

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, November 8th, 1875—7 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, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—26.

Absent—None.

The proceedings of the regular session, held November 1st, 1875, were read and approved.

Sealed proposals for grading and graveling Ninth street and sidewalks, from Central avenue to Hill avenue.

Also, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Oriental street, running north and south, from Washington street to the Michigan Road.

Also, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Wright street, running north and south, from Buchanan to Douglass street.

Also, for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on Tennessee street, between Tinker or Seventh street and Twelfth street, lamp top to be of the copper socket pattern.

Also, for lighting, cleaning and keeping in repair the gas lamps on the public streets in each of the three sections of the city of Indianapolis.

Were received, opened, read and referred to the Committee on Contracts, except the bids for lighting, cleaning, etc., the public lamps, which were referred to the Committee on Contracts and the City Civil Engineer.

Mr Kahn, Chairman of the Committee on Contracts, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 8, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred sundry proposals for street improvements, report that we have examined the same and find them to be as follows, to-wit :

FIRST.

For grading and graveling Hill avenue, exclusive of the sidewalks, between Darwin and Binkman streets, there were no proposals presented.

SECOND.

For grading and graveling Baltimore avenue, exclusive of the sidewalks, between Hill avenue and Brinkman streets, there were no proposals presented.

THIRD.

For grading and graveling Sanders street and sidewalks, from Shelby street to the western terminus of Sanders street, there were no proposals presented.

FOURTH.

For grading and graveling the first alley north of Deloss street, between Dillon and Leota streets, the following proposals were presented, viz :

M. A. Huffington, 18 cents per lineal foot front each side.

Wm. Sonnefield, 15 cents per lineal foot front each side.

James Mahoney, 14 cents per lineal foot front, each side.

Frank Eppert, 13 cents per lineal foot front each side.

Frank Eppert being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he awarded the contract.

FIFTH.

For grading and graveling the first alley east of Charles street, from St. Clair to John street, and also the first alley north of St. Clair street from Charles street to the first described alley, the following proposals were presented, viz :

S. Heveling & Co., 37 cents per lineal foot front each side.

J. J. Palmer, 35 cents per lineal foot front each side.

Sol. Devenish, 30 cents per lineal foot front each side.

E. B. Elliott, 19 cents per lineal foot front each side.

Henry Sellers, 25 cents per lineal foot front each side.

James Mahoney, 25 cents per lineal foot front each side.

E. B. Elliott has failed to file his bond in a contract for improving the first alley east of East street, from north to Michigan street, we therefore find James Mahoney to be the lowest and best bidder, and recommend that he be awarded the contract.

SIXTH.

For grading and graveling the first alley west of Plum street, between Vine and Cherry street, the following proposals were presented, viz :

J. J. Palmer, 37 cents per lineal foot front each side.

James A. Garner, 28 cents per lineal foot front each side.

Sol Devenish, 30 cents per lineal foot front each side.

(Blue Book). E. B. Elliott, 28 cents per lineal foot front each side.

James Mahoney, 25 cents per lineal foot front each side.

Henry Sellers, 22 cents per lineal foot front each side.

Henry Sellers being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

SEVENTH.

For grading and graveling the alley between Waters and Greer street, and running from McCarty street to the first alley south of Stevens street, the following proposals were presented, viz :

James Mahoney, 23 cents per lineal foot front each side.

M. A. Huffington, 20 cents per lineal foot front each side.

Frank Eppert, 19 cents per lineal foot front each side.

Wm. Sonnefeld, 19 cents per lineal foot front each side.

Wm. Sonnefeld being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

EIGHTH.

For grading and graveling Arsenal avenue and west sidewalk, and paving the east sidewalk thereof, from Washington street to the track of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis railroad, the following proposals were presented, viz :

S. Heveling & Co., \$1.07 per front foot west side grading and graveling ; 67 cents per front foot east side grading and graveling ; 87 cents per front foot east side paving.

James Muse, 81 cents per lineal foot front west side grading and graveling ; 70 cents per lineal foot front east side grading and graveling ; 51 cents per lineal foot front east side paving.

Michael Faust, 90 cents per lineal foot front west side grading and graveling ; \$1.15 per lineal foot front east side grading, graveling and paving.

S. P. Strong, 50 cents per front foot each side grading and graveling ; 27 cents per front foot west side grading and graveling ; 63 cents per front foot east side paving.

Geo. W. Seibert, 85 cents per front west side grading and graveling ; \$1.25 per front foot east side grading, graveling and paving.

J. J. Palmer, 85 cents per front foot west side grading and graveling; \$1.40 per front foot east side grading, graveling and paving.

Sol. Devenish, 75 cents per front foot west side grading and graveling; \$1.15 per front foot east side grading, graveling and paving.

James Mahoney, 50 cents per front foot west side grading and graveling; \$1.00 per front foot east side grading, graveling and paving.

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

Respectfully submitted,

LEON KAHN,
ROBT. C. MCGILL,
P. H. CURRAN.
Committee on Contracts.

Which was concurred in and contracts awarded.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 8, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—The J. M. & I. R. R. was ordered to improve the alley running north and south on the east side of their tracks from South to Merrill streets and between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets.

The company has bouldered said alley for 840 feet in a good and substantial manner, but in order to drain the same, there must be a catch basin built at the head of said alley on South street, to let the water into the South street sewer, and I would recommend that the Street Commissioner be ordered to build the same, or authorize me to contract with some person to do said work.

I would also recommend that the Street Commissioner be ordered to repair the street crossings on said alley,

SECOND.

The surplus earth on Illinois street near the bridge over Pogues Run should be removed immediately, as the bridge at that point will soon be completed, and I would recommend that the Street Commissioner be directed to do the work.

THIRD.

I have to report that since the last temporary contracts were made for lighting, cleaning and keeping in repair the street lamps of the city, that the contractors for doing said work have performed the same to my entire satisfaction, with but two or three exceptions in the north-east district for the first few days, which has since been remedied.

Respectfully submitted.

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 8, 1875.

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

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

A second, corrected and final estimate allowed D. Root & Co., for erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on Fifth street, between Illinois street and Central Canal—
16 lamp posts, lamps and fixtures at \$22.44..... \$259 04

Also, a first and final estimate allowed English & Smith, for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Christian avenue, between Ash and Bellefontaine streets—
539.4 lineal feet at 37½ cents..... \$202 27

Also, a first and final estimate allowed J. W. Smith, for grading and paving the east sidewalk on Broadway street from Christian avenue to Cherry street—
323.5 lineal feet at 46 cents..... \$148 81

Also, a first and final estimate allowed Bernard Hammill, for grading, graveling curbing and paving the sidewalks on Fifth street, from Pennsylvania to Meridiaⁿ street—

769.6 lineal feet grading and graveling at 40 cents..... \$307 84
758.6 lineal feet paving at 40 cents..... 303 44
760.6 lineal feet curbing at 48 cents..... 365 08
19.6 lineal feet curbing reset at 15 cents..... 2 94

Total payment..... \$979 30

Also, a second and final estimate allowed Heveling & Co., for grading and bouldering the gutters on Alabama street, between Tinker street and State ditch—

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| 2,824 lineal feet at 44 cents | \$1,242 56 |
| Less former payment..... | 446 04 |
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| Present payment | \$776 52 |

Also, a first and partial estimate allowed James W. Hudson, for grading and paving with brick and curbing with stone on Winston street, from Market street to the first alley south of St. Clair street—

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| 2929.7 lineal feet curbing at 50 cents | \$1,464 85 |
| 2505. lineal feet paving at 35 cents..... | 876 75 |
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| Total payment..... | \$2,341 60 |

Also, a first and final estimate allowed Samuel J. Smock, for grading and graveling New Jersey street, and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof, from Fort Wayne avenue to St. Mary street—

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| 560 lineal feet grading and graveling at 49 cents | \$274 40 |
| 392 lineal feet paving at 42 cents..... | 164 64 |
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| Total payment..... | \$439 04 |

Also, a first and final estimate allowed William Sonnefield, for grading and graveling the alley running east and west between Buchanan and Dougherty streets, from Wright street to Virginia avenue—

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| 2,033.7 lineal feet at 17 cents..... | \$345 73 |
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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 second, corrected and final estimate allowed D. Root & Co., for erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures, on Fifth street between Illinois street and Central Canal 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, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft,

Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed English & Smith for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Christian avenue between Ash and Bellefontaine streets be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed J. W. Smith for grading and paving the east sidewalk on Broadway street from Christian avenue to Cherry 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 Adams, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and partial estimate allowed Bernard Hammill for grading, graveling, curbing and paving the east sidewalk on Fifth street from Pennsylvania to Meridian streets be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing second and final estimates allowed Heverling & Co., for grading and bouldering the gutters on Alabama street between Tinker street and State Ditch 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, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and partial estimate allowed James W. Hudson for grading and paving with brick and curbing with stone on Winston street from Market street to the first alley south of St. Clair 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 Adams, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft,

Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Samuel J. Smock for grading and graveling New Jersey street and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof from Ft. Wayne avenue to St. Mary 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 Adams, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Wm. Sonnefield for grading and graveling the alley running east and west between Buchanan and Dougherty streets from Wright street to Virginia 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 Adams, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 8, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—The Civil Engineer respectfully reports to Council the following contracts and bonds, viz :

Contract and bond of Henry Clay for grading and graveling the first alley south of Christian avenue from Peru to Oak street.

Contract and bond of Henry Clay for grading and graveling the first alley east of Yandes street between Malotte and Lincoln avenues.

Contract and bond of John Knight for erecting lamp posts and fixtures complete on Court street from Alabama to New Jersey street, on Stevens street from Virginia avenue to East street, and on College avenue between Reagan and Bruce streets.

Contract and bond of Wm. Sonnefield for grading and graveling the alley running north-east and south-west between Huron and Elm street from Grove to Dillon street.

Contract and bond of J. W. Smith for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk on Illinois street between South and Merrill streets.

Contract and bond of J. W. Smith for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalks on Kentucky avenue between Tennessee and Mississippi streets.

Contract and bond of J. W. Smith for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks on Liberty street where not already paved, from Washington to Lockerbie street.

Contract and bond of English & Smith for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk on West street from Merrill to McCarty street.

Contract and bond of English & Smith for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk on Kentucky avenue from the south side of Georgia street to South street.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in and the bonds approved.

The City Clerk submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 8, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—I respectfully report that I have certified to the City Treasurer the transcript of the report of the Commissioners as to the assessment of the

damages and benefits in the matter of opening Peru street from Lincoln avenue to Tinker or Seventh street.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,
City Clerk.

Which was received.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 8, 1875.

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

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

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| Murphy & Good vs. Charles & M. F. Dollman for..... | \$46 17 |
| Murphy & Good vs. Charles & M. F. Dollman for..... | 23 60 |
| Fred Gansberg vs. Jacob Schover & Wm. H. Henschen for..... | 7 80 |
| Fred Gansberg vs. Sarah J. Layton for..... | 11 60 |
| Fred Gansberg vs. John F. Hill for..... | 13 30 |

And respectfully recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,
City Clerk.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman and Webster—24.

Negative—None.

The City Treasurer submitted the following report :

REPORT showing the receipts and disbursements of the City Treasury of the city of Indianapolis for the month of October, 1875 :

RECEIPTS.

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| Balance on hand October 1st, 1875..... | \$241,337 64 |
| Received from taxes and all other sources..... | 8,863 38 |
| Total..... | <u>\$250,201 02</u> |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Assisting City Assessor..... | \$28 63 |
| Assisting City Marshal..... | 50 00 |
| Assisting City Civil Engineer..... | 166 87 |
| Bridges..... | 31 25 |
| Costs..... | 2 70 |
| Elections..... | 10 20 |
| Fire Department..... | 467 47 |
| Hospital..... | 32 00 |
| Lighting and extinguishing lamps..... | 87 66 |
| Loans and interest..... | 100,840 00 |
| Nuisances..... | 175 06 |
| Office fixtures..... | 77 40 |
| Police..... | 488 28 |
| Printing..... | 31 70 |
| Street improvements..... | 18 00 |
| Salary..... | 839 62 |
| Street repairs..... | 314 30 |
| Sewers..... | 70 00 |
| Taxes refunded..... | 7 84 |
| Tomlinson estate..... | 44 62 |
| Transfers..... | 170 24 |
| Balance in Treasury..... | 146,247 14 |
| Total..... | <u>\$250,201 02</u> |

The above balance consists of the following appropriations—

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| Payment of warrants due Nov. 12th and 17th, 1875, in New York..... | 100,000 00 |
| Semi-annual annuity to Mrs. Tomlinson..... | 3,500 00 |
| To be applied to payment of January, 1876, interest..... | 42,747 14 |
| | <u>\$146,247 14</u> |

All orders redeemed were received in payment of taxes.

HENRY W. TUTEWILER,

City Treasurer.

INDIANAPOLIS, November 8th, 1875.

To BENJ. C. WSIGHT, City Clerk.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Street Commissioner submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 8, 1875.

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

Gentlemen:—I was instructed to cover with cinders, in order to protect the terminus of the Kentucky avenue sewer. It is at least 400 feet long and 12 feet in the clear, and will require 2,500 or 3,000 loads of cinders. I would recommend that said work be let out by contract.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN MATTLER,
Street Commissioner.

Which was concurred in.

The Board of Health submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 8, 1875.

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

Report of deaths in the City of Indianapolis from 6 o'clock P. M., on the 23d day of October, to 6 o'clock P. M. on the 30th day of October, 1875.

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| Under 1 year..... | 11 |
| 1 to 2 years..... | 1 |
| 2 to 3 "..... | 3 |
| 3 to 4 "..... | 3 |
| 4 to 5 "..... | 0 |
| 5 to 10 "..... | 0 |
| 10 to 20 "..... | 0 |
| 20 to 30 "..... | 4 |
| 30 to 40 "..... | 2 |
| 40 to 50 "..... | 1 |
| 50 to 60 "..... | 2 |
| 60 to 70 "..... | 1 |
| 70 to 80 "..... | 1 |
| 80 to 90 "..... | 0 |
| 90 to 100 "..... | 0 |
| Above 100 "..... | 0 |
| Unknown "..... | 0 |
| Total..... | 29 |

C. E. WRIGHT, M. D.,

A. STRATFORD, M. D.,

President Board of Health.

Secretary Board of Health.

Which was received.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

Mr. Adams introduced general ordinance No. 89, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money to purchase so much of the Pendleton Gravel Road as lies within the city limits.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Madden introduced general ordinance No. 90, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance declaring who are vagrants, and fixing the penalty for being a vagrant.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thalman introduced general ordinance No. 91, 1875, entitled:

An ordinance granting David Gibson and Thomas M. Gibson the right of way to construct a railroad track across Blackford street, between the west end of Market street and west arm of the Indiana Central Canal.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thalman moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of taking up general ordinance No. 91, 1875, having the same read the second and third time and put upon its passage.

The question being on the suspension of the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were :

Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Ward and Webster—21.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Councilmen Diffley, McGill and Stuckmeyer—3.

So the rules were suspended, and general ordinance No. 91, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance granting David Gibson and Thomas M. Gibson the right of way to construct a railroad track across Blackford street, between the west end of Market street and west arm of the Indiana Central Canal.

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

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

Negative—None.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The special order being the consideration of general ordinance No. 67, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for the construction of a three foot brick sewer in and along Virginia avenue, from the first alley north of McCarty street southeast to connect with the Shelby street sewer.

Was taken up, and, on motion of Mr. Gimber, the Clerk was directed to deliver the ordinance and remonstrance to the Committee on Sewers, with instructions to report on next Monday night.

On motion of Dr. Stratford, the consideration of said ordinance was made a special order for next Monday night.

General ordinance No. 81, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to abolish the office of Committee Clerk.

Was taken up.

Mr. Buehrig moved to strike the ordinance from the files.

Mr. Darnell moved to lay Mr. Buehrig's motion on the table.

The question being on laying Mr. Buehrig's motion on the table, the ayes and noes being demanded, those who voted in the affirmative were:

Councilmen Adams, Craft, Darnell, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, Ward and Webster—13.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Diffley, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—13.

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

So the motion to lay on the table prevailed.

Mr. Geiger moved to amend by striking out the second and third sections of said ordinance.

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

The question being on laying Mr. Geiger's motion on the table, the ayes and noes being demanded, those who voted in the affirmative were:

Councilmen Albershardt, Craft, Curran, Diffley, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—12.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Councilmen Adams, Bollman, Buehrig, Darnell, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, Ward and Webster—14.

So Mr. Geiger's motion was not laid on the table.

Mr. Thalman moved the previous question on Mr. Geiger's motion.

Which motion was adopted.

The question being on the adoption of Mr. Geiger's motion, the ayes and noes being demanded, those who voted in the affirmative were :

Councilmen Adams, Craft, Darnell, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Madden, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Ward and Webster—15.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Diffley, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, McGill, Reasner and Stuckmeyer—11.

So the motion was adopted.

The question being on the engrossment of the ordinance, those who voted in the affirmative were :

Councilmen Adams, Craft, Darnell, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, Ward and Webster—13.

Those who voted in the negative were : .

Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Diffley, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—13.

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

So the ordinance was engrossed.

Mr. Reed moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of taking

up and putting on its passage general ordinance No. 81, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to abolish the office of Committee Clerk.

Which motion was not adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Craft, Darnell, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, Ward and Webster—13.

Negative—Councilman Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Diffley, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—13.

On motion of Mr. Darnell, said ordinance was made a special order for next Monday night.

On motion of Mr. Madden, the vote by which general ordinance No. 29, 1875, was passed on Monday evening, November 1st, 1875, was reconsidered by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Diffley, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Reasner, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—15.

Negative—Councilmen Craft, Darnell, Geiger, Hall, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, Ward and Webster—10.

Mr Curran moved to strike the ordinance from the files.

Mr. Thalman moved as a substitute to Mr. Curran's motion to refer the ordinance to the Committee on Revision of Ordinances and City Attorney.

Which motion was adopted and the ordinance so referred.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, September 27, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys to whom was referred sundry papers, beg leave to submit the following report :

FIRST.

An ordinance and remonstrance against the same, providing for grading and graveling Orange street from Shelby to Spruce streets, was referred to your committee.

The remonstrance does not represent the majority of feet along the line to be improved, and in view of the fact that it is a much needed improvement, we recommend that the ordinance be passed.

SECOND.

An ordinance and remonstrance against the same, providing for grading and graveling Ellis street from Maryland to Georgia street, was referred to us, and upon examination, we find the remonstrance represents nearly all of the property owners along the line. We therefore recommend that the ordinance be stricken from the file.

THIRD.

Also, an ordinance and remonstrance against the same, for grading the first alley east of Alabama street, running north and south from McCarty to Merrill streets.

Your Committee report in favor of the remonstrants and recommend that the ordinance be stricken from the files.

FOURTH.

Also, an ordinance and remonstrance against the same for grading the first alley north of McCarty street, running east and west between the first and second alleys east of Alabama street.

Your Committee report in favor of the remonstrants and recommend that the ordinance be stricken from the files.

FIFTH.

Also, an ordinance and remonstrance against the same, providing for grading and graveling Prospect street, curbing sidewalks and bouldering gutters thereof from Dillon to Reid street.

Your Committee report in favor of the remonstrance and recommend that the ordinance be not passed.

SIXTH.

Also, an ordinance with petition for and remonstrance against the same, providing for grading and graveling Duncan street between St. Clair and John streets.

Your Committee find that the remonstrance is represented by the greatest number of feet, and therefore recommend that the ordinance be stricken from the files.

SEVENTH.

Also, an ordinance with petition for and remonstrance against the same, providing for grading and graveling St. Clair street between the first alley east of the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis Railroad tracks and Archer street.

The remonstrance being greater than the petition, your committee recommend that the ordinance be stricken from the files.

EIGHTH.

Also, an ordinance and remonstrance against the same, providing for grading and graveling Hyland street and sidewalks from Washington to Ohio streets.

Your Committee would report in favor of the remonstrance, and recommend that the ordinance be stricken from the files.

NINTH.

Also, an ordinance and remonstrance against the same, providing for grading and graveling first alley east of Rohampton street from Seventh to Eighth streets.

The remonstrance represents nearly all the property along the line of said alley; we therefore recommend that the ordinance be stricken from the files.

TENTH

Also, an ordinance with petition for and remonstrance against the same, providing for grading and graveling first alley east of East street from McCarty street to the second alley north of McCarty street.

Your Committee find that the Board of Health recommend the improvement of this alley as a sanitary measure, and the remonstrance and petition, we report in favor of the passage of the ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. REASNER

H. GIMBER,

ISAAC THALMAN.

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth sections were concurred in.

The tenth section was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Ward and Webster—21.

Negative—Councilmen Bollman, Duffley, Laughlin and Mad-den—4.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, September 27, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys to whom was referred sundry papers, beg leave to submit the following report:

FIRST.

A communication signed by Samuel J. Patterson, proposing to sell to the city certain land for the sum of \$1,000.00 per acre and agreeing to take 20 year bonds for same, was referred to your committee.

Your Committee have reported a similar proposition, and such report was concurred in. Our opinion is that the condition of the treasury is such that it will not permit us to incur the expense of purchasing this land; we therefore recommend that said proposition be rejected.

SECOND.

A petition signed by D. H. Oliver, et al. asking Council to direct the Street Commissioner to make certain drainage on the National Road in West Indianapolis.

We recommend that the petition be referred to the City Civil Engineer with instructions to report what is necessary to be done.

THIRD.

A report of the City Attorney relative to the opening of Blackford street was referred to your committee, and we recommend that said report be referred to the Committee on Opening of Streets and Alleys, as they know more of such matters than this committee.

FOURTH.

A motion was offered by Councilman Reasner and referred to your committee, granting Antone Donmeyer permission to grade and gravel the alley in the rear of his property on Washington street.

Your Committee report in favor of the passage of said motion, provided the improvement be made the full width of the alley, and not less than 200 feet in length.

FIFTH.

A motion was offered by Councilman Thalman directing the Street Commissioner to boulder the crossing on the north side of Ohio street at the intersection of Columbia street, was referred to us, and report in favor of the passage of said motion.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY GIMBER,
W. F. REASNER,
ISAAC THALMAN,

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Reed, by consent, offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Board of Police have power to appoint from six to ten additional policemen for the better protection of the lives and property of our citizens, and the maintainance of order within the city limits.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Reasner presented the claim of Renihan, Long & Hedges, undertakers, for \$15.00.

Which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims.

Mr. Geiger, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 8, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Finance to whom was referred the reports of the City Treasurer made October 4 and 5, 1875, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find the same correct.

Respectfully submitted,

I. W. STRATFORD,
G. W. GEIGER,
D. M. RANSELL,
ENOS B. REED,
Committee on Finance.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Adams, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 8, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred sundry papers would offer the following report :

FIRST.

James Powers petitions your honorable body to pay him damages for injury to his wagon occasioned by driving around an obstruction in the Crawfordsville Pike, west of White river.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the city is not liable, and recommend the claim be not allowed.

SECOND.

Sylvanus Hollingsworth also petitions your honorable body to pay him the sum of ten dollars (\$10) for injuries to his wagon, occasioned by driving around a sycamore log lying in the centre of the Crawfordsville Pike, supposed to be the same obstructions referred to in the above petition.

Your Committee recommend the claim be not allowed.

THIRD.

Edward Gaston petitions the Council for relief from sewer tax of \$1.50 per foot assessed against his property at the corner of Kentucky avenue and Maryland street. Setting forth that there is already a sewer on Kentucky avenue, and the one on Maryland street is of no benefit whatever to his property, and the assessment is illegal and unjust.

As Mr. Gaston has a double frontage and was not assessed for the construction of the Kentucky avenue sewer, your committee think that the Council ought not to grant any special legislation in his interest, and that the assessment of \$1.50 per foot is just and equitable, and recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be not allowed.

FOURTH.

Your Committee would respectfully report that E. B. Martindale proposes to take the sum of eight thousand (\$8,000) dollars in compromise and full settlement of his judgment against the city, and in full settlement of all damages claimed by him in his suit pending in the Marion Superior Court. The city to release all claims, to open a street in the rear of his property, running from Illinois to Meridian street. The city reserving to itself the right to enforce against him its claim to be reimbursed for whatever damages and costs it may be required to pay at the suit of John M. Gastan.

The payment of the eight thousand dollars to be made in the bonds of the city, principal to be paid in twenty years, bearing 7-30-100 per cent. interest, payable semi-annually.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. ADAMS
H. F. ALBERSHARDT,
J. J. DIFFLEY,
Committee on Judiciary.

The first, second and third paragraphs were concurred in.

The fourth paragraph was concurred in by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Buehrig, Craft,

Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman and Ward—20.

Negative—Councilmen Bollman, Gimber, Laughlin, McGill and Webster—5.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 8, 1875

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

Gentlemen :—Councilman Diffley introduced a motion giving the Western Union Telegraph Co. and Superintendent of Fire Alarm Telegraph authority to trim the branches of shade trees, where the same interfere with the successful working of the wires.

Your Committee would recommend the provisions of the foregoing motion be carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. ADAMS,
JOHN J. DIFFLEY,
H. F. ALBERSHARD,
Committee on Judiciary.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 8, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of John A. Finch and others, asking the Council to order a special election for the purpose of electing a City Judge, under an act of the Legislature approved March 12th, 1875.

While your Committee think the City will soon have to provide accommodations for the holding of a new or City Court and election of a City Judge, we think it impracticable and premature at this time. If the Council think an election of a City Judge demanded at this time, or at an early day, it can order the election of same at the general or city election to be held next spring.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. ADAMS,
J. J. DIFFLEY,
H. S. ALBERSHARDT,
Committee on Judiciary.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Albershardt, from the Committee on Water Works, submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, October 25, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Water Works, to whom was referred a motion offered by Councilman Geiger, “ directing the City Clerk to advertise for the erection of a drinking fountain at the southeast corner of Mississippi and First street,” report that we have examined into the propriety of erecting a fountain at said point, and believe the location to be a proper one, but we recommend that no more fountains be erected this winter, and that the above motion be carried out next spring.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. ALBERSHARDT,
JOHN J. DIFFLEY,
F. M. HOOK,

Committee on Water Works.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Curran, from the Committee on Bridges, submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, November 1, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Bridges, to whom was referred the motion of Councilman Curran, directing the Civil Engineer to advertise for proposals for the construction of an iron bridge on South Noble street, over the I., C. & L. Railroad, would report in favor of said motion, and recommend that it be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

P. H. CURRAN
I. THALMAN,
I. W. STRATFORD,

Committee on Bridges.

Which was concurred in.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, November 8, 1875.

To the Mayor Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen :—We, your Committee on Fire Department to whom was referred the report of the Chief Engineer of the Department relative to the disability of the

No. 2 Steam Fire Engine, and also the motion of Mr. Ransdall, instructing this committee to correspond with manufacturers of Steam Fire Engines and ascertain on what terms two new engines could be purchased, giving in exchange the old Latta and Dean-Silsby Engines as part payment for the new ones. Would respectfully report as follows :

We have personally examined the old Latta engine and do not think that it will be economy for the city to have the engine repaired as all of the parts are old and worn and liable to give out at any time if the engine was repaired.

We have written to five builders of engines and received proposition from three, which are hereunto attached. We believe that the proposition of C. Ahrens & Co., to take the old Latta engine at \$1,100 and furnish one first class and one second class engine for \$10,100.00 is the cheapest and best for the city. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the proposition of C. Ahrens & Co., to furnish this city with one first and one second class Steam Fire Engines for the sum of ten thousand one hundred (\$10,000.00) dollars, and take the old Latta engine as part payment at eleven hundred (\$1,100) dollars be accepted, and that the Chief Fire Engineer is hereby authorized to make a contract with them on the terms and conditions proposed.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. GEIGER,

W. H. CRAFT,

G. KENZEL,

Committee on Fire Department.

Mr. Gimber moved to refer the report back to the Committee, with instructions to bargain for but one additional engine.

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

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Craft, Darnell, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Madden, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, Ward and Webster—17.

Negative—Councilmen Buehrig Curran, Diffley, Gimber, Laughlin, McGill, Reasner and Stratford—8.

On motion of Mr. Ransdell, the previous question was ordered.

The question being on concurring in the report of the Committee, the same was concurred in by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Kahn Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, Ward and Webster—21.

Negative—Councilmen Curran, Gimber, Reasner and Stratford—4.

Mr. Geiger, by consent, presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 8, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, residents and owners of property in the vicinity of No. 7 Engine House on Maryland street, would respectfully petition your honorable body for the location of a first class steam fire engine at said place. The great exposure and value of the business property intended to be protected by said engine house demands the best of fire protection.

Respectfully,

LAYMAN, CAREY & CO.

ADAMS, MANSUR & CO.

C. H. TALBOTT,

HILDERBRAND & FUGATE.

JONES, ARMSTRONG & CO.

and 31 others.

Which was received.

Dr. Stratford, from the Committee on Sewers, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 8, 1875.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen.—Your Committee on Sewers to whom was referred the motion of Mr. Stuckmeyer directing the Street Commissioner to lay down a cement drain from the rear of the Tomlinson property to connect with the Illinois street sewer; we recommend that the work be done.

SECOND.

Also, the motion of Dr. Hook directing the City Civil Engineer to advertise for bids for building a sewer in and along Archer street and Clifford avenue from Malot avenue to Pogues Run, according to his recommendation; we recommend that the motion be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

I. W. STRATFORD,

FRED. SCHMIDT.

WM. BUEHRIG,

Committee on Sewers.

The first section was concurred in.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion in reference to the second section :

Moved, That the second section be referred to the Judiciary Committee and City Attorney with instructions to report on Monday next an ordinance creating sewer districts, in which districts shall be assessed the entire cost of building sewers to property owners benefitted thereby, except the streets and alley crossings, which shall be paid for by the city, and that the matter be made a special order for next Monday evening.

Which was adopted.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, October 11, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, members of the Committee on Railroads, to which was referred the petition of Wonderly & Co., for permission to lay down a switch across Leota or Grant street, and the ordinance for the same, together with a remonstrance against the same, signed by Wm. H. English and others.

We have fully considered the matters therein contained and are clearly of the opinion, as the crossing is already badly blocked with tracks, and as this is the only street for the distance of a mile where there is a crossing to the south portion of the

city, that the prayer of the petitioners should not be granted, and that the ordinance be stricken from the files.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CRAFT,
JOHN STUCKMEYER,
J. C. LAUGHLIN.

Committee on Railroads.

Which was concurred in, and the ordinance stricken from the files.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 8, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, members of the Committee on Railroads, to which was referred the petition of the residents on Tennessee street, asking this Council to order the Indianapolis Rolling Mill Co. to tear up their switch track on said Tennessee street, between Louisiana street and Merrill street.

We have considered the matter, and as the whole question hinges on the fact as to whether the said company has or has not a legal right to maintain their track on the line indicated. The track has been down their for many years, the company claiming that the City Council granted them the right to lay the said track prior to the work being done. The questions presented are merely questions of the law. We would therefore recommend that the matter be referred to the City Attorney for an opinion as to whether the said Rolling Mill Co. have any right as to the maintenance of the said switch track on the said Tennessee street.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. CRAFT,
JOHN STUCKMEYER,
J. C. LAUGHLIN,

Committee on Railroads.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Craft, by consent, offered the following motion :

Moved, That L. S. Ayres & Co., be and are hereby granted permission to lay down a flag walk across Washington street in front of their new store ; the same to be done at their own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Ward, by consent, offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Trustees of Mayflower Church be and are granted permission to put down a stone walk across St. Clair street in front of said Church. The same to be done at their own expense and to the satisfaction of the City Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Also, by consent, the following motion :

Moved, That Charles Adams have permission to move a small frame office from the corner of Meridian and Vermont streets to the corner of Vine street and Park avenue.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Hook from the Committee on opening Streets and Alleys, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 8, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Opening of Streets and Alleys to whom was referred the petition of Wm. H. English and others, asking for the vacation of a certain strip of ground 25 feet wide off the the west side of Reid street, report that the effect of said vacation would be to straighten said Reid street, and we hereby report in favor of said vacation.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. HOOK,

ROBT. C. MCGILL.

I. W. STRATFORD,

Committee on Opening of Streets and Alleys.

Which was concurred in.

Also, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Council hereby give their consent to the vacation of a strip of ground east of and adjoining lots 36 and 37 in Allen Root & English's add. to the

city of Indianapolis, 25 feet in width, as prayed for in said petition of W. H. English and Fred Claffey.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Buehrig, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Ward and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Mr. Craft, by consent, offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be and is hereby ordered to notify Bruner & Riner to take up and relay the boudiers along Potomac alley between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets, where they recently built a sewer.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Ransdell, by consent, offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the Gas Company and the Water Works Company to immediately repair the street where they have been torn up by putting in gas and water pipes, and to put the same in as good condition as they were found, and if the same is not done within ten days from the service of said notice, then the Street Commissioner is hereby directed to repair the same at the expense of said companies ; and the cost of the same to be deducted from any monies owing them from the city ; and if the said companies have violated any of the penal ordinances of the city by tearing up or otherwise obstructing the streets, then the City Attorney is hereby instructed to bring suit against the said companies.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Schmidt, by consent, offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner repair the street on East Market street, between Circle and Pennsylvania streets, and to keep account of expenses where John Whitsit put in sewer ; also, that the Street Commissioner give said amount to the City Attorney for collection.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Laughlin presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 8, 1875.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—I was awarded the contract for paving the north side of Washington street or National Road, between White River and Ray street.

I find upon examining the ground that there will be a fill to make which will require about 3000 loads of earth, and there was no profile of said work in the office of the Civil Engineer, therefore we were compelled to bid unadvisedly, and to compel me to file my bond would cause me to lose several hundred dollars. I therefore hope that your honorable body will grant me leave to withdraw.

Respectfully,

SOL. DEVENISH.

On motion of Dr. Stratford, the vote by which the contract for paving the north sidewalk on Washington street or National Road to a width of 10 feet, and bouldering the street and alley crossings, from White River bridge to west side of Ray street, was awarded to Sol. Devenish Monday evening, November 1st, 1875, was reconsidered and the prayer of the petitioner granted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Buehrig, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Ward and Webster—21.

Negative—None.

Mr. Geiger presented the claim of Kirland & Ryan, for \$78.75.

Which was referred to Committee on Accounts and Claims.

Mr. Adams, from the Special Committee, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 8, 1875.

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

Gentlemen :—Your committee to whom was referred the petition and bill of the Indianapolis Journal Co., would offer the following report :

We have examined the account and submitted the same to an expert, and after a

careful consideration of the matter, we recommend that they be allowed the sum of \$367.85 as a settlement in full for their printing account, and that the City Clerk be instructed to insert the above amount in the next regular appropriation ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. ADAMS,
ENOS B. REED,
JNO. J. DIFFLEY,

Which report was concurred in.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest :

BENJ C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.