

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
MONDAY, JULY 10TH, 1865, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session, and as a Board of Equalization, pursuant to the publication for two successive weeks in the *Indianapolis Daily Journal* of the following notice:

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, }
Indianapolis, Ind., June 20th, 1865. }

Notice is hereby given that, in pursuance of the provisions of Sec. 44, of the City Charter, the Common Council, together with the City Assessor, will meet at the Council Chamber in said City, on Monday, July 10th, 1865, at 7½ o'clock P. M., as a Board of Equalization, to hear and decide all complaints, if there be any, in relation to the City Assessment for the year 1865, and equalize the same as right and justice may require.

By direction of the Common Council.

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, City Clerk.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair, and the following members at first roll-call:

Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub, Thompson and the City Assessor—17.

Absent—Councilmen Lefever and MacArthur—2.

The proceedings of the regular session, held July 3d, 1865, were read and approved.

His Honor the Mayor announced that the first business in order was receiving and the consideration of the City Assessment and Appraisement Lists for the year 1865, and other matters and things connected therewith.

The City Clerk presented the Assessment List for the year 1865, as returned to him by the City Assessor.

Then, on motion of Mr. Brown, the Clerk was directed to call the Wards, commencing with the first Ward, that the Council might hear and decide all complaints, if there be any, in relation to the City Assessment, for the year 1865.

First Ward—No complaint.

Second Ward—No complaint.

Third Ward—No complaint.

Fourth Ward—No complaint.

Fifth Ward—No complaint.

Sixth Ward—No complaint.

Seventh Ward—No complaint.

Eighth Ward—No complaint.

Ninth Ward—No complaint.

By Mr. Brown :

Resolved, That the Assessment and Appraisement Lists of the Assessor for the year 1865, be and the same are hereby accepted and approved by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, and that the same shall stand as the Assessment and Appraisement for taxation for the year 1865.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—16.

Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the City Treasurer, City Clerk and the Finance Committee presented their annual reports.

From the City Treasurer—Report:

INDIANAPOLIS, July 10, 1865.

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

The City Treasurer herewith reports the following Receipts and Disbursements for the year commencing May 15th, 1864, and ending May 10th, 1865:

RECEIPTS:

Balance from last annual report.....		\$4,183 90
Current tax collected	\$151,208 99	
Delinquent tax collected	11,499 97	
License collected.....	2,393 88	
Market rents	1,141 25	
Fines collected	4,910 00	
Printing on Precepts collected	97 37	
From John M. Kemper, Street Commissioner, collected from Union Railway Company—their portion for building bridge across Pogue's Run.....	192 52	
From William Henderson, on account of subscription to Fire Department.....	200 00	
From County Commissioners, per J. Caven, on account of wood for the poor, and sundry expenses paid by the city.....	285 98	
From Finance Committee, realized from sale of City Orders, issued October 3d, 1864, on subscription to Citizens' Draft Fund, viz.:		
New subscriptions.....	\$15,748 00	
Doubling subscriptions.....	22,886 00	
	38,634 00	
From subscriptions paid Treasurer direct.....	135 00	
From original subscription to Citizens' Draft Fund, which were doubled and City Orders taken, (see above).....	22,886 00	
From balance of said Fund, not doubled.....	20,595 00	
From J. Caven, Drafted Men's Fund.....	62,621 95	
From J. Caven, proceeds of sale of City Orders	26,515 39	
From J. Caven, loan from S. A. Fletcher & Co., for Draft Fund.....	4,980 83	
From Theo. P. Haughey, proceeds of Citizens' Loan to Draft Fund.....	154,658 00	
From S. A. Fletcher & Co., proceeds of Loan to Draft Fund.....	19,200 00	
From A. & J. C. S. Harrison, proceeds of Loan to Draft Fund.....	19,200 00	
From Citizens' National Bank, proceeds of Loan to Draft Fund.....	18,825 00	
From First National Bank, proceeds of Loan to Draft Fund.....	18,825 00	
From Indianapolis National Bank, proceeds of Loan to Draft Fund.....	18,825 00	
	<u>597,831 13</u>	
Total.....		<u>\$602,015 03</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Street Improvement	\$15,481 40
Fire Department	20,235 28
Police	24,142 84
Salary	14,797 64
Gas	12,520 36
Cisterns	127 60
Printing	2,090 81
Specific	6,291 46
Pest House	1,752 78
Interest paid on Orders	4,518 78
House of Refuge	4,449 70
Gas Fixtures	1,419 31
Reception of Volunteers	585 34
Town Clock	79 15
Interest paid on Bonds	1,875 00
Taxes Refunded	1,071 71
Bridges	1,338 70
Markets	602 40
Street Repairs	7,622 80
Lighting and Extinguishing Street Lamps	1,902 18
Rent	750 00
Cemetery	95 80
Wood for the Poor	8,697 71
Elections	64 00
Costs	952 71
School Fund	742 50
Jail Expenses	10,204 45
Nuisances	114 00
Books and Stationery	822 82
Government Tax on Gas	584 41
Bonds and Interest, Latta & Co.	400 00
Soldiers' Bounty	1,030 00
War Fund	22,073 42
Relief of Soldiers' Families	4,036 75
Bonds paid	25,000 00
War Fund—Recruits	390,376 50
War Fund—Substitutes	4,830 00
Decorations for Funeral of President Lincoln	2,568 80
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Balance on hand	\$596,249 11
	5,765 92
Total	<hr/> <u>\$602,015 03</u>

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. K. ENGLISH, *City Treasurer.*

Which, on motion, was accepted and approved.

From the City Clerk—Report:

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK,
Indianapolis, July 10, 1865. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the ordinance prescribing the powers, functions and duties of General City Officers, an annual statement of the Receipts, Disbursements, Assets, Liabilities, and the Total Indebtedness of the City of Indianapolis, for the fiscal year, commencing May 13th, 1864, and ending May 12th, 1865, is herewith submitted:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury May 13th, 1864 -----		\$4,183 90
To current Taxes collected -----	\$151,208 99	
To Delinquent Taxes collected -----	11,499 97	
To Licenses collected -----	2,393 88	
To Market Rents -----	1,141 25	
To Fines collected -----	4,910 00	
To Printing on Precepts collected -----	97 37	
From Union Railway Company, for one-half of bridge over Pogue's Run -----	192 52	
From Wm. Henderson, on account of subscription for Steam Fire Engine -----	200 00	
From County Commissioners, on account of Wood for Poor, &c. -----	285 98	
From Finance Committee, on account of sale of City Orders—New subscriptions ----- \$15,748 00		
Subscriptions doubled ----- 22,886 00		
	38,634 00	
Subscriptions paid to Treasurer, direct -----	135 00	
From Citizens' part of Draft Fund, doubled -----	22,886 00	
From balance of Citizens' Draft Fund, not doubled -----	20,595 00	
From Drafted Men's Fund proper -----	62,621 95	
From sale of City Orders for Draft Fund -----	26,515 39	
From loan of S. A. Fletcher & Co., for Draft Fund -----	4,980 83	
From T. P. Haughey, for sale of War Orders -----	154,658 00	
Loan of S. A. Fletcher & Co., to Draft Fund -----	19,200 00	
Loan of A. & J. C. S. Harrison, to Draft Fund -----	19,200 00	
Loan of Citizens' National Bank to Draft Fund -----	18,825 00	
Loan of First National Bank to Draft Fund -----	18,825 00	
Loan of Indianapolis National Bank to Draft Fund -----	18,825 00	
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Total receipts -----		\$597,831 13
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Total receipts and balance -----		<u>\$602,015 03</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Orders outstanding, May 13th, 1864.....		\$47,315 35
Orders issued from May 13, 1864, to May 13, 1865:		
1. For Recruits	\$390,376 50	
2. War Fund City Orders due December 1st, 1865.....	243,253 00	
3. War Fund City Orders due on presentation	34,053 92	
4. Police Department.....	27,990 70	
5. City Bonds paid	25,000 00	
6. Fire Department	21,612 97	
7. Street Improvement	12,464 17	
8. Gas	10,979 04	
9. War Fund—Substitutes	9,600 00	
10. Salary	9,281 82	
11. Wood for the Poor.....	8,875 00	
12. Jail Expenses	7,686 95	
13. Street Repairs	7,604 43	
14. Specific Appropriations	6,458 67	
15. Printing	5,743 32	
16. Percentage	5,337 83	
17. House of Refuge.....	5,059 70	
18. Interest on Orders	4,518 78	
19. Decorations of Funeral of President Lincoln	2,568 80	
20. Lighting and Extinguishing Street Lamps	2,536 25	
21. Relief of Soldiers' Families.....	1,936 75	
22. Interest on Bonds	1,875 00	
23. Pest House	1,699 44	
24. Taxes Refunded	1,103 60	
25. Books and Stationery	910 47	
26. Gas Fixtures	884 92	
27. Government Tax on Gas	831 85	
28. Costs	819 87	
29. Improvement of University Square	810 00	
30. Rent	750 00	
31. Reception of Volunteers	640 86	
32. Markets	537 45	
33. Removal of Nuisances	159 00	
34. Bridges.....	150 00	
35. Town Clock.....	139 99	
36. City Cemetery.....	104 75	
37. Cisterns.....	27 60	
38. Elections	5 00	
39. Firemen's Certificates Redeemed	3 50	
Total orders issued during the year.....		<u>\$854,391 90</u>
Total orders issued and outstanding.....		<u><u>\$901,707 25</u></u>

RECAPITULATION.

No. 1.

Orders outstanding May 13th, 1864.....	\$47,315 35	
Orders issued from May 13th, 1864, to May 13th, 1865---	854,391 90	
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Total issued and outstanding		\$901,707 25
Balance in Treasury May 13th, 1864	\$4,183 90	
Receipts from May 13th, 1864, to May 10th, 1865.....	597,831 13	
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Total receipts and balance.....		\$602,015 03
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Balance of orders outstanding and issued over and above receipts and balance		<u>\$299,692 22</u>

No. 2.

Orders outstanding May 13th, 1864	\$47,315 35	
Orders issued since to May 13th, 1865	854,391 90	
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Total issued and outstanding.....		\$901,707 25
Orders redeemed by the City Treasurer as shown by his report of May 10th, 1865.....	\$596,249 11	
Orders canceled by Finance Committee... \$27,075 00		
Orders canceled by City Clerk by direction of Council.....	3,670 00	
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Total orders canceled	30,745 00	
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Making a total cancelled and redeemed.....		<u>\$626,994 11</u>
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Leaving a balance of orders outstanding May 13th, 1865		\$274,713 14
To which add loan from Banks on War Fund,		
From S. A. Fletcher & Co.....	\$20,000 00	
" A. & J. C. S. Harrison.....	20,000 00	
" Citizens' National Bank	20,000 00	
" First National Bank.....	20,000 00	
" Indianapolis National Bank.....	20,000 00	
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Total Bonds or Loan		<u>\$100,000 00</u>
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Making total orders outstanding and loan from Banks,		\$374,713 14
From which take the balance in Treasury May 10th, 1865, as shown by the Treasurer's report		5,765 92
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Leaving a total indebtedness of the City May 13th, 1865		<u>\$368,947 22</u>

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

LIABILITIES OF CITY.

Orders outstanding May 13, 1865.....	\$274,713 14
Loan from Banks to War Fund.....	100,000 00
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Total liabilities of city May 13, 1865.....	<u>\$374,713 14</u>

ASSETS OF CITY.

Balance in Treasury May 13, 1865.....	\$5,765 92
Claim against town of Fort Wayne for sale of hand fire engine "Conqueror".....	\$400 00
Interest on same for one year.....	24 00
Claim against the town of Charleston, Ill, for sale of hand fire engine "Relief,".....	500 00
Interest on same for one year.....	30 00
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Total value of bills receivable and interest.....	<u>\$954 00</u>
Making total cash and bills received and interest..	\$6,719 92

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

PROPERTY OF COMPANY NO. 1.

1 Lot.....	\$2,000 00
1 two-story brick Engine House.....	2,000 00
1 Steam Fire Engine—"C. B. Davis,".....	2,000 00
1 Hose Reel and Hose.....	1,400 00
1 Fire Alarm Bell.....	250 00
1 set Harness and Stable Tools.....	75 00
1 set Bedding and Engine House Tools.....	50 00
3 Horses at \$200 each.....	600 00
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Total value property Engine Co. No. 1...	<u>\$8,375 00</u>

PROPERTY OF COMPANY NO. 2.

1 Lot.....	\$3,500 00
1 two-story brick Engine House.....	2,000 00
1 Steam Fire Engine—"Wm. Henderson,".....	5,500 00
1 Hose Carriage and Hose.....	1,400 00
5 Horses at \$200 each.....	1,000 00
1 Fire Alarm Bell.....	250 00
2½ set Harness and Stable Tools.....	100 00
1 set Bedding and Engine House Tools.....	50 00
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Total value property Engine Co. No. 2...	<u>\$13,800 00</u>

PROPERTY OF COMPANY NO. 3.

1 Lot, 20 by 195 feet.....	\$1,000 00
1 two-story Brick House.....	1,400 00
1 Steam Fire Engine—"No. 3,".....	3,500 00
1 Hose Reel and Hose.....	1,400 00
3 Horses at \$200 each.....	600 00
1 Firm Alarm Bell.....	250 00
1 set Harness and Stable Tools.....	75 00
1 set Bedding and Engine House Tools.....	50 00
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Total value property Engine Co. No. 3 ..	<u>\$8,275 00</u>
Amount carried forward	<u>\$30,450 00</u>

Amount brought forward ----- \$30,450 00

PROPERTY OF HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY.

1 two-story Brick House-----	\$1,400 00	
1 set Ladders and one Wagon-----	400 00	
2 Horses at 200 each-----	400 00	
2 sets Harness and one set Tools-----	50 00	
1 Fire Alarm Bell-----	250 00	
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Total value property Hook and Lad. Co..		\$2,500 00

MISCELLANEOUS FIRE PROPERTY.

1 Steam Pump—"C. S. Butterfield," -----	\$1,000 00	
1 Central Fire Alarm Bell-----	900 00	
1 extra Horse-----	200 00	
1 old Hand Fire Engine—"Spirit of '76,"-----	700 00	
1 old Hook and Ladder House-----	200 00	
1 Hand Pump, on wagon-----	100 00	
1 City Wagon-----	50 00	
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Total value of Miscellaneous property---		\$3,150 00

Total value of property in Fire Department.. \$36,100 00

SCHOOL PROPERTY,

AS VALUED BY THE CITY ASSESSOR.

1st Ward—Lot 1 and n. $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 sq. 22, value---	\$7,000 00	
Improvements-----	5,000 00	
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2d Ward—Lots 4, 5 and 6, sq. 17, value---	\$5,000 00	
Improvements-----	4,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$11,500 00
3d Ward—Lot 8 and e. $\frac{1}{2}$ 7, sq. 27, value---	\$5,000 00	
Improvements-----	3,500 00	
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4th Ward—Lots 19, 20 and 21, in out-lot 147, value-----	\$3,000 00	
Improvements-----	2,500 00	
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5th Ward—Lot 4, sq. 72, value-----	\$2,500 00	
Improvements-----	5,000 00	
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6th Ward—Lots 3, 4 and 5, in out-lot 16, value-----	\$4,000 00	
Improvements-----	2,500 00	
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7th Ward—Lots 20 and 21, in sq. 81, value---	\$2,500 00	
Improvements-----	5,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,500 00
8th Ward—Lots 467, 468, 469, 470 and 471, in out-lot 95, value-----	\$3,500 00	
Improvements-----	8,500 00	
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9th Ward—Lot 28, in out-lot 54, with no im- provements, (house to be built this summer)-----		\$2,000 00
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Total value of School property-----		\$73,000 00
Value of property carried forward-----		\$109,100 00

Value of property brought forward.....		\$109,100 00
MARKET SPACES AND IMPROVEMENTS.		
East Market Square—195 by 424 feet, value, \$36,040 00		
Improvements	300 00	
		\$36,340 00
West Market Square—195 by 420 ft., value, \$27,300 00		
Improvements	300 00	
		\$27,600 00
Total value Market property.....		\$63,940 00
Total value of all property of city.....		\$173,040 00
Total balance and bills receivable and interest on same as shown above.....		6,719 92
Making total assets of city.....		<u>\$179,759 92</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Total liabilities.....		\$374,713 14
Cash in Treasury and bills receivable and interest.....	\$6,719 92	
Value of Fire Department property.....	36,100 00	
Value of School property.....	73,000 00	
Value of Market property.....	63,940 00	
Total assets.....		\$179,759 92
Liabilities over and above assets.....		<u>\$194,953 22</u>

STATEMENT NO. 1.

RECEIPTS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.

To current taxes collected.....	\$151,208 99
“ Delinquent taxes collected.....	11,499 97
“ Licenses collected.....	2,393 88
“ Market rents collected.....	1,141 25
“ Fines collected.....	4,910 00
“ Printing on Precepts collected.....	97 37
“ Bridge over Pogue's Run from Union R. W. Co.....	192 52
“ Amount due Steam Fire Engine No. 2, from William Henderson.....	200 00
“ Amount from County Commissioners for Wood for Poor, &c.,.....	285 98
Total receipts for general purposes.....	<u>\$171,929 96</u>

DISBURSEMENTS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.

For Police Department.....	\$27,990 70
Fire Department.....	21,612 97
Street Improvements.....	12,464 17
Gas.....	10,979 04
Salary.....	9,281 82
Jail Expenses.....	7,686 95
Street Repairs.....	7,604 43
Percentage.....	5,337 83
Printing.....	5,743 32
House of Refuge.....	5,059 70
Specific Appropriations.....	6,458 67
Interest on Orders.....	4,518 78
Amount of disbursements carried forward.....	<u>\$124,738 38</u>

Receipts brought forward.....		\$171,929 96
Disbursements brought forward.....	\$134,738 38	
Lighting and Extinguishing Street Lamps.....	2,536 25	
Pest House.....	1,699 44	
Taxes refunded.....	1,103 60	
Books and Stationery.....	910 47	
Gas Fixtures.....	884 92	
Government Tax on Gas.....	831 85	
Costs.....	819 87	
Improvement of University Square.....	810 00	
Rent.....	750 00	
Markets.....	537 45	
Removal of Nuisances.....	159 00	
Bridges.....	150 00	
Town Clock.....	139 99	
Cemetery.....	104 75	
Cisterns.....	27 60	
Elections.....	5 00	
Firemen's Certificates redeemed.....	3 50	

Total disbursements for year ending May 13, 1865 \$136,212 07

showing balance receipts for general purposes over and above disbursements for same..... \$35,717 89

Orders outstanding May 13, 1864..... \$47,315 35

Balance in Treasury May 13, 1864..... 4,183 90

Leaving indebtedness May 13, 1865..... \$43,131 45

From which take balance received for year ending May 13, 1865, over and above disbursements, as shown above \$35,717 89

Making total indebtedness May 13, 1865..... \$7,413 56

RECAPITULATION TO STATEMENT NO. 1.

Orders outstanding May 13, 1864, General Fund..... \$47,315 35

Orders issued since to May 13, 1865, General Fund..... 136,212 07

Total outstanding and issued, General Fund..... \$183,527 42

Balance in Treasury, May 13, 1864, General Fund..... \$4,183 90

Receipts during year to May 13, 1865, General Fund..... 171,929 96

Total balance and receipts..... \$176,113 86

Proving the total indebtedness of City, May 13, 1865, for general purposes to be only..... \$7,413 56

STATEMENT NO. 2.

DISBURSEMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF WAR FUND.

For Recruits.....	\$390,376 50
War Fund Orders due Dec. 1st, 1865.....	243,253 00
War Fund Orders due on presentation.....	34,053 92
City Bonds paid.....	25,000 00
War Fund Orders—Substitutes.....	9,600 00
War Fund—Wood for Poor.....	8,875 00
War Fund—Decorations.....	2,568 80
War Fund—Relief of Soldiers' Families.....	1,936 75
Interest on War Bonds.....	1,875 00
Reception of Volunteers.....	640 86

Total disbursements on account of War Fund..... \$718,179 83

Disbursements brought forward----- \$718,179 8

RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF WAR FUND.

From Finance Committee as follows:

From new subscriptions-----	\$15,748 00	
From subscriptions, doubled-----	22,886 00	
Total-----		\$38,634 00
From subscriptions paid to Treasurer direct-----		135 00
Citizens part of Draft Fund—doubled-----		22,886 00
Balance of Citizens' Draft Fund—not doubled--		20,595 00
Drafted Men's Fund proper-----		62,621 95
Sale of City Orders for Draft Fund-----		26,515 39
Loan of S. A. Fletcher & Co. for Draft Fund----		4,980 83
T. P. Haughey, for sale of War Orders-----		154,658 00
Loan of S. A. Fletcher & Co. to Draft Fund----		19,200 00
Loan of A. & J. C. S. Harrison to Draft Fund----		19,200 00
Loan of Citizens' National Bank to Draft Fund--		18,825 00
Loan of First National Bank to Draft Fund----		18,825 00
Loan of Indianapolis National Bank to Dft. F'd		18,825 00
Total receipts on account of War Fund-----		\$425,901 17
Leaving a balance of disbursements, on account of War Fund, over and above receipts for same-----		\$292,278 64

RECAPITULATION TO STATEMENT NO. 2.

Disbursements on account of War Fund-----	\$718,179 83	
Loan from Banks-----	100,000 00	
Total-----		\$818,179 83
Receipts on account of War Fund-----	\$425,901 17	
Orders canceled by Finance Committee-----	\$27,075 00	
Orders canceled by City Clerk by order of Council-----	3,670 00	
Total canceled-----	\$30,745 00	
Total canceled and receipts-----		\$456,646 17
Leaving a balance of War Orders outstanding over and above receipts and orders canceled-----		\$361,533 66

GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

Orders outstanding and issued in General Fund-----	\$183,527 42	
Orders outstanding and issued in War Fund, and Loan from Banks-----	618,179 83	
Total issued and outstanding in both General and War Fund, including Loan from Banks-----		\$1,001,707 25
Balance in Treasury and Receipts—General Fund-----	\$176,113 86	
Receipts and orders canceled—War Fund-----	456,646 17	
Total receipts and balance in general and war fund,		\$632,760 03
Proving the indebtedness of the City, May 13, 1865, to be-----		\$368,947 22

By carefully examining the foregoing statements, it will be seen that the *actual current expenses*, for general purposes, of the city, for the year ending May 13, 1865, were \$35,717 89, *less* than the *receipts* for general purposes for the same year; and that the balance in treasury May 13, 1864, was \$4,183 90, making a total receipts and balance over and above disbursements of \$39,901 79; and the outstanding orders, May 13, 1864, both in general and war funds, being \$47,315 35; from which take the receipts and balance, as above, would leave a total indebtedness, May, 13, 1865, of only \$7,413 56; which would be a very good condition for the treasury of a city of the population of Indianapolis.

It will be seen, on the other hand, that the war debt is a large one; not so large, however, as might have been, owing to the unsettled condition of the country, and the trying ordeal through which we, as a nation, have passed; but the war is ended and the Union is preserved. We ought, therefore, to consider our war debt small, when we compare it with the value of such a country as ours, and when we contemplate that we have done only our duty, as a city, in defending the flag of our Union and assisted in crushing one of the most gigantic rebellions the world has ever known.

I would ask to again express my appreciation of the cordial support given me by your honorable body in discharging the duties of my office, and especially to His Honor, Mayor CAVEN, who has rendered me invaluable service during the fiscal year just closed; and for your good will and co-operation, and that of all other city officers, I desire to return my sincere thanks.

Respectfully,

CYRUS S. BUTTERFIELD,

Clerk City of Indianapolis.

Which, on motion, was accepted and approved.

From the Finance Committee—Report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 10, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Finance Committee would respectfully report to your honorable body a statement of the indebtedness of the city, up to the 13th day of May, 1865, and also a statement of the estimated expenses for the year, from May 13th, 1865, to May 13th, 1866; and also a statement of the estimated expenses from May 13th, 1866, to October 31st, 1866. The estimated expenses of the city government for one year, ending May 13th, 1866, we have made at a fair estimate to be \$214,424.50, and from that time to the 31st day of October, 1866, \$101,369.50; added to the present debt of the city would make the indebtedness, \$684,741.22.

	Estimated expenses of City to May 13, 1866.	To October 31, 1866.	Total.	Inde'tedness May 13th, 1865.
For Police	\$28,372 50	\$13,193 50	\$41,566 00	\$368,947 22
Fire Department	31,000 00	15,000 00	46,000 00	
Gas	12,000 00	6,000 00	18,000 00	
Salaries	11,202 00	5,601 00	16,803 00	
Jail Expenses	10,000 00	5,000 00	15,000 00	
Street Repairs	12,000 00	6,000 00	18,000 00	
Percentage	8,200 00	200 00	8,400 00	
Printing	5,000 00	2,500 00	7,500 00	
House of Refuge	5,000 00	2,500 00	7,500 00	
Interest on Orders and Bonds	28,000 00	14,000 00	42,000 00	
Pest House	1,500 00	750 00	2,250 00	
Books and Stationery	800 00	400 00	1,200 00	
Gas Fixtures	1,000 00	500 00	1,500 00	
Government Tax on Gas	1,000 00	500 00	1,500 00	
Rents	1,000 00	500 00	1,500 00	
Markets	600 00	300 00	900 00	
Nuisances	600 00	300 00	900 00	
Cisterns	3,000 00	1,500 00	4,500 00	
Cemeteries	150 00	25 00	175 00	
Street Improvement	20,000 00	10,000 00	30,000 00	
Lighting and Extinguishing Street Lamps	3,000 00	1,500 00	4,500 00	
Preparing Bonds	500 00		500 00	
Fuel	500 00	100 00	600 00	
Contingent Expenses	10,000 00	5,000 00	15,000 00	
Estimated Expense of 5 per cent. on Estimate of City Debt to be bonded	20,000 00	10,000 00	30,000 00	
	\$214,424 50	\$101,369 50	\$315,794 00	\$315,794 00
Total indebtedness and estimated expense October 31st, 1866				\$684,741 22

REVENUE.

We have made an estimate as follows :

Total indebtedness and estimated expense October 31st, 1866	\$684,741 22
Say we can collect on eighteen million dollars, at 1½ per cent.	\$270,000 00
Say we can collect on 5,000 polls at \$2	10,000 00
Licenses	5,000 00
Markets	1,000 00
Fines	5,000 00
Total estimated collections	\$291,000 00
Leaving indebtedness and estimated expense Oct. 31, 1866	\$393,741 22

It will be seen that the greater portion of the city indebtedness has been incurred in relieving the city from the drafts of 1864 and 1865; in furnishing fuel to the poor; erecting House of Refuge; relief of soldiers' families, and other sundry

accounts, such as Pest House expenses, &c. Excluding the expenses of the above named objects, the city, on the 13th day of May, 1865, would have had cash sufficient in the treasury to pay all orders issued on the treasury to May 13th, 1865, without a single outstanding liability. It is doubtless apparent that in order to reduce our system to a cash basis, a sufficient amount must be realized, either by taxation, or the sale of city bonds, to meet the current expenses of the city until the 31st day of October, 1866, and to redeem, also, outstanding orders. The advantages of a cash system are quite obvious, if bonds can be sold at a just and fair rate, and we are led to believe they can be so disposed of. We are of the opinion that the annual saving from this system will more than meet our interest on the city debt. We cannot too strongly recommend the continuance of rigid economy in all departments of the city government. It will be seen by an examination of the Clerk's report, that by deducting the expenses incurred by being engaged in this unholy rebellion, that the actual city expenditures were only \$136,212 07, from May 13, 1864 to May 13, 1865. We would also recommend that bonds to the amount of four hundred thousand dollars be issued to fund the city debt, to run any length of time the Council may, in its discretion, think best.

Respectfully submitted.

P. H. JAMESON, }
C. F. SCHMIDT, } *Committee.*

Which, on motion, was accepted and approved.

Dr. P. H. Jameson, Chairman Finance Committee, reported an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE to raise a Revenue for General and Special purposes for the City of Indianapolis, for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five,

Providing for a levy of one dollar on the one hundred dollars for general purposes, and a levy of — cents on the one hundred dollars for special purposes.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Emerson moved to fill the blank for levy for special purposes with *fifty* cents.

Mr. Loomis moved to fill the blank, with *seventy-five* cents.

The question being on filling the blank, the ayes and noes were demanded.

The motion to fill the blank with fifty cents having the precedence, under rule 17 of Council, the question was put:

Shall the blank be now filled with the words "fifty cents"?

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—14.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Allen and Loomis—2.

So the motion to fill the blank with fifty cents, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Emerson, the ordinance was then read the second time, as follows :

AN ORDINANCE to raise a revenue for general and special purposes for the City of Indianapolis for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:* That there shall be and hereby is levied, and there shall be assessed and collected for general purposes of the city, one dollar on each one hundred dollars in value of all property for taxation, in the general list of taxables of said city for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five and on each poll therein the sum of fifty cents.

SEC. 2 *Be it further ordained,* That the further and additional tax of fifty cents on each one hundred dollars in value of all property for taxation in said city in the general list of taxables of said city for the year 1865, be levied and assessed for the following specific purpose, to-wit: to pay "all bonds, orders heretofore issued, and appropriations made by and under the authority of the Common Council aforesaid, for the purpose of procuring and furnishing volunteers and substitutes for drafted men of the army and navy of the United States, and for maintaining the families of volunteers, soldiers, substitutes or drafted men, or otherwise to aid the Government in suppressing the rebellion."

SEC. 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Ordained and established this 10th day of July, 1865

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

Attest:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*

Dr. Jameson then moved that the rules be suspended and the ordinance read the third time, and placed upon its passage.

The question being on the suspension of the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—16. Noes, none.

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 Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—16. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

On motion, the regular order of business was taken up.

By Mr. Coburn—Petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, July 7, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We the undersigned, owners of property on the alley running east and west (Court street) through square 57, between Delaware and

Pennsylvania streets, petition your honorable body to have the same bordered and the sides of the same paved to the width of five feet, with hard burned brick, and as in duty bound your petitioners will every pray.

J. L. Bond,
Charlton Eden,
Munson & Johnston,
R. B. Duncan,
J. D. Tharpe,
M. Givan,

Eden & Copeland,
Frederick Baggs,
John C. New,
Etna Insurance Co.,
Abramet & Bradshaw, Agents,
A. D. Wood.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Dr. Jameson asked and obtained leave of absence.

By Mr. Boaz—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 10, 1865.

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

The undersigned respectfully petition your honorable body to vacate an alley in what is known as the Washington Hall property on Pennsylvania street, south. Said alley is only 50 feet south of an alley recently donated to the city by J. M. Ray, and runs east to within eighteen feet of an alley running north and south.

The alley is of no benefit to the city, as it has no outlet, and the property on both sides is owned by the petitioners and would be of great benefit to them as manufacturers.

By granting the above your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

SINKER & CO.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

By Mr. Glazier—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 10, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN :—Allow me to present this petition to you asking damage by the raising of the grades, I think three (3) times, since I built my house, you have now ruined my building, and I ask for nothing but what is right, and I know your honorable body will do so.

In the fall of 1855, I employed Mr. Conduit, then City Civil Engineer, to give me the grade stakes to build my house. He did so, and I paid him three (3) dollars for the same. Building on corner of Delaware street and Virginia avenue. Since that time Washington street was raised one foot and that raised the grade here also; the grade again was raised to clear the railroad track. I am safe in saying the grade has been raised twenty-four inches in the last year.

I am willing to submit the petition to your learned City Attorney, whether I am entitled to damage. If he decides I am entitled to damage, you will assess them and pay the same.

Your obedient servant,

ANDREW WALLACE.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

By Dr. Thompson—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 10, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN: We, the undersigned, German Taxpayers of Indianapolis, have with regret, learned the action of a portion of your honorable body, in regard to publishing in the German papers of this City, the "Notices to Contractors," &c. Now, as we are as much interested in the proceedings of your honorable body as our American born fellow citizens, and as we assist in carrying the burden of taxation as well as other citizens of this City, we deem it but just, that we should be informed of the proceedings of your honorable body, in the language most familiar and comprehensive to us.

We would, therefore, respectfully request your honorable body to reconsider the ordinance discontinuing the publication of "Notices to Contractors," in the German papers, and, furthermore, we would respectfully request your honorable body to pass an ordinance to publish, in the German papers of this City, the entire proceedings of the Common Council, as well as to publish the ordinances and laws of the City in the German language.

O. T. Wilde,
Gustave Henninger,
John Traub,
Nicholas Riff,
James Morler,

Frederick Gansberg,
John V. Cooke,
James Gibson,
E. J. Steffens,
O. M. Roster,

Aug. F. Coons,
E. C. Hill,
John L. Fish,
Fred. Fahny,
A. Kiefee,

And nine hundred and eighty-nine others.

Which, on motion of Mr. Brown, was referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

By Mr. Grosvenor—Remonstrances :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 10, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, property holders on the line of the proposed railroad above mentioned, and within the corporate limits of said city of Indianapolis, pray your honorable body not to grant a right of way or privilege of laying a track on, or through, the streets, as named in the advertisement hereunto attached, marked "A." To add another track to those already extending through Louisiana street, west from the Terre Haute Depot, would nearly, if not quite, destroy said street and render it useless for other than railroad purposes. Besides, the proposed route must necessarily cut and subdivide a large number of lots before reaching White River, by reason of which the undersigned will be greatly damaged should such grant and right of way be given, as prayed for in the petition of said James Wilson and others.

R. C. McGill,
Andrew McGill,
Margaret McGill,
Elizabeth McGill,
Rebecca McGill,
Margaret Sullivan,
Jane Waldo,
Peter Fitzla,
Thomas Kennedy,
Walter Morley,
Martha Hassey,

Peter Rocher,
John Cusick,
Thomas Burke,
William Henry,
Henry A. Holmes,
David McVea,
George Buchter,
John Duffey,
James B. Johnson,
Dr. M. H. Wright,
N. F. Cunningham.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 10, 1865.

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

The subscribers engaged in business near White River, south of Washington street, in Indianapolis, would respectfully, yet earnestly, protest against any action of your honorable body allowing the construction of a line of railroad on Maryland street. A portion of said street is but forty feet in width, and is the only street through which our places of business can be reached. The street now, without obstruction is no more than sufficient to meet the demands of the business thrown upon it, and the laying of a railroad track thereon would occasion serious inconvenience and positive loss to the establishments depending upon it for ingress and egress. Your petitioners would respectfully ask a full consideration of the interests involved in this matter before the prayer of the Railroad Company is granted.

E. W. Pattison,
Pattison & Evans,
O. B. Stout.

J. S. Cary & Co.
Wm. Baird,

INDIANAPOLIS, July 10, 1865.

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

Your petitioners would respectfully represent that they are the owners of property along the line of Maryland street in this city, and have learned that a petition is pending before your honorable body, asking the right to lay a railroad track and permit the running of trains through and upon said street.

Your petitioners would represent that Maryland street, west of West street, is but forty (40) feet wide, and is now hardly sufficient to accommodate the travel which passes over it. Georgia street, south of, and running parallel with Maryland, is closed at West street by the military barracks, and there is no way of reaching the several pork houses and manufacturing establishments between Maryland street and the Terre Haute Railroad, except through Maryland street. Your petitioners would represent that the running of a railroad through said street would not only prove a serious inconvenience to the public, but would entail serious loss upon your petitioners in the depreciation of the real estate bordering thereon.

Your petitioners therefore ask that said petition of the Railroad Company be denied, or at least postponed until a full investigation can be had.

J. McLene & Co.,
Kingan & Co.,
Ephraim Werbey
Samuel Perrott,
August Nagel,
Conrad Monninger,
his
John X McAffery.
mark

Peter Rocker,
T. P. Michel,
Martha Hassey,
George Buchter,
Chas. Sage & Margaret Sage,
John Costelo,
E. King,
Wm. Sheets,

Which, on motion of Mr. Seidensticker, was laid upon the table until the report be made from Board of Public Improvements, in the regular order or business, on the pending petition for the right of way through said streets.

By Mr. Grosvenor—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 10, 1865.

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

Your petitioner respectfully represents that he desires the vacation of Water street extending from Washington street to the race, running between

the woollen factory of Merritt & Coughlin and the paper mill of McIntyre & McLene. That the only persons to be affected by such vacation is the Central Canal Company.

Your petitioner represents that the said Water street is not used as a street or highway, and that it never can be used as such, and that as a street or highway it is of no benefit whatever to the public or to any citizen. That the petitioners desires the vacation of said street that he may erect a flouring mill which he cannot do unless the said street is vacated. Petitioner prays your honorable body to cause notice of the pendency of this petition to be given, and upon a final hearing of this petition, order the street vacated as herein prayed.

W. C. HOLMES.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Streets and alleys.

By Mr. Grosvenor—Petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 29, 1865.

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

We, the citizens of Indianapolis, and occupants of the block on the south side of Washington street, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets, opposite the State House, do humbly pray that you pass an ordinance to have the sidewalk on said side of block, paved with brick, (such as remains unpaved;) and that part that is paved, to be put in good condition immediately. Owing to its present condition, in the winter and wet season, it is nearly impassable.

Grant our petition and we will remain, your humble petitioners,

David Doty,	White & Hadley,
William E. Lee,	Robert E. Burns,
A. Ballweg,	A. I. Mossler,
I. C. Marshall,	L. H. Mossler,
A. H. Neff,	H. Preese & Co.,
Frank Schwæbe,	The Holly,
James M. Sheets,	Leopold Kahn,
C. Eichmann,	T. Park,
L. A. Finck,	A. Haffner.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

By Mr. Emerson—Petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, July 10, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your petitioners humbly ask of your honorable body not to enforce the ordinance against John Carlisle in relation to an office erected by him at the Capitol Mills, on West Market street. We think the public will receive no injury whatever from the improvement, but, to the contrary, will be of vast importance to the owner, as he is greatly in need of room. We further ask of your honorable body to extend all leniency possible to the manufacturing interest of our city, as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

Isgrigg & Brackin,	Samuel Perrott,
D. H. Strickland,	P. D. Barter,
N. Kellogg,	T. L. Werbe,
Kingan & Co.,	J. H. Williams,
G. Finch, Jr.,	R. Lathrop,
Benjamin Pottage,	David McVea,

M. G. Fitchey,
Chas. P. Meikel,
W. O. Sherwood,
John Clark,
Ed. L. Palmer,
John Bussey,
R. George,
P. M. Gapen,

J. J. Keating,
Joseph O Connor,
Sohl, Gileson & Co.,
Jacob Bush,
John Brannan,
Samuel Taggart,
David Doty,
Brown & Whitehouse.

Which, on motion, was laid upon the table until report be received from Judiciary Committee on same subject, under the regular order of business.

Mr. Loomis introduced an ordinance entitled :

AN ORDINANCE relative to the killing of animals by Railroad Companies, in the City of Indianapolis, and providing for the removal of the same by said Railroad Companies.

Which was read the first time, and, on motion, was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Allen introduced the following ordinance :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the use of the Fire Department :

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,* That the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400) be, and is hereby, appropriated to Charles Richmann, Chief Fire Engineer, to be expended by him for forage and other articles needed for the Fire Department.

SEC. 2. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue warrants upon the City Treasury to the Chief Fire Engineer for the above amount.

SEC. 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Ordained and established this 10th day of July, 1865.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

Attest.

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*

Which was read the first time, and, on motion, was read the second time.

Mr. Allen then moved that the rules be suspended and the ordinance read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being on the suspension of the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—15. Noes, none.

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 Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Col-

ley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—15. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Dr. Thompson introduced an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of Pratt street and sidewalks, between Illinois and Pennsylvania streets,

Which was read the first time, and, on motion, was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

By Mr. Coburn, from the Board of Public Improvements:

OFFICE BOARD PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, July 10, 1865. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom was referred the resolution of John Gates and others, to grade and gravel the alley running east and west through square 62, would report that all the property holders are improving, and that they be allowed to do so under the direction of the Engineer.

H. COBURN,
AD. SEIDENSTICKER, } Board.
W. CLINTON THOMPSON, }

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

By Mr. Coburn, from the Board of Public Improvements:

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, July 10, 1865. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom was referred the petition of J. Ligerman, James Wilson, and others, in relation to the occupancy of Louisiana street, West street, and Maryland street, with a railroad track, would report that the Clerk has given the usual notice, as required by ordinance; and that it can be taken up now at any time—the time for the notice having expired this evening.

HENRY COBURN,
AD. SEIDENSTICKER, } Board,
W. CLINTON THOMPSON, }

On motion of Mr. Seidensticker, the remonstrances against granting the petition of John Lingerman, and others, was taken from the table, and, together with the above report, referred back to the Board of Public Improvements.

By Mr. Loomis—Motion:

That the chart or map of the Indianapolis and Danville Railroad in contemplation of being built, be referred to the Board of Public Improvements, and considered with other papers appertaining thereto,

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Kappes, from the Committee on Acts and Claims :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 10, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN :—I herewith present the following statements for your consideration, viz :—That I have made the assessment of the real and personal property of the city for the year 1865, and in addition to my own services, I have paid out for assistance, over \$500 in cash, and received from this Council only \$900 in City Orders, worth only 80 cents on the dollar, thus leaving me as you see, less than \$300 for my services; and I would call your attention to the fact, that in addition to making an entire new appraisal of the real estate, I had to make a duplicate of the names and descriptions of the property, as the assessment of last year was made out on the assessors return and of necessity had to be kept and used by the *Treasurer*. In consideration of these facts I hope you will make an allowance for my assistants, as per account herewith rendered.

WM. HADLEY,
City Assessor.

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

To Wm. Hadley.

Dr

For extra work in making Assessment List as per time of L. M. Phipps, 28 days at \$2.50-----	\$65 00
Assistance in personal as per time of W. P. Willets, 100 days at 2.50---	250 00
Mr. C. P. Randall 56 days at 2.50--	130 00
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	\$445 00

WM. HADLEY, *City Assessor.*

Indianapolis, July 10th, 1865.

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

By Mr. Colley, Chairman Judiciary Committee :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 10, 1865.

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

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of C. C. Olin, et al. and accompanying ordinance, on the subject of nuisances, have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully report the same back, stating that in their opinion, the laws upon the subject now in force, is fully sufficient to effect the object prayed for in said petition, and provided for in said ordinance above named, and in our opinion, no further enactment on the part of the Council is necessary at this time.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. A. COLLY,
AD. SEIDENSTICKER, } *Committee.*
W. H. LOOMIS.

Which, on motion of Mr. Brown, was concurred in.

By Mr. Colley, Chairman Judiciary Committee :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 10, 1865.

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

Your Committee, to whom was referred the motion in reference to John Carlisle being allowed six feet of sidewalk to enlarge his office, would respectfully report that the permit ought not to be granted.

S. A. COLLEY,
AD. SEIDENSTICKER, } *Committee.*
W. H. LOOMIS,

On motion of Mr. Grosvenor, the report was concurred in, and the petition of Isgrigg & Bracken, and others, on the subject, taken from the table, and the prayer of said petitioners not granted.

By Mr. Allen, Chairman Committee on Fire Department :

CINCINNATI, July 8, 1865.

Mr. Allen, Chairman Committee on Fire Department, Indianapolis :

DEAR SIR.—Yours of the 2d received. We should recommend, as best adapted to your use, the Locomotive style of Steam Fire Engine, that was shown you when here, and of which we enclose a stereoscope. You may see a larger photograph in the hands of Mr. Curtis, one of your engineers. It can be readily drawn by two horses until steam has been raised, when it becomes self-propelling—the horses merely steering it. Its steam cylinders are 8 inch bore, 10½ inch stroke; pump 4 inch bore—same stroke. The boiler has an abundance of steam generating capacity for the most active service. Its axles are of steel, and all metal used in the construction of the Engine has been made for us, and for this purpose, and is of the best attainable quality.

We have nearly completed ready for delivery, say in September, an unsold Engine of these patterns that we should be very much pleased to sell you. The price would be \$7,500, cash; and if delivered in Indianapolis the expenses attending such a delivery to be at your cost. We are not prepared to make any proposition on other than a cash basis.

We are getting up these Engines in the first style of workmanship, and have full confidence that they will prove highly satisfactory to you.

We remain, yours truly,

LANE & BODLEY.

SIDNEY, Ohio, July 3, 1865.

Wm. Allen, Esq, Chairman of Committee Fire Department, Indianapolis, Ind :

If your city accept my written proposition of recent date, for another of our Steam Fire Engines, I will allow in the settlement for the same, the sum of two hundred dollars, on account of repairs made necessary on our first engine, partly in consequence of some defect existing in the crown sheet of said engine at the time of sale, although unknown at that time to me.

I will also allow in settlement the sum of three hundred dollars for the old hand engine of Agnew's build, now owned by said City of Indianapolis and recently shown to me by your Chief Engineer, Mr. Richmann.

ROBERT BICKFORD,
Agent Island Works, Seneca Falls, N. Y.

By Mr. Brown :

Resolved, That the Chief Fire Engineer, and the Committee on Fire Department be instructed to contract with the proprietors of the Island Works, Seneca Falls, New York, for a Steam Fire Engine, at the terms proposed, viz: "Six thousand dollars, less three hundred dollars, for an old hand engine which they are to take at that price, and less two hundred dollars, being amount of damages to the engine furnished by them and now in use, and which they agree to have deducted, leaving the sum of five thousand five hundred dollars, payable one half in two years' City Bonds, and one half in one years' City Bonds: *Provided,* That the engine shall first be accepted by the Chief Fire Engineer and Committee on the Fire Department, before any allowance shall be made."

Which, on motion, was laid upon the table.

On motion, the propositions from Messrs. Lane & Bodley and Robert Bickford, Agent Island Works, was referred back to Committee on Fire Department.

From the Civil Engineer—Report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 10, 1865.

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

The Civil Engineer would respectfully report to the Council :

1st. The Contract and Bond of Cornelius Shea and Company, for grading and graveling North street and sidewalks, between Alabama and East streets, is presented for your approval.

2d. The Contract and Bond of Courtland E. Whitsit, for grading and paving the east sidewalk, on Illinois street, between Market and North streets, is presented for your approval.

3d. The Contract and Bond of Messrs. Coulter and White, for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures, on Delaware street, between South and McCarty streets, is presented for your approval.

Also for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on Meridian street, between Pogue's Run and McCarty street, is presented for your approval.

4th. Would recommend that the Street Commissioner be instructed to build a wooden Culvert at the crossing of North street with Fort Wayne Avenue, and Pennsylvania street.

5th. John Stumph the Contractor for grading and paving with brick the sidewalk on the west side of Virginia Avenue, between Maryland street and the Indiana Central Railroad track, has finished the same according to contract, and an estimate is herewith reported for the same.

6th. Sundry proposals for the improvement of streets are herewith submitted.

7th. At the last session of your Honorable body, you directed the Civil Engineer to advertise for the improvement of Duncan street, between Alabama and New Jersey street, I cannot find any record of the passage of any ordinance for the improvement of said street, I presume none has been passed.

JAMES WOOD, *Civil Engineer.*

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Contract and Bond of Cornelius Shea & Co., for the grading and graveling of North street and sidewalks, between Alabama and East streets, was referred back to the Civil Engineer.

On motion, the Contract and Bond of Courtland E. Whitsit for grading and paving the east sidewalk on Illinois street, between Market and North streets, as reported by the Civil Engineer, was accepted and approved.

On motion, the Contract and Bond of Messrs. Coulter & White for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Delaware street, between South and McCarty streets, as reported by the Civil Engineer, was accepted and approved.

On motion, the Contract and Bond of Messrs. Coulter & White for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Meridian street,

between Pogue's Run and McCarty street, as reported by the Civil Engineer, was accepted and approved.

On motion, so much of the report as relates to the building of a culvert at the crossing of North street and Ft. Wayne Avenue, was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

By Mr. Brown :

Resolved, That the first and final estimate, as reported and certified by the Civil Engineer to John Stumph for grading and paving the sidewalk on the west side of Virginia Avenue, between Maryland street and the Indiana Central Railway track, is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and the property holders 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 Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—15. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

The Engineer also reported sundry proposals for public works, which were opened and read.

And, on motion, were referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Seidensticker, the Council adjourned.

Present at roll call on adjournment: Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—15.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.