

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
MONDAY, MARCH 2D, 1868, 7 O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, Daniel Macauley, in the chair,
and the following members :

Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—15.

Absent—Councilmen Burgess, Colley and Schmidt—3.

The proceedings of the regular session held February 24th, 1868, were read and approved.

Business was resumed in the order in which it was left off at last regular meeting. viz :

REPORTS FROM BOARDS.

Mr. MacArthur, from the Board of Public Improvements, made the following report :

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, Feb. 29, 1868. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements respectfully report that we recommend that the City Auditor be authorized to advertise the letting of the improvement of sidewalk on Ellen street as petitioned for.

Also, that Mr. Berg be allowed to erect an awning in front of his grocery store.
Respectfully submitted,

JNO. B. MACARTHUR, }
SAMUEL GODDARD, } *Board.*
W. H. LOOMIS. }

Which was concurred in.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Streets and Alleys, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 17, 1868.

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

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, and Civil Engineer, to whom were referred the petition and claim of Wm. C Means, report as follows:

That the paved sidewalk in front of the property of said Means has been graded and paved according to the general plan of sidewalks throughout the city; that the curb-line is about the usual height above the bowldered gutter; that the gutter was bowldered three years ago and is presumed to be according to grade; that the gutter is sufficiently large to carry off the water that may fall upon the street; and that the water cannot back up into the gutter from Pogue's Run, in any ordinary freshet.

AUSTIN H. BROWN, } *Committee.*
HENRY COBURN, }
R. M. PATTERSON, } *Civil Engineer.*

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Kappes, from the Committee on Printing and Stationery, introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 12—1868, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Kappes, from the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, March 2, 1868.

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

RECAPITULATION OF THE MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1868.

Number of patients in Hospital at last report	20
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	8
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	1
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	10
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report	0
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	19

Also, the following :

RECAPITULATION OF THE WEEKLY REPORT OF CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 1868.

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	16
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	4
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	4
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	16

Also, the following :

RECAPITULATION OF THE MONTHLY REPORT OF EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1868.

Total expenditures for the month	\$428 66
Aggregate number of days for which subsistence, etc., was furnished.....	583
Average expense per capita per diem.....	\$0 73

Also, the following :

RECAPITULATION OF THE WEEKLY REPORT OF CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1868.

Number of patients in the Hospital at last report.....	18
Number of patients received in the Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report	0
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	2
Number of patients died in the Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients remaining in the Hospital at present.....	16

Also, the following :

RECAPITULATION OF THE WEEKLY REPORT OF CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1868.

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	20
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	3
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	19

Which were concurred in.

Also, introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 13—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating moneys for the payment of sundry claims on account of the City Hospital for the month of February, 1868.

Which was read the first time by title.

Mr. Coburn, from the Committee on Accounts and Claims, introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 14—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Seidensticker, from the Committee on Revision of Ordinances, introduced general ordinance No. 124, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE fixing the amount of license to be paid by the owner of Mozart Hall.

Which was read the first time by title.

Mr. Brown moved that the rules be suspended and the ordinance read the second time.

The question being on a suspension of the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the rules were suspended, and the ordinance read the second time and considered engrossed.

Dr. Jameson moved that the rules be suspended and the ordinance put upon its passage.

The question being on a suspension of the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—15.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the rules were suspended, and the ordinance read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—15.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Dr. Jameson, from the Finance Committee, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, March 2, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Finance Committee, to whom was referred a motion passed by the Common Council directing that inquiry be made with refer-

ence to payment of the Bank Loan of the city, and the continuance of cash payment for the ensuing year, have had the same under consideration. Your committee have, in several instances, found it difficult to obtain propositions for loans from capitalists, unless they have the authority within proper limits to accept the same on the part of the city, consequently after having visited our principal banks they find it inexpedient to report any definite proposition from the same. Your committee, therefore, recommend that they be authorized to contract, on behalf of the city, with some responsible party to sell at par the two year ten per cent. warrants of the same; further, that your committee may bind the city to pay said party a commission not exceeding one-half per cent. for selling said warrants in an amount not more than one hundred thousand dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

P. H. JAMESON,
THOMAS COTTRELL, } *Committee.*

Which was concurred in.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Attorney made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 24, 1868

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have examined the questions presented by the petition of the Indianapolis Rolling Mill Company, and respectfully report:

The question has occasioned me much perplexity, and I submit the conclusion at which I have arrived with hesitation. The statute is an obscure and confused one, and the construction very difficult. I have given the matter careful consideration and much investigation, and think that the construction I have given the statute will best promote the interests of the city and occasion tax-payers no injustice. I had prepared a lengthy opinion, but upon reflection deem it unnecessary to encumber the records with it.

As against corporations and joint stock companies taxes should be assessed as follows:

1st. Corporations, whose principal property is real estate, and whose business is based thereon, should be taxed on their real and personal property, and not on stock held by individual stockholders. Such corporations as manufacturing, mechanical and mercantile will fall within this class.

2d. Where the corporation is of the class to which Insurance Companies, Banks and Associations of that general character belong, the tax should be assessed upon the stock and against the individual shareholder. Railroad Companies are not included, as there is a special provision respecting them upon which I have heretofore reported.

Respectfully,

B. K. ELLIOTT, *City Attorney.*

Which was concurred in.

The City Clerk made the following report:

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, }
Indianapolis, Feb. 17, 1868. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—I would respectfully report to your honorable body, that in compliance with your instructions, I notified the Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis to meet at my office on Monday, the 10th day of February, 1868, to assess the damages and benefits upon certain property through which

it is proposed to open and widen certain streets; that the property owners were all duly and properly notified of such meeting, as directed by law; and that said Commissioners met at the time and place appointed, and proceeded then and there to transact the business set apart for their consideration; and that the following are the proceedings and reports of said Board of Commissioners so appointed and acting.

Respectfully, D. M. RANDELL, *City Clerk.*

Which was received.

Also, the following:

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 11, 1868.

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

The undersigned Commissioners, appointed to appraise and assess damages and benefits in cases of opening streets and alleys, to whom is referred the petition for the opening of Blackford street through out-lot one hundred and fifty-two (152), to a uniform width of sixty feet (60), between New York and Vermont streets, report, that in pursuance of notice given they met at the office of the City Clerk on Monday the 10th day of February, 1868, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and proceeded to hear evidence in the matter; and concluding such examination, proceeded to view the ground proposed to be appropriated for the purpose of opening said street.

1st. They find that the whole amount of damages sustained is six hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$625), which is assessed as follows:
Ed. E. Pile 30 feet west side of lot No. 65, out-lot No. 152, \$625.00.

2d. That no part of the benefits arising from the opening of said street shall be assessed against the City of Indianapolis.

3d. That the benefits accruing to the owners of lots and parts of lots by opening of said street, is six hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$625), which is assessed against the owners of the following described real estate:

Mary B. Jourdon 17 5½-12 feet west side of lot 64, and 32 5½-12 feet east side of lot 65, out-lot 152,	- - - - -	\$160 00
C. F. Condit, lot 66, in out-lot 152,	- - - - -	113 00
Erie Locke, lot 71, in out-lot 153,	- - - - -	75 00
C. F. Condit, lot 72, in out-lot 153,	- - - - -	75 00
H. M. Goe, lot 15, in out-lot 151,	- - - - -	60 00
E. Hollowell, lot 18, in out-lot 151,	- - - - -	20 00
H. Hawkins, lot 14, in out-lot 151,	- - - - -	20 00
Rufus Davidson, lot 7, in out-lot 151,	- - - - -	10 00
Aaron Rosier, lot 8, in out-lot 151,	- - - - -	10 00
Mantan Roads, lot 9, in out-lot 151,	- - - - -	10 00
E. Hollowell, lot 10, in out-lot 151,	- - - - -	10 00
Wm. A. Ousley, lot 11, in out-lot 151	- - - - -	10 00
Wm. Darnell, lot 12, in out-lot 151,	- - - - -	10 00
P. Sanburn, lot 1, in out-lot 151,	- - - - -	7 00
Manoh Vocht, lot 2, in out-lot 151,	- - - - -	7 00
Manoh Vocht, lot 3, in out-lot 151,	- - - - -	7 00
E. H. Beaty, lot 4, in out-lot 151,	- - - - -	7 00
S. Showalter, lot 5, in out-lot 151,	- - - - -	7 00
Ellen Pierson, lot 6, in out-lot 151,	- - - - -	7 00

Total amount of benefits, - - - - - \$625 00
All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL SEIBERT,	} <i>Commis'ers.</i>
JAMES C. YOHN,	
JAMES N. RUSSELL,	
THOMAS SCHOOLEY,	
WILLIAM BRADEN,	

Mr. Stanton presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 2, 1868.

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

Your remonstrants respectfully represent that they did petition for the condemnation and vacation of thirty feet of ground at the junction of Blackford street with New York street, that in doing so they confidently supposed that the expense of such condemnation and opening of said Blackford street would be assessed against those who will ultimately receive the greatest amount of benefit from the opening of said street. We find that such has not been the case; we therefore pray your honorable body to take no further action in the matter.

Erie Locke, J. D. Condit,
Isaac Thalman, H. M. Goe.

Mr. Seidensticker moved that the report and the remonstrance be referred back to the Commissioners, with instructions to view the matter and make report at the next meeting of the Council whether in their opinion the assessment ought not to be changed.

Upon which motion Mr. MacArthur called for the ayes and noes.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Davis, Geisel, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—11.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Cottrell, Foster, Goddard and MacArthur—4.

So Mr. Seidensticker's motion to refer back was adopted.

The City Clerk made the following report :

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, }
Indianapolis, Feb. 10, 1868. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The City Clerk would respectfully report the following affidavits on file in his office for the collection of street assessment by precept, as follows:

Daniel Mahoney against H. McCormack, for \$49.50.
Daniel Mahoney against Hannah Bishop, for \$56.10.

And would recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully, D. M. RANSELL, *City Clerk.*

Which was concurred in.

The Civil Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 24, 1868.

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

I hereby report the following work finished according to contract :

John F. Hill for planting and boxing shade trees around the Governor's Circle, fifty-two trees and boxes, at four dollars and seventy cents per each tree and box \$244.40.

Also, James Mahoney for grading and paving around the Governor's Circle, 1,084 95.100 feet at seventy-seven and three-fourths cents per lineal foot, \$843.42.

Also, Thomas Huskins for building fence around the Governor's Circle:
 1,043 95.100 feet at eighty-four cents per lineal foot, - - - - \$877 91
 Deduct former payment, - - - - - 500 00
 Present payment, - - - - - \$377 91

Respectfully, R. M. PATTERSON, *Civil Engineer.*

Which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims.

The City Judge made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 26, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to report the amount of forfeits collected by me during the month of January, just past, on account of violations of city ordinances, to be one hundred and ninety-five dollars and sixty cents, which amount I have turned over to the City Treasurer, as will appear by the accompanying voucher.

I am, gentlemen, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN N. SCOTT, *City Judge.*

Which was concurred in.

The Chief Fire Engineer made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, March 2, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have this day received a letter from H. C. Silsby that the Engine No. 3 has been delayed in consequence that they have found it necessary to put into it an entire new boiler, and that the same will be ready for shipment to this point in about two weeks from this date.

I would respectfully recommend that Daniel Glazier be sent on to see that all repairs have been properly made according to contract with the said party, and to accompany the engine home, and see that the same is not injured or delayed by transfer at the different points en route.

Respectfully,

GEO. W. BUCHANAN, *Chief Fire Engineer.*

The question being on concurring in the report, a division of the question was called for.

On motion, the first part of the report, simply referring to the repair of the engine, was concurred in.

Mr. Davis moved that the last paragraph, relating to sending Mr. Glazier to Seneca Falls, be laid on the table, and called for the ayes and noes.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Davis, Geisel, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—9.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Foster, Goddard and Loomis—6.

So the motion to lay on the table was adopted.

Mr. MacArthur moved to reconsider the vote just taken on laying on the table the last paragraph of the report.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Foster, Goddard, Jameson, Loomis and MacArthur—8.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Davis, Geisel, Henschen, Kappes, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—7.

So the motion to reconsider was adopted.

The question then being on the adoption of the motion to lay the last paragraph of the report on the table, the ayes and noes were demanded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Davis, Foster, Geisel, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—9.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Goddard, Loomis and MacArthur—6.

So the motion to lay on the table was adopted.

The City Auditor made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 24, 1868.

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

The City Auditor respectfully reports to Council :

1st. First and final estimate allowed James Mahoney for grading and graveling West street and sidewalks, between the north side of Merrill street and the south side of Root street.

2d. First and final estimate allowed the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on California street, between New York and Vermont streets.

3d. First and final estimate allowed the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Market street, between Mississippi and Missouri street.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. WATERS, *City Auditor.*

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co. for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Market street, between Mississippi and Missouri streets, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—15.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed James Mahoney for grading and graveling West street sidewalks, between the north side of Merrill and the south side of Root streets, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—15.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co. for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on California street, between New York and Vermont streets, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—15.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.

The Street Commissioner made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 2, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Allow me to suggest that in order to do a good job of work in laying the crossing across Peru Railroad track, on South East street, that three switches, which are in the middle of the sidewalk, ought to be removed.

Very respectfully,

AUGUST RICHTER, *Street Commissioner.*

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

The City Clerk made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, March 2, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The City Auditor informs me that the term of his office as City Auditor expires on the 5th of March, 1868, and that after that date the same duties will devolve on me which he has performed for the last two years, in view of such fact I have appointed the present incumbent, John G. Waters, Deputy City Clerk, to perform for me the said duties, and would respectfully ask you to confirm the appointment.

Respectfully,

D. M. RANSELL, *City Clerk.*

The question being on the reception of the report and confirming the appointment of John G. Waters Deputy City Clerk,

The ayes and noes were demanded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Curn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Stanton and Woodburn—14.

Mr. Seidensticker being excused from voting.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the report was received, and John G. Waters confirmed as Deputy City Clerk.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

That the question as to whether the City Clerk is authorized to discharge the duties now performed by the City Auditor, be referred to the City Attorney for his opinion, and report thereon.

Which was adopted.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Goddard called up special ordinance No. 94—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling Tennessee street, between McCarty and Ray streets, including the sidewalk.

Which was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Dr. Woodburn, special appropriation ordinance No. 14—1868, was read the second time and considered engrossed.

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

Dr. Woodburn called up special appropriation ordinance No. 14—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis.

Which was read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—15.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

That the City Clerk be required to report what are the conditions in the contract of Patrick Moriarty for improving East street south of South street, made some years ago, especially as to withholding the city's portion, or part thereof, for the benefit of the laborers doing the work on such street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Coburn offered the following motion :

That the Mayor be instructed to contract with J. B. Kelley & Co. to paint the names of the streets on strips of Isin-glass, bound with tin, after the accompanying sample, and the names put in the lamps at the street corners, said Kelley & Co. to receive twenty cents for each strip, and place them in the lamps.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Cottrell introduced special ordinance No. 3—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for enclosing the grounds known as the Military Park, in the City of Indianapolis, with a fence, and for planting forest and shade trees in the same.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Cottrell presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 2, 1868.

To Thos. B. McCarty, Auditor, and Nathan Kimball, Treasurer, State of Indiana :

GENTLEMEN:—The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis propose to pass an ordinance for enclosing the Military Park, in said city, bounded as follows: On the east by West street, on the north by New York street, on the west by Blackford street, and on the south by the Canal; with a good picket fence, and for ornamenting and beautifying said grounds by planting out a sufficient number of suitable shade and forest trees, provided the Auditor and Treasurer of the State of Indiana consent to and approve of the proposed improvements.

I would further represent that there is an old frame house situated on the east side of said grounds which is of but little value, and it is desired that you consent that said building be disposed of under the supervision of the Common Council of said city, and that the proceeds of the same be applied in defraying the expenses of the improvements above set forth.

DANIEL MACAULEY, *Mayor.*

INDIANAPOLIS, March 2, 1867.

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

We consent to and approve of the improvements hereinbefore proposed. We however suggest, in response to the portion of the within communication relating to the old house upon the grounds, that it is not within our power to consent that it shall be sold and the proceeds go towards the improvement of the ground. As you say, it is perhaps of little value, but think that whatever it is sold for should go into the State Treasury. If the city should adopt the plan suggested for the improvement of the ground mentioned, steps will be immediately taken to dispose of the house, so that it shall be removed.

T. B. McCARTY, Auditor of State.

NATHAN KIMBALL, Treasurer of State.

Which was received.

Mr. Stanton moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of reading the ordinance a second time.

The question being on a suspension of the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the rules were suspended and the ordinance read the second time and considered engrossed.

Mr. MacArthur moved that the rules be suspended and the ordinance placed upon its passage.

The question being on a suspension of the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Davis,

Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the rules were suspended and the ordinance read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Coburn introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 15—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating the sum of three hundred dollars for the purpose of sinking a pipe down through the strata of blue clay, and constructing a cistern.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Davis presented the following communication from the Gas Inspector :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 2, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to report that on Tuesday last, the 25th of February, I took and duly filed the oath of office required by me as City Gas Inspector.

To-day, in conjunction with the Superintendent of the Gas Works, Mr. Stacy, as Agent of the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company, I took the statements of the meters attached to the four meter posts heretofore established.

The above is the only duty I can perform until the apparatus contemplated by the ordinance creating the office with which you have honored me be procured. I also have reason to suppose that it is the desire of your honorable body that I should go to Cleveland, Ohio, to inform myself as to the details of my duties. I would respectfully suggest, if the latter item can be correct, that I also be instructed to visit Columbus and Cincinnati, Ohio.

An appropriation may be necessary to carry out the above, and I therefore respectfully ask for immediate consideration of these matters.

GEO. H. FLEMING, *City Gas Inspector.*

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas.

On motion by Mr. MacArthur, the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY, *Mayor.*

ATTEST :

D. M. RANDELL, *City Clerk.*