

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, June 21st, 1875—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 :

Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—25.

Absent—Councilman Kenzel—1.

The proceedings of the regular session held June 14th, and the adjourned session held June 17th, were read and approved.

Mr. Craft moved to reconsider the vote by which special ordinance No. 55, 1875, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with artificial stone, the north sidewalk of Michigan street, from the west side of the U. S. Arsenal Grounds to the east line of Woodruff Place, and curbing said sidewalk with stone, and bouldering the gutters on the north side of Michigan street, between said points.

Was passed June 17th, 1875.

Which motion was adopted by unanimous consent:

Mr. Craft moved to amend by inserting after the words "artificial stone," the words "asphalt or brick."

Which amendment was adopted.

The ordinance as amended was then passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Schmidt, Stratford, Thallman and Webster—19.

Negative—None.

Mr. Craft moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion offered by him June 17th, 1875, as set forth on page 232, was adopted.

Which motion to reconsider was adopted, and the original motion laid on the table.

Sealed proposals for filling the gap on West Michigan street were received, opened, read and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

Sealed proposals for doing city advertising, printing and furnishing stationery supplies, were received, opened and read.

Mr. Gimber moved to refer the bids for printing and stationery to the City Attorney, and the German bids for advertising to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Reed offered the following motion as substitute to Mr. Gimber's motion :

Moved, That the bids for advertising and printing be referred to the Committee on Printing, with instructions to report next Monday night thereon, to the Council, as to which is the lowest and the best bidder.

Dr. Stratford moved to amend by adding the City Attorney to the Committee.

Which amendment was accepted by Mr. Reed.

By consent, Mr. Gimber withdrew his motion.

Mr. Reed then offered his motion as an original motion.

Mr. Craft moved to amend the motion, striking out so much thereof as adds the City Attorney to the Committee.

The question being on Mr. Craft's amendment, those who voted in the affirmative were—

Councilmen Adams, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Hook, Kahn, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, Ward and Webster—12.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—12.

There being a tie vote, His Honor, the Mayor, voted in the affirmative.

So Mr. Craft's motion to strike out was adopted.

Mr. Reed's motion was then adopted.

Mr. Ransdell asked permission to have his vote recorded in the negative, on the passage of general ordinance No. 38, 1875, passed June 17, 1875, page 232.

Which was granted.

Mr. McGill asked to have his vote recorded in the affirmative on the passage of the same ordinance.

Which was granted.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 31, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—I hereby report the following estimates for work done :

A first and partial estimate allowed John A. Whitsit for building a brick sewer in and along Virginia avenue from Maryland to Washington street, and to connect with the Washington street sewer.

542 lineal feet, at \$3.40	\$1,842 80
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Also, a first and final estimate allowed Bernard Hammill for bouldering and flagging the alley crossings on Michigan street between Illinois and Tennessee streets.

129.3 yards bouldering at 77 cents.....	\$99 56
73.4 lineal feet flagging, at 50 cents.....	36 70

Total payment.....	\$136 26
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Respectfully submitted.

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and partial estimate allowed John A. Whitsit for building a brick sewer in and along Virginia avenue from Maryland to Washington street sewer, 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 Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Also, the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 21, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—There is a standing order on record restricting the erection of street lamps to not more than four (4) nor less than three (3) lamps to one square.

In some of the squares, where the length is not over 420 feet, as is the case in squares of the old plat, this system of lighting streets will answer very well, but in the outside additions, where the squares vary from 300 to 700 feet, the system is entirely inadequate for the proper lighting of the streets and ought to be amended at once.

It is my opinion that lamps should not be located at a greater distance than 140 feet apart, nor less than 100 feet; this is allowing that each lamp should properly light a circle of 140 feet in diameter, which I think it will do, and would recommend that your honorable body pass an order to this effect.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was referred to the Committee on Revision of Ordinances, with instructions to report on ordinance in accordance with the report.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 21, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—A motion introduced May 24, that the alley crossings on south side of Washington street, between Benton and State street be properly bouldered and flagged, was referred to me June 14, to report the cost of said work, an estimate of which I herewith submit :

150 feet flagging at 50 cents per foot.....	\$75 00
99 square yards bouldering at 74 cents	73 26
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Total cost.....	\$148 26

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was received.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 21, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—The petition of Klumph, et al, who are the owners of real estate on and abutting the west line of Missouri street, square (70) seventy, between the south line of Washington and the north line of Maryland street and asking your honorable body to pass an ordinance by which the west line of Missouri street, and between the said streets, be extended east twenty (20) inches, for the reason that there is a mistake of twenty (20) inches in the original survey and platting of said block. Was referred to me to examine the plat of said block (70) and report with corrected plat of same, which I herewith submit:

The figures and lines in black indicate the original survey, and the figures and lines in red indicate where the lines will be when corrected.

I find a mistake of fourteen (14) inches in the original survey and platting of said block 70, and I also found that the building of Mr. Meier, located on the north east corner of lot No. 4, fronting on Washington street, and running back along the west line of the alley, is built too far east in said alley by six (6) inches, leaving the alley but fourteen feet six inches in width.

Mr. Robinius the owner of twenty-two feet, six inches of ground fronting on Washington street, and running east from said alley, has erected a building on said

ground, too far east of his proper line on said alley by six inches, which again brings the said alley to its full width of fifteen feet

When the lines of Messrs. Meier and Robinius are adjusted to their proper places, it will give the said alley its correct lines and full width.

Your petitioners ask for the vacation of twenty (20) inches off of the west line of Missouri street, but I find that they are entitled but to fourteen inches, and would recommend that this amount be vacated them.

I cannot recommend the vacation of twenty (20) inches, as this would be to the prejudice of Missouri street, which is already too narrow by reason of the I. C. & L track occupying a portion of said street; neither can I recommend the vacation of part of the alley west of said street, as it leads directly from the most public thoroughfare in the city, and requires to be its established width.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Gimber offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the petition of Albert Reisner and others, praying for the vacation of 14 inches of ground off of the west side of Missouri street, between Maryland and Washington, be referred to the Commissioners, with instructions to assess benefits and damages, and make due report; and that for the purposes of such vacation, the Common Council do propose to appropriate such real estate and property as may be necessary therefor. The said Commissioners are instructed to return, as part of their report, all petitions and notices. The City Clerk is hereby directed to issue, and the City Marshal to serve the proper notices upon the Commissioners and property owners.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thallman, Ward and Webster—23.

Negative—None.

The City Clerk submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 21, 1875

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

Gentlemen :—The City Clerk respectfully reports the the following affidavits now on file in his office, for the collection of street assessment by precept, to-wit :

Michael Faust vs. William Garven, for.....	\$31 50
Patterson & Dunning vs. Mary Lingenfelter, for.....	28 65 $\frac{3}{4}$
Geo. W. Seibert vs. William G. Lockwood, for.....	15 50
Frederick Gansberg vs. Michael Griffin, for.....	36 54

And respectfully recommends that you order the precepts to issue.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,

City Clerk.

Which was concurred in, and the precepts ordered to issue by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—22.

Negative—None.

Mr. Craft moved to reconsider the vote by which special ordinance No. 70, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Fayette street and sidewalks, from First street to the Central Canal.

Was passed June 17, 1875.

Which motion to reconsider failed to pass by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Craft, Gimber, Kahn and Ransdell—6.

Negative—Councilmen Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Hook, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—18.

The City Attorney submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS June 21, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—In regard to the question submitted to me arising out of the proposed improvement of Sullivan street and sidewalks, between Bismark and Buchanan streets, on one side of which there is an alley running parallel with and contiguous thereto, I would respectfully report:

That in my opinion, the proper proceedings are, first, to pass an ordinance for the widening of Sullivan street so as to include the alley, under the act of March 19, 1875, "for the widening of streets and alleys," and then to pass an ordinance for the improvement of the street as so widened.

Otherwise the property abutting on the alley could not be assessed for the improvement of the street, not being contiguous thereto, and I do not think it competent to make the alley part of the street by the mere motion of the Council, adopted March 18, 1875.

Respectfully submitted,

CAS. BYFIELD,
City Attorney.

Which was concurred in, and referred to the Councilmen from the Thirteenth Ward.

Also, the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 21, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—In regard to the question submitted to me as to the liability of August Richter and Frederick Richter, on their certain bond by them executed to indemnify the city against any and all loss arising from the giving way of certain stone arches built across Pogues Run, in said city by August Richter, said indemnity to continue for a period of five years from the date thereof, and said arches having, within said five years, given way and become damaged by reason of the late flood having washed away and loosened the earth around the base thereof, I would respectfully report:

That I consider said bondsmen liable to repair said arches, their obligation being a general one to make good any giving way of said arches within the five years, without specifying any exceptions. I see no reason why the loss arising from the injury of said arches by the high water, is not within the purview of the idemnity intended to be secured to the city by said bond.

I would further suggest that, if not absolutely necessary, it would at least be more safe and proper to give notice to said bondsmen of the giving way of said arches, and demand of them to make good the same before bringing any action on the bond.

Respectfully submitted,

CAS. BYFIELD,

City Attorney.

Mr. Gimber moved to refer to the Committee on Bridges, City Attorney and City Civil Engineer.

Mr. Geiger moved to lay Mr. Gimber's motion on the table.

Which motion was not adopted.

Mr. Gimber's motion was then adopted.

The Board of Health submitted a report, reporting the total number of deaths for the week ending June 19th, to be 36.

Mr. Reed asked for two or three weeks leave of absence, and requested that he be excused from serving on the special investigating committee, appointed June 17, 1875.

Which request was granted, and His Honor, the Mayor, appointed on such committee, Patrick H. Curran.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING.

Mr. Adams introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 29, 1875, entitled: .

An ordinance appropriating money to pay claims on account of printing, stationery, etc.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Albershardt introduced special ordinance No. 96, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading, paving with brick and curbing with stone the sidewalks of Liberty street, from Washington to Lockerbie street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Bollman introduced general ordinance No. 42, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance relative to the sale of fresh meats in the east public market of the City of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Bollman moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of placing the above entitled ordinance on its passage.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Thalman and Ward—19.

Negative—None.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Duffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Kahn, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Ward and Webster—19.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Darnell, Hook and Thalman—4.

Mr. Darnell introduced general ordinance No. 43, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for letting out the work of cleaning the streets of the City of Indianapolis, providing that all such work shall be done by contract, and prescribing certain regulations for the cleaning of streets and for the government of contractors.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Darnell moved to refer to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Which motion failed to pass by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Albershaldt, Buehrig, Curran, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Laughlin, Madden, Reasner, Stratford and Webster—11.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Bollman, Craft, Darnell, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Ransdell, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Thalman and Ward—12.

Mr. Geiger introduced general ordinance No. 44, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for constructing a brick sewer in and along Ohio street, from Meridian street to Pennsylvania street, and connect with the Pennsylvania street sewer.

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Mr. Madden presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 21, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owners of the real estate, fronting on Meridian street, between Kansas street and Hanway street, respectfully petition for the

passage of an ordinance providing for the lighting with gas, the above named street between said points. The undersigned agrees to use twenty-five burners in his house.

And your petitioner will ever pray, &c.

M. Clure, 87½ feet.

Which was received, and referred to the Committee on Gas Light.

Mr. Madden introduced special ordinance No. 97, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on Meridian street, between Kansas and Hanway streets.

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Gas Light.

Mr. Schmidt presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 18, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owners of the real estate on Court street, between Alabama street and New Jersey street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on Court street, between the above named streets, and that the City Civil Engineer be instructed to place his stakes for lights as follows : one lamp post on north-east corner of Court street, and east side of Alabama street, and for a light on south-east corner of north and south alley, and the post now on west side of New Jersey street to be removed to the north-east corner of Court and same street.

And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Mrs. E. Schmidt, 28 feet, Edward Mueller, 16 feet
10 inches, Clemens Vonnegut, 22½ feet, Otto Boet-
ticher, Adm'r 35 feet, John Bechert, 35, I. Mansur,
82½ feet, S. Anderson, 32 feet, C. Anderson, 146 feet.

Which was received, and referred to the Committee on Gas Light.

Mr. Schmidt introduced special ordinance No. 98, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on Court street, between Alabama and New Jersey streets.

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Gas Light.

Dr. Stratford presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 12, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Pleasant street, between Dillon street and Linden street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of Pleasant street and sidewalks, between the above named points, a distance of two squares, with good river gravel :

And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

A. Sturgeon, 40 feet, Barmus Rasmussen, 40 feet, Allen Sammons, 40 feet, Dickson & Frenzel, 80 feet, Dickson & Frenzel, 80 feet, J. B. Knapp, 280 feet, J. Simpson, 40 feet, Charley Dolman, 40 feet, Joseph Brado, 40 feet, T. A. Ramsey, 110 feet.

Which was received.

Dr. Stratford introduced special ordinance No. 99, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Pleasant street and sidewalks, from Dillon to Linden streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Stuckmeyer presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 14, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—We, the undersigned, citizens of Indianapolis, petition to your honorable body for the grading and graveling of the first alley west of Virginia avenue, and running parallel with it, between the streets of Merrill and East.

We, the undersigned, reside in the immediate neighborhood, and pray that your honorable body will order the improvement made.

A. GALVIN,
W. G. WRIGHT,
FELIX KEENAN,
JOHN W. THOMPSON,

And eight others.

Which was received.

Mr. Stuckmeyer introduced special ordinance No. 100, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Virginia avenue, running northwest and southeast between East and Merrill streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Adams moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of placing on its passage special appropriation ordinance No. 29, 1875.

Which motion failed to pass by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Ransdell, Reasner, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Ward and Webster—15.

Negative—Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Diffley, Gimber, Laughlin, Madden, McGill and Stuckmeyer—9.

ROLL CALL.

Mr. Adams offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS : It appears to the satisfaction of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, that the following named lots or parcels of land, adjoining said city, have been platted and laid off into lots, and a record of each of the same has been made in the Recorder's office of Marion county, in the State of Indiana, to-wit :

1. Bruce Place, and also the Bruce-Baker addition to the city of Indianapolis being sub-divisions of the south half of the south-east quarter of section twenty-five (25), township sixteen (16), range (3) east; and the west half of the southwest quarter of section thirty, (30), township sixteen (16), range four (4) east, a plat of which said additions is recorded in Plat Book 6, page 122, in the Recorder's office of said county.

2. Fred. L. Russell's sub-division of seventeen and six hundredths acres, off of the south end of the west half of the south-east quarter of section thirty (30), township sixteen (16) range four (4) east, a plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 4, page 172, in the Recorder's office of said county.

3. John R. Marot's sub-division of ten acres in the west half of the south-east quarter of section thirty (30), township sixteen (16), range four (4) east ; a plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 4, page 173, in the Recorder's office of said county.

4. W. R. Fale's and H. F. French's sub-division of ten acres in the west half of the south-east quarter of section thirty (30), township sixteen (16), range four (4) east; a plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 4, page 173, in the Recorder's office of said county.

5. Blackmore and Thornton's addition to the city of Indianapolis, being a sub-division of ten acres in the west half of the south-east quarter of section thirty (30), township sixteen (16), range four (4) east; a plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 4, page 174, in the recorder's office of said county.

6. McLain and Denny's addition to the city of Indianapolis, being a sub-division of ten acres in the west half of the south east quarter of section thirty (30), township sixteen (16), range four (4) east; a plat of which is recorded in Platt book 4, page 214, in the Recorder's office of said county.

7. Harlan, Jones and Arden's addition to the city of Indianapolis, being a sub-division of seventeen acres off of the north end of the west half of the south-east quarter of section thirty (30), township sixteen (16), range four east; a plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 4, page 218, in the Recorder's office of said county.

8. Samuel Hanway and John L. Hanna's sub-division of the west half of the south-west quarter of section twenty-nine (29), township sixteen (16) north, range four (4) east, and known as Oak Hill suburb; a plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 4, page 36, in the Recorder's office of said county.

And WHEREAS, The Common Council desires, in pursuance of the 84th section of the city charter, to extend the corporate limits of said city over said laid off, and platted lots of land; Therefore,

Resolved, That the foregoing named and described lots of land, be, and they are hereby annexed to the city of Indianapolis, and the boundary of said city is hereby extended so as to include said lots, which shall hereafter form a part of said city, and be within the jurisdiction of the same, and shall constitute a part of the Tenth Ward.

Resolved further, That the City Clerk is hereby directed to file immediately a certified copy of these preambles and resolutions for record in the Recorder's office of Marion county, Indiana.

INDIANAPOLIS, JUNE 12, 1875.

At the request of Councilman Adams, I have examined the plats of ground described in the foregoing and find them all contiguous to territory already annexed, and if they should also be annexed, it will tend to straighten and make more uniform the northern boundary.

WILLIAM HADLEY,

City Assessor.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Laughlin,

Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—23.

Negative—None.

Mr. Adams submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 21, 1875.

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Common Council :

Gentlemen :—Your Special Committee, appointed on Monday night last to confer with the authorities of the Fall Creek Gravel Road with reference to building a levee on or near the above gravel road, where the same was overflowed by the recent flood, would present the following report :

Your Committee, together with the City Civil Engineer, inspected the point above referred to, and after a careful examination of the ground and surroundings, believe that a levee can be built at a point immediately north of the Edge Tool Factory, running east from the Peru railroad to a point on the bluff north of the pike, that would compromise the difficulties that now seem to exist, and at a cost not to exceed the one recommended by the City Civil Engineer in his report of last Monday night.

We would therefore recommend that the City Civil Engineer be and is hereby directed to map a survey of two different lines north of the Edge Tool Works, and report the same, together with the probable cost, to this Council next Monday night.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. ADAMS,
F. M. HOOK,
C. F. DARNELL.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Adams presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 21, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, respectfully ask the Council to take such action as the City Charter permits, to improve the drainage of Fall Creek along the northern border of the city. The plan for carrying off the offal of the city, requires the use

of Fall Creek for a large district. Improvements are rapidly spreading to its borders, and if stagnant pools are allowed to receive the offal, disease must be ingendered. The dams owned by the Messrs. Geisendorffs, we understand, have been washed away by recent floods, and their damages consequent upon abating these dams must be greatly increased if they are suffered to rebuild them.

We, therefore, pray your honorable body to give this matter your immediate attention.

W. V. HAWK,
G. S. BRADLEY,
WM. J. McCULLOUGH,
CAL. ROOKER,
OVID D. BUTLER,
ALFRED METZGER,
CHAS. SCHURMAN,
H. H. DEWOLF.

And twenty-four others.

Which was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Councilmen Adams, Hook and Darnell.

Also the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 10, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your petitioner would respectfully represent that on the 22d day of February, 1875, they paid the sum of \$43.40 to the City Treasurer for taxes due on lot No. 4, Steven's subdivision of square No. 101, for the year 1873, and that again on the 15th day of March, 1875, they were again, erroneously, charged with and paid city tax on said lot for said year of 1873, amounting to the sum of \$43.86, duplicates of both receipts being hereto attached. The latter payment being unjust and improper, your petitioner would respectfully ask a refunding of the amount of the second payment, \$43.86, and as in duty bound will ever pray, etc.

DANIEL GLAZIER'S HEIRS,
By H. C. ADAMS, Agent.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 10, 1875.

I hereby certify that the facts in the above case are as recited, and I would respectfully recommend a refunding as petitioned for.

HENRY W. TUTEWILER,
City Treasurer.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Committee on Fire Department, together with the City Civil Engineer and Chief Fire Engineer be appointed a committee to investigate the contract and work done by Dennis Keating in the construction of an open fire well at the intersection of John and Archer streets.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Albershardt offered the following motion :

WHEREAS, It appears that Murphy & Hanway, to whom was awarded the contract for grading and paving the north sidewalk on Washington street between Noble and east corporation line, have failed to file their bond for doing said work, for the reason that said work was under construction some time ago, and the contractors failed to complete the same, and also, the Council failed to rescind the contract ; Therefore,

Moved, That the contract of Murphy & Hanway, or any other party or parties, for the grading and paving of the north sidewalk on Washington street to the east corporation line, be, and the same is hereby rescinded, and that the City Civil Engineer be directed to readvertise for said improvement.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the City Street Commissioner be and he is hereby instructed to put down a double flag stone crossing on Washington street, at the west crossing of Liberty street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Bollman offered the following motion :

Moved, That Chas. Adams have permission to move a house from No. 80, Virginia avenue to No. 77 south West street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Beuhrig offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby directed to place a stone crossing on west side of Maryland street, crossing Delaware.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the City Marshal be directed to notify Bruner & Riner to repair the east end of the alley between Georgia and Louisiana street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Craft presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 21, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—We, the undersigned petitioners, would pray your honorable body to pass an ordinance for grading and graveling the thirty foot alley running north and south through out-lot forty eight, (48), the same to be graveled with usual width sidewalks, and named as a street.

JOSEPH M. SUTTON,
A. F. RESENER,
A. HELEN,
GEORGE ROSWINKEL,

Which was received.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner fill up the chuck holes on Alabama street from Washington street to North street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Also, the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The legal holidays in this favored land are few and far between,

And, WHEREAS the Fourth day of July occurs this year on the Sabbath' therefore, be it

Resolved, By this Council that Monday, the Fifth day of July, be recognized by the city government as such legal holiday, and we recommend to all of our citizens the suspension of business on the day indicated, that it may be appropriately observed.

Mr. Diffley moved to amend by substituting Saturday for Monday.

Which amendment was not adopted.

The resolution was then adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Hook, Ransdall, Reasner, Schmidt, Ward and Webster—13.

Negative—Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Gimber, Kahn, Laughlin, Madden, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman—9.

Mr. Darnell presented the following communication :

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

Gentlemen :—In explanation of the accompanying bill, I would state that I took the contract for grading and graveling Fifth street, between the Central Canal and the unimproved portion of the street, basing my bid on the profile and notes furnished by the City Engineer, showing over one-half of the length of the street, about a surface grade, the balance a cut.

Before going to work, I called on the Engineer two or three times for stakes on that part of the street, showing the light work; but for some unexplained reason could not get them. I went on with the other part of the street, and when the grading was nearly done, was informed by Mr. Patterson that the grade had been changed, and that a heavy fill must be made next the canal, to get over a bridge that was to be built. I told him it would add much to the expense of doing the work, and I must be paid extra for it. He came up and set part of the stakes, but had forgotten the plat book, but gave directions where to make the fill, and also to make the cut a foot deeper.

This was done; but when he set the stakes, it was found that the line ten feet too far south, the fill having been made, and the part he directed to be made deeper had to be filled over a foot. When Mr. Brown came on the work, he said Mr. Patterson had made a mistake, but would allow me for the extra work. When Mr. Dietz, the present Engineer, went to inspect and receive the work, I called his attention to extra work and gave him the amount; but Mr. Patterson objected to any allowance being made for extra work, and the estimate was not reported to the Council until the next meeting.

I was afterwards allowed sixty (60) dollars for the work; that being less than one-half of the cost of doing it. I would, therefore, ask that the additional amount named in the bill be allowed me.

Respectfully,

J. J. PALMER.

Which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims, and the City Civil Engineer.

Mr. Darnell presented a claim for \$22.00, in favor of Patrick Brennan.

Which was referred to Committee on Accounts and Claims.

Mr. Darnell offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby ordered to continue the sewer pipe on Tinker street from its eastern terminus to the west side of Meridian street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Mr. Diffley offered the following motion:

WHEREAS, On account of cellar digging on the point, corner of Tennessee street and Kentucky avenue, the sidewalks at said point are not in condition for safe travel, several slight cavings having already taken place; therefore,

Moved, That J. B. Cleveland have permission to temporarily block the sidewalks at said point, which time he says will be some three or four days; the sidewalks to be left in as good condition as found.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Geiger offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby instructed to clean the culvert at the crossing at Mississippi and Market streets.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the City Marshall be, and is hereby directed to have the dealers in patent medicines, fruits or engaged in the sale of any articles of merchandise on sidewalks and curbs, in the city, remove at once, and see that the places are kept free from them.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Resolved, That upon the introduction of an ordinance for street improvements or the erection of gas lamps, upon first reading, said ordinances shall be referred to the City Civil Engineer, for him to make a careful estimate of the city's portion of the cost, and report the same to the Council at the next regular meeting, and the City Clerk shall file the same with said ordinances.

Which failed to pass by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bollman, Buehrig, Diffley, Geiger, Madden, McGill, Ransdall, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Ward and Webster—11.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Laughlin, Reasner, Stratford and Thalman—12

It being 11 o'clock, the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest :

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.