

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
MONDAY, AUGUST 21ST, 1865, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Council met in regular session.

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

Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt and Seidensticker—12.

Absent—Councilmen Emerson, Jameson, Lefever, MacArthur, Staub and Thompson—6.

The proceedings of the regular session, held August 14th, 1865, were read and approved.

By Mr. Colley—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 5, 1865.

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

We the undersigned Citizens of the City of Indianapolis, respectfully petition your Honor and the Honorable Council, to appoint two additional policemen to each ward.

We respectfully represent that an emergency exists at present, demanding

such action, owing to the great and rapidly increasing number of crimes and misdemeanors daily perpetrated in our midst.

John Burns, O. B. Stout & Bro.,
 Browning & Sloan, Sulgrove, Reynolds & Co.,
 L. H. Tyler & Co. Bowen, Stewart & Co.,
 And one hundred and eighty-eight others.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Police.

By Mr. Loomis—Petition .

INDIANAPOLIS, August 21, 1865.

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

We the undersigned property owners on Walters street, between McCarty street and the second alley north of said street, running east and west through the south half of out lot 101, would respectfully ask your honorable body to have Walters street opened between the north line of said alley and Stevens street.

Fred. Hillman, Jas. Griffith,
 Wm. Schorve, Jacob Schorve,
 And six others.

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

By Mr. Grosvenor—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 15, 1865.

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

The undersigned property or freeholders on the west side of Missouri street, between South and Merrill streets, would hereby respectfully petition the Common Council of the city of Indianapolis, praying for the privilege of grading and graveling the sidewalk on the west side of said Missouri street, between the said South and Merrill streets, by their own voluntary contributions, the same to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer.

Wm. W. Smith, Wm. Miller,
 Thomas Carr, Dennice Griffin.
 Thomas Morley,

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

By Mr. Grosvenor—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 21, 1865.

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

We the undersigned citizens, petition the honorable Councilmen of the Board of Council of the City of Indianapolis, respectfully praying for a ditch to be cut and culvert over the same, at the crossing of the Terre Haute Railroad and West Street, sufficient to drain the back water off of the grounds, immediately east of West street, between Washington and Georgia streets, caused by the grading of said railroad and West street.

Wm. H. Sanders, John Cusick,
 Thomas Burk, A. S. McBain,
 And eighteen others.

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

By Mr. Grosvenor—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 21, 1865.

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

We, the undersigned, would respectfully represent that West street, between the north sides of Merrill and McCarty streets, needs, for the convenience of the citizens, to be graded and graveled—both street and sidewalk—and your petitioners therefore pray the passage of an ordinance accordingly.

McKernan & Pierce, S. Yandes,
Joseph F. Draper, Andrew Hendrickson,
J. J. Rowe, Frank Williams,
And seven others.

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

By Mr. Coburn from the Board of Public Improvements :

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, August 14, 1865. }

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

GENTLEMEN :—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom the matter was referred, would respectfully report to your honorable body that they herewith submit the report of the Street Commissioner of work done in last month; also his financial report, with vouchers. All of which is correct

HENRY COBURN,
AD. SEIDENSTICKER, } Board.

INDIANAPOLIS, August 21, 1865.

To the Board of Public Improvements of the City of Indianapolis :

The undersigned Street Commissioner, would respectfully submit the following report.

- 1st. I laid a new floor on the culvert on Delaware street (South) near corporation line.
- 2d. I repaired the culvert on Bluff Road, between McCarty and Ray streets.
- 3d. I filled the holes on Ohio street, between East and Delaware streets.
- 4th. I filled up the crossing on the alley north of Washington, between Delaware and Pennsylvania.
- 5th. I laid a new floor on the bridge on Washington street across the canal, near the Woolen Factory.
- 9th. I cleaned Meridian street, between Maryland and Louisiana.
- 7th. I repaired the foot bridge on West street across the canal.
- 8th. I filled the holes on Liberty street, between Lockerbie and Market streets.
- 6th. I bouldered the crossing on Massachusetts Avenue and New Jersey streets.
- 10th. I laid a new flooring on Benton street across Pogue's Run, and laid new trestles.
- 11th. I cleaned the gutters on Washington street, between Pennsylvania street and the Canal.
- 12th. I built a culvert on New York and New Jersey streets.
- 13th. I cleaned Massachusetts Avenue between Delaware and Alabama streets.

- 14th. I levelled off the dirt on West Market space.
- 15th. I bouldered the holes on Washington street, between Liberty and Noble streets.
- 16th. I repaired Washington street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets.
- 17th. I bouldered the holes where the arches stood.
- 18th. I built a new foot bridge on corner of Indiana Avenue and Tennessee streets.
- 19th. I dug up the gutters on Indiana Avenue and Tennessee streets.
- 20th. I filled the holes on Bluff Road between McCarty and Ray streets.
- 21st. I filled a sink hole on Union street, near the corporation line.
- 22d. I filled the crossing on Madison Avenue and McCarty street, with cinders.
- 23d. I filled the crossing on Delaware and McCarty streets with cinders.
- 24th. I opened the gutters on Delaware south of South street.
- 25th. I opened the gutters on Virginia Avenue between Huron and McCarty streets.
- 26th. I opened the gutters on Virginia Avenue, east side, between Pogue's Run and South street.
- 27th. I repaired the culvert on Huron street between Pine and Cedar streets.
- 28th. I opened the gutters on North street, between Delaware and Alabama streets.
- 29th. I opened the gutters on Meridian street, between South and McCarty streets.
- 30th. I opened the gutters on Madison Avenue between South and Merrill streets.
- 31st. I repaired the culvert on East street south of Virginia Avenue and removed a big stump.
- 32d. I placed five new foot bridges on Virginia Avenue at different places.
- 33d. I filled up the embankment on Pogue's Run and New Jersey street.
- 34th. I cleaned the gutters on Noble street, between Market street and Massachusetts Avenue.
- 35th. I cleaned the gutters on New York street, between East and Noble streets.
- 36th. I cleaned the gutters on Liberty street, between New York street and Massachusetts Avenue.
- 37th. I repaired the sidewalks on Liberty street, between New York and Vermont streets.
- 38th. I filled up around the cistern on Blackford street with cinders.
- 39th. I filled up the holes on Virginia Avenue between Pogue's Run and corporation line.
- 40th. I fill up the crossing on Benton and Market streets with cinders.
- 41st. I filled up the crossing on Davidson and Market streets with cinders.
- 42d. I laid four new foot bridges on the crossings of New York and East streets.
- 43d. I opened the gutters on Ohio street, between East and New Jersey streets.
- 44th. I opened the gutters on East street, between Market and St. Clair streets.
- 45th. I repaired the sidewalks on Noble street, between Ohio and Vermont streets.
- 46th. I filled up around the cistern on Cedar street with cinders.
- 47th. I filled up the holes on East street, between Ohio and Market streets.
- 48th. I cleaned the gutters on Illinois street, between Vermont street and corporation line. Respectfully,

AUGUST RICHTER, *Street Commissioner.*

Which, on motion, were accepted and approved.

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, August 16, 1865. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom the matter was referred, would respectfully report to your honorable body that Thomas Wren is the lowest bidder on Tennessee street, between Garden and Ray streets, at 70 cents for grading and \$1.60 for graveling, and recommend that the contract be awarded him.

HENRY COBURN, }
AD. SEIDENSTICKER, } Board.

Which, on motion, was concurred in and the contract awarded.

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, August 16, 1865. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom the matter was referred, would respectfully recommend to your honorable body that H. H. Schooler be allowed to fill an alley south of Duncan street, between Delaware and Alabama streets; also, that Richard Simpson be allowed to fill hole on Merrill street, between Delaware and Alabama streets.

HENRY COBURN, }
AD. SEIDENSTICKER, } Board.

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, August 16, 1865. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom the matter was referred, would respectfully report to your honorable body that they find the following persons the best bidders, and recommend that the contracts be awarded them.

Richter, Carr & Richter to grade and gravel McCarty street and sidewalks, between New Jersey street and Virginia Avenue, at 47 cents for grading and \$1.50 for graveling.

William Kown to grade and gravel Wabash street, between East and Noble streets, at 48 cents for grading, and \$1.53 for river, and \$1.40 for pit gravel.

H. Timmermann to grade and gravel Central street, between Noble and Liberty streets, at 35 cents for grading, and \$1.50 for graveling.

James Huffer to grade and gravel Noble street and sidewalks, between South street and Virginia Avenue, at 50 cents for grading, and \$1.50 for graveling.

Coulter & White to erect lamp posts on Circle street, between East and West Market street, at \$45.75 for cast iron lamps, and \$45.00 for galvanized iron lamps.

C. E. Whitsit to grade and pave with brick the east sidewalk, on Illinois street between Washington and Louisiana streets, grading and paving at 98 cents per yard, curbing 95 cents per lineal foot, bouldering 95 cents per yard.

HENRY COBURN,
AD. SEIDENSTICKER, } *Board.*

Which, on motion, was concurred in, and the contracts awarded; as recommended, and the Civil Engineer instructed to contract for east iron lamps on Circle street; and pit gravel on Wabash street, between East and Noble streets.

By Mr. Coburn, from the Committee on Accounts:

INDIANAPOLIS, August 21, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Accounts and Claims report the following ordinance allowing accounts for the month ending on the 21st day of August, 1865, and respectfully recommend the passage of the same.

H. COBURN,
J. H. KAPPES, } *Committee.*

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

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,* That the following named persons be allowed the amounts set opposite their respective names from any moneys in the City Treasury not otherwise appropriated, as follows, to-wit:

Wm. Hadley, Assisting Assessor, specific.....	\$445 00
Michael Shea, Assisting Engineer, street improvements.....	75 00
Alex. Woods, Assisting Engineer, street improvements.....	75 00
John M. Kemper, street repairs.....	765 85
A. H. Brown—Specific.....	45 00
Cottrell & Knight, police.....	28 50
John Stumph, street improvements.....	608 70
Stephen Smith, posting bills for Civil Engineer—specific.....	17 00
Stephen Smith, posting bills for Marshal—specific.....	5 00
W. J. H. Robinson, jail expenses.....	1,565 20
Gas Company, internal revenue on gas.....	238 99
Gas Company, gas in city lamps.....	2,649 99
Gas Company, lighting and extinguishing street lamps.....	719 55
Gas Company, gas in city offices and engine houses.....	117 90
Joseph Kruger, street improvements.....	961 98
C. E. Whitsit, street improvements.....	92 40
Julia Strawter—Pest House.....	12 00
G. W. Alread, Cemetery.....	26 00
Total.....	<u>\$8,448 96</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Street Improvements—city's portion of sundry estimates	\$1,813 08
Jail Expenses—boarding city prisoners.....	1,565 10
Stree Repairs—amount paid J. M. Kemper.....	765 85
Specific—sundries.....	512 00
Intenal Revenue on Gas.....	238 99
Police.....	28 50
Lighting and extinguishing Street Lamps.....	719 55
Gas consumed in street lamps.....	2,649 99
Gas consumed in city offices and engine houses.....	117 90
Cemetery—lumber for repairing fence.....	26 00
Pest House—compensation of Matron.....	12 00
Total.....	<u>\$8,448 96</u>

SEC. 2. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue warrants upon the City Treasury to the persons above named, and for the amounts as set forth in section first of this ordinance.

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

Ordnained and established this 21st day of August, 1865.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*

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

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

The question being upon the suspension of the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt and Seidensticker—12. Noes, none.

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

The question then being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt and Seidensticker—12. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

By Mr. Coburn, from Committee on Accounts :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of rent for the Council Chamber and City Offices.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,* That the sum of one thousand dollars, (\$1,000.00) be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of rent for the City Council Chamber and City Offices, for the year commencing November 5th, 1864, (that being the time

last paid to, as per receipt on file numbered 4042) and ending October 31st, 1865.

SEC. 2d. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue his warrants upon the City Treasury in payment of the rent as aforesaid, to W. & H. Glenn, in quarterly installments, on the first days of February, May, August and November, (except the two quarterly installments falling due in February and May, which shall be issued, together with the installment falling due on the first day of August, 1865, immediately upon the passage of this ordinance, as per contract by and between the City of Indianapolis and the said W. & H. Glenn, made and dated February 5th, 1862.

SEC. 3d. The City Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to redeem said orders, issued as provided for in section second of this ordinance, and pay therefor in currency, as the same may be presented from time to time.

SEC. 4th. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

Ordained and established this 21st day of August, 1865

J. CAVEN, *Mayor*.

Attest:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.

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

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So the rules were suspended and the ordinance read the third time.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt and Seidensticker—12. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

By Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

INDIANAPOLIS, August 21, 1865.

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

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Hahn, asking the vacation of the alley running east and west between lots 18 and 19, in out-lot 85, in the City of Indianapolis, beg leave to report that legal notice has been given to enable parties interested to remonstrate against such vacation, and that the time for filing such remonstrance expired May 15, 1865; that no remonstrance has been filed against such vacation; that the alley referred to has ever been an imaginary one, and could, if opened, be of no benefit to the public. Your Committee therefore recommend that the Council pass an order vacating such alley.

AUSTIN H. BROWN,

Chairman Com. on Streets and Alleys.

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

By Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Streets and Alleys :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 21, 1865.

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

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of William Y. Wiley and James Wiley, asking for the vacation of all the streets and alleys designated in Phillips's subdivision of parts of out-lots numbered 164 and 165, in the City of Indianapolis, (more fully shown in a plat accompanying said petition,) to enable the said petitioners to substitute and dedicate for public use other streets and alleys running north and south and east and west, so that the same shall conform with and be an extension of the streets now open and made public, and which border upon said subdivision—beg leave to report that legal notice has been given to enable parties to remonstrate against such vacation, and that no remonstrance has been filed against such vacation. Your Committee, in view of the fact that there is no objection and that the change will be of public utility, as two (2) new streets and three (3) new alleys will be given the public (and of better shape) instead of one (1) street and two (2) alleys, would recommend that an order of vacation be passed by the Common Council, as asked for by the petitioners.

AUSTIN H. BROWN,

Chairman Com. on Streets and Alleys.

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Grosvenor, the petition of Jane Waldo, and others, for the vacation of the alley running east and west through Block No. 93, was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

By Mr. Allen, Chairman Committee on Fire Department :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 21, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Fire Department would report that the Chief Fire Engineer in his last report to the Council, recommended the purchase of another Steam Fire Engine and 1000 feet of hose. The Committee concur in the report for the reason that the three engines now owned by the city have been in use about five years and are more liable to be thrown out of service on account of repairs, than at any former period. A city of the size of Indianapolis, in the opinion of the Committee, ought to have five engines instead of three, but granting that three are all we can afford to maintain at present, it would be the most economical and safest policy, to have one relief engine that could be put into active service in the place of either one of the old engines that may need repairs, this would not require the expense of another house, or company, it would cost simply the interest on the cost of another engine.

The engine in the western part of the city is now out of service, having given out at the fire on last Monday night and will not be ready for at least one week. With another engine these repairs could be made without reducing the efficiency of the department below its present standard.

While waiting for the price of engines to fall, fires may occur of many times the cost of an engine. The Committee would therefore recommend the purchase immediately of the Seneca Falls Engine now in the city, according to the proposition made by their Agent, Mr. Bickford, and 1000 feet of hose of the kind and quality which the Chief Fire Engineer in his judgment may think best.

WILLIAM ALLEN, }
SAMUEL LEFEVER, } *Committee.*

Mr. Grosvenor moved a division of the question, as to purchasing a new Steam Engine and one thousand feet of new hose.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on concurring in so much of the report as relates to the purchase of a new Steam Fire Engine, the ayes and noes were called for.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Fletcher and Glazier—5.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Coburn, Colley, Grosvenor, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt and Seidensticker—7.

So that part of the report was not concurred in.

The question being on concurring in so much of the report as relates to the purchase of one thousand feet of new hose, the ayes and noes were called for.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Schmdt and Seidensticker—11.

Councilmen Loomis voting in the negative—1.

So that part of the report was concurred in.

By Mr. Glazier, from the Committee on Markets :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 21, 1865.

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

MR. PRESIDENT:—Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Market Master, in regard to erecting posts to designate stands for gardeners and hucksters, would recommend that the same be done, as the stands can be sold for five dollars a year each, and the expense will not exceed one hundred dollars, and will make about fifty stands for sale.

CHARLES GLAZIER, }
J. A. GROSVENOR, } *Committee.*

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

Mr. Brown recommended that the hours for opening and closing the Markets be changed.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Markets.

By Mr. Kappes, from the Committee on Benevolence :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 21, 1865.

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

Your Committee, to whom was referred an "ordinance making appropriations in aid of the building of a substantial fence around the City Cemetery," beg leave to report as follows :

1. We recommend that a full list of all persons holding lots in said Cemetery be furnished by the Sexton, or some other competent individual; and
2. That subscriptions be opened, whereby those who are disposed may have the privilege of contributing individually towards the erection of a suitable fence.

J. HENRY KAPPES, }
W. H. LOOMIS, } Committee.

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

From the Civil Engineer—Report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 14, 1865.

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

The Civil Engineer respectfully reports to Council—

1st. That Thomas Wren has completed the contract for grading and graveling Ohio street, between Pennsylvania and Tennessee streets, and the same has been done according to the terms of his agreement, and an estimate is herewith reported for approval.

2d. That John Treter, the contractor, for grading and paving, with brick, the sidewalk on the east side of Illinois street, between Washington street and the first alley north of said street, has finished said contract according to agreement, and an estimate for the same is herewith reported for approval.

3d. Sundry proposals for various street improvements, received by the Civil Engineer, are herewith also submitted to your honorable body.

JAMES WOODS, *Civil Engineer.*

By Mr. Brown :

Resolved, That the first and final estimate as reported by the Civil Engineer, and certified to by him in favor of Thomas Wren, the contractor, for grading and graveling Ohio street, between Pennsylvania and Tennessee streets, is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and 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 Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt and Seidensticker—13. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

By Mr. Brown :

Resolved, That the first and final estimate, as reported by the Civil Engineer, and certified to by him, in favor of John Treter, the contractor, for

grading and paving the sidewalk on the east side of Illinois street, between Washington street and the first alley north of said street, is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and the property holders are hereby required to pay the same 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, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt and Seidensticker—13. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

On motion, the proposals for public works, as reported by the Civil Engineer were referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

The Civil Engineer also reported the Contract and Bond of Hanway and Kown, for grading and graveling New York street and sidewalks, between Noble and Winston streets.

Which, on motion, was accepted and approved.

From the City Clerk—Report :

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK,
Indianapolis, Aug. 21, 1865. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the provisions of an ordinance prescribing the powers and duties of general city officers, a report of the receipts and disbursements for the quarter commencing May 13th, and ending August 12th, 1865, is herewith submitted:

RECEIPTS.

Gross receipts, as shown by Treasurer's books..... \$7,995 83

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Police Department.....	\$6,532 00
Fire Department.....	4,780 65
Street Repairs.....	4,403 30
Salary.....	4,110 50
Interest on Bonds.....	1,600 00
Bridges.....	884 23
Specific Appropriations.....	718 00
Printing and Stationery.....	1,278 90
Jail Expenses.....	1,302 30
Street Improvements.....	390 76
Decorations Lincoln's Funeral.....	261 86
Election Expenses.....	150 00
Pest House.....	151 95
Removal of Nuisances.....	24 60
Total.....	\$26 589 05
Receipts.....	7,995 83
Orders issued over and above receipts.....	\$18,593 22

Also, amount of License received, and what for, for quarter ending August 12th, 1865, as follows, to-wit:

General Licenses issued from May 13 to June 12, 1865.....	\$281 00
General Licenses issued from June 13 to July 12, 1865.....	536 00
General Licenses issued from July 13 to August 12, 1865.....	678 00
Hack Licenses issued from May 13 to June 12, 1865.....	28 00
Hack Licenses issued from June 13 to July 12, 1865.....	34 00
Hack Licenses issued from July 13 to August 12, 1865.....	83 00
Express Licenses issued from May 13 to June 12, 1865.....	28 00
Express Licenses issued from June 13 to July 12, 1865.....	74 00
Express Licenses issued from July 13 to August 12, 1865.....	67 00
Dray Licenses issued from June 13 to July 12, 1865.....	8 00
Dray Licenses issued from July 13 to August 12, 1865.....	10 00
Dog Licenses issued from May 13 to June 12, 1865.....	28 75
Dog Licenses issued from June 13 to July 12, 1865.....	21 75
Dog Licenses issued from July 13 to August 12, 1865.....	35 50
Total.....	\$1,913 00

Which has been paid into the City Treasury "*in kind*," as directed by ordinance of your honorable body, as per receipt hereto attached.

Would also report that an affidavit has been filed with me, in accordance with the provisions of the city charter, for the collection of street assessment by precept as follows, to-wit: Joseph Kruger against James M. Ray for \$25 03, being amount unpaid of an assessment of \$508.68 against property owned by said James M. Ray for grading and paving, with brick, and curbing with stone, the sidewalk on the west side of Delaware street, between the Union Railway track and Washington street, and would respectfully recommend that you order precept to issue.

Respectfully,

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.

Which, on motion, was accepted and approved, and the City Clerk directed to issue precept in favor of Joseph Kruger.

From the City Treasurer—Report:

The City Treasurer herewith reports the following Receipts and Disbursements from July 1, 1865, to July 31, 1865, inclusive:

RECEIPTS.

To balance from last report.....	\$2,026 60
Delinquent Tax collected.....	871 05
Received from Hon. John Caven, Mayor.....	2,000 00
Received from Printing on Precept.....	10 50
	<u>\$4,908 15</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Street Improvements.....	5 50
Fire Department.....	235 00
Police.....	80 75
Salary.....	424 50
Specific.....	69 50
Costs.....	14 40
Lincoln Funeral Decorations.....	144 50
Elections.....	6 00
Interest on Bonds.....	1,600 00
Balance to next report.....	2,328 00
	<u>\$4,908 15</u>

Which, on motion, was accepted and approved.

From the City Sexton—Report :

Report of the Sexton for the month ending July 31, 1865 :

NO. OF INTERMENTS.

Under 1 year old.....	39
1 to 5 years.....	53
5 to 10 years.....	4
10 to 20 years.....	6
20 to 30 years.....	23
30 to 40 years.....	3
40 to 50 years.....	3
50 to 60 years.....	2
60 to 70 years.....	1
80 to 90 years.....	1
90 to 100 years.....	1
Total.....	133
From the country.....	7

G. W. ALRED, *Sexton.*

Received and ordered to be spread on the minutes.

From the Street Commissioner—Report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 21, 1865.

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

The undersigned who was ordered to repair the bridge over the Canal on North street, respectfully reports, that the timbers over said bridge are mostly rotten, and that it would be to the advantage of the city to have said bridge shortened to forty feet, with stone abutments. Said bridge is now about 70 feet in length.

AUGUST RICHTER, *Street Commissioner.*

Received, but no definite action had in relation to recommendation.

From City Attorney—Report :

INDIANAPOLIS, August 21, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have carefully examined the questions presented by the ordinance relative to licensing Claim Agents, and am of the opinion that the ordinance cannot be legally enacted and enforced.

I have not thought it necessary to state the reasons which have induced this opinion, but will do so should you so direct.

Respectfully,

B. K. ELLIOTT, *City Attorney.*

Received and approved.

On motion, special ordinance No. 65, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of the sidewalk on the west side of Missouri street, between South and Merrill streets,

Was taken up, and referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Coburn called up special ordinance No. 69, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading, and paving with brick, the sidewalk on the north side of Michigan street, between Pennsylvania and Meridian 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 Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt and Seidensticker—13. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Loomis moved—

That the City Civil Engineer be directed to inquire into the cause of the injury on the sidewalk on the west side of Virginia Avenue, between Delaware and Alabama streets, and report to this Council at its next regular meeting.

Which motion carried.

By Mr. Seidensticker :

Resolved, That the Civil Engineer be directed to re-advertise for proposals for the grading and graveling of Washington street, between Pogue's Run and the Corporation line, as the contractor has failed to file his contract, and that said proposals be received on the 4th day of September, 1865.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt and Seidensticker—13. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

By Mr. Glazier :

WHEREAS, It is proposed to lay out, survey and open a new street between Merrill and McCarty streets, sixty feet in width, the centre of which shall be in a right line with the centre of New Jersey street; therefore,

Be it Resolved, That the Civil Engineer be, and he is hereby instructed to prepare and report to this Council a profile of such proposed street; and

Resolved, further, That so soon as a profile of such proposed street shall have been adopted by this Council, it shall be the duty of the City Clerk forthwith to give the notices required by section 60 of the City Charter, to the Commissioner for this city, appointed by the Court of Common Pleas of Marion county to appraise and assess the damages and benefits accruing to the owners of any land or lot through which any street is proposed to be constructed, &c., and likewise to the owners or agents of the lots or lands upon or through which said proposed street is to be made.

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

By Dr. Jameson :

Resolved, That the Engineer be directed to advertise for proposals for the grading and graveling of North street, between Alabama and East streets, to be received on the 4th of September, 1865.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt and Seidensticker—12. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

Mr. Brown moved—

That the Street Commissioner be directed to open a drain from the pond of water lying on the lands of the estate of Nicholas McCarty, east of the Madison Railroad, and between the Madison State Road (or Avenue) and the south Corporation line, so as to allow the water therein to pass under the Madison Railroad track to a point west of said track, thence south along the west side of said track to a point to be indicated by the stakes of the Civil Engineer, and thence to seek its natural level; such drain to commence at the south end of such pond, and to be sunk to the depth of two feet below the present surface of the water, and to have a descent of one foot in each five hundred feet of length; and that the Street Commissioner be directed to employ such force as may be necessary to complete the same as soon as possible.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Brown moved—

That the Committee on Revision of Ordinances be instructed to inquire into the expediency of changing the ordinance concerning the Union Depot so as to allow Hackmen to choose their own stands at a proper distance from the Depot building, instead of being subject to the control of the Marshal of the Union Depot.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Brown moved—

That the Street Commissioner be directed to make some arrangement with the contractor for grading and graveling Georgia street, between Pennsylvania and West streets, for the cutting down of the embankment at the south entrance of the north and south alley, through Square No. 75, sufficiently to allow wagons to pass into it from Georgia street.

Which motion carried.

Mr. Brown moved—

That the Committee on Finance be instructed to report an ordinance making an appropriation of an additional one thousand dollars for pay of detective policemen, which appropriation shall be made payable quarterly to the Mayor and disbursed by him at his discretion.

Which motion carried.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

Present at roll-call on adjournment: Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt and Seidensticker—13.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.