

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
MONDAY, JULY 9TH, 1866, 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 Brown, Coburn, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Seidensticker and Staub—10.

Absent—Councilmen Allen, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Jameson, Kemker, Schmidt and Thompson—8.

The proceedings of the regular session held July 2d, 1866, were read and approved.

By Mr. Brown—Petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, July 9, 1866.

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

We, the undersigned, most respectfully petition the City Council to allow us to close the alley on Delaware street, between lots No. 10 and 11, in Merrill's sub-division of out-lots No. 105 and 106. As this alley is of no use to the public, and as the water from the hill runs into this alley, thence into our lots, it will be a great accommodation to have it closed. You will please to notice that the alley is only 180 feet long.

MICHAEL MORRISON,
FRANCIS DONNELLY.

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

By Mr. Coburn—Petitions :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 9, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, owners of property on Broadway street, between Arch and Cherry streets, respectfully petition your honorable body to open Broadway street through the ground known as the Bellefontaine Car Shop, in out-lot 181, and as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Jacob Yung,
David Crull,
Milo Johnson,

George King,
J. B. McKibben,
Wm. Kown.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 9, 1866.

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

The citizens of, and holding property on, and in the vicinity of Broadway and Vine streets, whose names are annexed, most respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance opening Broadway street from Vine to Arch streets.

E. B. Dill,
Elwood Chapman,
Alex. Shawner, Jr.,

Alexander Shawner, Sr.,
Alexander Kown,
And 18 others.

Which, on motion, were referred to the City Commissioners, and the City Clerk directed to give the proper notice on the petitioners filing the necessary plats.

By Dr. Thompson—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 9, 1866.

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

The undersigned, owners and occupants of property lying on Meridian street, between St. Clair street and Donation line, respectfully represent that the sidewalks on said Meridian street, as established by late survey of the City Engineer, are not of sufficient width to accommodate the public generally, and especially the owners and occupants of the lots fronting on said street within said bounds, and therefore petition your honorable body to ordain and also instruct the City Engineer to fix and establish the sidewalks on said street, within the bounds aforesaid, at twelve (12) feet in breadth. They would also represent that the breadth of sidewalks, as now understood to be established, at ten (10) feet in breadth or width, and putting down the necessary street curb and gutter, would greatly impair and, in most cases, entirely destroy the shade trees on said street, which are of great value, and cannot be fully grown again to their present dimensions in the lifetime of many of your oldest petitioners.

George Tousey,
Deloss Root,
William Sullivan,
Jesse D. Carmichael,

William Armstrong,
John H. Ohr,
Thomas H. Bowles,
John S. Spann.

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

Mr. Seidensticker moved—

That George F. Meyer be permitted to pave the sidewalk in front of his property on Delaware street, on lot 10, out-lot 3, under the direction and to

the satisfaction of the Civil Engineer, who is hereby instructed to set the proper grade stakes.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Seidensticker moved—

That Jacob Becker be permitted to grade and gravel his pavement in front of lots No. 1 and 2, in Sonnifield's sub-division of out-lot 86, under the direction of the Civil Engineer, and said officer is hereby directed to set the proper grade stakes.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Seidensticker moved—

That Daniel Thayer be granted the privilege to grade and gravel the alley in the rear of his lot, running east and west between East and Noble streets, under the direction of the Civil Engineer.

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

Mr. Seidensticker moved—

That the Street Commissioner have the Halls in this building cleaned out by the chain-gang once in each week, and have the debris hauled away, the occupants of said offices having no place to deposit the sweepings from any of said offices but in the Halls in front of the same.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

That A. W. Smith, proprietor of the Sheridan House, be permitted to place a covered drain across the sidewalk of Illinois street, opposite the alley, for the purpose of carrying water from his premises into the gutters of Illinois street.

Which motion did not prevail.

By Mr. Loomis :

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire Department, together with the Chief Fire Engineer, be, and are hereby, directed to inquire into the expediency of purchasing one or more Steam Fire Engines for the use of the city. As also, to ascertain, by correspondence or otherwise, their cost and terms of payment. Said report to show the entire expense of putting one or more Fire Engines into practical operation in this city.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Seidensticker and Staub—10. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

By Mr. MacArthur :

Resolved, That Blackford street be opened from New York street to Market street, in accordance with the report of the proper Commissioners, made January 2d, 1865, and on that date approved by this Council; that the City Engineer set the proper stakes and cause the street to be opened in accordance with said report,

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Kappes, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Thompson—4.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kemker, Loomis, McNabb and Staub—7.

So the resolution did not pass.

Mr. Seidensticker introduced special ordinance No. 72—1866, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of the alley running north and south, between Maryland and Cumberland streets, east of lot 9, in square 63,

Which was read the first and second times and laid over.

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, July 5, 1866. }

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 more than two-thirds of the property holders on Merrill street, between East street and Virginia Avenue, remonstrate against the improvement at present; we would therefore recommend that the ordinance be rejected and stricken from the files.

The remonstrance of property owners on Washington street, between Missouri and the first alley west of West street, against the bowldering of said street comes too late to stop the work, as the contract has been awarded and the work half finished.

HENRY COBURN, }
J. A. GROSVENOR. } *Board.*
JNO. B. MACARTHUR, }

Which, on motion, was concurred in, and special ordinance No. 69—1866, stricken from the files.

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, July 9, 1866. }

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 J. Lonegan and other petitioners be allowed to grade and gravel Pine street, between

Virginia Avenue and Elm street, provided the whole square is so improved, the work to be done under the direction of the Civil Engineer.

HENRY COBURN, J. A. GROSVENOR. JNO. B. MACARTHUR,	} Board
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Which, on motion, was concurred in.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, July 9, 1866.

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

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the communication of Mrs. Mary Smith, report that the City Attorney gives it as his opinion that the precept ordered by the Council cannot now be re-called. Your Committee, therefore, are of opinion that the claimant has no remedy against the contractor, and the Council can only relieve the claimant by an allowance.

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

On motion the report was received.

Also the following resolution:

Resolved, That Mrs. Mary Smith be allowed a sum equal to the assessment made against her property on Ohio street, of some 80 front feet, in favor of the contractor for curbing the sidewalk; such allowance being for a stone curbing taken up by the contractor and a wooden one placed in its stead, and that the City Auditor include such allowance in the next ordinance to be reported by him allowing claims.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb and Thompson—5

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Coburn, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Kemker, Seidensticker and Staub—7.

So the resolution did not pass.

Councilmen Grosvenor announced that, by the resignation of Councilmen Lefever some time since, there was a vacancy in the Committee on Fire Department, and asked that the chair fill the vacancy.

Whereupon, His Honor, the Mayor, appointed Councilman Coburn on said Committee to fill said vacancy.

From the Civil Engineer—Report:

INDIANAPOLIS, July 9, 1866.

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

The Civil Engineer would respectfully report that the following named contractors have finished their work according to contract, and first and final estimates are herewith submitted for your approval.

Henry Meyers, for grading and graveling East street and sidewalks between St. Clair and Cherry streets.

Messrs. O'Conner & Dorsey, for grading and bowldering the gutters and curbing the outer edge of the sidewalks on Noble street, between the first alley south of Meek street and the Indiana Central Railroad track.

An estimate was submitted and approved by the Council at its last meeting, in favor of Messrs. Hanway & Cowan, for grading and graveling Blake street and sidewalks, between National Road and the north side of New York street, which has since been discovered to be incorrect. We would respectfully ask your honorable body to take such steps as may be necessary to adopt a substitute, which is herewith submitted.

In making an estimate for Samuel W. Patterson for grading and graveling New York street and sidewalks, it appears that square 25 was erroneously charged in the name of the State. We would respectfully ask you to authorize it to be charged in the name of the city.

Various contracts and bonds are also submitted for approval, as follows:

John Wilch, for grading and graveling Spring street and sidewalks, between Market and Ohio streets.

Joseph Kruger, for grading and paving the sidewalk on the east side of Delaware street, between Washington street and the first alley north of Market street.

Messrs. Cogill, Smock & Cogill, for grading and graveling East street and sidewalks, between Bicking street and the Corporation line.

Bids for various street improvements also accompany the report.

JAMES WOOD, *Civil Engineer.*

Resolved, That the following first and final estimate allowed Henry Meyers for grading and graveling East street, between St. Clair and Cherry streets, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes Kemker, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—12. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

First and final estimate allowed Henry Meyers, since transferred to Charles H. Kelley, for grading and graveling East street and sidewalks, between St. Clair and Cherry streets. Made at \$2.04 1-5 cents perlineal foot.

OWNERS' NAMES AND DESCRIPTION.

	Lot.	Out-lot.	Feet and Inches.	Assessment.
Temple C. Harrison	16	180	160.0	\$326 72
M. Bell	27	180	46.0	93 93
J. W. Hamilton	26	180	46.0	93 93
W. J. McCullough	19	179	39.3	80 14
John A. Mueller	19	179	39.3	80 14
Louis Heis	19	179	78.7	160 46
M. Burton	10	179	157.2	320 93
S. P. Strong	16	178	45.0	91 89
A. Metzger	15	178	45.0	91 89
A. Seidensticker	14	178	45.0	91 89
R. D. Logan	13	178	45.0	91 89
Wm. Lippe	12	178	45.0	91 89
E. A. Carter	11	178	44.0	89 84
Jacob Fisher	10	178	36.0	73 51
J. R. McKibben	9	178	55.0	112 31
Emily Pinney	7	178	67.6	137 83
Sarah E. Snelson	6	178	56.3	114 86
Eli F. Ritter	5	178	28.3	57 68
John Ihnders	5	178	28.0	57 17
John Richards	4	178	40.0	81 68
J. R. McKibben	3	178	59.0	120 47
Griffith & Powell	1	178	80.0	163 36
John L. Avery	11	179	157.2	320 93
Hildebrand	16	179	37.6	76 57
Cropper	16	179	37.6	76 57
George Carter	16	179	41.1	83 89
"	16	179	41.1	83 89
John Feary	29	180	46.0	93 93
M. L. Whitman	28	180	46.0	93 93
M. Rosengarten	30	180	166.0	326 72
Total			1851.7	\$3,780 84

I hereby certify the above estimate correct.

JAMES WOOD, *Civil Engineer.*

First and final estimate allowed Messrs. O'Conner & Dorsey for grading and bouldering the gutters and curbing the outer edge of the sidewalks on Noble street, between the first alley south of Meek street and the Indiana Central Railroad track. Made at \$1.40 cents per lineal foot.

OWNERS' NAMES AND DESCRIPTION.

	Lot.	Out-Lot.	Feet and Inches.	Assessment.
William Sonnefeld	6	86	33.9	\$17 25
"	5	86	33.9	47 25
"	4	86	33.8 1/2	47 19
Antoine Hiner	3	86	33.8 1/2	47 19
Swear and Spear	2	86	33.9	47 25
J. Becker	1	86	33.9	47 25
L. and F. Heid	10	89	42.0	68 80
Gottlieb C. Krugg	9	89	42.0	68 80
G. W. Stilwell	8	89	100.0	140 00
Isaac Patterson	8	89	30.0	42 00
Total			116.5	\$582 98

I hereby certify the above estimate correct.

JAMES WOOD, *Civil Engineer.*

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Messrs. O'Conner & Dorsey for grading and bouldering the gutters and curbing the outer edges of the sidewalks on Noble street between the first alley south of meek street and the Indiana Central Railroad, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Kemker, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—12. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

On motion the estimate reported by the Civil Engineer in favor of Messrs. Hanway and Kown, for grading and graveling Blake street was referred to a Select Committee of the Councilmen from the 4th ward.

On motion so much of the report as relates to an estimate in favor of Samuel W. Patterson, for grading and graveling New York street was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion the Contracts and Bonds reported by the Civil Engineer, were accepted and approved.

On motion the sealed proposals for street improvements were referred to the Board of Public Improvements, and the sealed proposals for Hay Scales were referred to the Committee on Markets.

From His Honor, the Mayor—Report:

INDIANAPOLIS, July 9, 1866.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

GENTLEMEN:—The amount of fines collected by me during the month of June, 1866, was \$886.91, which amount I have paid to the City Treasurer, and file herewith a duplicate receipt per the same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CAVEN, *Mayor*.

Which, on motion, was accepted and approved.

From City Auditor—Report:

INDIANAPOLIS, July 9, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The City Auditor respectfully reports to your honorable body the plat as directed for the opening of the alley through out-lot forty-two. Also, a plat of out-lots one hundred and three and one hundred and four for the opening of New Jersey street, between Merrill and McCarty streets. Also, a plat of the outlots through which it is proposed to straighten Pogue's Run, with the name of the owner written on each lot.

Respectfully,

JOHN G. WATERS, *City Auditor*.

Which, on motion, was referred to the City Clerk and he directed to issue proper notice to City Commissioners and property owners.

From City Auditor—Report:

INDIANAPOLIS, July 9, 1866.

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

GENTLEMAN:—The City Auditor reports the following Ordinance, allowing accounts for the year ending on the 10th day of July, 1866, and respectfully recommends the passage of the same.

JOHN G. WATERS, *City Auditor*.

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:

William Hollenbeck, for services rendered and sundries furnished City Hospital..... \$141 00

SECTION 2. The City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to issue warrants upon the City Treasury, to the person named and for the amount as set forth specifically in section 1st of this Ordinance.

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

Ordained and established this 9th day of July, 1866.

J. CAVEN, *Mayor*.

Attest:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.

On motion the report was received and the ordinance read the first and second times.

Mr. MacArthur 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 Brown, Coburn, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Kemker, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—12.

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

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Kemker, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—12. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

From Street Commissioner—Report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 9, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I would respectfully recommend that the bridge across the canal on Indiana Avenue be re-floored, for as it is at present I am called two or three times a week to repair it, and I consider it in a very dangerous state.

Respectfully,

AUGUST RICHTER, *Street Commissioner.*

Which, on motion, was concurred in and the Street Commissioner authorized and directed to do the work.

From the City Sexton—Report :

Report of the Sexton for the two months ending June 30, 1866 :

NO. OF INTERMENTS.

Under 1 year old.....	32
1 to 5 years.....	17
5 to 10 years.....	3
10 to 20 years.....	6
20 to 30 years.....	13
30 to 40 years.....	4
40 to 50 years.....	4
50 to 60 years.....	5
60 to 70 years.....	3
Total.....	87

The smallest number for the same months for five years.

G. W. ALLRED, *Sexton.*

Which, on motion, was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

On motion of Mr. Seidensticker, the Council adjourned.

Present at roll-call on adjournment: Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Kemper, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—12.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

ATTEST :

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*