

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—APRIL 4, 1881.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber on Monday evening, April 4th, A. D. 1881, at half-past seven o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. John Caven, Mayor, and, *ex officio*, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 24 members, viz.: Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Bryce, Caylor, Dean, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lamb, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, Van Vorhis, White and Yoke.

ABSENT—Councilman McKay—1.

The Proceedings of the Common Council, for the regular session held on March 21st, 1881, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

Sealed proposals for making the below described street improvements were opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts :

(S. O. 104, 1880.) For erecting of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except service-pipes), on California street, from Indiana avenue to First street.

(S. O. 132, 1880.) For grading and graveling the first alley north of Home avenue, from Park avenue to Broadway street.

(S. O. 137, 1880.) For grading and graveling the west sidewalk of Shelby street, from Pleasant Run to the Union Railroad Transfer and Stock Yard Company's tracks.

(S. O. 138, 1880.) For grading and graveling the first alley west of Virginia avenue, from the first alley south of Dougherty street to Coburn street.

(S. O. 16, 1881.) For grading and paving with brick (where not already paved) the sidewalks of Plum street, from Massachusetts avenue to Christian avenue

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

The Committee on Contracts, through Councilman Thalman, submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and the several contracts awarded as recommended :

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom were referred sundry proposals presented to Council March 21st, 1881, have examined the same and find them to be as follows, viz:

1st. For grading and graveling the first alley west of Virginia avenue, from Buchanan to Dougherty street

Henry Clay, 28 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney, 18 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

August Richter and Brother and Henry Burke, 17 cents per lineal front foot on each side.

August Richter and Brother and Henry Burke being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend they be awarded the contract.

2d For grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk of Park avenue, between Cherry street and Gregg street.

John Schier, 46 cents per lineal foot front.

C. S. Roney, 40 cents per lineal foot front.

J. W. Smith, 37½ cents per lineal foot front.

Twiname, Amos & Co., 36 cents per lineal foot front.

Twiname, Amos & Co., being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend they be awarded the contract.

3d. For grading, bowldering the gutters, and curbing with stone the sidewalks, of Market street, from Missouri street to Blackford street.

August Richter & Co., \$1 10 per lineal foot front on each side, for curbing and bowldering.

James Mahoney, 48 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing, and 65 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering.

Dunning & Hudson, 45 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing, and 63 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering.

Henry Clay, 42 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing, and 64 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering.

C. S. Roney, 44 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing, and 62 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering.

Samuel W. Patterson, \$1.05 per lineal foot front on each side for curbing and bowldering.

Samuel W. Patterson being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

4th. For grading and bowldering the first alley south of Georgia street, from Illinois street to Tennessee street.

Henry Clay, 72 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Michael Flaherty, 72 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

M. Doherty, 70 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

C. S. Roney, 70 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

August Richter & Co., 68 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Richard Carr, 68 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney, 64 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

R. P. Dunning and James W. Hudson, 62 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

R. P. Dunning and James W. Hudson being the lowest and best bidders, we recommend they be awarded the contract.

5th. For re-graveling Malott avenue, from Alvard street to Columbia avenue.

August Richter, 28 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney, 28 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Dunning & Hudson, 26 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

John Schier, 25 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Henry Clay, 25 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Richard Carr, 22 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

C. S. Roney, 20 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Twiname, Amos & Co., 20 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
There being a tie bid, and believing the same low and reasonable, we recommend the contract be awarded to C. S. Roney.

6th. For re-graveling Columbia avenue, from Malott avenue to Hill avenue.
James Mahoney, 29 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
John Schier, 28 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
August Richter & Co., 28 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Dunning & Hudson, 26 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Henry Clay, 25 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Richard Carr, 22 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
C. S. Roney, 20 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Twiname, Amos & Co., 20 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
There being a tie bid, and believing the same low and reasonable, we recommend the contract be awarded to Twiname, Amos & Co.

7th. For re-graveling Hill avenue, from Columbia avenue to Darwin street.
James Mahoney, 30 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
August Richter, 28 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Dunning & Hudson, 26 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Henry Clay, 25 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Richard Carr, 22 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Twiname, Amos & Co., 20 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Twiname, Amos & Co., being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend they be awarded the contract.

8th. For grading and graveling Hill avenue, from Darwin street to the intersection of Baltimore avenue.

Dunning & Hudson, 97 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Richard Carr, 84 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
John L. Hanna, 75 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
August Richter & Co., 73 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Henry Clay, 57 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Henry Clay is the lowest and best bidder. But the committee are fully satisfied that Henry Clay has made a grave mistake in his bid, and he so informs the committee that such is the fact. We, therefore, recommend that all bids be rejected, and that the Engineer be directed to re-advertise for bids on this work.

9th. For grading and graveling Baltimore avenue, from the intersection of Hill avenue to the north corporate limits.

Dunning & Hudson, 87 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
August Richter & Co., 73 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Richard Carr, 69 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
John L. Hanna, 65 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Henry Clay, 65 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
There being a tie bid, and believing the same low and reasonable, we recommend the contract be awarded to Henry Clay.

10th. For building a two-thousand barrel cistern at, or near, the corner of Seventh and Howard streets.

John Schier, 65 cents per barrel.
John A. Whitsit, 60 cents per barrel.
C. S. Roney, 57 cents per barrel.
A. Bruner, 55 cents per barrel.
Twiname, Amos & Co., 35 cents per barrel.
L. McNutt, 31½ cents per barrel.
L. McNutt being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Isaac Thalman,
James A. Pritchard,
E. H. Koller,
Committee on Contracts.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, Mayor Caven, presented the following petition, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen :—Margaret Barrett, widow of the late Edward Barrett, who died June, 1876, once applied to have her home, lot 17, square 1, out-lot 128, exempted from taxes under the widows' exemption law. She did not know that she was expected to make application annually. It was not required in other cases. In consequence of her mistake or the Treasurer's mistake, her property valued at \$350, has been sold for taxes. She requests me to ask you to release her from taxes for the years that you were exempting widows' property. It is a case of special hardship, to which I am sure you will listen, and which, if possible, you will relieve.

Yours,

T. A. GOODWIN.

His Honor, Mayor Caven, presented the following communication ; which, with the deed, offered with the same, was referred to the Judiciary Committee and City Attorney :

Indianapolis, April 4th, 1881.

To the Honorable, the City Council :

Gentlemen :—The Board of School Commissioners has sold to Frederick Noelke lot No. 3 and 29 feet off the north side of lot No. 4 in Browning's subdivision of out-lot 16, for \$4,957.55, as follows: \$2,000 cash, \$1,000 in one year, and \$1,957.55 in two years; the deferred payments bearing six (6) per cent. interest. The Board has no use for this property, and it has been vacant for several years. I endorse a deed for the property, and request the Council to authorize the Mayor to execute the same. The conveyance must come from the city, as all the realty held by the Board has been conveyed to and is held by the City of Indianapolis, for the use of Public Schools.

Very respectfully,

J. J. BINGHAM, Secretary.

Councilman Pearson was excused for the remainder of the session.

By consent, Councilman VanVorhis offered the following entitled ordinance ; which was read the first time :

G. O. 10, 1881—An Ordinance to divide the city of Indianapolis into Wards and Aldermanic Districts, and to establish the boundaries of the same, under and by virtue of an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana.

Councilman VanVorhis moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of placing the above entitled ordinance (G. O. 10, 1881) on its final passage.

Which motion failed of adoption by the following vote :

AYES 9—viz: Councilmen Bryce, Caylor, Downey, Kahn, Morrison, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman and Van Vorhis.

NAYS 8—viz: Councilmen Bernhamer, Dowling, Fultz, Harrold, Köller, Lang, O'Connor and White.

Councilman Bernhamer was excused for the remainder of the session.

By consent, Councilman VanVorhis offered the following entitled ordinance, which was read the first time :

S. O. 38, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley north of St. Joseph street, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street.

The above entitled ordinance was accompanied by the following petition :

Indianapolis, April 4th, 1881.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on the first alley north of a parallel with St. Joseph street, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets, and the first alley running south to St. Joseph street east of Pennsylvania street and north of St. Joseph street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of said alley.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

D. W. Marmon, J. F. Pratt, James M. Bradshaw,
Michael Shea.

Councilman VanVorhis introduced the following entitled ordinances; which were severally read the first time :

S. O. 39, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of Pennsylvania street, from St. Joseph street to the first alley north of St. Joseph street.

S. O. 40, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters (where not already bowldered and curbed) of Alabama street, from Michigan street to St. Clair street.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, and the nine lamps, as shown in the report, were ordered lighted :

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith make the following report for your consideration and action thereon. The contracts for erecting lamp-posts on Ash, Elizabeth and Locke streets have been completed, and the nine posts on said lines are ready for lighting.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, and the estimates (presented therewith) approved :

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following estimates: A first and final estimate in behalf of M. T. Clark for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except service-pipes,) on Ash street, between Ninth and Twelfth streets, five lamp-posts, complete, at \$18.00; 2,422 lineal feet, at \$0.3 71-100, \$90.00.

A first and final estimate in behalf of John Knight, agent, for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except service-pipes), on Elizabeth street, from Blake street to Locke street, thence north to the City Hospital grounds, four lamp-posts, complete, at \$17.00; 2,133 lineal feet, at \$0.3 18-100, \$68.00.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of M. T. Clark, for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service-pipes), on Ash street, between Ninth and Twelfth streets, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 16—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dowling, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Morrison, O'Connor, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, White and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of John Knight, agent, for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service-pipes), on Elizabeth street, from Blake street to Locke street, thence north to the City Hospital grounds, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES 16—viz: Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dowling, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Morrison, O'Connor, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, White and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, the contract concurred in, and bond approved :

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the contract and bond of R. P. Dunning and James W. Hudson, for grading and bowldering the first alley south of Georgia street, from Illinois street to Tennessee street. Bond, \$900.00; surety, Fred Gansberg.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was referred to the Finance Committee :

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit an itemized statement, showing the amount of orders drawn on the City Treasury during the month of March, 1881 :

Board of Health.....	\$268 00
City Assessor's Department.....	102 00
City Civil Engineer's Department.....	178 80
City Dispensary.....	236 34
City Hall.....	42 57
City Hospital and Branch.....	827 22
City Treasurer's percentage.....	480 19
Coal oil light.....	9 89

Damages and costs.....	19 40
Fire Department.....	5,261 30
Gas.....	5,172 91
Incidentals.....	34 25
Market-Masters' Fees.....	120 69
Parks.....	98 00
Police.....	3,885 00
Printing.....	327 74
Salary.....	115 66
Station Houses.....	328 34
Street Improvements.....	640 27
Street Repairs.....	2,555 78
Taxes refunded.....	17 15
Water rent.....	7,363 36
Total.....	<u>\$27,984 86</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Jos. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The City Treasurer submitted the following report; which was referred to the Finance Committee:

Report of Wm. G. Wasson, City Treasurer, for the month of March, 1881.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand February 28th, 1881, as shown by report.....	\$17,790 49
From current taxes.....	100,889 79
From delinquent taxes.....	578 78
From tax sales.....	17,606 19
From auction licenses.....	10 00
From benefits.....	226 50
From dray licenses.....	3 60
From coal licenses.....	6 00
From dog licenses.....	4 50
From express licenses.....	4 20
From fines and fees.....	322 03
From hack licenses.....	4 00
From hucksters' licenses.....	36 00
From market masters' fees.....	228 40
From peddlers' licenses.....	67 00
From Sellers Farm (rent).....	583 35
From exhibition licenses.....	216 00
From tapping sewers.....	3 00
	<u>\$138,579 83</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Board of Health.....	\$268 00
For City Assessor's Department.....	102 00
For City Civil Engineer's Department.....	174 20
For City Commissioners.....	15 00
For City Dispensary.....	241 34
For City Hall.....	42 57
For City Hospital and Branch.....	799 15
For City Treasurer's percentage.....	430 19
For damages and costs.....	119 40
For elections.....	3 50
For Fire Department.....	5,177 99
For gas.....	5,172 91

For incidental.....	34 75
For market-masters' fees.....	120 69
For parks.....	98 00
For Police.....	3,835 00
For printing.....	321 44
For salary.....	115 66
For Station Houses.....	333 84
For street improvements.....	640 27
For street repairs.....	2,429 08
For taxes refunded.....	17 15
For water rent.....	7,363 36
Balance on hand.....	110,724 34
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	<u>\$138,579 83</u>

TOMLINSON ESTATE.

Balance on hand February 28th, 1881.....	\$ 22,672 84
Received from John S. Spann & Co. (rents).....	338 75
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Balance on hand.....	<u>\$ 23,011 59</u>

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. WASSON, City Treasurer.

To JOSEPH T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The City Assessor submitted the following report; which was received, and the several appointments confirmed:

To the Mayor, Members of the Common Council and Board of Alderman:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit the following names for confirmation as Deputy Assessors: Edwin Carpenter, P. A. Perine, F. B. Duncan, Calvin Pritchard, Oscar Cole, Austin Prather, George Shelton, A. R. Lewis, Hans Blume, J. W. Dean, Joseph Morrow, Hugh McBride, W. T. Wright, W. S. Demotte, G. R. Rhodes, L. J. Bradley, Charles Stipp, W. J. Jackson, J. H. Perry, C. E. Clark, John Pourier, W. M. Adams, Harry Phillips, Samuel Magner, and John Jacks. Also the following names, appointed by Township Assessor Ben Rau: William M. Springer, Samuel Whittridge, John Maher, John Fletcher, J. G. Kendall, J. W. Carter, D. R. Sylvester, J. L. Bishop, James Stewart, J. H. Lehr, William Munson, J. C. Maxwell, Emanuel Haugh, Alexander Wood, H. C. Hoover, W. T. Ellis, T. H. S. Peck, Isaac Ray, A. Buchanan, Charles Baden, Henry Graff, James Costello, Joseph Neiman, Joseph Ruemele, William Morris, William Walden, Jr., Frank Adams, and Al Moore.

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. CONNETT, City Assessor.

The City Attorney submitted the following report:

Indianapolis, April 4th, 1881.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The case of John F. Redmond vs. The City has been tried by the Superior Court, at special term, and resulted in a finding and judgment against the city for \$103.00.

This was an action based upon a resolution of the Common Council of December 14th, 1863, offering a bounty of \$50.00 to persons enlisting in the service of the United States and causing themselves to be credited on the quota of the city. The plaintiff enlisted and was credited to the city, but has never received his pay. The court allows the amount of the bounty and interest from February 19th, 1864. I am of the opinion that the city is not chargeable with interest, at least.

Total expenditures for month	\$1,189 10
Cash collected from pay-patients and other sources, and paid to City Treasurer.....	\$25 00
Aggregate number of days subsistence furnished	2,026
Average daily cost of each patient70-8 cts.
Average daily cost for patients, officers, and employes.....	.56-2 cts.

WILLIAM N. WISHARD, M. D., Superintendent.

The Superintendent of the City Dispensary submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen :—The following reports of the City Dispensary for the month of March, 1881, are respectfully submitted:

Number of Patients treated at Dispensary	238
Number of Medical cases at Dispensary	154
Number of Surgical cases at Dispensary	47
Number of Disease of Nervous System.....	25
Number of Disease of Eye and Ear.....	12
Number of Diseases of the Throat.....	0
Number of Out-door Patients treated	145
Number at Station House.....	5
Number at News Boys' Home	0
Number of Patients vaccinated.....	0
Total number of Patients treated during month.....	388
Total number of Visits made during month.....	473
Total number of Prescriptions filled during month.....	1168
Number of Births during month.....	1
Number of Deaths during month	8

EXPENDITURES FOR MONTH.

C. A. Ritter, Superintendent.....	\$ 61 66
F. A. Morrison, 1st Assistant.....	45 83
C. I. Fletcher, 2d Assistant.....	37 50
F. M. Ferree, Prescription Clerk.....	30 00
W. A. & I. N. Pattison, drugs.....	67 35
Drew & Co., coal.....	7 50
Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke Co.....	3 40
Indianapolis Sentinel Company.....	5 40
Total expenditures for month.....	\$258 64

C. A. RITTER, M. D., Superintendent.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Fire Board, through Councilman Thalman, submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and the City Civil Engineer directed to advertise for proposals to build the said fire cistern:

Indianapolis, April 1st, 1881.

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

Gentlemen :—In a motion referred to the Fire Board to place the new Clapp & Jones engine at the No. 10 Reel House, we respectfully report that as this steamer was ordered built specially for the No. 1 Engine House, and so numbered, that no change be made.

In a preamble and resolution referred to us as to the present fire protection afforded to the property in the district near the corner of New York street and the C. I. St. L. & C. Railroad, more particularly the property known as the Indianapolis Chair Factory, we have to report, after a careful examination of this locality, that so long as there is a supply of water in the canal, the protection in case of fire is ample; but often times there is no water in the canal, which is the case at present, and in case of fire at this critical period, when the canal may be dry, there undoubtedly would be a heavy loss. In order to more effectually protect this district, your committee recommend that one fire hydrant be removed from Tennessee street, designated by the Chief Fire Engineer, and erected at the city's expense, at the corner of Ellsworth and New York streets, and a 1,200-barrel cistern be built near the corner of Ellsworth and Vermont streets.

Respectfully submitted,

James T. Layman,
John R. Pearson,
Isaac Thalman,
Fire Board.

JOHN G. PENDERGAST, Chief Fire Engineer.

The Fire Board and the Committee on Ordinances, through Councilman Thalman, submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and G. O. 3, 1881, was stricken from the files:

Indianapolis, March 12th, 1881.

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

Gentlemen:—The ordinance referred to us repealing an ordinance passed by the Common Council, November 1st, 1875, has been carefully considered, and we recommend that said ordinance remain unchanged and in full force.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Pritchard, James T. Layman,
John O'Connor, Isaac Thalman,
Committee on Ordinances. John R. Pearson,
Fire Board.

JOHN G. PENDERGAST, Chief Fire Engineer.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman Morrison, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

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

Gentlemen:—The Board of Public Improvements, together with Councilman VanVorbis, to whom was referred the remonstrances and petitions relative to the improvement of Meridian street, from New York to Seventh streets, with cedar blocks, and instructions to report of the resident property owners on said line which has a majority of lineal feet front, the remonstrance against, or petition for said improvement. After a full and careful examination, we find of the resident owners, a majority of lineal feet front is in favor of cedar block roadway and bowlder gutters. We would recommend that the word "red" be stricken out of S. O. 2 and S. O. 3, 1881, and said ordinances contemplating the above improvement, after so amended, be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. H. Morrison,
Hiram Seibert,
Edward H. Dean,
Board of Public Improvements.

Councilman Morrison presented the following petition; which was received:

Indianapolis, February 24th, 1881.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on North Meridian street, between New York street and Seventh street, respectfully petition for the passage of ordinances providing for the repaving the gutters on each side of said North Meridian street, between New York street and St. Clair street, with bowlders, to the width of ten (10) feet, and for repaving the gutters on each side of said street in same manner, from St. Clair street to Seventh street, to width of six (6) feet, and for repaving of the roadway of said street, from gutter to gutter, with red cedar blocks, from New York street to Seventh street, now pending for action before the Common Council of said city.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Alfred Harrison, 63 ft.; J. C. S. Harrison, 90 ft.; M. D. Hanland, 80 ft.; Mary J. Vance, 50 ft.; Jno. W. Murphy, 85 ft.; E. B. McOuat, 95 ft.; E. C. Atkins, 221 ft.; W. Henderson, trustee, 60 ft.

The Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, through Councilman Morrison, submitted the following report; which was received:

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

Gentlemen:—We herewith report expenditures of the Street Repairs Department for the month of March, 1881, together with the total amount of expenditures to April 1st, 1881:

Pay-rolls	\$2,422 97
Bowlders	14 01
Blacksmithing.....	22 70
Gravel.....	16 80
Freight on stone.....	32 00
Freight on lumber.....	12 00
Hardware.....	26 06
Manhole rings	6 24
Street fountain repairs	3 05
Total expenditures for March, 1881.....	\$2,555 83
Total expenditures, per last report.....	27,684 25
Total expenditures to April 1st, 1881.....	\$30,240 08

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. H. Morrison,
Edward H. Dean,
Hiram Seibert,
Board of Public Improvements.

L. A. FULMER, Street Commissioner.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman Morrison, presented the following petition; which was received, and the time extended:

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

Gentlemen:—I do most respectfully petition your honorable bodies for an extension of time for the completion of the following contract:

“For grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of the first alley south of Ohio street, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street.”

I would further state that reasonable diligence has been exercised to comply with the terms of the contract, and ask for sixty days for its completion.

H. C. Roney.

STATE OF INDIANA, } Personally appeared H. C. Roney, who, being sworn.
 Marion County, } ss: says that the matter and facts as contained in the above-
 statement are true. H. C. RONEY.

Subscribed and sworn to, this 29th day of March, 1881.

[SEAL]

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Notary Public.

We, the undersigned, have examined the above, and recommend that the time be extended.

William H. Morrison,
 Edward H. Dean,
 Hiram Seibert,
 Board of Public Improvements.

Councilman Morrison, in behalf of the Board of Public Improvements, introduced the following entitled ordinance:

S. O. 41, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Ohio street, and curbing and bowldering the gutters thereof, from 222 feet east of Harvey street to Arsenal avenue.

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

Report of Deaths in the City of Indianapolis, from the 15th day of March to the 31st day of March, 1881—inclusive.

Under 1 year.....	27
1 to 2 years.....	5
2 to 5 ".....	7
5 to 10 ".....	5
10 to 15 ".....	2
15 to 20 ".....	3
20 to 25 ".....	3
25 to 30 ".....	4
30 to 40 ".....	12
40 to 50 ".....	11
50 to 60 ".....	8
60 to 70 ".....	3
70 to 80 ".....	4
80 to 90 ".....	1
90 to 100 ".....	0
100 and upwards.....	0
Unknown.....	0
Total.....	95

Respectfully, E. S. ELDER, M. D., President.
 W. E. JEFFRIES, M. D., Secretary.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Judiciary Committee (through Councilman Pritchard) submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

Indianapolis, April 4, 1881.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Judiciary Committee, together with the City Attorney, to whom was referred sundry papers, report thereon as follows:

1st. Is a petition from W. T. Steel, showing that lots 32, 33, 34 and 35 of J. G. Webb's subdivision of Hanway & Hanna's Oak Hill Addition to the city of Indianapolis, were sold April 2, 1880, for city taxes of 1876, 1877, 1878 and 1879. Further, said lots were foreclosed on, under a mortgage to the State of Indiana, dated

November 1, 1875, and were forfeited to the State. Ingram Fletcher afterwards purchased the lots, at private sale, from the State. The petitioner asks that the tax sale be set aside, and that the tax of the years before enumerated be certified off the duplicate, upon the ground that lands under mortgage to the State are not liable for taxes from the date of mortgage to the date of sale thereunder. The Supreme Court, in the case of Groom, Auditor of Tipton county, vs. The State, on the relation of Bonlin, 24 Ind., 255, decide that where lands are mortgaged to the State, and offered for sale for the non-payment of the mortgage debt, and are bid in for the State, and subsequently sold, the purchaser is entitled to take the lands freed from all assessments and taxes made or levied between the date of the mortgage and the date of his deeds. The facts given in this petition brings the case within the law as declared in this case. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted.

2d. Is a petition from Frank McWhinney, by J. F. Lecklider, attorney in fact, showing that on the 10th day of April, 1879, he purchased from the City Treasurer, at private sale, a tax certificate on lot 9 in Hanway & Hanna's Oak Hill Addition, for the sum of sixty-seven dollars and thirty-two cents (\$67.32). The sale was erroneous, for the reason that the improvement on the lot had been removed to another lot, and the tax on the improvement still charged on the above-named lot. The petitioner asks that the sale be set aside, and amount paid be refunded to him, with six per cent. interest from April 10, 1879, and that the taxes be placed on the duplicates to the proper parties. Your committee recommend that the sale be set aside, the \$67.32 be refunded, without interest, and that tax be put upon the duplicates to proper parties.

3d. Is a petition from Ch Hilgenberg, showing that on the 30th day of June, 1879, he paid to the City Treasurer the sum of eight dollars and sixty-seven cents, on lot three (3), in square forty-six (46), in Franks' subdivision of B. F. Morris' Addition, and, further, that he paid the personal and poll for years 1878 and 1879 of Charles Abel, taxed against said lot. The petitioner further states that the payment of these several sums by him was erroneous, from the fact that the property was assessed double—in name of Charles Abel and — Van Dolah, and petitioner had already paid taxes in name of Van Dolah, and then erroneously paid them again in name of Charles Abel. Your committee were informed by City Treasurer that above facts were true. The petitioner asks that the money so erroneously paid by him be refunded to him, and your committee recommend the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

4th. Is a petition from S. R. Holt, showing that he was assessed for \$840 worth of ice for 1880, in the city of Indianapolis, and that he has paid the taxes on March 8th, 1881. The petitioner does not ask anything in this petition, and your committee have nothing before them to recommend. If the petitioner had asked to have taxes paid refunded, the prayer of petition would not have been granted.

5th. Is a petition by H. Lauter, showing that in the early part of 1880 he was engaged in the business of manufacturing furniture in this city; that on April 10, 1880, he was assessed for taxation on machinery \$500, and on stock \$500, total \$1,000; that afterwards, on the 20th day of April, 1880, the building in which he carried on this business, together with its contents, was destroyed by fire. There was no insurance on either his stock or machinery, consequently everything was a total loss to him. Petitioner asks to be released from the taxes assessed on said \$1,000 worth of property destroyed. Your committee recommend that the prayer of petition be granted.

6th. Is a petition from the Mutual Trust Company, by M. G. McLain, President; John T. Budenz, Secretary, and Henry Dunmanhoff, Treasurer, showing that the tax assessed for year 1880 against said company is erroneous, in this, that they have been assessed for \$4,550 worth of personal property that they never had. Petitioners ask that erroneous assessment as to this personal property be certified off of the city tax duplicate. Your committee recommend that the prayer of petition be granted.

Very respectfully submitted,

William C. Lamb,
James A. Pritchard,
Jas. T. Dowling,

Judiciary Committee.

JOHN A. HENRY, City Attorney.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Downey, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Joint Committees on Streets and Alleys, to whom sundry papers were referred, would report:

1st. Is S. O. 37, 1881. "An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the alley between Union and Chestnut streets, from Hanway to Hill streets," together with a petition for said improvement. We recommend that said ordinance be passed.

2d. Is a petition of Christian Schoeler, and others, praying for the vacation of Water street, from the National road to Washington street on account of damage being done to the property of said Schoeler by caving in of the river bank. On examination of the locality, and due consideration of the matter, we do not see the necessity of referring the same to the City Commissioners; or any reason why the property owners along said line could not make the proper protection to their property without vacating said street.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Tucker,

Aldermanic Committee.

Jno. T. Downey,

John A. Lang,

Wm. H. Morrison,

Council Committee.

Councilman Thalman, for Councilman Pearson, presented the following bond; which was approved:

Know all men by these presents, That William Hadley and J. W. Hadley are held and firmly bound unto the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, in the penal sum of one thousand dollars, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns firmly by these presents.

The condition of this obligation is that,

WHEREAS, The said William Hadley has been by the Joint Committees on Public Property, by order and direction of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city, appointed as the agent of said city to take charge of and lease under the direction of said committee, certain real estate belonging to said city, and known as the Tomlinson Estate—except the business room known as No. 34 East Ohio street, and the property known as No. 32 East Ohio street (which is to be used and occupied by the City Dispensary) and excepting also the East Market space and the building situate thereon—and said William Hadley is to collect all rents accruing from said real estate, and pay the same over from time to time to the City Treasurer, as they shall be collected, and make due report thereon to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, at their first meeting in each month: the said William Hadley to receive as his compensation for such services in leasing and collecting rents of said property the sum of three and one-half per cent. of the total rents collected therefrom, and no more.

Now, therefore, if the said William Hadley shall well and truly, perform all the terms of his said employment as such agent of said property, and render true and accurate account of rents collected from said property, and report the same to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen monthly, at their first meeting in each month, and shall also pay over to the City Treasurer all rents which he may collect from said property, less his commission of three and one-half (3½) per cent., then this obligation shall be void; else in full force and effect.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 31st day of March, 1881.

[SEAL]

O. K.

JOHN A. HENRY, City Attorney.

WILLIAM HADLEY.

J. WRIGHT HADLEY.

Councilman Bedford asked that further time be extended the Bribery Committee; which was granted:

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Wednesday evening, March 23d, 1881, adopted the following motion:

That the City Marshal be directed to notify the J., M. & I. Railroad Company to bowlder (to a width of six feet) the gutter on the line of their right of way on Chestnut street, between Madison avenue and Wilkins street,

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

On motion, the action of the Board of Aldermen, as set forth in the above message, was concurrently approved.

The following message was read:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Wednesday evening, March 23d, 1881, concurred in the report from the Aldermanic Committee on Water, recommending that the following motion be not adopted:

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to advertise for sealed proposals to furnish and erect a drinking fountain at the southeast corner of Downey street and Madison avenue.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

On motion, the Common Council recessed from its former action.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

This being the regular appropriation night, the following entitled Appropriation Ordinances were introduced and read the first time, and were then placed on their second and third reading, and final passage, without suspension of the rules:

By the Fire Board, through Councilman Thalman:

Ap. O. 19, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department.

By the Hospital Board, through Councilman Bryce:

Ap. O. 20, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis on account of the City Hospital and Branch.

By the Police Board, through Councilman Downey:

Ap. O. 21, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station-Houses.

By the Committees on Accounts and Claims, through Councilman Dean:

Ap. O. 22, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

By the Committees on Printing, through Councilman Bedford:

Ap. O. 23, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, and Advertising.

Appropriation ordinances Nos. 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, 1881, were severally read the second time, and ordered engrossed.

Councilman Downey was excused for the remainder of this session.

The following entitled ordinance was read the third time:

Ap. O. 19, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated \$4,586.52.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dowling, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, White and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the third time:

Ap. O. 20, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch. [Amount appropriated, \$1,139.10.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dowling, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, White and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the third time:

Ap. O. 21, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station-Houses. [Amount appropriated, \$138.24.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dowling, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, White and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the third time :

Ap. O. 22, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$19,463.83.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dowling, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, White and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the third time :

Ap. O. 23, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery and Advertising. [Amount appropriated, \$641.66.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dowling, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, White and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business, the following entitled ordinances were introduced, and were severally read the first time :

By Councilman Bedford :

S. O. 42, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick (where not already properly paved) the south sidewalk of Christian avenue, from Central avenue to the I., P. & C. Railroad Company's track.

The above entitled ordinance was accompanied by the following petition :

Indianapolis, March 30th, 1881.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting north on Christian avenue, between Central avenue and the I., P. & C. Railroad, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for laying a brick sidewalk along the south side of Christian avenue, to be eight feet in width, extending from the east side of Central avenue to the west side of the Indianapolis, Peru & Chicago Railroad.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.,

Arthur G. Fosdyke, 40 ft.; C. B. Paul, 48 ft.; F. W. Hamilton, 42½ ft.; C. C. Mick, 40 ft.; W. A. Bell, 60 ft.; A. E. Fletcher, 140 ft.; J. M. Hoffman, 140 ft.; E. S. Elder, 50 ft.; E. W. Hays, 40 ft.; Delany Wiley, 40 ft.; C. A. Heath, 40 ft.; A. R. Benton, 63 ft.

By Councilman Bryce :

- S. O. 43, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for re-grading and re-bowldering Meridian street, from Washington street to Louisiana street.

The above entitled ordinance was accompanied by the following petition :

Indianapolis, April 1st, 1881. ☞

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on South Meridian street, between Washington street and Louisiana street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for regrading and bowldering.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Murphy & Holliday, 61 ft.; Henry Schnull, 93 ft.; Aug. Schnull, per H. S., 92 ft.; Gordon, Kurtz & Co., 27 ft.; Fahmley & McOrea, 33 ft.; F. Stout & Son, 32 ft.; Stewart & Barry, 49½ ft.; Henry Severin, 45 ft.

By Councilman Bryce :

- S. O. 44, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering Chesapeake alley, from Meridian street to Pennsylvania street.

By Councilman Dowling :

- S. O. 45, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering Eddy street, from South street to Garden street.

By Councilman Dowling :

- S. O. 46, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading, paving with brick and curbing with stone, the west sidewalk of Eddy street, from South street to Garden street.

By Councilman Dowling :

- S. O. 47, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the east sidewalk of Eddy street, from South street to Garden street.

By Councilman Dowling :

- S. O. 48, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering Garden street and sidewalks (full width), from Illinois street to Eddy street.

S. O. 23, 1881, was ordered stricken from the files.

By Councilman Pritchard :

- S. O. 49, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the first alley east of Delaware street, from Pearl street to Maryland street.

By Councilman O'Conor :

- S. O. 11, 1881—An Ordinance granting McOuat & May the right and privilege to build and construct a railroad switch across Pine street (old Cady), just south of Bates street, in the rear of lots one (1) and two (2) in the Indianapolis and Cincinnati Railroad Company's subdivision of out lot number ninety (90).

Councilman O'Connor moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of placing the above entitled ordinance on its final passage.

Which motion was adopted and the rules suspended by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dean, Dowling, Fultz, Harold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, White and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

G. O. II, 1881, was then read the second time, ordered engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dean, Dowling, Fultz, Harold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, White and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Bedford offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light, with power to act:

That the City Civil Engineer be directed to have the lamp post situate on the east side of Park avenue, at the mouth of the first alley north of Butler street, removed about three feet south of its present location, as the said post extends that far into the alley.

Councilman Bedford offered the following motions; which were adopted:

That the City Marshal notify the property owners on Park avenue to renumber their houses according to usual form, and that the City Clerk designate the proper numbers.

That Arthur G. Fosdyke, C. B. Paul and C. A. Heath be, and are hereby, granted permission to pave with brick, to a width of eight feet, the sidewalk in front of their property, on Christian avenue, between Ash and Plum streets. Work to be done at their own expense, within sixty days, and according to stakes to be set by the City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Bryce offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

To have a stone crossing placed on the south side of Merrill street, at the crossing of Delaware. This is a very necessary improvement, as there is no crossing at all there, and is much needed, especially on account of the children going to and from school.

Councilman Dean offered the following motions; which were adopted:

That Joseph Kruger be allowed to place a brick sidewalk, at his own expense, in front of his property, corner of High and Coburn streets, according to grade stakes set by the City Civil Engineer.

That H. R. Dean be allowed to lay a brick sidewalk in front of his residence, corner of High and Coburn streets, at his own expense, according to stakes set by City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Dean offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the owners of the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot No. 29 in Kappes' subdivision of B. F. Morris' addition to the City of Indianapolis, be, and they are hereby, required to fill or drain the same, as, in the opinion of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant or noxious as to be a nuisance, and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and of the inhabitants thereof; and that the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, required to notify the owners thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 28, 1866, entitled "An ordinance providing for the drainage and filling up of Ponds, Excavations and Holes, and prescribing Penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same;" and that, in case of the failure of the owners thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to fill or drain the said hole or excavation as provided in said ordinance, *provided*, that the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the value of the aforesaid real estate, as assessed upon the tax duplicate for city purposes.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dean, Dowling, Fultz, Harold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, White and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Dowling, for Councilman Bernhamer, offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Under existing laws the polls at elections can not be opened before 8 A. M., and must be closed at 6 P. M.; and,

WHEREAS, By reason of this late opening and early closing of the polls a large number of voters in cities find great inconvenience in depositing their ballots without loss of time; and,

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 138 (introduced by Senator Davis, of Vermillion and Parke), now pending in the Senate of this State, proposes to remedy the evil complained of; therefore be it

Resolved, By the Common Council, the Board of Aldermen concurring, that it is the opinion of this Council and Board of Aldermen that said bill, or some other bill embodying this proposition, should be passed by the General Assembly, in time to become effective at the ensuing city election; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Clerk transmit a certified copy of these resolutions to each of the Senators and Representatives from this county.

On motion by Councilman Pritchard, the above resolution was referred to the Judiciary Committee, by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dean, Fultz, Kahn, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman and Yoke.

NAYS, 5—viz. Councilmen Dowling, Harrold, Koller, O'Connor and Van Vorhis.

Councilman Fultz presented the following remonstrance; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements, with the ordinance:

Indianapolis, March 26th, 1881.

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

Marion County, Indiana:

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned property owners, do most earnestly protest against the pavement with brick of the east side of Maple street, between Ray and Wilkins streets, it being unnecessary and oppressive at the present time to the majority of said owners.

Wm. H. H. Johnson, 120 ft.; Boardman & Stalder, by Jas. Johnson, agt., 36 ft.; Peter Lieber, 24 ft.; Wm. H. English, 30 ft.; J. E. Colden, 30 ft.; Ellen Kenrick, 30 ft.

Councilman Fultz offered the following motions; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to clean the gutters and fill the chuck holes on West street, from Merrill to Morris streets.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to clean the gutters and fill the chuck holes on Ray street, from Illinois street to Pogues Run.

Councilman Kahn presented the following remonstrance; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements, with the ordinance:

Indianapolis, March 24th, 1881.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Alabama street, between Michigan street and St. Clair street, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of the roadway and bowldering and curbing the gutters thereof between the points named.

All of the property represented in this petition is on the squares from North street to St. Clair street—none of it comes below North street

And your remonstrators will ever pray, etc.

N. B. Taylor, 32½ ft. east side Alabama st.; Annie E. Taylor's heirs, per N. B. Taylor, 32½ ft. east side Alabama st.; Elizabeth Brown, 65 ft.; O. Brown, 74 ft.; Jerry Brown, 33½ ft.; S. A. Fletcher, 249.56 ft.; J. H. F. Brown, 37 ft.; William Hadley, 42 ft.; Sarah Stevens, 30 ft.; Grigsby Morris, 33½ ft.; Alva B. Brown, 25 ft.; B. H. Enos, 32 ft.; Sarah Larsh, 40 ft.; Jos. R. Evans, 40 ft.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Alabama street, between Michigan street and St. Clair street, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for grading and graveling the roadway and

bowldering and curbing the gutters thereof, between the points named, so far as it effects the square lying between Michigan and North streets, the roadway of which is in good repair and condition.

And your remonstrators will ever pray, etc.

James Swain, 33½ ft. west side Alabama st.; F. Bremerman, 30 ft. east side Alabama st.; H. M. Foltz, 50 ft. east side Alabama st.; M. Hartman, 33 ft. 9 in.; N. B. Taylor, 150 ft. east side Alabama st.; George K. Share, 50 ft. east side Alabama st.; W. F. Clem., 33½ ft. west side Alabama st.; C. E. Munson, 45½ ft. west side Alabama st.; L. L. Todd, 42 ft. west side Alabama st.; John Reynolds, 50 ft. east side Alabama st.; S. K. Fletcher, 34 ft. west side Alabama st.; E. E. Church, 34 ft. west side Alabama st.; Nancy Peebles, 20 ft. west side Alabama st.; B. Gundelfinger, 47½ ft. west side Alabama st.; The First National Bank, Indianapolis, 40 ft. Total, 698 5-12 ft.

Councilman Kahn presented the following petition; which was referred to the Judiciary Committee and City Attorney:

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

Gentlemen.—Your petitioner would respectfully represent that on the 12th day of February, 1877, at the public tax sale held by the city, he purchased from the City-Treasurer a tax sale certificate on lot No. two (2) in Theis' subdivision in square No. twenty one (21) in Johnson's heirs' addition in the City of Indianapolis, Marion county, Indiana, for which he paid to the City Treasurer the sum of sixty-two dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$62.79).

The above sale was erroneous from the fact that the description should have been lot No. two (2) in Fiscus' subdivision in square No. twenty-one (21) in Johnson's heirs' addition.

Your petitioner would therefore ask and demand that the above sum of sixty-two dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$62.79) be refunded him, with interest, and that the tax be carried to the proper description.

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

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES G. DOUGLASS.

Councilman Kahn offered the following motions; which were adopted:

That the City Marshal be, and is hereby, instructed to notify the owners of No. 92 East Washington street, to repair the sidewalks in front of such property; the same to be done within fifteen days; and, upon failure to do the same, the Street-Commissioner is hereby instructed to repair said sidewalk and collect the cost thereof from said property owner.

That the City Attorney be, and is hereby, instructed to examine and report to this Council, at its next meeting, if the city has sufficient security for the full payment of rents for the Southern Park, especially for the last payment, which is \$200.

Councilman Koller offered the following motions; which were adopted:

That the City Marshal be, and is hereby, directed to notify the L. P. & C. and C., C., C. & I. Railroad Companies to increase the size of their culverts on Pine street to a sufficient capacity to admit of the free flow of water through them.

That the Committee on Bridges be, and are hereby, directed to examine the bridge on Arsenal avenue, over Crooked Creek, and report to this body at their next regular meeting what is necessary to be done to put such bridge in a good and safe condition for public travel.

Councilman Koller offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light:

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to order the Gas Company to dismantle the first lamp-post east of pine street on the north side of Washington street, and remantle and relight the lamp in front of the East Washington street engine-house; also, to dismantle the first lamp just west of Davidson street on north side of Washington street, and remantle and relight the first lamp east of Davidson street on north side of Washington street.

Councilman Koller offered the following motions; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to lay a double stone crossing on Washington street, at the crossings of State avenue, Arsenal avenue, Oriental street, Highland street, Cruse street, Pine street, and Davidson street.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to clean the gutters and fill the chuckholes in Davidson street, between Ohio street and North street.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to clean the gutters and fill the chuckholes in New York street, from Noble street to Pine street.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to clean the gutters and fill the chuck holes in North street, from Noble street to Pine street.

Councilman Morrison offered the following motion; which was referred to the Judiciary Committee, with instructions to procure an opinion:

That the City Attorney be, and is hereby, instructed to procure from N. B. Taylor or A. C. Harris a written opinion showing when the terms of the present City Attorney, Chief of the Fire Department, Street Commissioner, City Civil Engineer, Market Masters, Treasurer, and Chief of Police, expires. Also, what meeting is the "first annual meeting" of the Council, and when, under the law, the above officers, to be elected by the Council and Board of Aldermen, should be elected; and any other question the City Attorney may deem necessary for the proper interpretation of the late law regarding municipal elections, said opinion not to cost to exceed the sum of twenty-five dollars.

Councilman Morrison offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Civil Engineer and Street Commissioner be, and are hereby, ordered to procure the lumber for the building of a fence along West Michigan street, east of White river, in accordance with the recommendation of the City Attorney; and that they be instructed to contract for said lumber and the building of the fence at the best terms possible.

Councilman Morrison offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

That the Street Commissioner and City Civil Engineer be, and are hereby, instructed to examine the west gutter of North Mississippi street, from Washington street to Ohio street; and that the Street Commissioner be ordered by the City Civil Engineer to place said gutter in a good and safe condition, as a portion of said gutter north of Market street is in a dangerous condition.

Councilman Shilling offered the following motions; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair California street, between North and New York streets.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair Michigan street, between the canal and Douglass street.

Councilman Pritchard presented the following communication; which was referred to the Committee on Public Property, with instructions to estimate the cost:

Indianapolis, April 4th, 1881.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned represent that the citizens of this city desire that the grounds used for city parks be properly decorated during the summer months with plants and flowers, so as to make the same more inviting and pleasant for visitors.

We, the undersigned, the "Indianapolis Floral Society" propose to furnish the plants, etc., necessary to make the decoration at a very low rate. Nothing has heretofore been done to beautify said parks. By proper floral decoration these parks would be made the greatest attraction of the city, and more inviting and pleasant to visitors. In other cities thousands of dollars are expended in this way each season—hence the beautiful parks, etc., *we read of*—while in our own city we have only the vacant grounds, and they not as attractive as they were in their primitive state. Therefore, the attractions are *from*, instead of *to*, our city.

We therefore request you to take such action in the premises as will bring about the results so much desired by the people of this city.

Respectfully,
INDIANAPOLIS FLORAL SOCIETY,
Thos. Lewis, Secretary.

The undersigned recommend that such action be taken by the authorities as will bring about the result stated in the above memorial.

Jno. C. New, John S. Spann & Co., Th. H. Sharpe,
Alfred Harrison, John H. Holliday, E. B. Martin-
dale, H. Leiber, Hildebrand & Fugate, N. S. Byram.

Councilman Pritchard presented the following petition; which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

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

Gentlemen:—We desire to call your attention to the fact that the plat of land known as Stanton & Francis' Addition, situated southeast of this city, is not contiguous to any territory annexed to the city, and respectfully ask that you will order the same certified off from the tax duplicate of this city.

The Common Council passed a resolution, in 1874, annexing this addition to the city as contiguous territory (see Council proceedings of 1873 and 1874, pages 1678 and 1691, and also page 1834), when in point of fact it was not contiguous territory, and consequently the proceeding to annex is illegal, null and void. The land lies near a half mile beyond the present extended corporation line, receives no benefits from city government, and should, neither in law or equity, be burdened with city taxation. Hence this prayer.

Yours respectfully,
Mary Swain McAvoy, Isaac N. Sims, John William Herron,
Eleazar Bales (per Mills & Carter, agents), A. P. Stanton,
A. E. Stanton, D. R. Brown.

PENDING ORDINANCES.

The following entitled ordinance was read the third time:

- S. O. 2, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for improving Meridian street, from New York street to St. Clair street, by bowldering the gutters to a width of ten (10) feet, and paving the roadway, from gutter to gutter, with red cedar blocks.

On motion by Councilman Thalman the above entitled ordinance was amended so as to read "red or white" cedar blocks.

The question then being on the passage of the ordinance, it failed to pass (not receiving the necessary two-thirds vote) by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dean, Dowling, Fultz, Harold, Kahn, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, White and Yoke.

NAYS, 5—viz: Councilmen Koller, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling and Thalman.

The following entitled ordinance was read the third time:

- S. O. 3, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for improving Meridian street, from St. Clair street to Seventh street, by bowldering the gutters to a width of six (6) feet, and paving the roadway, from gutter to gutter, with red cedar blocks.

On motion by Councilman Thalman the above entitled ordinance was amended so as to read "red or white" cedar blocks.

The question then being on the passage of the ordinance, it failed to pass (not receiving the necessary two-thirds vote) by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dean, Dowling, Fultz, Harold, Kahn, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, White and Yoke.

NAYS, 5—viz. Councilmen Koller, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling and Thalman.

Councilman Thalman moved to reconsider the vote by which the above ordinances, S. O. 2 and S. O. 3, 1881, failed to pass.

Which motion was adopted, and the action of the Council reconsidered by the following vote:

AYES, 18—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dean, Dowling, Fultz, Harold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, O'Connor, Prier, Shilling, Thalman, White and Yoke.

NAYS, 1—viz: Councilman Pritchard.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

- S. O. 15, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick (where not already paved) the sidewalks of Oak street, from Massachusetts avenue to the first alley north of Cherry street.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, White and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

S. O. 24, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Lincoln avenue and sidewalks, from Beeler street to Newman street.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, White and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

S. O. 25, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Seventh street and sidewalks, from Columbia avenue to Hill avenue.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, White and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

S. O. 27, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading, paving with brick, and curbing with stone (where not already properly paved or curbed) the north sidewalk of Maryland street, from West street to Helen street.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, White and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

S. O. 28, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick (where not already paved) the east sidewalk of West street, from South street to Merrill street.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, White and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and read the third time :

S. O. 29, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk of West street (where not already properly paved), from Washington street to Kentucky avenue.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 17—viz: Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, White and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and read the third time :

S. O. 30, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk of Railroad street, from Market street to Ohio street.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, White and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and read the third time :

S. O. 32, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Newman street and sidewalks, from Hill avenue to the Pendleton road.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Thalman, Shilling, White and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and read the third time :

S. O. 33, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Newman street and sidewalks, from Pendleton road to Brookside avenue.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, White and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and read the third time (for petition, see page 1025, *ante*):

S. O. 34, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Newman street and sidewalks, from Brookside avenue to Clifford avenue.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, White and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and read the third time :

S. O. 36, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes,) on Dillon street, between Prospect and Elm streets.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, White and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and read the third time :

S. O. 37, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the alley between Union and Chestnut streets, from Hanway street to Hill street.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, White and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time :

G. O. 6, 1881—An Ordinance to repeal an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to amend section 14 of an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance relative to the licensing and regulating of certain extraordinary trades and establishment.'" Ordained May 4, 1859.

Councilman Thalman moved to strike the above ordinance from the files.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

AYES 11—viz. Councilman Bedford, Dowling, Fultz, Kahn, Mauer, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, White and Yoke.

NAYS, 8—viz. Councilman Bryce, Caylor, Dean, Harrold, Koller, Lang, Morrison and O'Connor.

On motion by Councilman Morrison the above vote was reconsidered by unanimous consent.

Councilman Yoke was excused for the remainder of the session.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time :

G. O. 7, 1881—An Ordinance prescribing the terms and conditions upon which the time specified in contracts for public improvements within which the work shall be performed may be extended.

On motion by Councilman Prier the above ordinance was stricken from the files.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and read the third time :

G. O. 9, 1881—An Ordinance to amend section three (3) of an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to provide for the prevention of fraud in the sale of grain, hay and produce in the City of Indianapolis." Ordained and established March 1st, 1880.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES 19—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dean, Dowling, Fultz, Harold, Kahn, Koller, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman and White.

NAYS—None.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

J. Caven, Mayor,
President of Common Council.

Attest: *J. S. Wagner* City Clerk.