

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,  
*Monday, June 9, 1873, 7½ o'clock, P. M.*

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, Jas. L. Mitchell, in the chair,  
and the following members :

Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown,  
Craft, Darnell, Gibson, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaugh-  
lin, Pendleton, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Shepherd, Stratford, Thal-  
man, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—23.

Absent—Councilmen Gimber, Peck and Sherwood—3.

Sealed proposals for lighting the public lamps of the city were  
received, opened, read and referred to the Committee on Con-  
tracts.

Mr. Kahn, from the Committee on Contracts, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred sundry proposals for grading and paving with wooden block pavement Tennessee street, and widening and grading the sidewalks and curbing the same with stone, from the south side of Market street to the north side of Indiana ave., find them to be as follows, to-wit:

1. J. J. Palmer, curbing 58 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved; paving with 6 inch lock block \$2.08 per square yard; paving with 5 inch lock block \$1.95 per square yard; plain Ballard 6 inch block \$1.70 per square yard.

James B. Smith, grading free; curbing 59 cents per lineal foot; Nicholson pavement \$2.95 per square yard; Ballard pavement \$2.09 per square yard; Nondescript No. 3, 6 inch block, \$1.67 per square yard; nondescript, but with blocks 6 inches long and 4 inches thick, at \$1.74 per square yard. The above bid includes all royalty.

W. S. Brown, Ballard lock block, 6 inch, at \$2 10 per square yard; Ballard lock block, 5-inch, at \$1.92 per square yard; Plain Ballard, 6-inch block \$1.64 per square yard; curbing 57 cts. per lineal foot front on each side.

John A. Whitsit, nondescript No. 3, 6 inch block, \$1.59 per square yard; curbing 60 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

Jesse S. Whitsit, nondescript No. 3, 6 inch block, at \$1.57 per square yard; curbing 60 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved. If the above bid includes all royalty, we find him to be the lowest and best bidder, and would recommend that be awarded the contract.

2. For grading and graveling California street and sidewalks, from St. Clair to First street, the following proposals were received:

Augustus Bruner, \$1.05 per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

James Mahoney, 88 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

Patterson & Dunning 91 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney being the lowest and best bidder, we would recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON KAHN,  
W. H. CRAFT,  
M. C. ANDERSON,  
Committee on Contracts.

Which was concurred in.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit plats of the Indianapolis and Lick Creek Gravel Road, Pleasant View and Bethel Gravel Road, Bluff Gravel Road, Central Plank Road, White River Gravel Road, Westfield Gravel Road, Pogue's Creek and Indianapolis Gravel Road, and the Pendleton Gravel Road, or so much thereof as lie within the city limits, which were called for by the Council at its last regular meeting.

In accordance with an order of Council I have examined Christian avenue, and recommend that a pipe drain be laid on Bellefontaine street to connect with an open drain on Railroad street.

For the purpose of draining Huron and Elm streets. I would recommend that a covered drain or sewer be built on Pine street from Elm st. to Fletcher avenue to connect with the sewer at that point. The interests of the city require that this should be done at once.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BROWN, Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

On motion by Mr. Batty, the City Clerk was instructed to advertise for proposals for building drains as recommended by the Civil Engineer.

The Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9, 1873.

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

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

A first and final estimate allowed to John L. Hanna for grading and graveling the alley running from the elbow of Rose street east to the turn in said alley, thence north to the south line of Grant street :

795 lineal feet at 25 cents per foot..... \$198 75

Also a first partial estimate allowed to Patterson & Dunning for grading and graveling Third street and sidewalks from Illinois street to the east line of Lafayette street :

Length on north side . . . . .	1066 ft.
Length on south side . . . . .	1066 ft.
Total length . . . . .	2132 ft.
At \$1.93 cents per lineal foot . . . . .	\$4,114 76

Also a fourth partial estimate allowed John J. Palmer for paving, &c., on North Delaware street from the south line of Linden street to the south line of Home avenue:

10,926.5 square yards of pavement at \$2.18 . . . . .	\$23,819 77
4,879.74 lineal feet of curb at 62½ cents . . . . .	3,049 83
Total . . . . .	\$26,869 60
Deduct former payment . . . . .	21,655 94
Present payment . . . . .	\$5,213 66

Also a first and final estimate to Michael Foust for grading and graveling Yeiser street and sidewalks from Japan, or East, street to the Madison Road.

Length on north side . . . . .	1295 ft.
Length on south side . . . . .	1295 ft.
Total length . . . . .	2590 ft.
At 77 cents per lineal foot . . . . .	\$1,994 30

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BROWN, Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 2, 1873.

To the Mayor and Members of the Common Council of the city of Indianapolis :

The Civil Engineer would respectfully report the following estimates :

FIRST.

First and final estimate allowed John L. Hanna for grading and graveling the alley running from the elbow of Rose street to the turn of said alley, thence north to the south line of Grant street.

SECOND.

First and partial estimate allowed Patterson & Dunning for grading and graveling Third street and sidewalks, from Illinois street to the east line of Lafayette street.

## THIRD.

Fourth and partial estimate allowed John J. Palmer for grading and paving with wooden blocks, and curbing the outside edges with stone, Delaware street from the south line of Linden street to the south line of Home ave.

## FOURTH.

First and final estimate allowed Michael Foust for grading and graveling Yeiser street and sidewalks, from Japan or East street to Madison avenue or Road.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BROWN, Civil Engineer.

Which was received.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing first and final estimate of John L. Hanna for grading and graveling the alley running from the elbow of Rose street to the turn of said alley, thence north to the south line of Grant 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 Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Craft, Darnell, Gibson, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Shepherd, Stratford, Thalman, Twiname and Ward—20.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing first and partial estimate of Patterson & Dunning for grading and graveling Third street and sidewalks from Illinois street to the east line of Lafayette 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 Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Craft, Darnell, Gibson, Hardesty, Kahn Kennington, Mc-

Laughlin, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Shepherd, Stratford, Thalman, Twiname and Ward—20.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing fourth and partial estimate of John J. Palmer for grading and paving with wooden block pavement, and curbing the outside edges with stone, Delaware street from the south line of Linden st. to the south line of Home avenue, 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 Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Craft, Darnell, Gibson, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Shepherd, Stratford, Thalman, Twiname and Ward—20.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing first and final estimate of J. Foust for grading and graveling Yeiser street and sidewalks from Japan or East street to Madison road or avenue, 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 Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Craft, Darnell, Gibson, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Shepherd, Stratford, Thalman, Twiname and Ward—20.

Negative—None.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9. 1873.

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

The City Civil Engineer would respectfully report the following contracts and bonds for your approval :

## FIRST.

Contract and bond of Bernard Hamill for grading and graveling the alley running north and south from Vermont to Michigan street and between Delaware and Pennsylvania street.

## SECOND.

Contract and bond of John Green to grade and gravel Market street and sidewalks from Highland street to Arsenal avenue.

## THIRD.

Contract and bond of Augustus Bruner for bowldering in the State ditch or public sewer.

Respectfully yours,

J. W. BROWN. Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in, and the bonds approved.

The Chief Fire Engineer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—At a meeting of the Council, held on Monday, 26th ult., the majority and minority reports of the Committee on the Fire Department were considered for awarding the contract for the purchase of hose for the city. The minority report was adopted, which report is in favor of awarding the contract to the Hide, Leather and Belting Company, but as the report does not show what amount, nor what grade of hose is reported in favor of, and as the parties named bid on two different grades of hose, I am unable to close the contract. I would therefore most respectfully ask your honorable body to take such action in the matter as will render the report more explicit.

CHARLES RICHMANN,

Chief Fire Engineer.

Which was received.

By consent Mr. Kennington offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Committee on Fire Department and Chief Fire Engineer be directed to enter into contract with the Hide, Leather and Belting Company for 2,000 feet of end-strengthened, four-ply hose at one dollar per foot, as ordered by this Council.

Mr. Gibson moved to amend the motion by striking out all after

the word "moved," and substitute in lieu thereof "that the whole matter be referred back to the Committee on Fire Department."

Mr. Shepherd moved to lay Mr. Gibson's motion on the table.

Which motion was not adopted.

The amendment as offered by Mr. Gibson was then adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Craft, Darnell, Gibson, Kahn, Pressly, Rush, Thalman, Twiname and Woodburn—12.

Negative—Councilmen Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Hardesty, Kennington, McLaughlin, Reagan, Shepherd, Stratford and Ward—10.

The motion as amended was then adopted.

The Chief Fire Engineer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your Chief Fire Engineer would most respectfully report the condition of your Steam Fire Engines.

Steam Fire Engine No. 1, stationed on Indiana avenue, is in bad condition and not reliable, and will need a new boiler and a general overhauling of her engine and pumps.

I have received a proposition from the Silsby Manufacturing Company stating they will make all necessary repairs to this engine, putting in a new boiler and making the engine as good as one of their best and latest improved engines, adding all of the latest improvements, for the sum of \$2,500, and have the work done in sixty days. Their proposition is herewith submitted, and I would recommend that the work be done.

I would further state that Engine No. 3, on Virginia avenue, will need similar repairs as the one above, but is not in as bad condition as Engine No. 1. Engine No. 2, on Massachusetts avenue, will need some little alteration in having a plate for engine and pump to rest on so as to prevent the same from getting out of line. The engine is otherwise in good order.

Engine No. 4, on South Illinois street, is in good condition.

Hose—I would state that the hose, with the exception of those used by Company No. 1, and 300 feet used by Hose Company No. 6, are all in good condition. These Companies will have a new supply as soon as the hose which



you have ordered arrives, and when all the companies are thus supplied we will have about 700 feet left on hand.

Allow me at this time to ask for the appointment of an Assistant to the Chief Fire Engineer, believing that you are all fully aware of the necessity for an additional officer to the Fire Department. I do not deem it necessary to explain to you the need for the appointment of such officer.

I would further ask the appointment of two additional men for the Hook and Ladder wagon, one of them to act, in addition to his duties as Hook and Ladder men, as an Assistant to the Superintendent of the Fire Alarm Telegraph.

I would state in this connection, that it is very necessary to have some additional men to the Hook and Ladder Wagon, that there are but two men comprising this Company at present, that ladders are required at almost every fire, and that we ought to have men to bring them from the wagon and raise them. One of these men should assist the Superintendent of Fire Alarm, who needs help almost every day, and in case of sickness of the Superintendent could take charge of, and keep Telegraph in order.

I further ask for the purchase of a horse and spring wagon for the Superintendent of Fire Alarm, there being over sixty miles of wire to look after, and with our present amount of new buildings going up, and the moving of houses, it keeps constant watching to keep the lines out of the way of improvements.

I would further ask for the appointment of a night watchman at the New Headquarters of the Fire Department, believing that the cost of this house, with our Telegraph Battery and machinery stationed at the same, requires some one to watch over when the men are all out at fires and the house left open.

I would further ask most urgently the purchase of a new and additional Steam Fire Engine to be located in the north part of the city. This purchase ought to be made at once, so that we could use said engine while the other two are getting repaired.

I would call your attention to the scarcity of water near and north of the Sewing Machine Factory. The Committee on Fire Department have recommended several cisterns to be built in this locality, but the contractors have failed to bid on the same, saying that it is impossible to build cisterns in this locality on account of the water standing too high. I still think that large wells could be made, at about the same expense as a cistern, which would answer the purpose. If in your opinion the wells should not be sufficient, I would recommend the laying of a water pipe on Tinker street connecting with the mains on Illinois street, thence running east and connect with the mains on Massachusetts avenue.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES RICHMANN,  
Chief Fire Engineer.

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

On motion the Committee on Fire Department were instructed to draft and report an ordinance providing for the appointment of an Assistant Chief Fire Engineer.

The City Gas Inspector submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 4, 1873.

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

The City Lamp Lighters report to me, that the street lamps were lighted 12 $\frac{1}{4}$  hours extra during the month of May, 1873, as follows, to-wit:

May 1.....	3 hours, 30 minutes.
“ 2 .....	3 “ 45 “
“ 28... ..	1 “ .. “
“ 29.....	2 “ .. “
“ 30.....	2 “ 30 “
	12 “ 45 “

They also report that in repairs necessary, they have used 20 new globes, and have put on 3 new lamps and frames.

After carefully examing the above report, I see no reason to doubt its correctness.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. BROWN, City Gas Inspector.

NOTE.—The Gas Apparatus belonging to the City was not in condition to enable me to report further for the month of May. It will be in good working condition in a few days, excepting the pressure gage, which can not be repaired.

R. T. B., G. I.

Which was referred back to the Gas Inspector.

The late City Treasurer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 6, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to transmit herewith, my report as City Treasurer for the fiscal year ending May 12th, 1873, showing receipts and disbursements from May 13th, 1872, to May 12th, 1873, inclusive. Attached to the above report, please find duplicate receipt from Henry W. Tutewiler, City Treasurer, for \$93,573,78, which amount I turn over to him, and which being the balance as according to my report.

I am, gentlemen, yours very respectfully,

JOHN W. COONS, late City Treasurer.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9, 1873.

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

Report of John W. Coons, City Treasurer, showing receipts and disbursements, from May 13th, 1872, to May 12th, 1873, inclusive.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance in Treasury, May 13, 1872 .....	\$ 112,640 35
To Taxes.....	553,939 87
To Licenses.....	3,569 25
To Market Stalls.....	1,189 75
To Tapping Sewer.....	440 00
To Fines and Fees.....	3,904 25
To Incidental.....	3,058 56
To Loan .....	478,175 00
Total.....	\$1,156,917 03

## DISBURSEMENTS.

By Police Department.....	\$ 38,601 25
Fire Department.....	63,177 80
Salary .....	24,731 15
Hospital.....	14,434 52
Elections.....	360 00
Sewer.....	70,136 16
Street Improvements .....	37,350 55
Station House.....	3,610 86
Printing, Books, and Stationery .....	13,238 35
Gas and Gas Fixtures.....	56,504 67
Bonds and Interest.....	284,574 29
Specific.....	284 75
Taxes Refunded.....	1,995 68
Civil Engineer's Assistants.....	3,521 50
City Assessor's Assistants.....	1,254 50
Bobb's Dispensary.....	1,275 00
Damages .....	14,551 35
City Commissioners.....	1,295 00.
Tunnell .....	63,182 47
Cisterns.....	2,539 97
School Fund.....	192,714 07
Rents.....	2,055 00
Donation .....	9,000 00
Bridges.....	49,577 19
War Fund .....	25 00
Street Repairs.....	42,413 09
Parks.....	2,244 95

By Water.....	\$ 14,544 18
Seller's Farm, Steam Roller, Real Estate, Home for Friend- less Women, Drinking Fountains, Insurance, and other accounts under the head of other promiscuous.....	54,149 95
In Treasury, May 13, 1873 .....	93,573 78
Total.. .....	\$1,156,917 03

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. COONS, Ex-City Treasurer.

Which was received.

The Board of Health submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Health would respectfully submit the following weekly mortality report for the week ending 9th of June, 1873:

Under 1 year.....	5
From 1 to 2 years.....	0
From 2 to 5 years.....	0
From 5 to 10 years.....	2
From 10 to 15 years.....	1
From 15 to 20 years.....	1
From 20 to 25 years.....	0
From 25 to 30 years.....	1
From 30 to 40 years.....	2
From 40 to 50 years.....	1
From 50 to 60 years.....	0
From 60 to 70 years.....	1
From 70 to 80 years.....	0
From 80 to 90 years.....	0
From 90 to 100 years.....	0
100 and upwards.....	0
Unknown.....	0
Total .....	14

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. ELBERT, M. D., President.

W. WANDS, M. D., Secretary.

Which was received.

## ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING.

Mr. Brown introduced special appropriation ordinance, No. 32, 1873, entitled:

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of the City Treasurer's percentage for the fiscal years 1872 and 1873.

Which was read the first time.

On motion by Mr. Brown, the rules were unanimously suspended for the purpose of reading the second and third times and passing the above ordinance.

The ordinance was then read the second time and ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Craft, Darnell, Gibson, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Shepherd, Stratford, Thalmann, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—22.

Negative—None.

Mr. Brown introduced general ordinance No. 34, 1873, entitled:

An ordinance to repeal an ordinance entitled "An ordinance heretofore passed in relation to slaughter houses," passed March 4, 1872, and to repeal an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to prohibit the erection and operation of slaughter houses within certain limits," passed May 5, 1873.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Ward presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9, 1873.

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

The undersigned, resident freeholders of the city of Indianapolis, owning real estate fronting on Alabama street in said city, would respectfully ask and petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the paying

of the sidewalks of said street with brick, for the width of seven feet, and the curbing of said gutters on said street with stone, from Ft. Wayne avenue north to the State ditch south of the State Fair grounds.

John S. Duncan, W. H. Allen, A. L. Wright, Wright & Allen, Albert Allen and 15 others.

Which was received.

Dr. Ward introduced special ordinance No. 162, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance to grade, pave with brick and curb with stone the sidewalks of Alabama street from Ft. Wayne avenue to the south side of the State Fair grounds.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Kennington introduced special ordinance No. 163, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance to grade, pave with brick and curb with stone the east sidewalk on Alabama street, from Louisiana to Merrill street.

Which was read the first time.

Also special ordinance No. 164, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance to grade, pave with brick and curb with stone the west sidewalk of Alabama street from South to Merrill street.

Which was read the first time.

Also special ordinance No. 165, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance to grade, pave and curb the sidewalks of Alabama street from Merrill to McCarty street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Hardesty introduced special ordinance No. 166, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance to grade and bowlder Georgia street from Meridian to Illinois street.

Which was read the first time.

Also special ordinance No. 167, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance to grade and bowlder the alley running north and south from Maryland street to the first alley south of Maryland street.

Which was read the first time.

Also special ordinance No. 168, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance to grade, bowlder, curb and pave with brick the first alley south of Maryland street, running east and west from Delaware to Pennsylvania street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Batty presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 7, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on the first alley east of Broadway, between Butler street and Christian avenue, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling with good river gravel. And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Elizabeth Cole, B. W. Cole, H. A. Johnson, C. W. Smith  
and Howard Cale.

Which was received.

Also special ordinance No. 169, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance to grade and gravel the first alley east of Broadway street from Christian avenue to Butler street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Darnell introduced special ordinance No. 170, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance to grade and gravel Fifth street and sidewalks from the west side of Illinois street to the Central Canal.

Which was read the first time.

Also special ordinance No. 171, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance to grade and gravel Fourth street from the west side of Illinois street to the Central Canal.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. McLaughlin introduced special ordinance No. 172, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance to light with gas West street, between South and Jones sts.

Which was read the first time and referred to Com'te on Gas.

Also special ordinance No. 173, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance to grade and gravel Rose street and sidewalks, running west from West street to a point near White River, thence north one square to Grant street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Craft introduced special ordinance No. 174, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance to grade and bowlder the gutter on the south side of North street from Delaware to Alabama streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Brown moved to reconsider the vote by which the ordinance was passed at a meeting of the Council held June 6, 1873, providing for grading and paving with wooden block pavement Illinois street, and for curbing with stone the sidewalks thereof, from South street to Pogue's Run.

The question being on the adoption of the motion,

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Brown, Craft, Darnell, Gibson, Hardesty, Kahn, Pressly, Rush, Stratford, Thalman, Twiname Ward and Woodburn—17.



Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Bollman, Kennington, McLaughlin, Pendleton, Reagan and Shepherd—6.

So the motion to reconsider was adopted.

Mr. Brown then moved that the ordinance be stricken from the files.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Anderson, Batty, Brown, Craft, Darnell, Gibson, Hardesty, Kahn, Pressly, Rush, Stratford, Thalman, Twiname, Ward and Woodburn—16.

Negative—Councilmen Bigham, Bollman, Kennington, McLaughlin, Pendleton, Reagan and Shepherd—7.

Mr. Hardesty introduced special ordinance No. 175, 1873, entitled:

An ordinance to curb the sidewalks and pave with bowlders Illinois street, between South street and Pogue's Run.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Darnell offered the following motion:

*Moved*, That the vote on the passage of the ordinance for grading and graveling Second street, and for paving and curbing the sidewalks thereof, from Illinois to Meridian street, be reconsidered, as the property holders, so soon as the sewer is completed on said street, desire to improve the street and sidewalks together.

Which was adopted.

The ordinance was then, on motion, stricken from the files.

On motion by Mr. Batty, Mr. Wm. C. Phipps was appointed Inspector of the Tenth School District election in place of David Powell, resigned.

## ROLL CALL.

Mr. Adams presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, property owners and parties subscribed, respectfully petition your honorable body to vacate a 12 foot alley lying between lots number one hundred and twenty-nine, (129,) and one hundred and thirty, (130,) in Noble's heirs subdivision of a part of outlots, Nos. 45, 50, 55, 56, and 61, and also a 12 foot alley lying between lots number one hundred and thirty, (130,) and one hundred and thirty-one, (131,) in the aforesaid subdivision—each alley extending between Railroad street and Peru street, in the City of Indianapolis, as per plat herewith filed.

Edward King, Sarah Snyder, The Indianapolis and St. Louis Railway, by E. King, Secretary.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Also the following motion :

*Moved*, That the City Commissioners be, and are hereby requested to examine and make an informal report to this Council at its next meeting of the value of the Indianapolis and Fall Creek Gravel Road within the City limits.

Mr. Batty offered the following motion as a substitute :

*Moved*, That the Committee on Revision of Ordinances and the City Attorney, report an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2,600 for the purchase of that portion of the Fall Creek Road now within the City limits.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Batty presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9, 1873.

To Messrs. Batty and Twiname, Councilmen 10th Ward :

GENTLEMEN:—Upon examining the proceedings of the Council at its meeting on Monday evening last, as reported in the papers, we see that a petition has been presented to the Council to widen New Jersey street from Home avenue to Tinker street, to the additional width of fifteen feet.

We respectfully submit that we are opposed to this movement, and suggest as our objections in part:

1st. That the street is a short private street, only extending from St. Mary's street to the State Fair Grounds, and must of necessity ever be used for private residences only. That it has been laid out from St. Mary's street north, to the lands of Gen. T. A. Morris, fifty feet wide, and built on with a view to that width. That from Tinker street to Home avenue, it has been laid out the same width, fifty feet, and built on to some extent with a view to that width only. That said street has not been laid out through the lands of Gen. Morris, but if laid out through his land, fifty feet wide, it will come very close, say ten or fifteen feet only from his residence, quite near enough.

2d. Owing to the peculiar lay of the land, and the manner in which the same has been subdivided, the lots with the street fifty feet wide, are only one hundred and fifty feet in length.

3d. The street north of Tinker is not sixty five feet wide, hence, this strip between Home avenue and Tinker street, would be unlike any other portion, and would, in fact, materially damage the property along its line.

Wherefore, we object to any change in the width of the street, and ask that these objections may be respectfully submitted to the Council by you.

We also respectfully submit, that there is no present necessity of grading and graveling said street from Home avenue to the Fair Grounds, and submit as our reasons:

1st. That that part of the street has but now three buildings upon it, and is not likely during the present year to have more.

2d. We are advised that during the next spring, Gen. Morris will lay out the street through his grounds, thus completing its entire length from St. Mary's street to the Fair Grounds, by which the whole can be improved at once, and to better advantage than in detached parcels, as now proposed. When this can be done we will cheerfully join in procuring the proper improvements to be made, but at present, doing the present proposed improvement—unwise and unnecessary, if not absolutely injurious,—we respectfully object to its being ordered, and request that this, our objection, may be respectfully submitted to the Council.

G. A. WELLS,  
R. B. DUNCAN.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Bigham offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the City Clerk be, and is hereby directed to furnish to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, a synopsis, or a copy of all papers referred to said Committee within two days after the meeting of the Council.

Which was adopted.

Also the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, pray your honorable body to cause Washington street to be straightened and widened from Cruse street to Highland street. Your petitioners pray that said street be so straightened and widened within the limits named, so as to be of the width of one hundred feet. They herewith file a plat, showing the direction and location of the proposed change.

Respectfully,

H. S. BIGHAM.

Which was received.

Also, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the petition praying for the widening and straightening of Washington street from Cruse street to Highland street, be referred together with the accompanying plat to the City Commissioners, and that the Common Council propose to widen and straighten said street as prayed, and that they propose to appropriate such real estate as may be necessary, and that the Clerk is directed to issue the proper notices as by law required.

Which was adopted by unanimous consent :

Also the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby directed to raise the gutter on the north side of Washington street between Alabama and New Jersey street, so as to drain the water into New Jersey street gutter.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Brown offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the City Assessor, City Clerk, and City Treasurer, shall by the 10th day of July next, join in an affidavit, stating therein the total value of the taxable property of the City of Indianapolis, as shown by the tax duplicate for the year 1873; and the City Assessor shall also furnish a descriptive statement of property belonging to the City of Indianapolis, and the value thereof; and the City Clerk shall report a complete statement of the City's indebtedness, bonded or otherwise, including the annual and semi-annual indebtedness of interest; and the City Attorney shall furnish an ab-

stract of all laws and ordinances under which the Common Council is authorized to borrow money, and the Finance Committee shall make a statement of what amount of loans will be negotiated for funding short bonds, and for permanent improvements during the present year, which report shall be presented to the Common Council, and the City Clerk shall cause to be printed one thousand copies in neat pamphlet form, suitable for distribution.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Anderson, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Craft, Darnell, Gibson, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Pendleton, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Shepherd, Stratford, Therman, Twiname and Ward—20.

Negative—None.

Also the following motion :

*Moved*, That the several City Officers and Committees of the Common Council, prepare and submit estimates of the probable expenditures in the several Departments of the City Government for the ensuing year, and submit the same to the Finance Committee on or before the 1st of July next; and the City Clerk is hereby directed to notify the officers in writing of this order.

Which was adopted.

Also the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be directed to place a cement drain pipe in the gutter on the east side of Meridian street, at the intersection of the first alley south of Georgia street, and that the bowlder pavement be changed, so as to cover said drain when so laid.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Craft presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9, 1873.

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

The undersigned, property owners along the line of west Third street, represent that the grade of said street as established from a point east of Howard street to West street, or the Michigan Road, is such as to work great

harm and injury to the lands of your petitioners, and conflict with the public interests.

Therefore, your petitioners respectfully ask your honorable body to direct the lowering of said grade on both sides of the canal, from Howard street to West street to a level with a grade on First street.

And your petitioners further respectfully ask your honorable body to direct the lowering of the bridge over the canal on said Third street, so as to correspond with said grade of said street when lowered as petitioned for above.

STOUGHTON A. FLETCHER,  
LUTHER R. MARTIN.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, the Committee on Bridges and Civil Engineer.

Mr. Craft presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 4, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN :—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on New Jersey street, between Washington street and Massachusetts avenue, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and paving said street with the Ballard Block, or any other kind of wooden block pavement, for the reasons :

- 1st. That we do not believe that the said block pavement is durable.
- 2d. That it is altogether too expensive for the time it will last, and,
- 3d. Our street is already in good condition, and,
- 4th. We consider it important that a sewer should be built before the block pavement is put down on the street, provided a sewer be considered necessary. And your remonstrants will ever pray, etc.

Wolfram's Heirs, Joseph Langbein, E. H. Koller, Johnson Bros., J. C. Smith and 15 others.

Which was received.

Also the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 2, 1873.

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

We wish you to grant permission to curb and bowlder the gutter on the side of Michigan street in front of the High School.

H. B. STEWART,  
Building and Supply Agent.

Which was received.

Also the following motion :

*Moved*, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted, the same to be done at the expense of the School Board, and the Civil Engineer is hereby directed to set the proper grade for the same, and the work to be done to his satisfaction.

Which was adopted.

Also the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby instructed to put an extra force of men to cleaning the streets and improved alleys of the city, and to give especial attention to this matter for the next twenty days.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Darnell offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Committee on Gas be instructed to confer with the Gas Light and Coke Company and ascertain whether the Company can not voluntarily lay down mains on North Tennessee street as far north as Twelfth street before the wooden block pavement is laid down.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Gibson offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to extend the sidewalks at the street crossings on Tennessee street where the same has become necessary by the widening of the sidewalks to twenty feet.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Also the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I desire to move two small shop frame houses from the lot south of the Mason House on Illinois street to the lot on north-east corner of Georgia street and the Canal. No bridges to be crossed in the route, and respectfully ask for a permit for the same.

CALVIN A. ELLIOTT.

Which was received, and prayer of petitioner granted.

Also the following motion :

*Moved,* That the Committee on Streets and Alleys, and the City Civil Engineer are hereby directed to report to this Council definitions of the terms, "Good River Gravel," "Good Creek Gravel," "Good Pit Gravel," and designate definitely what proportion of each shall be gravel, and what portion sand or earth or other matter, that the same may be fully understood in further contracts for street improvements.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hardesty offered the following motion :

*Moved,* That the Street Commissioner be directed to have built a catch basin, at the southwest corner of Delaware and South streets, the work to be done under the direction of the Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Also the following motion :

*Moved,* That R. S. Foster & Co., have permission to pave with stone, the sidewalk in front of their property on Delaware street, and the Civil Engineer is hereby directed to set the grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

Also the following motion :

*Moved,* That the Secretary of the Board of Health, be authorized to purchase a desk for the use of said Board.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kahn offered the following motion :

*Moved,* That the Commissioner of Military Park be instructed not to engage over two men to keep in order the grounds of Military Park, and at an expense of not exceeding two dollars per day for each man.

Which was adopted.



Also the following motion :

*Moved*, That A. B. Conduit be allowed the privilege of paving with Lefler Patent Stone, eight feet in width, of the sidewalk next the front line of the lot in front of his property on Delaware street between New York and Vermont streets, provided the same be done at his own expense, and that the City Civil Engineer be directed to set the grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

Also the following motion :

*Moved*, That the City Clerk be, and is hereby instructed to re-advertise for bids for gas posts as per ordinance passed, and state therein what kind of posts. To be square lamps, same as used in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kennington offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Committee on Fire Department and Chief Fire Engineer be instructed to erect a fire-alarm box on the corner of Madison avenue and Downey street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

Also the following motion :

*Moved*, That a committee of three be appointed by His Honor, the Mayor, to ascertain and report to this Council what the Indianapolis, Jeffersonville and Madison Gravel Road Company will take for that part of their road inside the city limits.

Which was adopted.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed as such committee Councilmen Kennington, Kahn and Hardesty.

Also the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, JUNE 2, 1873.

To the Mayor and Members of the Common Council of the city of Indianapolis :

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Sink-er street, between Alabama and New Jersey streets, respectfully remonstrate

against the passage of an ordinance providing for the curbing and paving with brick the above named street. And your remonstrants will ever pray.

Wm. Fieber, Mich. Donlon, Pat. O'Mora, Samuel W. Brown, and 9 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Pendleton offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the owners of lots 10, 11 and 12, Bradshaw's addition, be notified to fill the same within the next 60 days, in failing to do so that the same be filled by the City and charged to said lots.

Which was adopted.

Also the following motion :

*Moved*, That the vote by which the motion of Mr. Kennington to award the contract to the Hide and Leather Belting Co. was referred to the Fire Department Committee be, and is hereby, reconsidered.

Which was decided out of order by the Mayor.

Mr. Kennington appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The question being, shall the Chair be sustained ?

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Anderson, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Craft, Darnell, Gibson, Hardesty, McLaughlin, Pendleton, Pressly, Rush, Shepherd, Stratford, Thalmann, Twiname and Ward—17.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Kennington and Reagan—2.

So the decision of the Chair was sustained.

Mr. Pressly offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the City Marshal notify the Superintendent of each Railroad Company running into the city that hereafter the ordinance in regard to the blowing of steam whistles, and the opening cylinder cocks of locomotives

within the city limits, will be rigidly enforced, and that the said Marshal furnish a copy of said ordinance to each of said Superintendents.

Which was adopted.

Also the following motion :

*Moved*, That the City Marshal, assisted by the City Police Force, notify all persons whose streets and alleys are in a dirty and unhealthy condition to have the same cleaned up within ten days by the removal of all filth, fruit cans, shucks, lumber, manure, etc., and on failure to do so to file complaint as above directed, the delinquent not so performing his duty in this respect shall be considered as failing to perform his duty, and shall be removed from office; and that the City Clerk be directed to have the above notice published for two successive days in the Daily Sentinel, News, Journal and Telegraph.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Reagan offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby authorized to promptly fill up the holes on Tennessee street, between Maryland and Merrill sts.

Which was adopted.

Also the following motion :

*Moved*, That the City Civil Engineer be and is hereby authorized to set the grade stakes on Rockwood street, running east and west from West to Dakotah street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Shepherd offered the following motion :

That the Chief Fire Engineer locate and erect the fire-alarm west of White River.

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

Also the following motion :

*Moved,* That the City Clerk advertise for proposals for building a brick arch the full width of Washington street at the crossing of Missouri street, and build stone protection walls from the stone abutments of said bridge on the north and south sides of the said arch, the arch to be built same as on Maryland street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Bridges.

Dr. Stratford offered the following motion :

*Moved,* That Henry Rodewad be allowed to grade and gravel that portion of the first alley west of Virginia avenue, between Bradshaw and Bismark street, at his own expense, he owning all the property on the line, and the City Engineer be and he is hereby instructed to set the stakes for the proper grade.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

*Moved,* That S. W. Patterson and Charles John have permission to grade and gravel the alley along the line of their property between Michigan and North streets, running from Mississippi street to the first alley east.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Twiname offered the following motion :

*Moved,* That the Street Commissioner be instructed to remove the switch running from the Peru Railroad to the Fair Grounds.

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Also the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I would respectfully submit to your honorable body the following facts, to-wit:

On the 7th day of the present month, as I was driving my horse and wagon on north Mississippi street, there was a horse attached to a baker's wagon that

became frightened at the Steam Street roller and dashed into my horse and wagon, tearing them apart and breaking the wagon and harness and throwing me out on my head and injuring me seriously, so that I have been entirely unfit for business since the occurrence, and now gentlemen, I will be under the necessity of asking of your honorable body some compensation, say \$50.00, for damages done and injuries received, and that will not make me whole, but will greatly assist me in getting along, as I am a poor man and can not very well stand the damages done without some help, and for reference to the witnesses of the occurrence, I will refer to your honorable body to the following named gentlemen.

Respectfully,

G. C. AVERY.

Referees—Wm. Ward, John Rinley, N. J. Lowe, and John Miley.

Which was referred to the Com'tee on Accounts and Claims.

Dr. Ward offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the City Civil Engineer be and is hereby requested to establish and plainly designate, by stakes or otherwise, the boundary line of the Pest House grounds where it crosses the gravel pit, partially located on said grounds.

Which was adopted.

Also the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner and City Marshal be instructed to report to this Council, each session, whether they have complied with the orders of this Council.

Which was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Brown, the rules were unanimously suspended for the purpose of passing general ordinance No. 33, 1873, and hearing several reports.

Mr. Craft, from the Committee on Fire Department, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN :—Your Committee on Fire Department would report that some two weeks, a contract for two cistern was awarded to Joseph Kruger, one to

be built at the corner of Yandes street and Home avenue, and one at the corner of West and First street.

Your Committee would recommend, that unless the said Kruger files his bond by the next meeting of the Common Council, that said cisterns be again advertised.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CRAFT,  
DAVID GIBSON,  
ROBERT KENNINGTON,  
Com. on Fire Department.

Which was concurred in, and the City Clerk instructed to re-advertise.

Also, the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Fire Department to whom was referred the motion to build a cistern on the corner of Elizabeth and Patterson street, would respectfully report in favor of building a 600 barrel cistern at that point. We would also report in favor of building two cisterns in Indianola, one 600 barrels on National Road, about one square west of White River Bridge; one 800 barrel cistern on National Road near Bloomington Railroad Shops.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CRAFT,  
DAVID GIBSON,  
ROBERT KENNINGTON,  
Com. on Fire Department.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Bigham, from the Committee on Streets and Alleys, submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred sundry papers, have examined the same, and would report as follows, to-wit:

FIRST.

A petition was referred to your Committee, signed by Thomas Sears and others, asking the Council to aid them to compel the C. H. and R. R. Company to build a stone wall in the rear of their lots to prevent the same from

washing down and caving in. As we have some doubts as to whether the Council have any such power, we would recommend that the petition be referred to the City Attorney for his opinion.

#### SECOND.

A motion was referred to your Committee, directing them to confer with James K. Sharpe and others, property holders on Delaware street north of St. Mary street, to ascertain what amicable arrangements, if any, can be made with said property owners to obviate the offset occurring on said Delaware street, at St. Mary street. Your Committee would recommend that said motion be referred to said property holders, and let them come to some understanding among themselves.

#### THIRD.

A motion was also referred to your Committee, directing the Street Commissioner to place a stone crossing across Washington street from the City Building. As we do not deem such crossing necessary, we would recommend that said crossing be not made at the present time.

#### FOURTH.

A remonstrance was also referred to your Committee, signed by George W. Sharpe, Mary Beaver and others, remonstrating against an ordinance for grading and graveling of the first alley west of West street, between West and California streets. This alley needs improving, and herewith report back the remonstrance, and recommend that the ordinance be passed.

#### FIFTH.

A motion was referred to your Committee, directing them to examine the gravel placed on Columbia street. We have performed that duty, and find it as good as you generally find for river or creek gravel.

#### SIXTH.

A petition and remonstrance, and also the ordinance to grade and bowlder the first alley north of Virginia avenue, running from Pine to Cedar street, the remonstrance represents 988 feet from which fact we are convinced that the property holders on the line to be improved do not desire the improvement, and herewith return the ordinance, and recommend that the same be stricken from the files.

#### SEVENTH.

A petition was also referred to your Committee, signed by M. E. Vinton, Henry C. Guffin and others, property holders on College avenue, from Seventh or Tinker street to the Corporation line north. We would recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the plat filed be referred to

the City Commissioners, on condition that the city shall be at no expense for damages, and that the City Clerk give the required notice.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. BIGHAM,  
E. J. HARDESTY,  
JOHN T. PRESSLY,  
Com. on Sts. and Alleys.

Which was concurred in.

Also the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9, 1873.

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

Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred a proposition to change the grade on Third street, between the Lafayette Railroad and the Central Canal, would report in favor of the same, and recommend that the grade be changed as set forth on the accompanying profile. We would recommend that the grade on Second street, be so changed that the water could be so changed, so as to drain from Mississippi street under the Lafayette Railroad into the canal.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. BIGHAM,  
E. J. HARDESTY,  
JOHN T. PRESSLY,  
Com. on Streets and Alleys.

Which was referred back to the same committee, together with the Civil Engineer and City Attorney, with power to act.

General ordinance No. 33, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance authorizing a temporary loan.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Anderson, Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Brown, Craft, Darnell, Gibson, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, McLaughlin, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Shepherd, Stratford, Thalman, Twiname and Ward—20.

Negative—None.



On motion the Council adjourned.

JAMES L. MITCHELL, Mayor.

ATTEST :

JOHN R. CLINTON, City Clerk.