Proceedings of Joint Convention.

FOURTH SESSION—FEBRUARY 17, 1879.

The Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis convened in Fourth Joint Convention, in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, February 17th, A. D. 1879, at seven o'clock, in compliance with the following call:

To the Members of the Joint Convention of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—You are requested to meet in Joint Convention, on Monday evening, February 17th, 1879, at 7 P. M., in the Council Chamber, for the purpose of electing two Directors for the Union Railroad-Transfer and Stock-Yards Company, and a City Sexton.

Yours respectfully,

J. CAVEN, Prest. Joint Convention.

February 13, 1879.

PRESENT—Hon. John Caven, Mayor, President of Joint Convention, in the Chair; Benj. C. Wright, City Clerk, Secretary of Joint Convention. Also, Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, and Wiles (7), and Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Sindlinger, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright—25. Total present—32.

ABSENT-Aldermen Ridenour, Snider, and Stratford-3.

His Honor, President Caven, announced the object of the Convention, appointed Councilmen Layman and Steeg as tellers, and then declared nominations to be in order.

For City Sexton—Councilman Cummings nominated Mrs. Sarah Ann Ross, widow of the late City Sexton, Jacob Ross; and Councilman Dill nominated Richard Wells. [Before the ballot was had, Councilman Dill stated that he had presented the name of Richard Wells under a misapprehension, and was granted permission to withdraw such nomination.]

No further nominations being made, a ballot was had, with the following result :

Mrs. Sarah Ann Ross received 29 votes; and Richard Wells received 1 vote. sIG. 79. [777] That A. H. Wall be granted permission to bridge ten feet of the gutter, and plank the same, of the sidewalk on the west side of California street, near Indiana avenue—the work to be done within thirty days, under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer, and at his own expense.

Councilman Steeg offered the following motions; which were severally referred to the Committee on Gas-Light:

That the City Civil Engineer be notified to re-light two lamps on the south side of Coburn street, between Wright and East streets, and extinguish two lamps on the north side of Coburn street, between said streets.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the Indianapolis Gas-Light & Coke Company to repair the sidewalk on Virginia avenue, in front of No. 237.

Councilman Tucker offered the following motion; which was laid on the table:

That the Police Board, the Chief of Police, and the Board of Public Improvements be, and are hereby, directed to report to this Council, at its next meeting, whether, in their opinion, it would be advisable to procure cheap, coarse uniforms for the prisoners employed in the city stone yard.

Also, offered the following motion :

That the Chief of Police be, and is hereby, instructed to notify each and every policeman to carefully examine all of the several streets and alleys on their respective beats, and where they shall find any obstructions or places that would be dangerous for the public, to report the same to the police headquarters, and that the proper authorities at police headquarters at once notify the Street Commissioner that the same may be at once attended to.

An "aye and nay" vote was demanded to be taken on last preceding motion; and it failed of adoption as follows:

- AYES, 11-viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Brown, Bruner, Morris, McGinty, O'Brien' Off, Reasner, Sindlinger, Tucker, and Walker.
- NAYS, 14—viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morse, McKay, Reading, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Wiese, and Wright.

PENDING ORDINANCE-PROCEEDINGS HAD THEREON.

Councilman Marsee called up the following entitled ordinance:

G. O. 47, 1878-An Ordinance to repeal sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, of "An Ordinance preventing Frauds in the Sale of Wood, and providing for Wood-Measurers (ordained Nov. 23, 1863)"; also, to repeal an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to compel payment of Allowances to Wood-Measurers for measuring Wood (ordained Aug. 1, 1872)."

Councilman Walker moved that the above entitled ordinance be stricken from the files. Councilman Steeg moved to lay the proposition "to strike from the files" on the table.

On this last motion an "aye and nay" vote was demanded, and the same was defeated as follows:

- AYES, 11-viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Bruner, Cummings, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Sindlinger, Steeg, and Wiese.
- NAYS, 14-viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Brown, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McKay, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Tucker, Walker, and Wright.

Councilman Steeg then moved that the Common Council do now adjourn; which motion failed of adoption by the following "aye and nay" vote:

AYES, 11-viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Bruner, Maus, McGinty, Off, Reading Reasner, Showalter, Sindlinger, Steeg, and Wiese.

NAYS, 14—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Brown, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Morris, Morse, McKay, O'Brien, Rodibaugh, Tucker, Walker, and Wright.

His Honor, the President, stated the question before the Common Council would now be, "Shall General Ordinance 47, 1878, be stricken from the files?"

Councilman Steeg and another member demanded that the foregoing question be decided by "ayes and nays"; which, being taken, the aforesaid ordinance was stricken from the files by the following vote:

Aves, 21-viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS, 4-viz.: Councilmen Bruner, McGinty, Showalter, and Sindlinger.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor,

President of Common Council.

Attest: BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

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PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—FEBRUARY 17, 1879.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, February 17th, A. D. 1879, in regular session, immediately after the adjournment of the Fourth Joint Convention.

PRESENT—Hon. John Caven, Mayor, and, ex officio, President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and the following members: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien. Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Sindlinger, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright—25.

ABSENT-None.

The Proceedings of the Common Council, for the regular session, held on February 3d, 1879, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said proceedings were duly approved as published.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, Mayor Caven, submitted the following report; which was duly approved:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—The amount of fines collected by me, during the month of January, 1879, was one hundred and six dollars and eighty cents (\$106 80); which amount I have paid to the City Treasurer, and filed his receipt therefor with the City Clerk. Respectfully submitted,

J. CAVEN, Mayor.

His Honor, also, presented the following communication; which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Railroads:

INDIANAPOLIS, CINCINNATI & LAFAYETTE R. R. Co., PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, Cincinnati, Feb 8th, 1879.

Hon. JOHN CAVEN:

Dear Sir :---I see many statements in the newspapers, and hear from some of your people, in regard to our opposition to the widening of Dillon street, which I think are unjust to us; and I wish to call your attention and, through you, that of the City Council, to the situation of affairs, as I view it from my side.

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Some few years ago, we were approached by property owners, requesting us to agree to the extension and widening of Dillon street across our tracks. We had much discussion and many interviews, and the result was that we were induced to consent to this extension, on the promise of the party owning the bulk of the real estate near there, that no movement should be made for the extension of any other street across our tracks; that Dillon street, and the street which was to be opened south of our yards, would well accommodate the public. The extension of Dillon street was scarcely accomplished before a movement was made for the opening of Grant street directly through our yards, across our tracks, and over our protest it was made, causing us great damage and inconvenience, and proved a trap for disasier and injury to whoever should be induced to use it. The latter, so far, is not serious, as it is rarely used by any one. It was unnecessary for any purpose, except possibly to help the owners of certain real estate.

We concluded, then, that we must either oppose the laying out of streets across our yards, or move out of town. You are well aware that to accommodate the large business we have, we must have tracks, for standing room for cars, not less than two thousand feet in length, and a large number of them, and that these tracks must be filled by cars, occupied by switching-engines, constantly, night and day; and if a street is opened through, it must be kept clear for the passage of the public, causing loss to us, and danger to ourselves and the public. If the inconvenience to the public from not having a street would be greater than the injury to us from having it, we should certainly submit. But if you, and such of your City Council as wish, will go down and view the property, I think you will be convinced that the public necessity does not demand Grant street, or any street which would interfere with our yards.

If you will have a committee appointed to consider this matter, I will be glad to meet with you, any day, and endeavor to arrange the difficulty. We want no law suits with the City of Indianapolis; neither do we wish to stand in the way of any improvement that is actually needed; but we wish to be treated as men in charge of a business which we are trying to manage for its best interests and that of the public, not that the public have a right to demand anything that will help the interests of a few, reckless of the injury it may do to us.

Yours truly,

M. E. INGALLS.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was duly approved:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen :- I herewith report the following estimate:

A second and final estimate in behalf of R. P. Dunning, for grading and bowldering Georgia street, from Meridian street to Illinois street—

860.8 lincal feet, at \$1.19 Changing munholes to street grade	\$1,024 1	35 50
Total Less former estimate		
Present estimate		23
Respectfully submitted,		

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was then offered :

February 17, 1879.]

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing second and final estimate, allowed R. P. Dunning, for grading and bowldering Georgia street, from Meridian street to Illinois street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 25-viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Sindlinger, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS-None.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was duly approved:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen :— I herewith report the following affidavits, now on file in my office, for the collection of street assessments by precept, to-wit:

Andrew J. Sloan & Co. vs. Walter L. Smith, Jr., for	\$3	75
Andrew J. Sloan & Co. vs. Mary J. P. Hayden, for	3	75
Andrew J. Sloan & Co. vs. Mary J. P. Hayden, for	3	75
Andrew J. Sloan & Co. vs. Daniel G. Littlefield, for	3	75

And recommend that you order the precepts to issue. Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

And the precepts, therein recommended, were ordered to be issued by the following vote:

AYES, 24-viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Sindlinger, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS-None.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Board of Public Improvements, through President McKay, submitted the following report; which was duly concurred in:

To the Mayor and Members of the Common Council :

Gentlemen: — Your Board of Public Improvements, to whom was referred the report of the City Commissioners in regard to the opening of John street, make the following report thereon:

The Commissioners report that no property will be benefited by said opening, and that the City of Indianapolis should pay the whole sum of \$2,400.

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Your Board are of the opinion that the property on said street is benefited, and recommend that the report be referred back to the City Commissioners, for their further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. MCKAY, JOHN L. MARSEE, H. COBURN, -Board of Public Improvements.

The Board of Health submitted the following report; which was duly received:

Deaths registered in the City of Indianapolis, from February 1st to February 14th, 1879:

Under	1	year		14
1 to	2	year	35	3
2 to	5	т <i>и</i>		3
5 to	10	"		5
10 to	15	46		2
15 to	20	"		2
20 to	25	"		0
25 to	30	66		3
30 to	40	"		2
40 to	50	"		7
50 to	60	"		2
60 to	70	"		0
70 to	80	66		4
80 to	90	"		0
90 to 3	100	44		0
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Unkno	wn			3
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Total_____50

HENRY JAMESON, M. D., President JOSEPH W. MARSEE, M. D. WILLIAM WANDS, M. D., Secretary

REPORTS, ETC., FROM COMMITTEES.

The Judiciary Committee, through Councilman McKay, submitted the following report; which was duly concurred in:

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

Gentlemen :-- Your Committee on Judiciary, together with the City Attorney, to whom was referred sundry papers, make the following report thereon:

1st. Is a petition of Calvin Fletcher, to have money refunded on account of erroneous assessment, to the amount of \$19.14. The petitioner represents that, on the 12th of February, 1877, the City Treasurer sold a piece of property, described as "south of Christian avenue, and east of lot 107, in Alvord's Subdivision," for the taxes for the years 1875 and 1876; that the real estate was assessed in the name of Fletcher, Stevenson, and Alvord, and bid off by petitioner, for the description was, and still is, the property of the C., C., C. & I. Railroad Company, and the taxes

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due the city have been regularly paid by said company. City Treasurer Wiles and City Assessor Hadley, after examination of the records, certify the statements of the petitioner to be correct.

In view of the above facts, we recommend that the petitioner be allowed \$17.14, with two years interest, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, and that the Committee on Accounts and Claims include the above allowance in the next general appropriation ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. McKAY, JOHN L. F. STEEG, JOHN L. MARSEE, Committee on Judiciary.

The Council and Aldermanic Committees on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Morris, submitted the following report; and the action, therein set forth, was duly approved:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—Your Committees on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the motion offered by Councilman Steeg—"That Christian F. Schrader be allowed the privilege of erecting a hay-scale on McCarty street, where the said street intersects Virginia avenue"—have examined the location named, and think it no detriment to public travel for a scale to be placed at such point. As aioresaid motion was referred to your committees "with power to act," we have granted to aforesaid Christian F. Schrader the privilege asked for.

Respectfully, etc.,

S. MORRIS, MARTIN McGINTY, C. H. O'BRIEN, Council Committee. W. F. PIEL. I. W. STRATFORD, R. S. FOSTER, Aldermanic Committee.

The Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Layman, submitted the following report; and the recommendation, therein contained, was duly concurred in:

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen: —Your Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of R. L. McOuat and others for the vacation of the plat of ground known as R. L. McOuat's Second Addition, would respectfully recommend that final action upon this case be postponed until after the adjournment of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES T. LAYMAN, JOHN L. F. STEEG, WM. F. REASNER, Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was duly received :

[Regular Session]

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—Your honorable body transmitted to the Board of Aldermen, on December 17th, 1878, the following entitled ordinance: "G. O. 59, 1878—An Ordinance granting the Indiana District Telephone Company the privilege of using the Streets and Alleys of the City of Indianapolis, in constructing, operating, and maintaining Lines of Telephone in said city."

On said 17th December, the Board of Aldermen referred the above mentioned ordinance to the Fire Board and the City Attorney, for examination and possible amendment.

At the last regular session of the Board of Aldermen (February 4th, 1879), the Fire Board and the City Attorney reported back an engrossed amendatory ordinance, with the following amended title: "G. O. 59, 1878—An Ordinance granting E. W.Gleason and his associates, under the name and style of the Indiana District Telephone Company, the privilege of using the Streets and Alleys of the City of Indianapolis, in constructing, operating, and maintaining Lines of Telephone in said city"; and said amendatory ordinance was adopted by this body in lieu of the original ordinance, and was duly passed.

I herewith transmit this amendatory ordinance, for your consideration and action.

For the Board of Aldermen:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

The amendments made by the Board of Aldermen to General Ordinance 59, 1879 (referred to in preceding message), was then duly concurred in and adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 25-viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Sindlinger, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS-None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Anderson offered the following motion; which was duly adopted:

That Shaw & Taffe have permission to put up a lamp post in front of their place of business, No. 175 E. Washington street.

Also, presented the following petition; and, on motion, the prayer of the petitioner was duly granted:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen :-- The undersigned, boot and shoe merchants at No. 114 S. Meridian street, desire a license to sell at auction, and hereby request your honorable bodies to instruct your proper officers to issue license under the ordinance governing such matters—such license to be issued quarterly or annually, as your petitioners may desire.

Respectfully, etc.,

COWEN & McGRATH.

Councilman Bermann offered the following resolution; which, on Councilman Layman's motion, was referred to the Judiciary Committee and the City Attorney:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That it is necessary, for the further and better protection of the city from fire, that water-mains be laid and extended upon Madison avenue, from Morris to Nebraska street. That the Water-Works Company be notified by the City Clerk to proceed to lay such mains, and establish fire hydrants, under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer—such hydrants to be established not less than one thousand feet apart, under the provisions of the charter of the Water-Works Company.

Councilman Cummings offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements, who were given power to act:

That the Street Commissioner be ordered to fill up a hole in N. Illinois street, caused by tapping sewer in front of G. R. Root's house.

Also, offered the following motion :

That the Citizens' Street Railway Company be ordered to remove all T-rail now in use by it on our streets, and re-place the same with the latest improved rail now in use in all well regulated cities, and thus comply with its charter.

And, on Councilman O'Brien's motion, the preceding motion was laid on the table by the following vote:

- AYES, 17-viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Layman, Morris, Mc-Ginty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Showalter, Sindlinger, Steeg, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.
- NAYS, 8-viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Cummings, Dill, Marsee, Maus, Morse, Rodibaugh, and Tucker.

Councilman Dill offered the following motion; which was duly adopted:

That the Judiciary Committees of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council, with the City Attorney, be directed to confer with Mr. Hensley, in accordance with his request, with a view to compromise with him for injuries he claims to have received some time since, by falling into an open well on N. Tennessee street.

Also, offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Gas-Light:

That the Police Board be granted permission to use gas at the Central Station House.

Councilman Layman offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements, who were given power to act:

That Charles Bates be granted permission to lay a plank crossing over the west sidewalk of New Jersey street, between Walnut street and Fort Wayne avenue;

also to lay a plank crossing over the east sidewalk on Fort Wayne avenue, between Walnut street and New Jersey street—said work to be done at his own expense, and under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Maus offered the following motion; which was duly adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the I., C. & L. Railroad Company to re-plank the crossing of their track at the intersection of West street.

Councilman Morse offered the following motions; which were severally adopted:

That the City Civil Engineer be directed to re-light the lamp on New York street, between the canal and West street, north side, and dispense with the lamp on West street, between New York street and the canal, west side.

That the I., C. & L. Railroad Company and Gibson & Co. be directed to plank the railroad crossing at the intersection of Blackford street.

Councilman McKay presented the following agreement, and offered the accompanying motion; and said agreement was accepted, and the accompanying motion was duly adopted:

Indianapolis, February 17, 1879.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen :--Should you grant sixty days' more time, from date, to John Low, in order to complete his contract for grading and graveling the first alley west of Blake street, from New York street to Michigan street, I hereby agree to continue on his bond, as surety.

S. J. PATTERSON.

Moved, That sixty days' more time, from date, be granted to John Low, in which to complete his contract for grading and graveling the first alley west of Blake street, from New York street to Michigan street.

Councilman Reading presented the following petition; and, on motion, the prayer of the petitioner was duly granted:

Indianapolis, February 13, 1879.

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

Gentlemen :— I hereby ask your honorable body to grant me an auction license for one year, with the privilege of having it issued quarter-yearly, in accordance with the ordinances governing and regulating auctions and auctioneers.

Very respectfully,

JOHN J. HARLAN.

Councilman Reasner offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads:

That a committee be appointed to request the Panhandle Railroad and the C., H. & I. Railroad to place safety-gates at their crossing of Noble street.

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Also, presented the following petition; which, on Councilman Walker's motion, was laid on the table:

Indianapolis, January 20, 1879.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, residents of the City of Indianapolis, owning or controlling vehicles of any kind, used in hauling gravel, sand, bowlders, dirt, stone, ice, etc., for pay, respectfully petition your honorable bodies to pass an ordinance providing for the licensing of all vehicles used in hauling for pay (except such vehicles as are now subject to license). We believe it would be a protection to persons engaged in such business who reside in the city. We think a license fee of ten dollars per annum should be charged; that all licenses issued under such ordinance should expire at a certain time; and that no license should be issued for less than the amount charged for one year.

Hoping your honorable bodies will give this, our petition, your immediate attention, we will, as in duty bound, ever pray.

John Brake, Henry Biermann, Andrew Earls, John W. Keenan, John Higgins, George Weaver, Wm. Hoefgen, Wm. Conover, John Hennessy, Thomas Fishback, Mike Smiley, R. Roney, David Ware, C. A. Webb, J. H. Forrest, P. M. Baggs, J. C. Davis, Dert Kilarson, William Murphy, Frank Dalts, E. S. Wells, Charles R. Vandiver, Aaron Van Benthran, James Span, Thomas Nilan, J. C. Hurley, John Fortune, A. J. Roberts, Benjamin South, Thos. Wren, G. A. Wharton, F. F. Pcake, A. Riter, Harry Buller, M. B. Aldridge, H. Moore, J. Venable, Isom Venable, E. W. Hawkins, O. L. Bullock, Joseph Nesbet, Carles Brademire.

Councilman Rodibaugh presented the following petition; which, on Councilman Morse's motion, was referred to the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Markets:

Indianapolis, February 15, 1879.

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—There are thirty (30) covered and floored stands on the West Market Space, that I had built at my own expense, at a cost of two dollars and fifty cents each (\$2.50), or seventy-five dollars (\$75) for the thirty stands.

I, hereby, respectfully ask your honorable bodies to pay me for the same.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. N. LEE, Master West Market.

Also, offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Gas-Light:

That the Committee on Gas-Light be directed to re-light the lamps at the corner of Howard and Sixth streets, and at the corner of Michigan Road and Sixth street.

Councilman Showalter offered the following motion; which was duly adopted:

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That A. H. Wall be granted permission to bridge ten feet of the gutter, and plank the same, of the sidewalk on the west side of California street, near Indiana avenue—the work to be done within thirty days, under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer, and at his own expense.

Councilman Steeg offered the following motions; which were severally referred to the Committee on Gas-Light:

That the City Civil Engineer be notified to re-light two lamps on the south side of Coburn street, between Wright and East streets, and extinguish two lamps on the north side of Coburn street, between said streets.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the Indianapolis Gas-Light & Coke Company to repair the sidewalk on Virginia avenue, in front of No. 237.

Councilman Tucker offered the following motion; which was laid on the table :

That the Police Board, the Chief of Police, and the Board of Public Improvements be, and are hereby, directed to report to this Council, at its next meeting, whether, in their opinion, it would be advisable to procure cheap, coarse uniforms for the prisoners employed in the city stone yard.

Also, offered the following motion :

That the Chief of Police be, and is hereby, instructed to notify each and every policeman to carefully examine all of the several streets and alleys on their respective beats, and where they shall find any obstructions or places that would be dangerous for the public, to report the same to the police headquarters, and that the proper authorities at police headquarters at once notify the Street Commissioner that the same may be at once attended to.

An "aye and nay" vote was demanded to be taken on last preceding motion; and it failed of adoption as follows:

AYES, 11--viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Brown, Bruner, Morris, McGinty, O'Brien' Off, Reasner, Sindlinger, Tucker, and Walker.

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Councilman Walker moved that the above entitled ordinance be stricken from the files. February 17, 1879.]

Councilman Steeg moved to lay the proposition "to strike from the files" on the table.

On this last motion an "aye and nay" vote was demanded, and the same was defeated as follows:

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NAYS, 14-viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Brown, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McKay, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Tucker, Walker, and Wright.

Councilman Steeg then moved that the Common Council do now adjourn; which motion failed of adoption by the following "aye and nay" vote:

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His Honor, the President, stated the question before the Common Council would now be, "Shall General Ordinance 47, 1878, be stricken from the files?"

Councilman Steeg and another member demanded that the foregoing question be decided by "ayes and nays"; which, being taken, the aforesaid ordinance was stricken from the files by the following vote:

Aves, 21-viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS, 4-viz.: Councilmen Bruner, McGinty, Showalter, and Sindlinger.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor,

President of Common Council.

Attest: BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.