PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION!

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, Monday, December 4, 1871, 7 o'clock P. M.

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, Daniel Macauley, in the chair, and the following members:

Councilmen Bigham, Cottrell, Craft, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—15.

Absent-Councilmen Batty, Brown, Gimber-3.

The proceedings of the regular session held November 27th, 1871, were read and approved.

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Mr Craft, from the Committee on Contracts, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 4, 1871

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

GENTLEMEN—We the undersigned, members of the Committee on Contracts, to which was referred the bid of Richard Carr, for the piece of ground known as the dead animal lot, would report that as their appears to be but one bid on the said ground, and as we are of the opinion that the ground is worth more than has been bid for it, we would recommend that the City Clerk re-advertise the same.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CRAFT, J. L. MARSEE, ROBT. KENNINGTON, Committee on Contracts.

Which was concurred in.

The City Civil Engineer made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 4, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN-I hereby report the following work finished according to contract:

Samuel Lefevre-

| For grading, bowldering, and curbing Virgini | ia avenue, |
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| from the south side of Pogues' Run to the so | uth side of |
| Louisiana street : | |
| 503 lineal feet of bowlders on east side at | |
| \$2.20 per foot | \$1,106 60 |
| 498 lineal foot of curbing on east side at | |
| 18 cents per foot | 89 64 |
| 503 feet 10 inch bowldering on west side \$2.04 | |
| per lineal foot | 1,027 82 |
| 503 feet 10 inches curbing on west side at 18 | |
| cents per lineal foot | 95 69 |
| 503 feet 10 inches bowldering between rails, | 1-1-1-1 |

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| and 2 feet west at 56 cents per lineal | | 82 14 | : | |
| 495 feet 9 inches bowldering at the cross | - | | | |
| Alabama and Louisiana streets, at \$2 lineal foot | | 00 00 | | |
| | , | .89 80 | | |
| 35 feet 8 inches curbing at 18 cents per | | 6 42 | | |
| For removing stone and changing the | | 00 FE | | |
| on the west side at Pogues' Run, estim | | $ \begin{array}{ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | | |
| 36 feet of 15 inch pipe at 90 cts. per foc | | 45 00 | | |
| 60 feet of 12 inch pipe at 75 cts. per foc 97 feet of 10 inch pipe at 65 cts. per foc | | 45 00 63 05 | | |
| Three protection stones at end of pi | | 05 05 | | |
| \$4.15 per stone | | 12 45 | | |
| Q1.10 per stone | •••••• | 14 Te | | |
| Total estimate | | | \$3,971 | 76 |
| Deduct former estimate | | | , | |
| | | | | |
| Present payment | •••••• | | . \$1,578 | 26 |
| Also, James Mahoney— | | | | |
| For grading and graveling the first al | lley east of 1 | lissis | - | |
| sippi street, from First street to fi | | | | |
| First street: | U U | | | |
| Length on east side | | 10 in | | |
| " " west side | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Total length | | 00 in | | |
| At 24 cents per lineal foot | | | | 48 |
| Also, James W. Hudson- | | | | |
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| For grading and bowldering the first al | | | | |
| gia street, between Meridian street an | a the arst an | eyeas | t | |
| of Meridian street: | | | | |
| Lenth on north side | | | | |
| " " south " | •••••••••••••• | 195 ft | J. | |
| Matal Israth | | | | |
| Total length | • | 590 It | | 00 |
| At 60 cents per lineal foot | | ••••• | . \$234 | 00 |
| Respectfully submi | | | | |
| the second se | R. M. PATT | ERSC | DN, | |

Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

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Also, the following report:

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

GENTLEMEN—I have examined the drainage at the intersection of Christian avenue and Bellefontaine street, and find that the most practical way of relieving that point of the water that accummulates there form the north side of the avenue and the west side of the Peru railway :--

Is to drain in and open drain south on Bellefontaine street to Massachusetts avenue, thence in an eighteen inch pipe across the avenue, and along an alley and across the Peru railway to John's street, then along Johns street to the Bellefontaine railway, then across the Bellefontaine track with a twenty-four inch pipe, so that the water from Malott avenue may be drained to this point and taken under the road; thence along Johns street to Dorman street, thence along Dorman street to Pogues' Run in an open ditch. The piping would be 700 feet in length; and the whole distance from Christian avenue to Pugues' Run would be 3,100 feet, and will cost \$1,000.

And also recommend that the ditch on Railroad street, from St. Clair street to Pogues' Run, be cleaned out and put in order. In as much as it is the only outlet for a large quantity of water that accumulates at the intersection of Massachusetts avenue and St. Clair street.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON,

Civil Engineer.

Which was received.

The Swerage Engineer made the following report:

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

GENTLEMEN—The following is the first and final estimate allowed John A. Whitsit on account of Market street sewer :

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| | \$4.50 | ' | |

Final estimate \$3,728 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BROWN,

Sewerage Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

The City Clerk made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 4, 1871.

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

The City Clerk respectfully reports to Council

FIRST.

Contract and bond of George W. Buchanan for grading and bowldering, and curbing the outside edges of the sidewalks with stone, East street from Washington street to Pogues' Run.

SECOND.

Contract and bond of George W. Buchanan for grading the first alley west of Virginia avenue, and running from East to Merrill street.

THIRD.

Contract and bond of David Sylvaster for grading and graveling the first alley north of Ohio street, and running east and west from Davidson to Winston street.

FOURTH.

Second and partial estimate allowed Samuel Lefevre for grading, bowldering and curbing the outside edges of the sidewalks on Virginia avenue, from the south side of Pogues' Run to the south side of Louisiana street.

FIFTH.

First and final estimate allowed James Mahoney for grading and

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graveling the first alley east of Mississippi street, running from First street to the first alley south of First street.

SIXTH.

First and final estimate allowed James W. Hudson for grading and bowldering the first alley south of Georgia street, running from Meridian street to the first alley east of Meridian street.

SEVENTH.

Contract and bond of Bernard Hamil for planting and boxing shade trees on Pine street, from Virginia avenue to Harrison street; on Huron street, from Virginia avenue to the corporation line East; on Elm street, from Noble street to the corporation line east; on South street and Fletcher avenue, from East to Cedar street; on Hosbrook street, from Cedar street to the corporation line east; on Dougherty street, from East street to Virginia avenue; on Buchanan street, from East street to Virginia avenue.

EIGHTH.

Contract and bond of Hanway & Co. for grading and graveling Tinker street and sidewalks, from the southeast corner of W. H. Talbott's property to the east side of Western avenue or Fall Creek gravel road.

NINTH.

Contract and bond of Patterson & Dunning for grading and graveling Michigan street and sidewalks, from Blackford to Blake street.

TENTH.

Contract and bond of R. P. Dunning for grading and paving the north sidewalk on Huron street, from Virginia avenue to Noble street.

ELEVENTH.

Contract and bond of R. P. Dunning for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks on South street, from Noble to East street.

TWELVTH.

Contract and bond of R. P. Dunning for grading and paving with

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brick the sidewalks on Fletcher avenue, from Noble to Cedar street. Respectfully submitted,

> JOHN R. CLINTON, City Clerk.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing second and final estimate allowed Samuel Lefevre for grading, bowldering, and curbing the outside edge of the sidewalks on Virginia avenue, from the South side of Pogues' Run to the south side of Louisiana street, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Bigham, Cottrell, Craft, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—15.

Negative-None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed James Mahoney for grading and graveling the first alley east of Mississippi street, running from First street to the first alley south of First street, be and the same is hereby odopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposet their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative-Councilmen Bigham, Cottrell, Craft, Heckman,

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Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Ragan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn-15.

Negative-None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, The the first and final estimate allowed James W. Hudson, for grading and bowldhring the first alley south of Georgia street, from Meridian street to the first alley east of Meridian street, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Bigham, Cottrell, Craft, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—15.

Negative-None.

The City Clerk made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 4, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN—The City Clerk would respectfully report the following affidavits now on file in his office, for the collection of street improvement assessments by precepts, viz:

| Samuel Lefevre vs. Martin Meikel | \$24 00 |
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| " vc. Fred Meikle | 69 00 |
| And would respectfully recommend that you order the pre- | cepts to |
| to issue. | |

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. CLINTON,

City Clerk.

Which was concurred in and precepts ordered to issue.

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The Street Commissioner made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 4, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to report the following work done in the street repairing department since November 1, 1871:

FIRST WARD.

| Repaired the culvert on North and East streets | \$11 | 00 |
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| Repaired the gutters on New York ttreet, between East and | | |
| Noble streets | 32 | 00 |
| Repaired the crossing on New York and New Jersey streets. | 5 | 00 |
| Repaired the culvert on Alabama and Vermont streets | 17 | 00 |
| Put foot bridge on Vermont and Meridian streets | 4 | 00 |
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\$69 00

SECOND WARD.

| Put in culvert on Plumb street and Massachusetts avenue | \$50 00 |
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| Filled up to the Peru railroad tract on Home avenue | 45 00 |
| Repaired the culvert on Christion avenue and Peru street | 11 00 |
| Graded the gutter on Bellefontaine street | $40 \ 00$ |
| Made cinder crossing on Massachusetts avenue and Oak | |
| street | 11 00 |
| Made cinder crossing on Massachusetts avenue and Chat- | |
| ham street | 4 00 |
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\$161 00

THIRD WARD.

| Repaired the culvert on Mississippi and New York streets | \$17 | 00 |
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| Repaired the culvert on Meridian and Circle streets | 12 | 00 |
| Opened gutter on Mississippi street, between North and | | |
| First street | 35 | 00 |
| Opened and repaired the gutter on Tennessee street, be- | | |
| tween North and First streets | 55 | 00 |
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\$119 00

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FOURTH WARD.

| Repaired the crossing of Market and West streets | \$27 | 00 |
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| Put two foot bridges on California street and Indiana avenue. | 10 | 00 |
| Put foot bridges on St. Clair street and Indiana avenue | 8 | 00 |
| Opened the gutters on North street | 28 | 00 |

\$75 00

FIFTH WARD.

| Made cement pipe connection with the catch basin, and ex- | | |
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| tended the pipes across the sidewalks on South and Miss- | | |
| issippi streets, and South and Tennessee streets | \$45 | 00 |
| Repaired the culvert on Kentucky avenue and Maryland | | |
| streets | | 00 |
| Cleaned Illinois street | 28 | 00 |
| Repaired the culvert on Illinois and Russell streets | 11 | 00 |
| Put in a wooden culvert on Merrill street, and repaired the | | |
| culvert on Tennessee and McCarty streets | 5 | 00 |
| Repaired the culvert on Illinois and Louisiana streets | 8 | 00 |

\$104 00

SIXTH WARD.

| Repaired the culvert on Meridian and Maryland streets | \$3 | 00 |
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| Repaired the culvert on Meridian and Georgia streets | 7 | 00 |
| Repaired the culvert on McCarty street and Madison avenue. | 5 | 00 |
| Repaired the culdert on Washington and Meridian streets | 8 | 00 |
| Cleaned Maryland street two squares | 35 | 00 |

\$58 00

SEVENTH WARD.

| Repaired the culvert on Merrill and Alabama streets | \$7 00 |
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| Pepaired the culvert on Alabama and McCarty streets | 11 00 |
| Put two foot bridges on McCarty and Delaware streets | 8 00 |
| Repaired the culvert on McCarty and East streets | $12 \ 00$ |
| Made a connection of cement pipe with the catch-basins, and | |
| extended the same across the sidewalks at the crossing of | |
| Alabama and South streets | $55 \ 00$ |
| Repaired the culvert on Washington and New Jersey streets. | 8 00 |

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Repaired the culvert on East and Louisiana streets.....

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EIGHTH WARD.

| Put two foot bridges on Buchanan street, near McKernan | |
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| street | .8 00 |
| Filled up the mouth of the alley east of McKernan street, | |
| on Buchanan street | 7 00 |
| Removed the old sewer on East streee just south of South | |
| street, and filled up the excavation, also extended the | |
| gutter connections with the catch-basins across the side- | |
| walks with cement pipe | $185 \ 00$ |
| Repaired the culvert on Washington street and Michigan | |
| road, also repaired Washington street, between Noble | |
| street and Michigan road, with gravel | $55 \ 00$ |
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\$255 00

NINTH WARD.

| Repaired the culvert on Ohio and Noble streets | \$13 | 00 |
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| Repaired the culvert on Washington and New Jersey streets. | 18 | 00 |
| Repaired Washington street between Noble street and Mich- | | |
| igan road | 45 | 00 |
| Leveled up the gutters on New York street, between East | | |
| and Noble streets | 18 | 00 |
| Repaired the sidewalks on Liberty street, between Ohio | | |
| and New York streets | 38 | 00 |
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\$132 00

BRIDGES.

| Repaired the bridges over the canal on West street | \$11 | 00 |
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| Repaired the bridge over the canal on Ohio street | 14 | 00 |
| Repaired the bridge over the canal on Washington street | 150 | 00 |
| Repaired the bridge over the canal on Maryland street | 55 | 00 |
| Pepaired the bridge over Pogues' Run on Alabama street | 14 | 00 |

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Paved the gutters and sidewalk crossing and put down a

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| stone crossing on Alabama street, at the northeast corner | | |
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| of the Market square | \$170 | 00 |
| Paved the mouths of the alleys on Vermont street, between | | |
| Blackford street and the canal | 90 | 00 |
| Paved the mouths of the alleys on California street, between | | |
| New York and Michigan streets | 110 | 00 |
| Paved the mouths of the alleys on New York street, be- | | |
| tween Blackford street and the canal | 170 | 00 |
| Repaved the bowldering on west Washington street | 25 | 00 |
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now offered for sale by Luther R. Martin, Esq., will be of great ben-GENTLEMEN--Knowing that the new map of this city, which is

 T_0 the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Indianapolis, Dec. 4, 1871.

The City Clerk presented the following communication:

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Showing the amount on hand Nov. 1, 1871, the amount appropriated Nov. 7, 1871, amount expended since Nov. 1, 1871, and the amount on hand at the present date.

RECAPITULATION BY WARDS,

Respectfully submitted,

VIGUST BRUNER,

Street Commissioner.

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efit and service to us in the transaction of our official duties, we respectfully ask your honorable body to permit us to purchase one for the use of each of our respective offices and one for the Council Chamber.

> Respectfully submitted, JOHN W. COONS, City Treasurer. WILLIAM HADLEY, City Assessor. JOHN R. CLINTON, City Clerk. R. M. PATTERSON, Civil Engiheer.

Which, on motion, was referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. Woodburn, Heckman and Wiles, with the City Assessor and Civil Engineer, with power to act.

On motion by Dr. Woodburn, the rules were suspended for the purpose of introducing and passing account ordinances.

Mr. Thoms introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 63, 1871, entitled:

An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims on account of printing and stationery.

Which was read the first and second time and ordered engrossed.

Dr. Woodburn introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 64, 1871, entitled:

An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims on account of City Hospital for the month of November, 1871.

Which was read the first and second times and ordered engrossed.

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Mr. Marsee introduced Special Appropriation No. 65, 1871, entitled:

An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis on account of Station House for the month of November, 1871.

Which was read the first and second times and ordered engrossed.

Dr. Woodburn introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 66, 1871, entitled:

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time,

When Mr. Bigham moved that the bill of the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company be stricken from the ordinance.

Mr. Newman moved to amend by withdrawing the account from the ordinance and referring it to a Special Committee composed of Messrs. Woodburn, Bigham, Wiles and the City Attorney.

Which was accepted by Mr. Bigham.

The motion, as amended, was then adopted.

The ordinance was then read the second time, and after some amendments being made, ordered engrossed.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 63, 1871,

Was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

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Affirmative—Councilmen Bigham, Cottrell, Craft, Heckman, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—14.

Negative-Councilman Kennington-1.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 64, 1871,

Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Bigham, Cottrell, Craft, Heckman, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—14.

Negative-Councilman Kennington-1.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 65, 1871,

Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Bigham, Cottrell, Craft, Heckman, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—14.

Negative-Councilman Kennington-1.

Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 66, 1871,

Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Bigham, Cottrell, Craft, Heckman, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—14.

Negative—Councilman Kennington—1.

Mr. Locke moved to take up the business of electing five Directors or Commissioners of Public Halls. December 6, 1871.] COMMON COUNCIL.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Locke nominated the following gentlemen :

^{*} James Isgrigg, Wm. H. Vanbergan, Joshua Carter, Ignatius Brown and Lewis Helle.

Mr. Bigham moved to nominate five Councilmen.

Mr. Craft nominated Joseph Bæhrum.

His Honor, the Mayor, nominated H. G. Carey.

Mr. Cottrell nominated Rev. Dr. Andrus.

Mr. Newman nominated B. V. Enos.

Mr. Heckman nominated John B. Many.

Mr. Thalman nominated Robert Daggett.

On motion, the matter was postponed until next Monday night.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication:

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 4, 1871.

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

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GENTLEMEN—You are hereby notified that the assumed extensions of Summit (late Willard street) and Arsenal avenue, through the real estate of the Junction Railroad Company, is illegal and void.

You are required to cease to occupy, to improve, or in anywise interfere with said real estate.

> WILLIAM D. GRISWOLD, Receiver of the Junction Railroad Company.

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Which was received, and the Marshal instructed to notify the contractor to suspend work, etc.

His Honor, the Mayor, also presented the following commucation:

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 4, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN—You are hereby notified that the assumed extensions of Summit (late Willard street) and Arsenal avenue, through what was, at the time of said extension, the real estate of the Junction Railroad Company, are illegal and void.

And you are required to cease to occupy, to impede, or in anywise interfere with the same.

GEORGE TOUSEY.

Which was received, and the Marshal instructed to notify the contractor to suspend work, etc.

On motion by Mr. Craft, the rules were suspended for the purpose of calling the roll of members for the presentation of new business.

Mr. Bigham offered the following motion :

Moved: That the property holders on East Washington street be compelled to fill up the gutter in front of their property, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer. Said work or fill to begin at lot No. 3, in out-lot 71, and to end at lot or at the intersection of Noble and Washington street. Said work to be done inside of sixty days, under the direction of City Civil Engineer, and if said property holders refuse to do said work, after being notified ten days, the City Street Commissioner is hereby directed to make said fill and charge cost of same to property holders, with ten per cent. damages.

Which was referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. Bigham, Thalman, Batty and the Civil Engineer.

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Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

Moved: That W. F. Christian be granted permission to pave or plank in front of his carpenter shop and wood house, on the corner of Vermont and Alabama streets, and that he also have the privilege of keeping a 4 feet manure box on the 30 feet alley in the rear of his stable.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Craft also offered the following motion:

Moved: That the City Attorney report to this Council at our next meeting the rights of the city, under the contract made with the Junction Railroad, when the city issued to them the bonds of the city and as to what recourse the city has, if the said Railroad Company has violated their part of said contract.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kennington offered the following motion :

Moved: That the Chief of the Police force be instructed to prohibit the police force from serving on the Coroner's Jury.

Mr. Whitsit moved to amend by requesting the Coroner not to summon policemen as jurors.

Mr. Newman moved to amend further, by saying that hereafter if any policeman serve on a jury, it shall be deemed just cause for his dismissal from the force.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Whitsit's amendment was then adopted.

The motion, as amended, was then adopted.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion:

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Moved: That the Committee on Railroads be directed to confer with the officers of the Union Railway Company, to ascertain on what terms they would take Pogue's Run, fill up the same, after first placing therein a sewer of sufficient capacity to carry off the street drainage; provided, the city would divert the channel of the creek from some point north into Fall Creek, and give the Company the entire use of the made ground for railroad tracks.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Wiles offered the following motion :

Moved: That a Special Committee of five be appointed to confer with the controlling officers of all the railroads centering in this city, for the purpose of devising the best ane cheapest manner of relieving the travel at the railroad and street crossings.

Which was adopted, and his Honor, the Mayor, appointed as such committee Messrs. Wiles, Newman, Brown, Cottrell and Marsee.

Mr. Whitsit offered the following motion:

Moveed: That Patrick Monnahan, Christopher Shrader and Mrs. Burgamire, be allowed to grade and gravel the alley lying between Lots 37, 38, 39 and 40, in Out-lot 100, being the first alley west of Virginia avenue, and running from McCarty street to the first alley west, according to the stakes to be set by the Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Wiles offered the following motion :

Moved: That the property holders on both sides of the alley running cast and west through Out-lot No. 175, between Delaware and Alabama streets, and between St. Joseph and St. Mary's streets, be allowed to grade and gravel the west half of said alley, at their own expense and under the direction and to the satisfaction of the City Civil Engineer.

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Which was adopted.

Mr. Wiles offered the following motion :

Moved: That the Street Commissioner be instructed to proceed to open a water-way from Bellefontaine street to Pogue's Run, according to the plans of the Civil Engineer, as reported here to-night, and that the cost of the same be charged to the miscellaneous funds.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Wiles offered the following motion :

Moved: That the City Attorney and Chief Fire Engineer be empowered to contract with the Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Company, at a cost not exceeding one hundred dollars to the city, for the extension of their telegraph line on east Washington street, from the most eastern point now located to the corporation line east. And that privilege be granted Maj. Hill, commanding U. S. Arsenal, and Thomas MacIntire, Superintendent for the Indiana Institute for Deaf and Dumb, to connect by similar line or lines with said line at its eastern terminus, provided citizens are allowed the free use of the Alarm Boxes, which are to be placed in said U. S. Arsenal and Institute for the Deaf and Dumb.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following motion:

Moved: That the City Clerk advertise for proposals to construct a cement pipe drain on Tinker street, under Illinois street and under the I. C. & L. railroad, according to plans and specifications in the Engineer's office.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Woodburn also offered the following motion:

Moved: That the Street Commissioner be directed to remove a lot of old water-pipes that now obstruct North street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets.

Which was adopted.

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Dr. Woodburn presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 4, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN-I ask your honorable body to refund to me the amount of taxes I have paid on eroneous tax sale, on lot 5, square I, out-lot 158.

DAVID B. SCHOFIELD.

Which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Marsee offered the following motion :

Moved: That the City Sexton of the City Cemetry be authorized to repair the fence around said Cemetry.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, with instruction to act.

On motion the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY,

Mayor.

ATTEST .

JOHN R. CLINTON,

City Clerk.