

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2D, 1865, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common 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, Emerson, Glazier, Kappes, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—11.

Absent—Councilmen Coburn, Colley, Fletcher, Grosvenor, Jame-son, Lefever and Loomis—7.

The proceedings of the regular session, held September 25th, 1865, were read and approved.

Before calling the regular order of business, His Honor, the Mayor, read the following message, to-wit :

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 2d, 1865.

*To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :*

GENTLEMEN:—At its last session, the Legislature of the State passed an act authorizing the formation of companies to supply cities with water.

The first proceeding requisite under the law, is a resolution of the Council, declaring that "it is expedient to have constructed works for the purpose of supplying such city and the inhabitants thereof with water, but that it is inexpedient for such city, under the powers granted in its act of incorporation, to build such works." And then, "it shall be lawful for the inhabitants of any such city, and others, to organize a company for the construction of such water works."

That the time has come when we need water-works, all will agree; and I entertain the belief that it has also come when it can be built. That the enterprise and capital can both be found, and the stock taken immediately, and the work completed in a short time.

Crown Hill, north of the city, is the most eligible location for the reservoir, and it is understood to be part of the design of the incorporators of the Cemetery, that it should be devoted to that purpose, and could be obtained, no doubt, on a perpetual lease, at a low rate—perhaps by supplying the Cemetery with water for fountains, which would be most appropriate, and ornaments to the place. And, as the machinery would be erected on the bank of the river, there would be nothing connected with it to disturb the sacred quiet of the place.

Steam machinery would, of course, be necessary. Yet, by the erection of a dam across White river, for a considerable portion of the year, the water-power would be sufficient to raise the water, and nearly all the year, would materially assist, thus effecting a great saving in fuel, and wear of machinery.

It is a considerable distance, perhaps a mile, from the river to the hill, but this is a matter of no consequence, whether near or far, except in the expense of pipe, as the water could be raised perpendicularly at the works to the full height, and find its way hence by its own flow.

In the organization of a Company the city may become a stockholder with all the rights and privileges of other stockholders.

When the Company is organized the Council may grant the right to use the streets, &c., imposing "such just and reasonable terms, restrictions and limitations upon such Company in reference to the manner in which such streets, &c., are to be used, and in reference to the charging and collecting of tolls, water rents or other compensation, for the supply of water to be furnished by such Company to such city and its inhabitants as shall be necessary to guard against the improper use of such streets, &c., and to protect said city and its inhabitants from the imposition of undue or excessive rates or charges for the supply of water, &c."

The erection of the works would save us any further outlay for cisterns, besides supplying us much better than any number of cisterns could do, as they are liable to accidents, and in a large fire to become exhausted. The gutters, too, could be frequently washed, and the health of the city protected.

The grant should provide for fountains in the Circle, University Square and State House Yard.

I would recommend the adoption of the necessary resolution herewith accompanying this message, and invite the formation of a Company.

I would also recommend the renewal for one year of the Bank debts according to the terms of an ordinance herewith accompanying.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CAVEN, *Mayor*.

The following resolution accompanied the Mayor's message, to-wit:

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to have constructed works for the purpose of supplying the City of Indianapolis, and the inhabitants thereof, with water, but that it is inexpedient for said city, under the powers granted in its act of incorporation, to build such works, and hereby authorize the inhabitants of said city, and others, to organize a company for the construction of such water works.

Mr. Brown moved—

That so much of the Mayor's Message as relates to the construction of water works be referred to a special committee of three.

Which motion prevailed.

The Chair appointed, as such Committee, Councilmen Thompson, Brown and Kappes.

On motion of Mr. Emerson, His Honor, Mayor Caven, was added to said Committee.

His Honor, the Mayor, also offered the following ordinance, and recommended its passage :

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City Treasurer to borrow the sum of \$100,000 for one year, and making an appropriation to pay the interest thereon.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,* That the City Treasurer is hereby authorized and instructed to borrow, in anticipation of the revenue of the current year, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, for one year, at the lowest rate of interest the same can be negotiated for, not exceeding one per cent. per month, payable quarterly. And the said Treasurer is hereby authorized to sign and execute all necessary and proper writings in order to effectuate the same, and bind the city; and said agreement may also provide that the city shall have the right to pay said principal debt, or any part thereof, at any recurring quarterly period when the interest shall be payable; that a sufficient portion of the City Bonds, now in the hands of Messrs. Winslow, Lanier & Co., shall be deemed and held as collateral security to the lender, but that he shall not have any power to interfere with or prevent the sale of the same, but the proceeds of all sales from the same shall be applied to the payment of said loan until the same is fully satisfied, and should said Winslow, Lanier & Co. not sell sufficient of the same to so pay the said loan within nine months from the date of said loan, then the same shall be placed for sale in such other hands as the Finance Committee of the Council and the lender may agree upon, and if, at the expiration of the year, said debt, or any part thereof, remains unpaid, the Finance Committee shall deliver to the lender, at the rate of seventy-five cents on the dollar, equal amounts of two, three, four and five years Bonds of the City, with semi-annual six per cent. interest coupons, payable at the Treasury, and that the same may, after thirty days notice of such sale in such public newspapers of the city as said Finance Committee shall designate, be sold at public sale to the highest bidder, at such time and place as said Finance Committee shall designate, in the City of Indianapolis.

SEC. 2. The said Treasurer is further authorized and instructed to pay and discharge with the money so borrowed, the debts which the city now owes to the banks and banking houses of this city.

SEC. 3. The sum of twelve thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the payment of the interest on said loan, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to draw warrants on the Treasury to the order of the lender, at the terms and for the proper amount of interest, as agreed upon, and the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the same, in cash, when presented.

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

Ordained and established this 2d day of October, 1865.

J. CAVEN, *Mayor.*

Attest:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*

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

Mr. Brown 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,

Emerson, Glazier, Kappes, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—12. 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, Emerson, Glazier, Kappes, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—12. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

The regular order of business was then called.

By Mr. Seidensticker—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 2d, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, property holders along New York Street, between Noble and Winston streets, hereby agree, and request the Common Council to have the contract for the graveling of said street so changed as to reduce the width of the graveling to 25 feet in width, for the reason that 40 feet of graveling, as now contracted for, will cover the entire street, leaving no room for the gutters.

Seidensticker & Kappes,  
Henry Mott,  
James Morrison,

Geo. Hoffmeister,  
A. A. Hammond,  
And eight others.

Which, on motion, was laid upon the table.

By Mr. Emerson—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 2, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, contractors for bouldering Washington street, between the Canal and the alley east of the National Hotel, respectfully asks that the time for the completion of said contract may be extended until the fifteenth day of June, 1866.

An extension of time is necessary because of their inability, on account of high water, to get boulders. This has rendered it utterly impossible for your memorialists to complete their contract, and they therefore respectfully request that the time may be extended.

JOHN STUMPH.

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

By Mr. Kappes—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 2d, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN.—The undersigned, a property owner on South New Jersey street, nearly opposite Little's Hotel, respectfully petitions your honorable body to grant him the privilege to pave the sidewalk before his premises with brick, under the direction of the Civil Engineer.

Respectfully,

WM. L. LINGENFELTER.

Which, on motion, was granted.

By Mr. Allen—Communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 2d, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I beg leave to make another short report in regard to those cisterns. On examination, I see they all hold water well except one. That one on Illinois street is not good, and I think it never will hold full while the street railroad runs over it, as it does now. They have cut away the brick to get their timbers in, and the road rests on the brick wall, so that when the cars run over it, the whole thing trembles. I was in the cistern several times when the cars ran over it. I found there were no cracks, but the plastering was chipped off in several places. I plastered the whole thing over, and I know I made it completely tight. Now, I think if the railroad could be moved one or two feet, East, off of the brick, it can be made to hold water, which I propose to do without expense to the city, if emptied.

Yours, respectfully,

WILLIAM WOOD.

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

By Mr. Kappes—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 2, 1865.

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

The undersigned, owners of the property, 33½ feet, on the corner of Washington and New Jersey streets, opposite Little's Hotel, respectfully petition your honorable body for the privilege of paving the sidewalk before their property.

W. G. LINGENFELTER,  
HARVEY HOSBROOK.

Which, on motion, was granted.

By Mr. Allen :

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 five hundred dollars be, and are hereby, appropriated to Charles Richmann, Chief Fire Engineer, to be expended by him for forage and other articles needed for the use of the Fire Department.

SEC. 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to issue warrants in favor of Charles Richmann for the amount specified in section first of this ordinance.

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

Ordained and established this 2d day of October, 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,

Emerson, Glazier, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—13. 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, Emerson, Glazier, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—13. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Kappes introduced special ordinance No. 72, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for furnishing and erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on North Delaware street, between North and St. Joseph streets,

Which, was read the first time, and, on motion, was read the second time, and laid over to have notice of pending given.

Mr. Seidensticker introduced special ordinance No. 73, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE amending an ordinance for the grading and graveling of New York street, between Noble and Winston streets, and authorizing a change in the contract for the improvement of said street,

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

Mr. Seidensticker 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, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—12. 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, Emerson, Glazier, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—13. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Coburn introduced special ordinance No. 74, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of the alley running north and south through Square 23, between Massachusetts Avenue and Vermont street,

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

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }  
Indianapolis, September 27, 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 in relation to the petition of S. D. Tomlinson, I. N. Phipps and others, to have the alley running north and south from Washington street to the first alley north of Washington street, between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets, re-bouldered, at the expense of the city, report against doing it, believing it to be the duty of the property holders to so improve the alley.

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

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

By Mr. Seidensticker, from the Judiciary Committee:

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 2, 1865.

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

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the within resolution, offered by Councilman Loomis, respectfully report that the ordinance and the contract for the work referred to in said resolution, contain nothing in reference to grading or banking the inner edge of said sidewalk; that said work was afterwards accepted by the Civil Engineer, and, upon his recommendation, by the Common Council, as in accordance to the contract; for which reasons the Council has no demands to make upon the contractor, and the resolution ought not to be adopted.

AD. SEIDENSTICKER, *Committee.*

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

By Dr. Jameson, from Finance Committee:

INDIANAPOLIS, October 2, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Finance Committee would report that Samuel Blythe to whom a duplicate City Order was issued, numbered 5386 for seventy-five dollars, has, in looking over his papers, found the original order, and has placed the same in the hands of your Committee for cancellation.

Your Committee would recommend that the bond given by Samuel Blythe to secure the city against loss in case said original had been redeemed by the City Treasurer, be declared null and void.

Respectfully,

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

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, October 2, 1865.

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

The Committee on streets and alleys to whom was referred "an ordinance regulating the paving of sidewalks in the City of Indianapolis," beg leave to report the same back with some amendments and recommend its passage.

AUSTIN H. BROWN,  
*Chairman Committee on Streets and Alleys.*

On motion, the report was received, and the ordinance laid over to be acted upon at some future meeting.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, October 2, 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 Reinfels and others, in relation to vacating a part of Union street lying south of Ray street, report that they have examined the matters therein set forth and recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and said vacation be ordered and decreed by Council.

AUSTIN H. BROWN,  
Chairman Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Order of vacation of five (5) feet of each side of that portion of Union street lying south of Ray street.

Come now the petitioners, Henry Reinfel, William Meyers, M. B. Cleaver, Joseph Hernel, Frederick Kerkhoff, Fotor Kaper, Peter Henesee, Oliver Kersey, John Hillman, Wilhelm Harting, Frederick Gabert, Rudolph Kulhmann, Joseph Luck, Jacob Smith and F. M. Fulton, and produce proof that they have given the legal notice required, of the pendency before this Council of their petition for an order to vacate five (5) feet in width on each side of the full length of that portion of Union street lying between Ray street and the south Corporation line, by a publication in the *Indiana State Sentinel*, a newspaper of general circulation, published in Indianapolis, twenty (20) days before the fourth (4th) day of September, 1865, which proof is as follows, to-wit:

"STATE OF INDIANA, }  
MARION COUNTY, } ss.

"Personally appeared before the undersigned, J. L. Hedges, Book-keeper and Clerk of the *Indiana State Sentinel*, a public newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the city of Indianapolis, in the county aforesaid, who being duly sworn, upon his oath saith, that the notice of which the attached is a true copy, was duly published in said paper for one time, which publication was on the 15th day of August, 1865.

[Signed.]

J. L. HEDGES.

"Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 20th day of September, 1865.

[Signed.]

"JOHN R. ELDER."

#### NOTICE ATTACHED:

"NOTICE:—The undersigned will present a petition to the City Council of Indianapolis on the 4th day of September next, 1865, to vacate five (5) feet on the east and west side of Union street, south of Ray street, to the Corporation line, at their meeting.

HENRY REINFEL,  
And others."

August 15.

And, also, by posting up copies of said notice at four (4) of the most public places in the neighborhood of said street, which proof is as follows, to-wit:

"STATE OF INDIANA, }  
MARION COUNTY, } ss.

"Personally came before me Charles Fisher, a Justice of the Peace of said county, Charles Hanson, who being by me duly sworn, says that on the 15th day of August, 1865, he posted four notices, of which the hereto attached is a true copy, at the following public places, to-wit:

One at Charles Kemker's grocery on the Bluff Road, one at the corner of Union and McCarty streets, one at the corner of Ray and Union streets,

and one at the corner of Meridian and McCarty streets, in the city of Indianapolis, Marion county.

[Signed]

“CHARLES HANSON.

“Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 16th day of September, 1865.

[Signed]

CHARLES FISHER, J. P. [Seal.]”

NOTICE ATTACHED :

“NOTICE:—The undersigned will present a petition to the City Council of Indianapolis, on the 4th day of September next, 1865, to vacate five (5) feet on the East and West side of Union street, South of Ray street, to the Corporation line, at their meeting.

HENRY REINFEL,

“Aug. 15.

And Others.”

And no person appearing to object to said vacation, and it appearing, to the satisfaction of the Common Council, that the petitioners are owners of lots bordering on the line of said portion of said Union street, and the Common Council being fully advised in the premises, it is hereby ordered and decreed that the following described portion of Union street, in said city of Indianapolis, be, and the same is hereby vacated, viz:—Five (5) feet in width of that portion of Union street lying on the west side of the east line thereof, and running in length from Ray street to the Corporation line South, making the east line of said street parallel to the east line of said street north of Ray street; and five (5) feet in width of that portion of Union street lying on the east side of the west line thereof, and running in length from Ray street to the Corporation line South, making the west line of said street parallel to the west line of said street north of Ray street—thus giving an uniform width of sixty (60) feet to Union street from Merrill street to the Corporation line South.

Mr. Boaz, from the Committee on Police, presented charges and specifications against day policeman John A. Moores, of the Fifth Ward, signed by Jesse M. VanBlaricum, Chief of Police, and giving Herman Bergener, Gustave Bergener and James N. Stevens as witnesses.

Which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Police, as a special Committee to investigate said charges and specifications.

By Mr. Emerson, from the Committee on Public Buildings :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 2, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee, to whom was referred the proposal of Mr. McKernan, for the sale of ten acres of ground upon the west side of Fall Creek to the city for Hospital purposes, beg leave to report that we have examined the ground and find it to be the very best of ground, and above high water. Your committee is of the opinion that for gardening purposes it can not be surpassed by any ground about the city, as it is high and dry at all seasons of the year when ground needs cultivation. As it regards the price, your committee find that land is selling for \$250 per acre both sides of this lot; and further, there is one building 18 feet by 100 feet, divided into two rooms and plastered, sits on blocks, but is well planked upon the outside and battened, and has a shingle roof. Also, one other building with four good sized rooms, built in the same style as the first, but not plastered inside. Said buildings are well worth eight hundred dollars, to be used where they now stand, but to move would be worth but a trifle. Your committee will say further, that in case the city concludes to purchase said ground, that it

might be well to look carefully to the right of way to get to the ground. Your committee do not feel like making any recommendation to your honorable body, but leave the matter wholly with the Council to pursue such course as they may think proper.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. B. EMERSON, }  
WM. BOAZ, } *Committee.*

Which, on motion, was laid upon the table.

Dr. Jameson, from Committee on Printing and Stationery asked for further time to make quarterly report.

Granted.

Mr. Seidensticker, from the Committee on Revision of Ordinances, reported general ordinance No. 19, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE amendatory of section first of an ordinance passed on the 29th day of May, 1865, and entitled: An ordinance amendatory of and supplemental to an ordinance entitled: An ordinance to establish public stands for licensed public Hacks, Carriages, Express Wagons, or other vehicles kept or used for the purpose of transporting passengers, freight or other articles, to and from points within the City of Indianapolis, for pay and hire, and to regulate the licensing of such vehicles, and the amount to be charged by the owners thereof for transporting passengers and their baggage, and prohibiting minors from driving any such vehicle, unless specially permitted,

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

Mr. Brown 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 and Emerson—4.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Coburn, Glazier, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Staub—8.

So the rules were not suspended.

By Mr. Seidensticker:

INDIANAPOLIS, October 2, 1865.

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

The Committee on Revision of Ordinances, to whom the following resolution was referred:

*Resolved,* That the Committee on Revision of Ordinances be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting an ordinance defining what shall constitute the lines or routes of the Citizen Street Railway, so that persons can travel for one fare:

1. From the Union Depot to the south-east end of Virginia Avenue, and *vice versa.*

2. From the Union Depot to West street, and *vice versa*.

3. From the Union Depot to the northern end of Illinois street, and *vice versa*.

From Union Depot to Fort Wayne Avenue, and *vice versa*.

Respectfully report that, in their opinion, the establishment of lines or routes for the Street Railroad by the Common Council would, at this time, be premature, as said Corporation is still extending its lines and establishing new routes, and has, so far, mostly adapted itself to public convenience in establishing the different routes.

A. D. SEIDENSTICKER, }  
P. H. JAMISON, } *Committee*.

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

By Mr. Glazier, from Special Committee :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 2, 1865.

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

Your Special Committee on Reception and Entertaining Lieutenant General Grant, would respectfully report that an appropriation of \$25.00 be made, for the purpose of defraying the expenses for five carriages.

CHAS. GLAZIER, }  
JOHN B. MACARTHUR, } *Committee*.  
J. HENRY KAPPES, }

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Accounts, with instructions to report an ordinance.

From Civil Engineer—Report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 2, 1865.

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

The Civil Engineer respectfully reports to the Council:

1st. That Martin L. Coyner, to whom was referred the contract for the improvement of Vermont street and north sidewalk, between Pennsylvania and Meridian streets, informed me that in consequence of sickness he can not take the contract, and that you can award it to the next highest bidder.

2d. C. S. Roney, to whom was awarded the contract to grade and pave the north sidewalk on Michigan street, between Pennsylvania and Meridian streets, wants the Council to extend the time for the completion of the work until next spring, as it is impossible to procure brick to do the work.

JAMES WOOD, *Civil Engineer*.

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

From the City Clerk—Report :

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, }  
Indianapolis, Oct. 2, 1865. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—I would respectfully report to your honorable body, that in compliance with your instruction I notified the Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis, appointed by the Court of Common Pleas of Marion County, to meet at my office on Saturday the 23d day of September, 1865, to assess the damages and benefits upon certain property through which it is proposed to

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

Respectfully,

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*

INDIANAPOLIS, September 23, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, Commissioners on opening Streets and Alleys of the City of Indianapolis, on petition of Henry Raymond, Edward T. Sinker, and others, to open New Jersey street, between Merrill and McCarty streets, respectfully beg leave to report:

Pursuant to notice, we met at the office of the City Clerk on Saturday, the 23d day of September, 1865, at 2 o'clock, P. M., and proceeded to view the premises. New Jersey street proper is 90 feet in width. To open the same at a uniform width, in accordance with the prayer of said petition, will take a strip of 45 feet off the west side of out-lot No. 103, and 45 feet off the east side of out-lot No. 104—12 chains and 72 links in length.

The Commission, believing that the opening of said street would be a public convenience and benefit, proceeded—1st, to value the land and improvements thereon, necessarily condemned to be appropriated for such improvement. 2d. What part thereof ought to be borne by the city. 3d. What real estate would be benefited by the improvement. See plat herewith submitted for description of property and the names of owners thereof.

1st. Valuation of lands and names of owners :

Andrew Curtis 45 x 125 feet, at \$40 per foot.....	\$1,800 00
Alanson G. Stevens 45 x 714 52-100, butat \$20 per foot.....	910 00
S. E. Davis 38 x 150 feet, at \$40 per foot.....	1,520 00
F. A. W. Davis 7 x 150 feet, at \$40 per foot.....	280 00
F. A. W. Davis improvements on same.....	1,600 00
Susan M. Ketcham 38 x 150 feet, at \$15 per foot.....	570 00
Jane M. Ketcham 38 x 150 feet, at \$15 per foot.....	570 00
John L Ketcham, Jr., 7 x 300 feet, at \$30 per foot.....	210 00
Edward T. Sinker 45 x 22 feet, at \$15 per foot.....	675 00
Yandes & Sinker 36 x by 131½ feet.....	400 00
Thomas Arthur 9 x 131½ feet.....	100 00

Total appraised value of lands..... \$8,635 00

2d. Award of benefits—

Alanson G. Stevens.....	\$2,410 00
John L Ketcham.....	2,000 00
Edward T. Sinker.....	675 00
Owners of property on New Jersey street, between Merrill street and Virginia Avenue, pro rated as per front foot, owned by each, (improvements not included).....	1,000 00
Owners of property on McCarty street to be estimated in like manner.....	1,000 00
Amount to be borne by the city.....	1,550 00
	----- \$8,635 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. V. CULLEY,	} <i>Commissioners.</i>
L. VAN LANINGHAM,	
ÆGIDIUS NALTNER,	
D. S. DEATY,	

On motion of Mr. Brown, the report of the City Clerk was received and the accompanying report of the Commissioners in relation to opening New Jersey street was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

INDIANAPOLIS, September 23, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN :—The undersigned Commissioners on streets and alleys of the City of Indianapolis,

On petition of Joseph E. Ludlum, and others, to open St. Clair street, between East street and Massachusetts Avenue, to a uniform width of sixty feet, would respectfully report :

Pursuant to notice we met at the office of the City Clerk, on the 23d day of September, 1865, at 2 o'clock, P. M., and proceeded to examine the premises. We find in order to straighten said street, it is necessary to take a strip of ground twenty by one hundred and eighty feet off of the south side of lot No. 8, in out-lot No. 178 ; also ten feet off of the south end of lot No. 22, in out lot No. 181. The straightening of said street between the points designated, would add much to the view, but the uniform width of said street, both east and west of these points, is established at forty feet. Speculation and private interests have established so much zigzag deformity in the streets, at the crossing of East and St. Clair, that it is thought best not to attempt to remedy the matter by the contemplated change.

The Commissioners agree that it is not expedient to grant the prayer of said petitioners.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID V. CULLEY,	} Commissioners.
D. W. BEATY,	
L. VAN LANNINGHAM,	
ÆGIDIUS NALTNER.	

On motion the Commissioners report in relation to opening St. Clair street was accepted and approved.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 23, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN :—The undersigned, Commissioners on opening Streets and Alleys of the City of Indianapolis.

On petition of John W. Hamilton and Samuel Lamb, to open Pratt street, between Delaware and Alabama streets, would respectfully report :

That pursuant to notice, we met at the Clerk's Office of said city, on the 23d day of September, 1865, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Present, D. V. Culley, D. S. Beaty, A. Naltner and L. Van Laningham, and proceeded to view the premises. We find the present width of said Pratt street to be 30 feet, taken off of out-lot No. 175. The prayer of the petitioners is, that said street be increased in width to 60 feet, by taking a strip 30 feet in width off of the north side of out-lot No. 174, owned by the heirs of James Loman, deceased.

The unanimous judgment of the Commission is, that the public interests require said street to be opened to 60 feet, and for that purpose, a strip 30 feet in width be taken off of the north side of out-lot No. 174.

We estimate the value of said 30 feet of ground at Sixteen Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,650.00.) And that the benefits attaching to the residue of said out-lot No. 174, by reason of increasing the width of said street, to be equal in value to the damages sustained. Hence no award of damages is made.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. V. CULLEY,	} Commissioners.
D. S. BEATY,	
L. VAN LANINGHAM,	
ÆGIDIUS NALTNER,	

The question being on accepting and, approving of the report of the Commissioners in relation to opening and widening Pratt street, and ordering the said street to be laid out and widened as petitioned for, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—13. Noes, none.

So the report was accepted and approved and Pratt street, between Delaware and Alabama streets declared laid out and opened to a width of sixty feet as a public street of the City of Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, September 23, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, Commissioners on opening Streets and Alleys of the City of Indianapolis, would respectfully report :

On petition of Fred. Hillman, James Griffith and others, residing on Waters street, between McCarty street and the 2d alley north of said street, in out lot No. 101. To open said Waters street at a uniform width between the north line of said alley and Stevens street. Having met at the office of the City Clerk on the 23d day of September, 1865, at 2 o'clock P. M. We proceeded to examine the premises, and after due consideration, unanimously agree that it is expedient and absolutely necessary that said street should be opened as contemplated by said petition, and we value the land appropriated for such improvement at Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) Of that amount, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) ought to be borne by the city, and Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) borne by the petitioners; and the property contiguous to said improvement to be prorated according to the number of front feet each may own on said Waters street (not including value of improvements).

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D V CULLEY,	} Commissioners.
L. VAN LANINGHAM,	
ÆGIDIUS NALTNER,	
D. S. BEATY,	

On motion the report of the Commissioners on Waters street was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

From City Marshal—Report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 2d, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The City Marshal would report to your honorable body, that he has sold the old Funeral decoration muslin for the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars (\$160.00) and paid the same into the city treasury.

Yours, respectfully,

JOHN UNVERSAW, *City Marshal.*

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

## From His Honor, Mayor Caven—Report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 2, 1865.

*To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:*

GENTLEMEN :—The undersigned would report that the fines collected during the month of September, amount to \$1,284.99, which sum he has paid to the Treasurer as shown in the duplicate receipt herewith accompanying.

The convictions for offenses have been as follows :

Grand Larceny.....	4
Petit Larceny .....	2
Robbery .....	3
Abortion .....	1

Total.....	10
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Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

On motion, accepted and approved.

By Dr. Thompson :

*Resolved*, That the Engineer re-advertise for bids to furnish lamp posts and fixtures on North Circle street in accordance with the ordinance passed for the same.

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

By Mr. Brown :

*Resolved*, That the Civil Engineer's assessment for the paving of the west sidewalk of Delaware street, between Washington street and Pogue's Run, be changed so as to assess the cost of paving twelve feet thereof, lately donated for a public alley, to the city, instead of to James M. Ray, and that the City Clerk be directed to issue an order upon the City Treasurer for the said amount, in favor of Joseph Kruger, the contractor, and that the City Treasurer be directed to pay such order in cash.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims with instructions to report an ordinance.

Mr. MacArthur moved—

That the City Engineer be instructed to re-advertise for bids to grade and gravel Mississippi street, between North and First streets, under the stipulations in the ordinance already passed.

Which motion carried.

Mr. Brown moved—

That the Civil Engineer be directed to change the grade stakes for the paving of the sidewalk on the east side of Illinois street, between Georgia and Louisiana streets, so as to make the grade at the lower end thereof even with that of the sidewalk on the north side of Louisiana street, between Illinois and Meridian streets.

Which motion carried.

Mr. Brown moved—

That the Board of Public Improvements be instructed to inquire into the facts of the case, and to report at the next meeting, as to which channel of Pogue's Run should be bridged where the same crosses Tennessee street; the old channel, or the one constructed and straightened by the Rolling Mill Company, at the time their track was laid down.

Which motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown—Communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 2, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, as well as many others, on Maryland street, are most anxious you would bring forward and have passed through at Council meeting to-night, an ordinance to have a culvert built on west side of West street, on Maryland street. The crossing has got in a most wretched state, in fact impassable. Your attention to this matter will much oblige us and neighbors.

Very respectfully yours,

KINGAN & CO.

Which, on motion, was 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, Emerson, Glazier, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—13.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

ATTEST :

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*