

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, 1868, 7½ 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, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Woodburn—15.

Absent—Councilmen Burgess, Colley and Stanton—3.

The proceedings of the regular session held Sept. 7th, 1868, were read and approved.

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

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The Street Commissioner made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 7, 1868.

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

The Street Commissioner would respectfully submit the following monthly report of all the work done from August 10, 1868, up to date :

1. Cleaned Illinois street between Market and Louisiana streets.
2. Cleaned Washington street between Noble and Missouri streets.

3. Cleaned Tennessee street between Market and Washington streets.
4. Cleaned Market street between Alabama and Delaware streets.
5. Rebowldered and widened the crossing on Indiana Avenue and Mississippi street.
6. Opened the gutters on Russell street between Illinois and Meridian streets.
7. Opened the gutters on Merrill street between Pennsylvania and Meridian streets.
8. Opened the gutters on Meridian street between South and McCarty streets.
9. Opened the gutters on East street between South and Louisiana streets.
10. Opened the gutters on South street between Tennessee street and the Canal.
11. Opened the gutters on Mississippi street between Georgia and South streets, east side.
12. Opened the gutters on Louisiana street between Tennessee and Mississippi streets, north side.
13. Opened the gutters on Bluff Road between McCarty and Ray streets.
14. Opened the gutters on Illinois street between McCarty st. and Pogue Run.
15. Opened the gutters on Tennessee street between McCarty street and Pogue Run.
16. Built a culvert on Pennsylvania and Court streets.
17. Built two culverts on New Jersey and Ohio streets.
18. Rebuilt a culvert on New Jersey and Vermont streets.
19. Built a culvert on Madison Avenue with intersection of Madison Railroad.
20. Cleaned and repaired the culverts on Illinois street with the intersection of Washington street and Kentucky Avenue.
21. Laid one foot bridge on Pennsylvania street between Market and Washington streets.
22. Built an entirely new bridge on South street across the Canal.
23. Graded and graveled the sidewalks on Massachusetts Avenue between Liberty and Noble streets.
24. Bowldered the alley crossings on North street between Alabama and Delaware streets, on the north side.
25. Took up and rebowldered the gutter on Illinois street, between Market and Washington streets, and 70 feet on Market street, southeast side.
26. Put two wooden protection walls on South street and Pogue Run.
27. Filled the crossings on Russell and Meridian streets with gravel.
28. Filled the gutters on Alabama street, between North and Michigan streets, with gravel.
29. Filled the mud holes on Tennessee street, between Louisiana and Georgia, with spalts and gravel.
30. Took up and re-bowldered the alley running north and south in Square 56.
31. Filled the crossings on East and St. Clair streets with gravel.
32. Filled the crossings on Michigan and Railroad streets with gravel.
33. Filled the crossings on Louisiana and Mississippi streets with spalts.
34. Filled four alley crossings on Illinois street, between Vermont and St. Clair streets, with spalts and gravel, west side.
35. Repaired the gutters on Washington street between Alabama and Delaware streets.
36. Filled up the end of the bridge on Illinois street across Pogue Run with spalts and gravel.
37. Raised the sidewalks on Market street, between Alabama and Delaware sts., with gravel.
38. Repaired the bridge on South street across Pogue Run.
39. Cut the grass and cleaned the Governor's Circle.
40. Bowldered the crossing on Harrison street with the intersection of Forrest Avenue.

The following statement shows the amount of expenditures in each Ward from August 10th, up to date, and the balance of credits on amount allowed to the different Wards, also deficits:

WARDS.	Expenditures from Aug. 10, till Sept. 7, 1868.	Balance of credits	Deficits.
1st Ward	\$251 88	\$30 02	
2d Ward	127 00		\$157 29
3d Ward	207 00		173 70
4th Ward	69 00	367 39	
5th Ward	187 00	31 52	
6th Ward	116 00		74 37
7th Ward	22 00	77 91	
8th Ward	68 00	197 69	
9th Ward	15 00	118 08	

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUST RICHTER, *Street Commissioner.*

Which was received.

The Chief Fire Engineer made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 7, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit a statement of the expense of the Artesian Well up to this date:

Paid to J. & W. C. Burk for coal	\$7 71
Marsee & Son for lumber	16 65
Bunte & Dickson for lumber	26 25
J. H. Vajen & Co. for nails and chain	7 81
Sinker & Co. for 64 feet of tubing, work on machinery and tools, and one week's rent of engine	378 30
George Zimmerman for drayage	1 00
J. H. Vajen & Co. for rope and bolts	3 40
Kunead Wesling for drayage	1 70
J. S. Long for lumber for ram	3 99
Marsee & Son for lumber ram and other things	9 80
R. S. Reno for 10½ days' labor at \$3.00 per day	31 50
A. McCulough for 9 days' labor at \$2.25 per day	14 00
Wm. Hildebrand for 9 days' labor at \$2.25 per day	20 25
Wm. Hildebrand for 2 days' labor at \$2.25 per day	4 50
R. S. Reno for 6½ days' labor at \$3.00 per day	18 75
R. S. Reno for 13½ days' labor at \$3.00 per day	40 50
Wm. Hildebrand for 13½ days' labor at \$2.25 per day	30 93
R. S. Reno for 4½ days' labor at \$3.00 per day	13 50
Wm. Hildebrand for 4½ days' labor at \$2.25 per day	10 12
Total amount paid	\$640 66
Amount overdrawn appropriation	\$40 66

I herewith present the following bills which have not been paid:

Sinker & Co. for 26 feet of tubing and 4 weeks' rent of engine and other work	\$220 70
Ciceron Seibert for 26 days' labor running engine	19 50
Sundry amounts paid out by Charles Richmann	7 00
Pay due yet to workmen for 3 days up to date	15 75
Amount overdrawn	40 66

Amount needed to pay the present indebtedness. \$303 61

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. RICHMANN, *Chief Fire Engineer.*

P. S. The Well is 68 feet 6 inches deep.

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

The Chief Fire Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 7, 1868.

To the Committee on Fire Department of the City of Indianapolis:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit a statement of the expense of the Fire Department for the quarter ending August 18th, 1868:

Amount paid for salaries-----	\$4,201 12
Amount paid on constructing Fire Alarm Telegraph	2,766 66
All other expenses-----	529 12
Total-----	<u>\$7,496 90</u>

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES RICHMANN, *Chief Fire Engineer.*

Which was received.

The Street Commissioner made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 14, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Street Commissioner would respectfully report to the Common Council:

1st. That Richard Carr, the contractor for repairing Delaware street, between South and Wyoming streets, has completed the same, and has placed thereon 1443 yards of gravel at \$1.10 cents per yard, making the sum of fifteen hundred dollars and eighty-seven cents to be assessed against the property on each side of the line improved between the points named in his contract.

2d. That Hiram Seibert, the contractor for repairing Merrill street and sidewalks between Delaware and Alabama streets, has completed the same, and has placed thereon 214 yards of gravel at \$1.10 cents per yard, making the sum of two hundred and thirty-five dollars and forty cents to be assessed against the property on each side of the line improved between the points named in his contract.

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUST RICHTER, *Street Commissioner.*

The first paragraph of the report, referring to Delaware street, was referred to the Board of Public Improvements. The second paragraph was concurred in.

By unanimous consent the rules were suspended in order to receive and hear James M. Ray on behalf of the Managers of the House for Friendless Women, who briefly stated the workings of said House, and presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 5, 1868.

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

The undersigned, resident tax payers of the City of Indianapolis, earnestly request you to appropriate to the Board of Trustees of the Home for Friendless Women, at Indianapolis, incorporated on the 18th day of February, 1867, under the law of the State of Indiana, entitled "An act concerning the organization of Voluntary Associations," approved Feb. 12, 1855, the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500), as one half the amount of means needful to provide, on grounds donated for said purpose, a suitable building for a house for friendless wo-

men, to be expended by such Board of Trustees, with such supervision as the Common Council may direct.

C. Pfingst, Mrs. M. J. Thomas,
 Geo. F. Pfingst, Mrs. M. J. Taylor,
 Mrs. C. Hall, And 293 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Benevolence, with instructions to report at next meeting.

The Civil Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 7, 1868.

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

I hereby report the following work finished according to contract :

James Mahoney for grading and graveling Broadway street and sidewalks between St. Clair street and the Corporation line north.

Length on east side ----- 1165 ft. 10 in.
 Length on west side ----- 1162 ft. 10 in.

Total length ----- 2328 ft. 8 in.

At seventy-nine and one-half cents per lineal foot ----- \$1,851 29

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

Which was concurred in.

The City Clerk made the following report :

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, }
 Indianapolis, Sept. 7, 1868. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The City Clerk respectfully reports to the Council that there are on file in his office the following affidavits for the collection of street assessment by precept, as follows :

James Mahoney vs. Casper Rauech for -----	\$11 45
John Schier vs. Thomas Feary for -----	75 00
James Stewart vs. Samuel Records for -----	91 23
James Stewart vs. Samuel Cox for -----	25 60
James Stewart vs. Whiteside & Griffith for -----	76 80

And would respectfully recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

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

Which was concurred in.

The City Clerk, also, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 14, 1868.

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

The City Clerk respectfully reports to the Common Council the following Contracts and Estimates :

1st. The contract and bond of Samuel Hanway for grading and graveling the alley running north and south between Virginia Avenue, Elm and Hosbrook sts., is presented for your approval.

2d. The contract and bond of Charles Roney to grade and pave with biick the east sidewalk on Alabama street, between Walnut and North streets, is also presented for your approval.

3d. The contract and bond of Deloss and Jerome B. Root for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Noble street, between Michigan and North streets, is also presented for your approval.

4th. First and final estimate allowed Thomas Carr for grading and graveling Grant street and sidewalks from West street to the terminus of Grant street, is also presented for your approval.

5th. First and final estimate allowed James Mahoney for grading and graveling Broadway street and sidewalks, between St. Clair street and Corporation line north, is also presented for your approval.

6th. First and final estimate allowed Richard Carr for repairing Delaware street and sidewalks from the south side of south street to the north side of Wyoming street, is also presented for your approval.

7th. I presented a contract and bond for L. Logston, the person to whom was awarded the contract for graveling Virginia Avenue and sidewalks, between South and Stevens streets, and he has failed to come forward and sign the same.

8th. First and final estimate allowed Hiram Seibert for repairing Merrill street and sidewalks, between Delaware and Alabama streets, is also presented for your approval.

DAN. M. RANSDELL, City Clerk.
Per JOHN G. WATERS, Deputy.

Which was received.

In reference to the 7th paragraph, Mr. Loomis offered the following motion :

That the matter of re-graveling Virginia Avenue be awarded to the next lowest bidder.

Mr. Geisel moved to amend by ordering the work re advertised.

Mr. Loomis called for the ayes and noes upon the amendment.

The question being on the amendment, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—12.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Henschen, Loomis and Schmidt—3.

So the amendment was adopted.

The original motion, as amended, was then adopted.

The portion of the report referring to Delaware street was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

On motion, the contracts and bonds were approved.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Hiram Seibert for repairing Merrill street and sidewalks, between Delaware and Alabama 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, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Woodburn—15.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Thomas Carr for grading and graveling Grant street and sidewalks from West street to the terminus of Grant street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

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, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Woodburn—15.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.

Also, the following :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed James Mahoney for grading and graveling Broadway street and sidewalks, between St. Clair street and the Corporation line north, 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, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Woodburn—15.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.

The City Commissioners made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 14, 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 and extension of Georgia street sixty-six feet wide from Pennsylvania to Delaware streets, that, in pursuance of notice given, they met at the office of the City Clerk on Monday, Sept. 14, 1868, at 9 o'clock, A. M. After viewing the ground proposed to be appropriated, and in accordance with the opinions and request of the petitioners, and all parties interested, who ask that said petition may

be changed from a sixty-six (66) feet street to a fifty feet street, the Commissioners would respectfully submit the above report—that the petitioners may change their petition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL M. SEIBERT, JAMES C. YOHN, WILLIAM BRADEN, JAMES N. RUSSELL,	}	<i>Com'rs.</i>
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Which was concurred in.

The Market Master made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 14, 1868.

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

I desire respectfully to call the attention of your body to the fact that the Texas cattle disease is in our midst, and that if something is not done immediately the city will be flooded with diseased and dying cattle, and, as a consequence thereto, foul beef and sickly veal. I do not know what is best to recommend.

GID. B. THOMPSON, *Market Master.*

Which was referred to the Board of Health.

By unanimous consent sealed proposals for public improvements were opened and read and referred to the Board of Public Improvements, and the bids and ordinance for securing the embankment and grading and graveling the alley in Square 96, on the west bank of Pogue Run, between South and McNabb streets, were referred to the City Attorney, with instructions to report as to whether or not the ordinance is legal.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

On motion, the following entitled ordinances were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed :

- Special ordinance No. 76—1868.
- Special ordinance No. 78—1868.
- Special appropriation ordinance No. 42—1868.
- Special ordinance No. 81—1868.
- Special ordinance No. 87—1868.
- General ordinance No. 159—1868.
- Special appropriation ordinance No. 44—1868.
- Special appropriation ordinance No. 45—1868.
- Special ordinance No. 83—1868.
- Special ordinance No. 84—1868.
- Special ordinance No. 89—1868.
- Special ordinance No. 82—1868.

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Loomis called up general ordinance No. 159—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE granting the petition of the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette Railroad Company for crossing with side tracks Alabama and Delaware sts.

By unanimous consent, Dr. Jameson offered the following amendment to the ordinance :

Sec. —. If the said Railroad refuse or fail to comply with all the provisions of this ordinance, at all times, the City reserves the right to remove all of said tracks from the street.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The ordinance was then 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, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—12.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Cottrell, Henschen and Schmidt—3.

So the ordinance passed.

Dr. Woodburn called up special ordinance No. 78—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and paving with brick the sidewalk on the north side of Market street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets.

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, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Woodburn—15.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Loomis called up special ordinance No. 85—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for leveling and re-graveling Virginia Avenue, between Stevens street and the Corporation line.

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, Fos-

ter, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Woodburn—15.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Davis called up special ordinance No. 81—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling Muskingum alley, between St. Clair and Pratt streets, including the sidewalk.

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, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Woodburn—15.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Geisel called up special ordinance No. 79—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading Vine street and sidewalks from Jackson street to the first alley east of Ash street.

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, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Woodburn—15.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Geisel called up special appropriation ordinance No. 42—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, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Woodburn—15.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. MacArthur called up special ordinance No. 76—1868, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading, paving and curbing the outside edge of the sidewalk with white oak plank, the west sidewalk on Mississippi street, from Wabash to Market streets.

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, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Woodburn—15.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

On motion by Mr. Brown, the vote awarding the contract to Feary & Dillon to build a sewer from Delaware street to Pogue Run, along the line of Ray street, was reconsidered.

The ayes and noes were demanded upon the motion awarding the contract.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Loomis, Schmidt and Seidensticker—10.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Coburn, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur and Woodburn—5.

So the motion was adopted.

Dr. Jameson offered the following motion:

That the Street Commissioner be directed to suspend all further repairs (except the stopping of holes in bridges and culverts) till further directed by the Council.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Dr. Jameson, also, offered the following motion:

That Smith, Harlan & Co. be permitted to bowlder the sidewalk adjacent to their building near the crossing of Massachusetts Avenue and Alabama street.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

That Frederick Ritzinger, B. E. Voigt, Adolph Schellschmidt and Wm. Langskamp be permitted to set stone curbing and pave with brick 9 feet of the inner edge of the sidewalk in front of their property on Ohio street, between East and

New Jersey streets, provided the same be done under the direction of the Civil Engineer, and that the Street Commissioner be directed to have the City's portion of the same work contracted for at the same time.

Which was adopted.

His Honor, the Mayor, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the City of Indianapolis authorize the offering of the sum of one thousand (1,000) dollars as a reward for the detection and capture of the murderer or murderers of Mr. and Mrs. Young, near the city limits, last Saturday, September 12th, 1868.

Which was referred to the City Attorney.

Mr. Seidensticker presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 14, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, citizens and property holders residing on the corner of Christian Avenue and Jackson street, and on said street south of said Avenue to the Corporation line of the City of Indianapolis, would respectfully represent to your honorable body that by reason of the recent grading of said Jackson street, under the direction and authority of the City of Indianapolis, that we have been deprived of our natural drainage, and that as the result of said grading a large and disagreeable pond of water is kept standing without any outlet, not only on our lots, but immediately in front of our doors, and that it is now, and will remain if not removed, not only impassable for persons on foot but exceedingly deleterious to the health of our neighborhood.

The drawing or plat hereto attached represents the locality and manner in which we are affected. We therefore respectfully petition your honorable body to refer our request to the proper committee, or person, with the view of an immediate inspection of the premises, and that we may have such relief as may be just in the premises.

Respectfully, &c.,

Wm. A. Lowe,
S. Ludlow,
J. Deery,

W. Thorne.
B. Deery.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Kappes offered the following motion :

That Judge E. B. Martindale be allowed to pave with brick the sidewalks in front of his property corner of Market and Pennsylvania streets, at his own expense, under the direction of the Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kappes presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 14, 1868.

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

The undersigned, desirous of making valuable and lasting improvements upon her business house, situate at the south-west corner of lot 14, in Square 56, and bordering on the alley, by enlarging the ground plan of the original building and by erecting thereon a third and additional story, respectfully asks of your honorable body the privilege to occupy, at the south-west corner of the building, a space not to exceed three feet in width off of the edge of the alley for the purpose of erecting an iron stairway of unique and beautiful design, which shall extend up-

wards, by easy ascent, to the second story of said building. The space so occupied would work no inconvenience to travel as the alley is a wide one.

MARIE RHODIUS.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Brown presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 14, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, living and doing business in the 6th Ward, petition your honorable body to have Lieber & Co. tile and drain the gutter leading from their Brewery to Logue Run, as the washings, &c., from said Brewery is offensive, a nuisance, and injurious to the health and comfort of your petitioners.

T. M. Connell,
John Packer,
Thos. S. Peck,

J. B. Root,
D. Root & Co.
And 43 others.

In reference to which Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Lieber & Co. be directed to construct, at their own expense, a sewer of drain tile of sufficient dimensions to carry off the water from their Brewery to Pogue Run, and that the same be placed below the gutter on the east side of Pennsylvania street; and that the said work be completed within thirty days.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Loomis introduced special ordinance No. 91—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling the alley running east and west, being one half of the south alley in Square 94, between School, Huron, Noble and South streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Brown introduced special ordinance No. 92—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for repairing the bowldered pavement on Louisiana street, between Meridian and Illinois streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Davis introduced special ordinance No. 93—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling the alley running north and south, between New Jersey and High streets, and between Bicking street and Noble's estate.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to notify all the Railroad Companies crossing New Jersey street, on the north side of Pogue Run, to enlarge the culvert running under their tracks on the west side, so as to permit the water running down said street to pass into Pogue Run without any obstruction. And that he be further notified to cause the culvert on the east side of said street to be properly cleaned out.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Cottrell, also, offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner proceed at once to improve Delaware street, in compliance with an ordinance for the improvement of said street; and that he be further directed to have the gutter on the east side of said street opened in such a manner as to drain the water from South to Bicking streets.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

That John Gates be permitted to bowlder the sidewalk in front of his blacksmith shop on New Jersey street, between Washington street and Pogue Run, under the direction of the Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, Sept. 14, 1868. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom was referred the various matters, would report :

1st. That D. Root & Co. are the only bidders for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on California street, between Vermont and Michigan streets, and on Meridian street, or Bluff Road, between Ray and Morris streets, their bid being for the corner posts \$36, and for the intermediate posts \$34. We recommend that the contract be awarded to said parties for the erection of said posts.

2d. The Board have examined the petition of Ninevah White, asking for the privilege of erecting a frame office on the corner of Market and Delaware streets, and recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be not granted, as it is inside of the fire limits.

3d. We recommend that the petition of Henry Hoffmeyer et al., asking for the improvement of Lockerbie street, between Noble and Liberty streets, be not granted, for reasons stated before, that the property holders are not able to pay for said improvement.

4th A report of the Street Commissioner was referred to the Board recommending that certain culverts be built on Massachusetts Avenue; we recommend that no more bridges be built as the appropriation is exhausted.

Very respectfully,

J. W. DAVIS, }
SAM'L GODDARD, } *Board.*

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Kappes presented the following remonstrances :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 14, 1868.

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

The undersigned, owners of lots on Fayette street between North and St. Clair streets, to the amount of feet opposite our respective names, hereby protest against the grading and graveling of the same, as petitioned for by a minority of the lot owners on same street. We represent a majority of the number of feet on said street, being 845 feet. The total number of feet covered by said improvement is 1,649. Only 773 feet is represented in the petition for improvement—825 feet being necessary to constitute a majority.

Your petitioners further protest against the action of the Common Council in the passage of an ordinance authorizing said improvement without giving legal notice of the pendency of such an ordinance, and the passage of said ordinance under cover of a notice published more than a year ago, since which time much of the property has changed owners, and before any petition for said improvement, we regard as an attempt to deprive citizens of their right of remonstrance.

W. A. Schofield,	Patrick McQuade,
H. F. Schofield,	James Callihan,
David B. Schofield,	And 10 others.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Kappes presented the following bill :

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City of Indianapolis,	To John B. Kelly,	Dr.
To painting 720 names of streets on mica, and furnishing same, at 20 cts.---	\$144 00	

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Kappes offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to build two small bridges at the intersection of Court street and Pennsylvania and Delaware streets.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Coburn offered the following motion :

That the Committee on Public Buildings be instructed to inquire whether fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars will finish the House of Refuge being built on the grounds donated by S. A. Fletcher, so that it will do to occupy.

Which was adopted.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY, *Mayor*

ATTEST:

D. M. RANSELL, *City Clerk.*