and 54 cents per front foot on each side for balance of street.

R. Carr, 41 cents per foot front, where already improved, and 57 cents per foot front where not improved.

Henry Clay, 41 cents per foot front, where already improved, and 48 cents per foot front where not improved.

R. H. Patterson, 37 cents per foot front, where already improved, and 54 cents per foot front where not improved.

E. B. Elliott, 36 cents per foot front where already improved, and 49 cents per foot front where not improved.

Irwin & Hanna, 36 cents per foot front where already improved, and 48 cents per foot front where not improved.

J. McB. Shepherd, 36 cents per foot front where already improved, and 40 cents per foot front where not improved.

Jas. A. Garner & Co., 32½ cents per foot front where already improved, and 43 cents per foot front where not improved.

James Mahoney, 30 cents per foot front where already improved, and 44 cents per foot front where not improved.

John Richardson, 30 cents per foot front where already improved, and 37 cents per foot front where not improved.

John Low, 26 cents per foot front where already improved, and 34 cents per foot front where not improved.

John Low being the lowest and best bidder, your committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BUGBEE,

ROBT. C. MCGILL,

Committee on Contracts.

Which was concurred in, and contracts awarded.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, April 23, 1877.

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

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

A third and final estimate allowed Koss & Fritz for building and repairing stone abutments on Pogues Run at crossing of Ray street—

135.7 cubic yards masonry at \$4.49.....	\$609 29
190.8 cubic yards wet excavation at 45 cents	85 86
40.8 cubic yards dry excavation at 20 cents.....	8 16
8061 feet lumber at \$1.75 per 100 feet....	141 06
12 feet cement pipe at \$1.00.....	12 00
Laying pipe.....	1 10
Total.....	\$857 47
Less former payments.....	825 30
Balance due.....	\$32 17

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was approved.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, April 23, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—In compliance with an order of Council, April 9, 1877, I have prepared twenty-five maps (one for each ward), defining the boundaries of each ward, and the same are herewith submitted.

I have also purchased and placed in the Council Chamber a new city map, upon which I have traced the corporation line, ward lines, aldermanic district lines, and fire limits.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was received.

Mr. Darnell moved that the City Marshal be directed to take charge of the ward maps, and return the same, after the election, to the Civil Engineer.

Which motion was adopted.

The City Attorney submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, April 23, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—I would report that in compliance with the order of the Council I have procured certified copies of the aldermanic bill, and also the funding bill, passed by the last Legislature, and under the direction of the Committee on Printing have had 250 copies of the same printed, and have them ready for distribution as the Council may direct.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS,

City Attorney.

Which was received.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, April 23, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—The petition of Charles Gompf was referred to us to report what action should be taken in the matter by your honorable body. We would report that we have examined the matter with Mr. Gompf's attorney, and find that the report of the City Commissioners in the opening of the alley is correct, and that the petitioner's rights have been fully protected. We are of the opinion that Mr. Gompf's attorney is also convinced that there has been no injustice done his client.

We therefore recommend that the Council take no further action in the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS,
City Attorney.

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, April 23, 1877.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—Your petitioner would respectfully represent that he paid the personal tax of Harvey Davis, amounting to \$4.35, which was erroneously charged to real estate of which I am the owner, the property being transferred to Davis by recording a deed to perfect title some years after he was the owner of the property, and as this was the only real estate in his name, the personal was carried to the lots, when in fact I was the owner; and therefore his personal could not be a lien on the property, as my abstract, which I since obtained, will show.

I ask your honorable body to refund to me the amount of Harvey Davis's personal tax, which I have fully paid and he refuses to pay to me, and direct the Clerk to carry this as delinquent to Mr. Davis.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

JONATHAN A. MURPHEY.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Mayor presented the following restraining order :

HENRY WEGHORST ET AL., }

vs.

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }

ELI THOMPSON. }

In Circuit Court Marion County.

It is ordered that all proceedings upon the order of the City Council of Indianapolis, directing the City Marshal of the city to remove the fences of Henry Weghorst, J. George Stiliz, and other, on the east side of Japan street, be restrained and enjoined, and that the officers of said city, and said Eli Thompson, the Marshal, be enjoined from opening, widening or grading said street and removing the fences along the plaintiffs' land on the east side thereof, until Saturday, the 28th day of April, 1877, and the further order of this Court herein on that day.

J. B. JULIAN, Judge.

April 23, 1877.

STATE OF INDIANA, }

MARION COUNTY, }

} SCT:

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The foregoing I certify to be a true copy of the restraining order granted by the Judge of the Circuit Court of Marion county, Indiana, in above entitled cause, as appears of record.

AUSTIN H. BROWN,

Clerk, &c.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the original restraining order.

JOHN T. PRESSLY,

Sheriff Marion County.

Which was received, and referred to the City Attorney.

The Mayor submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, April 23, 1877.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—The amount of fines collected by me during the months of January, February, and March, 1877, due the Home for Friendless Women, is \$298.30; and the amount due the City Treasury is \$54.35, which amounts I

have paid to the City Treasurer, as will appear by his duplicate receipt, filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CAVEN,

Mayor.

Which was received.

Mr. Bugbee introduced special ordinance No. 19, 1877, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Rohampton street and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof, between Lincoln avenue and Tinker street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Byram presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, April 13, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owner of the real estate fronting on Herbert street, between Illinois and Meridian streets, respectfully petitions for the passage of an ordinance for the grading and graveling of said street from Meridian to Illinois street; also grading and graveling sidewalks of same.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

JAS. A. ROGERS, 201 $\frac{3}{4}$ feet.

Which was received.

Mr. Diffley introduced general ordinance No. 16, 1877, entitled :

An ordinance requiring certain Railroad Companies, therein named, to place a flagman at the intersection of Mississippi and Louisiana streets, and providing a penalty.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Diffley moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of reading the above entitled ordinance the second and third times, and placing it on its final action.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Ransdell, Reasener, Schmidt, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—18.

Negative—None.

General ordinance No. 16, 1877, entitled :

An ordinance requiring certain Railroad Companies, therein named, to place a flagman at the intersection of Mississippi and Louisiana streets, and providing a penalty.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Ransdell, Reasener, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—20.

Negative—None.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

Mr. Ransdell introduced appropriation ordinance No. 27, 1877, entitled :

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

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Webster introduced appropriation ordinance No. 28, 1877, entitled :

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

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Byram introduced appropriation ordinance No. 29, 1877, entitled :

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

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Craft introduced appropriation ordinance No. 30, 1877, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money on account of Fire Department for the month of April, 1877.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Adams introduced appropriation ordinance No. 31, 1877, entitled :

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

Which was read the first time.

Appropriation ordinance No. 27, 1877, was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Appropriation ordinance No. 28, 1877, was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Appropriation ordinance No. 29, 1877, was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Appropriation ordinance No. 30, 1877, was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Appropriation ordinance No. 31, 1877, was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Appropriation ordinance No. 27, 1877, was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinances No. 28, 1877, was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L. and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 29, 1877, was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 30, 1877, was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder,

Ransdell, Reasener, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 31, 1877, was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McCill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

Mr. Darnell moved that general ordinance No. 14, 1877, be acted upon first.

Which motion was adopted.

General ordinance No. 14, 1877, entitled :

An ordinance to amend sections one and three of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance providing for the management of the City Hospital of the City of Indianapolis, and repealing an ordinance entitled 'an ordinance providing for the management of the City Hospital of the City of Indianapolis, ordained and established May 25, 1871,' ordained and established the 22d day of May, 1876."

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

The next special order, viz., the gas ordinance and amendment, was taken up.

The question being on the adoption of Mr. Byram's amendment, offered April 18, 1877,

Mr. Thalman moved to adopt the amendment.

Mr. Thomas moved to amend the amendment by substituting \$50,000 for \$25,000.

On motion by Mr. Thalman, Mr. Thomas's amendment was laid on the table by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Byram, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, and Wright, Arthur L.—13.

Negative—Councilmen Buehrig, Bugbee, Case, Craft, McGill, Pouder, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thomas, Webster, and Wright, William G.—11.

Mr. Byram's amendment was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, and Wright, Arthur L.—14.

Negative—Councilmen Buehrig, Bugbee, Craft, McGill, Pouder, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thomas, Webster, and Wright, William G.—10.

On motion, the ordinance as amended was ordered engrossed.

Dr. Stratford moved that the ordinance be postponed for two weeks.

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

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Byram, Case, Darnell, Izor, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, and Wright, Arthur L.—13.

Negative—Councilmen Buehrig, Bugbee, Craft, McGill, Pouder, Reasener, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thomas, Webster, and Wright, William G.—11.

General ordinance No. 15, 1877, entitled:

An ordinance to amend the first section of an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance investing Robert Dickson and his associates and their assigns with the privilege of furnishing gas to the City of Indianapolis and the inhabitants thereof, upon certain conditions therein named."

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Byram, Case, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, and Wright, Arthur L.—13.

Negative—Councilmen Buehrig, Bugbee, Craft, McGill, Pouder, Reasener, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thomas, Webster, and Wright, William G.—11.

Mr. Thalman moved to reconsider the vote by which the above ordinance was passed.

Which motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. Reed introduced appropriation ordinance No. 32, 1877, entitled:

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

Which was read the first, second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Poudner, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—23.

Negative—None.

Mr. Diffley asked to be excused for the balance of the evening.

Which request was granted.

Dr. Stratford offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution passed at the last meeting of Council appointing inspectors and judges for the coming election on the first of May, 1877, be amended by striking out the name of Frances M. Trissal as judge in the Seventh Ward, and inserting the name of William F. Kittenbach.

Mr. Byram offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution passed at the last meeting of Council appointing inspectors and judges for the election to be held on the first day of May next, be amended by striking out the name of John Coburn, inspector, and inserting the name of J. M. W. Langsdale.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution passed at the last session of Council fixing the places of holding elections on the first of May next, be amended by striking out the place fixed for the voting place of the Twentieth Ward, and inserting Butler Mission Church, on Fletcher avenue, between Cedar and Dillon streets, and also by striking out the place fixed for the voting place of the Fourteenth Ward, and inserting 149 Minerva street.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution appointing inspector and judges for the election to be held on the first of May, 1877, which was passed at the last meet-

ing of the Council, be amended by inserting therein the name of John Bruner, judge, in the Third Ward, in place of John A. Bruner.

Mr. Case offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution appointing inspectors and judges for the election to be held on the first day of May, be amended by striking out the name of G. C. Krug as judge in the Nineteenth Ward, and inserting the name of Thomas Tallentire.

Mr. Ransdell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution appointing inspectors and judges for the election to be held on the first day of May, 1877, be amended by striking out the name of D. W. Grubbs as inspector in the Twelfth Ward, and inserting the name of J. D. Howland.

Mr. Schmidt offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution appointing inspector and judges for the coming election on the first of May, passed at the last meeting of Council, be amended by striking out the name of Andrew Wallace, inspector in the Eleventh Ward, and inserting the name of Charlton Eden.

Which resolutions were adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative — Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.
—23.

Mr. A. L. Wright, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report and receipt :

Indianapolis, April 23, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Finance respectfully report that in compliance with your order they have had prepared, and the Mayor and Clerk have executed, bonds of the City of Indianapolis amounting in the aggregate to five hundred thousand dollars, consisting of five hundred bonds of one

thousand dollars each, with interest coupons attached, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, as provided for in the contract entered into by and between the City of Indianapolis and the Union Railroad Transfer and Stock Yard Company, and that we have delivered said bonds to John Caven, Enos B. Reed and Daniel M. Ransdell, the duly elected Trustees for the custody thereof, according to the terms of said contract, and herewith file the said Trustees' receipt for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. WRIGHT,
N. S. BYRAM,
I. W. STRATFORD,
JOHN THOMAS,
Committee on Finance.

Indianapolis, April 17, 1877.

Received of the Finance Committee of the Common Council of said city, the five hundred City Bonds mentioned in the contract made and entered into by and between the said City and the Union Railroad Transfer and Stock Yard Company.

J. CAVEN,
ENOS B. REED,
DANIEL M. RANSDSELL,
Trustees.

Which were approved.

The Mayor submitted the following report and receipt :

Indianapolis, April 23, 1877.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—The undersigned Trustees, would respectfully report that we have received from your Finance Committee bonds of the city to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars, issued in trust to the order of The Union Railroad Transfer and Stock Yard Company, and have deposited them with the First National Bank of this city, for safe keeping, until the company has complied with the conditions on their part, and have taken the receipt of said Bank, which we file herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CAVEN,
D. M. RANSDSELL,
ENOS B. REED,
Trustees.

Indianapolis, April 17, 1877.

Hon. John Caven, Hon. Enos B. Reed, and Hon. Daniel M. Ransdell have left in this bank five hundred thousand dollars of the bonds of the City of Indianapolis, payable to the order of the Union Railroad Transfer and Stock Yard Company, but not endorsed by said company. The bank consents to receive the bonds with the express understanding that it is not to be in any wise responsible for the safe keeping of said bonds, nor is any liability of any kind whatever to attach to said bank or any officer or agent thereof, by or on account of said bonds.

JOHN C. NEW,

Vice-President First National Bank.

Which were approved.

Mr. Adams presented the following communication :

Indianapolis, April 16, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—As a committee on behalf of the Workingmen's Party, we respectfully ask that you will allow them to be represented on the various Election Boards in the Wards and Districts at the approaching City Election.

M. H. CAIN,

J. HOPKINS,

Committee.

Mr. Thalman moved that the communication be received.

Dr. Stratford moved as a substitute that the communication be received, prayer of petitioners granted, and that the persons named by said party be placed on the Election Board.

On motion, the matter was referred to the City Attorney.

Mr. Adams presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, April 23, 1877.

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

City of Indianapolis to William H. Brown, Dr.:

To preparing plans, specifications and estimates for rebuilding Central Station House (estimated cost \$30,000), 1 per cent on estimate. . . . \$300.00

Gentlemen :—The undersigned would respectfully show to your honorable body that in the spring of 1874, at the request and upon the solicitation of

the Police Board, he prepared plans, specifications and estimates for rebuilding Central Station House; and for the services rendered under his employment therein he hereby presents his account, and asks your honorable body to order the same paid.

And your petitioner will ever pray,

W. H. BROWN.

Which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Steinhauer offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution appointing inspector and judges for the election to be held on the 1st of May, 1877, which was passed at the last meeting of the Council, be amended by inserting therein the name of Ignatius Brown as judge of the 18th ward election board, in place of Dr. Thaddeus Stevens.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative — Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Negative—None.

Mr. Case asked to be excused for the remainder of the session.

Which request was granted.

Mr. Buehrig presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, April 21, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—We, the undersigned, would petition your honorable body to cause to be erected a lamp-post on the south side of Garden street, opposite the center of Mechanic street, between Illinois and Meridian streets.

Hoping you will grant the request of the undersigned.

Woodburn "Sarven Wheel" Co., J. F. Pratt, Sec.;
Philip Dohn, George Ilg, Samuel Marks, C. H.
Russe, Bond & Allerdice, Hetherington & Berner,
G. W. Crozier, S. D. Wharton, C. Russe, R. A.
Durbon, Ed. Rentsch.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas Light, to report next Monday night.

Mr. Bugbee offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby instructed to place a wooden culvert at the crossing of Bellefontaine street and Lincoln avenue.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Craft presented the following proposition :

Indianapolis, April 23, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—In a previous session of your honorable body you thought it expedient not to purchase direct the DePalos Moderator or Gas Saver for the several city buildings, even after a satisfactory practical test had been given, this test showing a saving of about thirty per cent. in amount of gas consumed, as per annexed statement.

Knowing the merits and durability of our machine, we now propose to make the following liberal proposition, viz :

That we are willing to attach the Gas Saver to the several city buildings, and take the monthly savings as pay for same, and when savings amount to price of machine, the same becomes the property of the city. By this method the Savers will cost the city really nothing, as they will only pay to us what would have to be paid to the Gas Company.

Yours respectfully,

WEITZEL & MARPLE.

Result of practical test of the DePalos Moderator or Gas Saver, given on City Hall Building, viz.:

Amount of Gas consumed without Saver for one week—

January 13, statement of meter	6,209
January 20, statement of meter	6,255

Amount of gas consumed	4,600 feet.
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Amount of gas consumed with Saver for one week—

January 20, statement of meter	6,255
January 27, statement of meter	6,278

Amount of gas consumed	2,300 feet.
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Amount of gas consumed with and without Saver during months of February and March, 1876 and 1877.

WITHOUT SAVER, 1876.

February	13,600 feet.
March	13,500 feet.
Total	<u>27,100 feet.</u>

WITH SAVER, 1877.

February	9,800 feet.
March	9,500 feet.
Total	<u>19,300 feet.</u>

Saving 7,800 feet, or an average of 29 per cent.

Remarks.—The one week's test of Gas Saver shows a saving of 50 per cent. the test for February and March but 29 per cent. This decrease in percentage is accounted for from the fact that extra sessions were held in Council Chamber during above months of this year.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas Light.

Also, the following petition :

Indianapolis, April 23, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned would respectfully represent that Reed street, south of Prospect, is in a dangerous condition part of the way, owing to a deep gutter washed on the west side of said street, utterly preventing approach to the houses fronting east on that part of said street. As the owner of one of the houses thus cut off from the street, I would respectfully petition that said street may be graded and graveled from Prospect street to the bridge over the creek, with bowldered gutters.

This is a case of needed improvement calling for the arbitrary exercise of authority with or without the usual majority of petitioners.

Respectfully,

T. A. GOODWIN.

Which was received.

Mr. Darnell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Council be and are hereby tendered to Bernhard H. Deitz, for the efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties as City Civil Engineer, and particularly in preparing plats and maps, and preserving the same, and also for the maps that he has prepared of the several wards, showing the boundaries of the same.

Dr. Stratford moved to amend by adding, "and that we especially recommend him to the incoming Council for re-election."

Which amendment was adopted.

The resolution as amended was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Darnell, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Reasener, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—18.

Negative—Councilmen Craft, Reed, and Webster—3.

Mr. Craft asked to be excused for the remainder of the session.

Which request was granted.

Mr. Morse offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Committee on Printing and Stationery be directed to have printed hand-bills defining the new ward boundaries, and to cause the same to be distributed well through the city.

Mr. McGill moved that handbills be printed in German.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Morse's motion was then adopted.

Mr. Morse offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis did, on the 5th day of February, 1877, order its certain precept to issue against "The Water Works Co.," in favor of Macauley & Stone, in the sum of \$90.97-100, for the

improvement of the east sidewalk of Blackford street, from Washington street to the western arm of the canal; and,

WHEREAS, The description of the property in the estimate is erroneous in this: That the assessment is made against all of out-lot No. 147, when it should only be against a portion of said out-lot; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the action of the Common Council in ordering said certain precept, be, and the same is, hereby reconsidered and annulled, and the City Civil Engineer is hereby directed to prepare, and report to this Council for approval, a new and corrected estimate.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Darnell, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—20.

Negative—None.

Mr. McGill offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The City Charter requires that the City Treasurer shall make his annual report of the receipts and disbursements of his office to the Council fifteen days before any annual election; and

WHEREAS, There are less than fifteen days between now and the city election in May, and no report has been made by the Treasurer; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be and they are hereby directed to examine into the condition of the treasury, and see that the annual report of the Treasurer is made to this Council at its next meeting.

Mr. Thalman moved to amend by adding the words, "if practicable."

Mr. Adams moved to substitute the word "possible" for "practicable."

Which substitute was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative — Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Darnell, Izor, Morse, Pouder, Reasener, Reed, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—15.

Negative—Councilmen Buehrig, McGill, McGinty, Schmidt, and Stratford—5.

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

Affirmative — Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Darnell, Morse, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Steinhauer, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—15.

Negative—Councilmen McGill, McGinty, Schmidt, Stratford, and Thalman—5.

Mr. McGinty offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Council, fixing the place of voting in the Twenty-fifth Ward, be amended by striking out the place designated as the voting place for the Twenty-fifth Ward, and inserting the corner of Tennessee and McCarty streets.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Reasener, Reed, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, and Wright, William G.—12.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Darnell, Ransdell, Schmidt, Webster, and Wright, Arthur L.—8.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to clean the gutters on Tennessee street, between McCarty street and Pogue's Run.

Which was adopted.

Mr. McGinty presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, April 23, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned would respectfully represent that he is the owner and occupant of a house and lot on Pogue's Run, between Merrill and Catharine streets, and that (as you are already aware) he, with several others, has suffered serious damage and great inconvenience, by a freshet in the Run some time past. Your honorable body very justly ordered the lots to be permanently repaired by building a solid breastwork of timber abutting on the Run and by filling the lots, neither of which has been done. There has been made a very feeble effort to do some work according to your instructions, but the work is little, if anything, better than nothing; and so far as benefitting the parties damaged, might as well be left undone. There has been built forty feet of abutment on the Run, chiefly of rotten timber, and of such inferior workmanship, that it is likely to fall in at any time. Whatever the filling that has been done on the lots, was not done at the expense of the city, but by ashes from the gas-house, which makes a very bad odor in the whole neighborhood.

Gentlemen, I would respectfully ask that you investigate the condition of the above property, and apply such means as in your judgment you may think proper.

Yours respectfully,

THOS. RUSSELL.

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

Mr. Poudier presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, April 23, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—Your petitioner would respectfully represent that she is a widow, and the owner of west-half of lot 66 in Bates' subdivision of outlot 89, appraised at only \$600, and that she paid the full amount of tax on the same for the year 1875, not knowing that she was entitled to an exemption on \$500, which would be \$7.50, which she asks your honorable body to refund, and for which she would ever pray.

JENNETT PULLEN.

Which was referred to the City Assessor.

Mr. Schmidt presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, April 23, 1877

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

Gentlemen :—We very respectfully petition your honorable body to grant us permission to construct and maintain a wooden bridge across the gutter in front of our place of business, No. 56 East Washington street, the same to be made at our own expense, and under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer.

DAVIS & COLE.

Mr. Schmidt moved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Thalman presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, April 23, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—We, the undersigned residents and property owners, residing on the south side of the city, feeling the great inconvenience and hardship of being compelled to travel from four to twelve miles every week in order that we may be permitted to buy our marketing of first hands, would respectfully petition your honorable body to take immediate action to secure the establishment of a market house in the center of population of the south side of the city. We represent that a large portion of our south side residents are laboring men, whose wives are compelled to make these long and burdensome trips, and that in our opinion the establishment of a market in our midst would not be a tax upon the city, but (as in the case of the present northern markets) become a source of revenue.

John A. Buswell, Joseph T. Gehring, J. W. Dunnington, Simeon Coy, A. C. Maurer, Charles A. Worland, William Worland, Peter Ealy, David Hays, Geo. W. Coffin, William Hillman, Charles S. Chase, Peter Spitzfaden, Daniel Mueller, John C. Lippert, Joseph Thoele, R. A. Greenhill, A. L. Langley, Frederick Butler, Clinton Davis, William Mankedick, Foster Whitford, John C. Mittay, C. McDermed, and 437 others.

Which was referred to the Joint Committee on purchasing site for new Market House south of the Union tracks.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Moved, That J. L. Spaulding have permission to grade the alleys adjoining his property in West Indianapolis, running from Walnut street to first alley south, under direction of Engineer, at said Spaulding's own expense.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That D. G. Vollmer have permission to grade and pave with brick the sidewalk in front of his property on Washington street, in West Indianapolis, lots 7 and 8, out-lot 4, and that the Civil Engineer be directed to set the grade stakes, the work to be done within sixty days. The Engineer to set the stakes upon application by said Vollmer.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Committee on Markets investigate as to space occupied by merchants and hucksters, to the exclusion of farmers and gardeners, and so amend the ordinance as to require the Market Master to provide and hold space for farmers and gardeners until 4 o'clock A. M.

Which was referred to the Committee on Markets.

Mr. Thomas presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, April 23, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned residents and property owners, residing on the south side of the city, feeling the great inconvenience and hardship of being compelled to travel from four to twelve miles every week in order that we may be permitted to buy our marketing of first hands, would respectfully petition your honorable body to take immediate action to secure the establishment of a market house in the center of population of the south side of the city. We represent that a large portion of our south side residents

are laboring men, whose wives are compelled to make these long and burdensome trips, and that in our opinion the establishment of a market in our midst would not be a tax upon the city, but (as in the case of the present northern markets) become a source of revenue.

H. F. Roy, S. H. Day, F. Earnshaw, W. P. Field, P. Greaney, John Greene, R. W. Davis, H. H. Davis, M. Maning, John Denney, George Smith, Joseph A. Lain, J. Tyson, George Milison, J. T. Watson, M. J. Torrance, Frank Ingersoll, John Haley, Herman Oehler, S. Glazier, N. Owings, John R. Toole, Joe A. Ohmann, George Leister, Joseph Schaler, Joseph Breckney, J. H. Shrem, A. M. Fette, and 343 others.

Which was referred to the Joint Committee on purchasing site for new Market House south of the Union tracks.

Mr. A. L. Wright presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, April 23, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned residents and property-owners, residing on the south side of the city, feeling the great inconvenience and hardship of being compelled to travel from four to twelve miles every week, in order that we may be permitted to buy our marketing of first hands, would respectfully petition your honorable body to take immediate action to secure the establishment of a market house in the center of population of the south side of the city. We represent that a large portion of our south side residents are laboring men, whose wives are compelled to make these long and burdensome trips, and that in our opinion the establishment of a market in our midst would not be a tax upon the city, but (as in the case of the present northern markets) become a source of revenue.

Henry Heitkam, H. L. Davis, F. Stenzel, C. H. Rosebrock, G. D. Youse, William Muntz, A. L. Newland, J. R. Neall, John Conner, H. J. Kinnan, S. R. Grube, Chas. A. Worland, James H. Biddinger, Peter Routier, John H. Meany, Will F. A. Bernhammer, and 406 others.

Which was referred to the above committee.

Mr. Darnell presented the following communication :

Indianapolis, April 23, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owners of the building known as the "City Hall," propose to lease to the city the two ground rooms in said building, known as No. 179 and 181, and make the following changes: First, build a fire-proof vault of sufficient capacity to hold the valuable books and papers of the city; Second, erect a stairway leading from the lower floor to the main hall in the second story; Third, erect passage ways, either by arches or doors, in second story, as shown on diagram. The undersigned will make the foregoing improvements, and lease to the city the said two rooms, all complete as above, for the sum of one thousand dollars per annum, payable in quarterly installments. It is understood that this proposition to lease is in no way to effect the lease now held by the city on rooms in said building, but the two leases shall expire at the same time and date.

COTTRELL & KNIGHT.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

On motion by Mr. Darnell, the Sellers Farm ordinance was made the special order for next Monday night.

By consent, Mr. Pouder, from Joint Committee, made the following report :

Indianapolis, April 23, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Markets and special committee, to whom was referred the matter concerning the establishing a market-place south of the railroads, would respectfully report that we have, since last meeting, had one proposition to lease grounds for the purpose of a market, which we believe will best serve for the present.

We therefore recommend that the matter be referred to a committee composed of Messrs. Steinhauer, Thomas and Byram, with instructions to select and report, at the earliest possible convenience, the best proposition for

ground that will be central and fitted for market purposes. We also report that in our opinion a market-place is badly needed south of the railroads.

Respectfully submitted,

MILTON POWDER,
N. S. BYRAM,
MARTIN MCGINTY,
Committee on Markets.

I. W. STRATFORD,
MICHAEL STEINHAEUER,
J. L. CASE,
Special Committee.

Also, the following proposition :

Indianapolis, January 23, 1877.

Messrs. Stratford, Steinhauer, and Case :

Gentlemen :—Should you prefer to have my ground for market purposes, I will lease the same for a term of ten years, the first five years at \$1,500 per annum, the property to be relieved from taxation ; the second five years at a price to be fixed by appraisement of the property.

JANE KETCHUM, by Agent.

Dr. Stratford moved that the report be received and concurred in, and that the matter be referred to the special committee named in above report.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

C. J. Boren Mayor.

Attest :

Benjamin Wright City Clerk.