

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, January 24th, 1876—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, Darnell, Duffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—25.

Absent—Councilman Curran—1.

The proceedings of the regular session held January 17th, 1876, were read and approved.

Sealed proposals for the furnishing of lamps and frames complete to burn coal oil or gasoline, and for altering and repairing for the use of coal oil or gasoline, all of the Cincinnati lamp tops now in use; all of said lamps to take the place of the present street lamps of the city of Indianapolis, were received.

Mr. Diffley offered the following motion :

Moved, That all bids concerning street lighting be returned to the bidders unopened, or allowed to remain in the hands of the clerk unopened, and that the City Civil Engineer is hereby instructed to readvertise in the same manner as for the last two weeks.

Mr. Gimber moved as a substitute that the proposals be postponed one week.

Which substitute was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Diffley, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kenzel, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Ward and Webster—19.

Negative—Councilmen Albershardt, Darnell, Geiger, Kahn and Laughlin—5.

Mr. Madden offered the following motion :

Moved, That a select committee of three be appointed by the Mayor, with instructions to confer with the Gas Company and ascertain whether the existing contract for gas for city lamps cannot be modified so as to secure a better and cheaper lighting of the same; and also to further inquire as to whether a reduction cannot be made in the price of gas to the private consumer.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion as substitute to Mr. Madden's motion :

Whereas, Charges have been made in this body and also in the public newspapers of the city that the Gas Company is not fully complying with the terms of their charter; and

Whereas, It is the duty of this Council to protect both the city's and the citizen's interest in this matter; therefore,

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed, together with the City

Attorney, to make proper inquiry into and report to this Council at as early a day as possible as to the facts of the case, and also to confer with the said company in regard to a reduction in the price of gas.

On motion by Mr. Madden, Mr. Craft's substitute was laid on the table by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bollman, Buehrig, Geiger, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Thalman and Ward—14.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Craft, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Ransdell, Stratford and Webster—9.

Mr. Geiger moved the main question be now put.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bollman, Buehrig, Geiger, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Schmidt, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—13.

Negative—Councilmen Albershardt, Craft, Hall, Hook, Kahn, McGill, Reed, Thalman, Ward and Webster—10.

The question being on Mr. Madden's motion, said motion was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bollman, Craft, Geiger, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—14.

Negative—Councilmen Albershardt, Buehrig, Hall, Hook, Kahn, McGill, Thalman, Ward and Webster—9.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed as such Committee Councilmen Madden, Darnell and Diffley.

Mr. Ransdell moved that the above Committee be instructed to report next Monday night.

Which motion was adopted.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 24, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The contract and bond of Bruner & Riner, for constructing a brick sewer in and along Madison avenue, from the south side of Yeizer street to and connecting with the Ray street sewer, which was reported to your honorable body on last Monday night for your approval, and which was referred back to me for correction, would report that Messrs. Bruner & Riner decline and refuse to execute any contract and bond for said work other than that which I reported to your honorable body at last meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Mr. Madden moved to reject the bond of Bruner & Riner.

Which motion was adopted.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 24, 1876.

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

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

A second and final estimate allowed Wm. Morrison, for grading and graveling Peru street and paving the sidewalks, from Home avenue to Lincoln avenue—

1510 lineal feet grading and graveling at 61 cents.....	\$921 10
1428.2 lineal feet paving at 44 cents.....	628 40
81.8 lineal feet grading and graveling sidewalks at street and alley crossings at 20 cents.....	16 36
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	\$1,565 86
Less former payment.....	756 00
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Present payment.....	\$809 86

Also, a first and final estimate allowed James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Charles street, running from St. Clair to John street—

900 lineal feet at 25 cents.....\$225 00

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing second and final estimate allowed William Morrison for grading and graveling Peru avenue and paving the sidewalks from Home avenue to Lincoln 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 Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—23.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Charles street, running from St. Clair to John 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 Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—23.

Negative—None.

The City Clerk submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 24, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—I herewith report the following affidavits now on file in my office for the collection of street improvement and lamp post assessments by precept, to-wit:

Elliott & Morrison vs. William G. Rubush for.....	\$11 10
John Greene vs. Mary E. White for.....	34 80

Henry C. Roney vs. John R. Elder, Trustee, for.....	\$50 89
D. Root & Co. vs. John W. Foulk for.....	3 15
D. Root & Co. vs. Josephine Nelson for.....	4 48
D. Root & Co. vs. Maurice R. Trimble for.....	4 48
D. Root & Co. vs. — Pershing and — Marsh (Christian names unknown) for	3 15

And respectfully recommend 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, Buehrig, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—23.

Negative—None.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 24, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—I respectfully report that in obedience to your instructions of Jan. 17, 1876, I did, on the 18th day of January, 1876, enter satisfaction in full of the mortgage given to the city by A. F. Shortridge, ex-City Treasurer, as recorded in the record of mortgages in the Recorder's office of Marion county, Indiana.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,
City Clerk.

Which was approved.

The City Marshal submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 24, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—I was ordered some time ago to open two alleys. The matter having

been in litigation since that time, I would respectfully ask of your honorable body some instructions in regard to the matter of the following alleys, viz :

One fifteen foot alley running from McCarty street to first alley North of Buchanan street, in out-lot one hundred.

Also, an alley running from Maryland street north to Kentucky avenue, in square sixty-seven.

I would respectfully recommend that the matter be referred to the City Attorney for instructions.

Respectfully submitted,

ELI THOMPSON,

City Marshal.

Which was referred to the Committee on Opening and Laying Out Streets and Alleys.

The City Attorney submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 24, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—I herewith return the communication of Samuel J. Smock. The only legal question presented for my opinion is the right of Mr. Smock, as contractor and agent of the city, to take dirt from the channel of Fall Creek where it runs through the land of S. J. Patterson, to repair the banks of the stream.

I am of the opinion that the city is entitled to the dirt in the channel, to be used in repairing the banks along the line where the dirt is taken.

The time when Mr. Smock's contract required him to complete the work expired on the 1st of January of this year, and owing to the fact that the Council have had under consideration propositions to change the character of the work, and by reason thereof Mr. Smock has thought best to delay the work, I suggest that it would be right to extend his time for the completion of the same.

I would, however, suggest to the Council that I am of the opinion that any money expended on the present channel of Fall Creek will only be temporary in its result, as the next heavy freshet will wash it out.

Respectfully submitted,

CAS. BYFIELD,

City Attorney.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 24, 1876.

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

Gentlemen:—In reference to the communication of the State Board of Agriculture, referred to me for an opinion, I beg leave to report that in my opinion the city has the right to enter upon and clean out that part of the State Ditch which runs through the grounds of the State Board.

The ditch has been for more than twenty years used by the public as a drain, with the consent of the adjoining property holders, and I think whatever is necessary and proper to keep the same open as such drain, the city has a right to do, provided that no unnecessary damage is done to the property through which it runs.

Respectfully submitted,

CAS. BYFIELD,
City Attorney.

Which was approved.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 24, 1876.

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

Gentlemen:—After an examination of the report of the City Commissioners upon the opening and widening of Rohampton street, I find that nearly one thousand dollars of the benefits assessed are assessed against property holders who have not been served with notice.

I herewith submit, also, a remonstrance of Ovid Butler, against the assessment made upon his property. I suggest that the assessment and all the papers be referred back to the Commissioners with instructions to meet again and examine into the matter, and that the Clerk be directed to notify the parties not notified, and I herewith submit the form of a resolution for the purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

CAS. BYFIELD,
City Attorney.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 24, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, the owner of lots numbered 25, 26, 27 and 28, in Butler's North Addition, respectfully represents that the City Commissioners have made the following assessments upon his said lots :

Twenty-five.....	\$225 00
Twenty-six.....	270 00
Twenty-seven.....	270 00
Twenty-eight.....	270 00

Making a total assessment of.....\$1,035

As a benefit to said property by reason of the opening and extension of Rohampton street from Seventh street to Lincoln avenue. The total damages about \$7,800, showing Mr. Butler is assessed for about the Seventh of the entire amount.

Your petitioner further represents that said assessment is manifestly unequal and unjust ; that the opening of said street 50 feet includes one alley of 10 feet now at the east end of said lots, and amply sufficient for the conveniences and purposes of said lots ; that said lots front on the west upon Ash street, and so far as these lots are concerned, there can be no possibility to any pecuniary or other advantage to them.

But your petitioner does most respectfully represent that by the opening of said street, he and the persons who may hereafter own said lots will be compelled to improve and maintain two streets with sidewalks, instead of one. That his lots are not sufficiently deep to divide so as to front on two streets, but if they were sufficiently deep, there can be no front on Rohampton street, for that will be a front looking upon the stables and out-houses on the other side. The lots on the other side must of necessity front east, thus compelling the erection of stables and out-houses on the west end.

Your petitioner did not remonstrate against the opening of said street along his property, if it was thought to be an advantage to the owners of property on the north and south sides thereof ; but he had no idea that any such assessment would be made against his property, so unreasonable and unjust on its very face ; and this is made apparent by a comparison of assessments against him and those on the south side who may be most benefitted by the opening of said street.

Your petitioner does therefore most respectfully but earnestly remonstrate against the approval and adoption of said report by the City Council.

Respectfully,

OVID BUTLER.

Which was received.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the report of the City Commissioners made to this Council on January 3d, 1876, assessing benefits and damages by reason of opening and widening

Rohampton street to a width of fifty feet from Seventh street to Lincoln avenue, be referred back to said Commissioners with the suggestion that they examine into the remonstrance of Ovid Butler, and that they carefully look into the assessment of benefits and damages, and that they meet on the 21st day of February, 1876; and the Clerk be and is hereby ordered to issue notices to all parties not heretofore notified of the meeting of said Commissioners on said day.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

The Board of Health submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 24, 1876.

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 15th day of January, to 6 o'clock P. M. on the 22th day of January, 1876.

Under 1 year.....	6
1 to 2 years.....	1
2 to 3 ".....	0
3 to 4 ".....	0
4 to 5 ".....	0
5 to 10 ".....	0
10 to 20 ".....	2
20 to 30 ".....	5
30 to 40 ".....	0
40 to 50 ".....	3
50 to 60 ".....	3
60 to 70 ".....	2
70 to 80 ".....	1
80 to 90 ".....	0
90 to 100 ".....	0
Above 100 ".....	0
Unknown ".....	0
Total.....	23

C. E. WRIGHT, M. D.,
President Board of Health.

A. STRATFORD, M. D.,
Secretary Board of Health.

Which was received.

His Honor, the Mayor, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 24, 1876.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—The amount of fines collected by me during the month of December, 1875, due the City Treasury is \$183.80, and the amount collected during the months of October, November and December, 1875, due the Home for Friendless Women, is \$844.15, making a total of \$1,027.95, (as shown by itemized statement filed herewith) which amounts I have paid to the City Treasurer, and file herewith his duplicate receipt therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CAVEN,

Mayor.

FORFEITURES

Collected by John Caven, Mayor of the city of Indianapolis, during the months of October, November and December, 1875, due the Home for Friendless Women.

Docket 25, No. 1024.....	\$5 00
Docket 25, No. 877.....	50 00
Docket 25, No. 878.....	70 00
Docket 25, No. 642.....	5 00
Docket 25, No. 1240.....	20 00
Docket 25, No. 1245.....	20 00
Docket 25, No. 1238.....	5 00
Docket 25, No. 1259.....	45 10
Docket 25, No. 1338.....	1 00
Docket 25, No. 1340.....	4 60
Docket 25, No. 1345.....	1 00
Docket 25, No. 1360.....	5 00
Docket 25, No. 1425.....	1 00
Docket 25, No. 1426.....	1 75
Docket 25, No. 1434.....	25 00
Docket 25, No. 1444.....	25 00
Docket 25, No. 1445.....	5 10
Docket 25, No. 1449.....	5 00
Docket 26, No. 9.....	72 00
Docket 26, No. 10.....	64 00
Docket 26, No. 11.....	75 00
Docket 26, No. 12.....	16 00
Docket 26, No. 13.....	14 60
Docket 26, No. 14.....	2 85
Docket 26, No. 15.....	1 60
Docket 26, No. 16.....	6 10

Docket 26, No. 17.....	\$3 10
Docket 26, No. 18.....	7 60
Docket 26, No. 23.....	3 60
Docket 26, No. 25.....	7 75
Docket 26, No. 33.....	2 60
Docket 26, No. 81.....	5 00
Docket 26, No. 82.....	5 00
Docket 26, No. 83.....	5 00
Docket 26, No. 104.....	15 00
Docket 26, No. 105.....	15 00
Docket 26, No. 106.....	42 20
Docket 26, No. 108.....	3 60
Docket 26, No. 119.....	25 00
Docket 26, No. 120.....	30 00
Docket 26, No. 126.....	5 00
Docket 26, No. 138.....	33 00
Docket 26, No. 145.....	10 00
Docket 26, No. 150.....	5 00
Docket 26, No. 151.....	50 00
Docket 26, No. 152.....	5 00
Docket 26, No. 156.....	5 00
Docket 26, No. 168.....	10 00
Docket 26, No. 177.....	3 00

 \$844 15

I certify the foregoing to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. CAVEN,

January 24, 1876.

Mayor.

FORFEITURES.

Collected by John Caven, Mayor of the city of Indianapolis, during the month of December, 1875, due the City Treasury.

Felonies and Appeals, No. 1.....	\$5 00
Docket 25, No. 340.....	4 75
Docket 25, No. 342.....	5 00
Docket 26, No. 3.....	5 00
Docket 26, No. 8.....	3 00
Docket 26, No. 26.....	5 00
Docket 25, No. 27.....	5 00
Docket 26, No. 28.....	5 00
Docket 26, No. 43.....	3 10
Docket 26, No. 44.....	1 00
Docket 26, No. 45.....	4 60
Docket 26, No. 46.....	5 00
Docket 26, No. 49.....	4 75

Docket 26, No. 58.....	\$5 00
Docket 26, No. 59.....	5 00
Docket 26, No. 64.....	4 75
Docket 26, No. 67.....	4 10
Docket 26, No. 70.....	5 00
Docket 26, No. 72.....	5 00
Docket 26, No. 80.....	10
Docket 26, No. 84.....	5 00
Docket 26, No. 85.....	4 85
Docket 26, No. 86.....	1 00
Docket 26, No. 88.....	5 00
Docket 26, No. 91.....	1 00
Docket 26, No. 93.....	4 60
Docket 26, No. 95.....	5 00
Docket 26, No. 97.....	1 00
Docket 26, No. 98.....	1 10
Docket 26, No. 102.....	3 00
Docket 26, No. 118.....	1 00
Docket 26, No. 124.....	5 00
Docket 26, No. 125.....	5 00
Docket 26, No. 131.....	1 00
Docket 26, No. 136.....	3 00
Docket 26, No. 137.....	2 00
Docket 26, No. 139.....	10 00
Docket 26, No. 140.....	1 00
Docket 26, No. 154.....	5 00
Docket 26, No. 155.....	15 00
Docket 26, No. 158.....	10 00
Docket 26, No. 163.....	1 00
Docket 26, No. 167.....	4 50
Docket 26, No. 170.....	2 60
Docket 26, No. 178.....	1 00

 \$183 80

I certify the foregoing to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. CAVEN,

January 24, 1876.

Mayor.

Which was received.

The Mayor presented the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 8, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—In pursuance of the provisions of section 5 of act approved Feb. 26, 1873, entitled "An act concerning the application of certain fines, penalties, etc.,

(acts of 1873, page 142) the Trustees of the institution known as the Indianapolis Home for Friendless Women have the honor to make and submit to you the following detailed report of their doings as such Trustees, and of the receipts and expenditures of said institution, and of the results so far attained, and other information relative thereto, for the year ending December 31, 1875.

The Board of Trustees is composed of gentlemen, not less than thirteen, duly elected at the annual meeting of the incorporators of said institution.

Appended hereto will be found a full report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees and Treasurer of Board of Managers, of all the receipts and expenditures of the Society.

Also, we present to you a report from the Board of Managers, detailing the affairs of the institution, and a report from the Matron, containing other important items of information, all of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. VAJEN,
J. H. KAPPES,
C. N. TODD,
S. MERRILL,

Executive Committee Board of Trustees.

REPORT OF THE MANAGERS.

To the Board of Trustees :

Gentlemen.:—In accordance with article 4 of the constitution of the society known as the Indianapolis Home for Friendless Women, the care of the Home and the direct management of the affairs of the same have been controlled by a Board of Managers consisting of twenty-seven ladies of the city of Indianapolis, duly elected at the last annual meeting held in January, 1875.

Having organized and elected officers, these Managers, or a number of them sufficient to constitute a quorum, have met regularly at the Home on the first Thursday of every month, at which time the reports of the various officers of the Board and of the institution have been heard and acted upon, and all business requiring attention has been disposed of.

A full history of the proceedings of the Board at each meeting is kept on record by the Secretary.

Four visitors from among the Managers are appointed each month, whose duty it is to visit the institution, two each week, and consult with the Matron and other employes with regard to the welfare of the institution and its inmates.

A portion of the building has, during the year, been set apart and made secure for the constraint, control of females—apart from those who are simply unprotected

or unfortunate—and this department includes only such as are regularly committed by the Mayor of the city for breaches of law, and whose treatment may be beneficially subserved, consistently with the object of the Society.

The number of employes in receipt of salaries during the past year has been two only, viz.: a Matron and Assistant Matron, until the opening of the penal department November 13, 1875, necessitated the employment of a third officer whose duty it is to take charge of prisoners, under the general supervision and control of the Matron.

Close observation and care on the part of the Managers have led to the conviction that the Home for Friendless Women is a well conducted institution, and that it has become a necessary adjunct to civilized and Christian society. Its object has been to house the homeless, save the erring and help the tempted; and how well this object has been accomplished, the facts as set forth in the daily journal of our Matron and submitted at each monthly meeting, amply show. Three hundred and fifty females, guilty it may be or simply unfortunate, have been provided a temporary retreat during the past year. Many reformatations have been effected, and a vast amount of misery and crime been prevented.

The Matron, Miss Mary E. Brower, and her assistant, Mrs. Bullitt, also Mrs. Wolfinger who has charge of prisoners, all seem well adapted to the positions they occupy. Miss Brower is a lady of dignity and refinement. Possessed of great firmness and of high moral and religious character, her influence is all-pervading in subduing the evil passions of those committed to her charge, and inspiring them with a desire for a better life.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. S. NEWMAN,
President.

MRS. J. H. KAPPES,
Secretary.

January 2, 1876.

REPORT OF MATRON.

To the Board of Managers:

The whole number of inmates during the year 1875 was 350. Most of these belonged to the reformatory department. Many of them do not belong to the class of fallen ones. Some of them are homeless widows with sick children, others are aged ladies who have been provided with temporary homes until other provision is made for them. Many of the inmates are sent to their own homes, and others are kept until suitable places are provided for them in families.

The penal department was opened November 13, 1875, and since that time there have twenty prisoners. The time for which they were committed has varied from six to thirty days. On Jan. 1, 1876, there were 13 prisoners. Out of the twenty, ten were between the ages of 15 and 17; eight were between 17 and 20, and two over 20. Eleven have been in prison before. Nineteen belong to this city. Most of them have no parents. Most have no mothers living.

Worship is conducted morning and evening, and religious instruction regularly given. Religious services are held on the Sabbath and during the week.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. BROWER,

Matron.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Home Friendless Women, since March, 1875, at which time account was audited and certified to by D. E. Snyder :

Receipts—

Oct. 4, Received D. E. Snyder.....	\$10 00
Oct. 14, sale \$500 order, 96 cents.....	480 00
Oct. 30, sale \$500 order 96 cents.....	480 00
Nov. sale \$500 order, 96 cents.....	480 00
Nov. 27, sale \$500 order, 96 cents.....	480 00
Dec. 6, sale \$500 order, par.....	500 00
Jan. 12, sale \$1200 order, 98 cents.....	1,176 00
Total.....	\$3,606 00

Disbursements—

Oct. 4, paid Mrs. Todd by order of Executive Committee.....	\$480 00
Oct. 29, M. Hartman, plastering.....	397 00
Nov. 5, S. Adams & Bro., brick.....	25 00
Oct. 21, D. E. Snyder, insurance.....	30 00
Nov. 15, G. D. Vincent, carpenter work.....	371 87
Nov. 24, M. M. Todd.....	500 00
Dec. 3, J. A. Myers, tin work.....	89 50
Dec. 3, Jas. Hopkins, grate.....	8 00
Dec. 8, Lamdert & Krumholz, cleaning vault.....	30 00
Dec. 24, Adolph Harder, painting.....	125 00
Dec. 24, Milt. Compton, labor.....	55 30
Jan. 4, 1876, Adolph Harder, balance bill painting.....	99 00
Jan. 4, Sundry bills paid on order Executive Com. to Milt. Compton.....	69 83
Jan. 13, Fred'k Kruger.....	20 25
Jan. 15, M. M. Todd by order Executive Committee.....	1,000 00
Jan. 19, Adolph Harder, in full.....	71 75
Cash in hands of Treasurer January 20, 1876.....	233 50
Total.....	\$3,606 00

I have also in my possession city order No. 7598, for \$792.75.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. HUBBARD, Treasurer.

Indianapolis, January 20, 1876.

per Field.

REPORT OF TRDASURER OF BOARD OF MANAGERS

Of Indianapolis Home for Friendless Women for five (5) months, viz., from August 1st, 1875, to January 19th, 1876, inclusive:

Dr.

To funds received from Treasurer of Board of Trustees Oct. 15th, 1875 ...	\$480 00
To funds received from Treasurer of Board of Trustees Nov. 24th, 1875...	500 00
To funds received from said Treasurer Jan. 15th, 1876.....	1,000 00
	\$1,980 00

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By August current expenses	\$139 25
By September current expenses.....	188 18
By October current expenses.....	205 25
By November current expenses.....	199 78
By December current expenses.....	238 09
	\$970 55
By bills and vouchers rendered.....	800 40
By balance in Citizens' National Bank.....	209 05
	\$1,980 00

M. M. TODD,

Treasurer of Board of Managers.

Indianapolis, January 19, 1876.

Which was referred to the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals.

Mr. Gimber moved that the ordinance providing for the construction of a sewer in and along Madison avenue from Yeizer street to the Ray street sewer, be referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, Committee on Sewers and City Attorney, with power to act.

Mr. Ransdell offered the following motion as a substitute to the above:

Moved, That the ordinance providing for building of a sewer in Madison avenue be referred to the City Attorney with instructions to report as to the legality or illegality of said ordinance.

Which substitute was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

Mr. Schmidt introduced special ordinance No. 5, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for bouldering and curbing Wabash street between Delaware and Alabama street.

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, with instructions to report next Monday night.

General ordinance No. 92, 1875, the special order for the evening, was taken up.

Mr. Geiger offered the following amendment :

Defining duties and powers of the Street Commissioner :

SECTION 1, That the Street Commissioner shall, on the first day of March and September, cause to be advertised for proposals for the furnishing and delivering such materials, tools, etc., etc., as may be used in his department by the city, including lumber, stone, brick, gravel, sand, cinders, lime, cement, hardware, nails, picks, hoes, shovels, iron castings, cement and drain pipe, the same to be purchased only in such quantities and at such times as the same may be needed for immediate use.

SEC. 2. All bills for materials furnished either by contract or otherwise, must be certified to by the Street Commissioner, and referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims for their approval before such claims shall be allowed, and if found correct shall be inserted in the regular monthly appropriation ordinances.

SEC. 3. Any ordinances or parts of ordinances coming in conflict with the foregoing, the same are hereby repealed.

Mr. Ransdell moved that the original ordinance and the two amendments be referred to the Committee on Revision of Ordinances and City Attorney.

Which motion was adopted.

By consent, Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Also, to insert a section to award the contract for cleaning streets, gutters and alleys.

Which was referred to the above named Committee.

ROLL CALL.

Mr. Albershardt offered the following motion :

Moved, That Albert Gall and John F. Tapping have permission to grade and gravel the alley joining their property on New Jersey street, between Ohio and New York street, said alley running east and west from New Jersey to Clinton street ; said work to be done at their own expense, and under the directions of the City Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be and is hereby instructed to remove the lamp post on south side of Ohio street, between East street and New Jersey street, to its proper place on the corner of the alley.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Committee on Gravel Roads enquire into the expediency of buying a mile, more or less, of the Central Plank or Gravel road, extending west from the White River bridge, and report the price at which it can be purchased, etc.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby ordered to fill up the chuck holes in East Michigan street, between Arsenal avenue and Randolph street, and to provide temporary drainage along the line of said Michigan street.

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

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Diffley,

Geiger, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reed, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—13.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Craft, Darnell, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Ransdell, Reasner, Schmidt, Thalman and Ward—11.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby ordered to put down flag stone crossings over Michigan street at crossing of Alabama.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Buehrig offered the following motion :

Moved, That we now proceed to the election of three members of the Board of Managers of the City Work House.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—Councilmen Darnell, Hall, Ransdell and Stratford—4.

The Chair appointed Councilmen Schmidt and Diffley as tellers.

Mr. Craft moved to elect the Commissioners one at a time.

Mr. Geiger moved to lay the motion on the table.

Which motion to lay on the table was adopted by the following vote :

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

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

Mr. Geiger nominated Addison L. Roach to serve for the term of one year.

Mr. Craft nominated Thomas H. Sharpe.

A ballot was then had which resulted in A. L. Roach receiving 14 votes, and Thomas H. Sherpe 11 votes.

Mr. Roach having received a majority of all the votes cast, the Mayor declared him duly elected as member of Board of Managers of City Work House for the term of one year.

Mr. McGill nominated John W. Murphy to serve for the term of two years.

Mr. Ransdell nominated Andrew Wallace.

A ballot was then had which resulted in John W. Murphy receiving 13 votes and Andrew Wallace 12 votes.

Mr. Murphy hrving received a majority of all the votes cast, the Mayor declared him duly elected as member of the Board of Managers of City Work House for the term of two years.

Mr. Madden nominated Col. B. C. Shaw to serve for the term of three years.

Mr. Reed nominated Andrew Wallace.

A ballot was then had which resulted in Col. B. C. Shaw receiving 13 votes, and Andrew Wallace 11 votes.

Mr. Shaw having received a majority of all the votes cast, the Mayor declared him duly elected as member Board of Managers of City Work House for the term of three years.

Mr. Darnell offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Attorney be and is hereby ordered to draw up an ordinance

and present the same to this Council on next Monday night, in reference to prohibiting boys and others from throwing stones inside of the corporation limits.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following resolution :

Whereas, Complaints are being made by the citizens living in the neighborhood of the Sellers Farm, that the lessees thereof are causing a nuisance and great damage to them by creating great stench and stink on said farm : therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Mayor to examine into the matter, and report to this Council, and if said lessees or any of them are guilty of creating a nuisance, that steps be immediately taken to rescind the leases of such as are guilty.

Mr. Albershardt moved to refer to the Committee on Sellers Farm and Board of Health.

Which motion to refer was laid on the table.

Mr. Darnell's motion was then adopted.

The Mayor appointed as such Committee Councilmen Darnell, Albershardt and Geiger.

By consent, Mr. Geiger, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 24, 1876.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of Thomas Wren, beg leave to submit the report of the Civil Engineer, herewith attached, as their opinion of the claim, and recommend that the City Clerk be ordered to carefully examine the record, and if found correct, to return to the Committee on Accounts and Claims the sum of \$506.62, the amount recommended by the Civil Engineer, in favor of Thomas Wren, to be included in the next appropriation ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. GEIGER,
LEON KAHN,
I. W. STRATFORD,
ENOS B. REED,
Committee on Finance.

CAS. BYFIELD,
City Attorney.

INDIANAPOLIS, November 8, 1875.

To the Committee on Finance and City Attorney :

Gentlemen :—In the matter of Thomas Wren, which was referred to me for my opinion, would report that Mr. Wren was allowed Dec. 17th, 1866, a total estimate for work done on South Tennessee street for—

	\$4,928 12
Less percentage retained.....	1,232 00
	\$3,696 12

Mr. Wren was allowed another estimate on said work September, 1868, for \$725.42. This would leave a balance due Mr. Wren, on percentage retained from first estimates, of \$506.61.

If the city retained percentage on whole work, which is generally done, it would include percentage on the private property as well as the city portion of the street.

In case the work done on said street was subsequently washed away, through no fault of Mr. Wren's, and before he received a final estimate for the percentage kept back, the city, in my opinion, would be compelled to pay the whole amount due Mr. Wren for the percentage thus retained.

I would therefore remomnd that Mr. Wren be allowed \$506.61, the balance due him on the foregoing estimate, provided he accepts the same in full payment for all work done by him on said street, subject, however, to any moneys that may have been paid him since the allowance of the last estimate on said work, made September, 1868, for \$725.42.

Respectfully submitted.

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Geiger presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 24, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Meridian and Pennsylvania street, respectfully petition for the passage of a resolution providing for the postponement of the collection from us, respectively, of the amounts assessed for the benefits said to have been received by certain property owned by us, from the opening of Second street, between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets :

Whereas, Certain of the persons upon whose property assessment of benefits was

made by the Commissioners, because of the opening of said street, have appealed therefrom to the courts;

And whereas, It is claimed that the Commissioners in making assessment of benefits, were governed by considerations which they had no legal right to entertain;

And whereas, While we do not wish to enter into any litigation with the city on account of such assessment, we think we should not be required to pay until it is ascertained whether those who were assessed with us, and who have appealed as stated, will also have to pay;

And whereas, It would be unjust and inequitable to require a few to bear the burden while others who were adjudged by the Commissioners to bear it with them escape.

Therefore, we pray for a postponement of the collection of such assessment from us, until the cases of those who have appealed shall be determined.

Geo. H. Chapman, R. L. McOuat, L. S. Ayres, G. A. Wells, W. M. Tout, Geo. F. McGinnis, E. B. Martindale, Mrs. B. Morrison et al., Theresa C. Vinton, W. M. Moore, O. B. Hord, Geo. T. Evans, Hermann Martens, N. M. Neeld, Jas. Dickson, Ebenezer Sharpe, A. E. Fletcher, J. K. Sharpe, W. J. Osgood, D. A. Richardson, W. W. Johnston, T. A. Lewis, J. W. Ruddell, John Ebert, Kate H. Root.

Which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the City Attorney.

By request, Mr. Craft was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the evening.

Mr. Geiger offered the following motion :

Moved, That W. W. Johnston have permission to improve the alleys along his property on North Meridian street, near Fifth, and that the Civil Engineer is hereby ordered to set the proper stakes, the work to be done in thirty days and at the expense of the property holders.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That J. R. McKeon & Co., No. 121 South Illinois street, be granted a license to do an auction business.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That hereafter the City Treasurer shall carefully examine each warrant issued by the City Clerk against the Treasurer, and refuse to stamp any warrant "not paid for want of funds," if the person to whom the warrant is issued is in arrears for city taxes.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following resolution :

Whereas, The year 1876 being the Centennial of our National existence, and being an era that should be commemorated by all branches of our government, National, State and municipal, and believing that local statistical information of the settlement, growth, government and prosperity of our city would do much towards bringing its enterprise and advantages prominently before the country; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a Special Committee consisting of His Honor the Mayor, the City Clerk, and three members of this Council be appointed, whose duty it shall be to prepare a City Year Book, giving such matters of historical municipal interest including the names of all officers of the city, from its incorporation to the current year inclusive, and such other matters of local interest as may in their judgment be necessary to the furtherance of the object desired ; also, to report on the expediency of taking the census of the city.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

The Mayor appointed as such Committee Councilmen Geiger, Madden and Reed.

Mr. Hall offered the following motion :

Moved, That Robert Hartness be and is hereby ordered to move the pile of dirt that he deposited in front of his property this day, Jan. 24th, 1876.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the City Marshal be and is hereby ordered to notify the Gas Co. to repair the north end of Tennessee street in places where they have torn up the same in order to lay their gas pipes ; if not done within 10 days, the Street Com- do the same, and charge the same to Gas Co.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kahn presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 24, 1876.

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

Gentlemen.—The undersigned, Trustees of the Indianapolis Social Turnverein respectfully represent that said Society is the owner of a certain two-story building standing on east half of south 140 feet of lot 10, square 63, in this city, said lot being held on a ground lease from Andrew Wallace, Esq., who, according to the term of said lease, is responsible for and has paid the taxes for said lot, while for the improvements the Society was to pay the taxes.

Your petitioners further represent and show that the objects of the Society are purely educational, competent teachers to instruct boys and girls and young men, and to show by practical illustrations the necessity and advantages of physical training and developments, in addition to the mental education, and that the building above referred to is used exclusively for such purposes.

We further show that in the year 1869 this Society addressed a petition to the Common Council, asking, in view of the facts, for the relief of the Society from the payment of the taxes then assessed, and also from future taxation ; that on April 26, 1869, the Finance Committee reported in favor of relieving the Society from taxation, which report was concurred in by the Common Council.

We further show, while the taxes up to that date were stricken from the duplicate taxes since that time have been assessed and charged, unbeknown to said Society, against said property, and that we are now called upon to pay a large delinquency.

We therefore respectfully pray your honorable body, in view of the facts stated, to relieve said Society from the taxes assessed against said piece of improvement, and from further taxation.

Respectfully yours,

ADOLPH SEIDENSTICKER.

LORENZ SCHMIDT,

CHAS. KOEHNE.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance and the City Assessor.

Mr. Kenzel offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Marshal be and is hereby directed to notify the owners of lots No. 48 and 31 to open, according to plat, the first alley east of West street, between McCarty and Ray streets.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Madden offered the following motion :

Moved, That Lampard & Sindlinger, Contractors, be and are hereby allowed an extension of thirty days' time to complete the Illinois street sewer.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Madden presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 24, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned would respectfully represent to your honorable body, that I purchased lot No. 139 of Fletcher, et. al., sub-division of out-lot No. 96, at the tax sale of February 6th, 1867. Said lot was sold in the name of Peter W. Stipp, for the taxes for the years 1865 and 1866, and a certificate of purchase made and delivered to me, bearing date February 6th, 1867, on payment of the sum of forty-one dollars and eighty-five cents (\$41.85) to Wm. H. Craft, the then City Treasurer ; and no one redeeming said lot, I did, on the first day of April, 1873, present said certificate of sale to John W. Coons, the then City Treasurer, and demanded and received a deed for said lot, which cost me, including recording and transfer, the further sum of \$3.00.

I have now in my hands the original receipts, copies of which are hereto annexed which show beyond any doubt that the taxes for both years (1865 and 1866) on the lot aforesaid had been fully paid, and that said sale was wholly fraudulent and void. I therefore respectfully ask your honorable body to refund to me the sums so paid, with reasonable interest, as may seem to you just and right.

JOHN B. STUMPH.

R. No. 1624.

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE,

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 19, 1866.

Received of Peter W. Stipp, twenty-one dollars and forty-five cents on lot 139, out-lot 96, Fletcher et. al. sub., in full of taxes assessed against the same by the Common Council of Indianapolis, for the year 1865.

\$21.45.

W. H. CRAFT, Treasurer.

Per H. J. C.

No. 1012.

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

\$21.25.

INDIANAPOLIS, September 23d, 1867.

Peter W. Stipp has filed in my office the City Treasurer's receipt for the sum of twenty-one dollars and twenty-five cents, in full of city taxes, including penalty and interest, delinquent for the year 1866, on lot 139, out-lot 96, Fletcher et. al. sub.

JOHN G. WATERS,

Auditor City of Indianapolis.

Which was referred to Committee on Accounts and Claims and City Assessor.

Mr. Madden presented the following communications :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 24, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—I herewith submit a letter from the State Board of Agriculture, alleged owners of the State Ditch running through the State Fair Grounds, notifying me to stop work on said ditch, or in the event of my refusal to do so, holding me responsible for sand, etc., taken out of said ditch, and also holding me responsible for damages to any and all bridges over said ditch.

I wish to state to your honorable body that I undertook the contract for widening and deepening said ditch with the understanding that material taken out of said ditch belonged to myself, and am willing to complete said work if the city will indemnify me against any action of the State Board or citizens tending to hold me responsible for the material taken out of said ditch.

I hereby state for a positive fact that the owners of property along the line of said ditch and east of Central avenue, are thoroughly organized, and are determined to fight what they hold an invasion of their right. Therefore, I cannot proceed with my contract any further than Central avenue at the best, and if your honorable body desire, I will complete the work as far as Alabama street at the tunnel located at that point, or will continue as far as Central avenue and then cease work ; *provided*, That your honorable body will release me from my contract and remunerate me in full, as per contract price, as far as the work has progressed, and also to indemnify me against any loss for sand and gravel (taken out of the ditch,) occasioned by any action taken by the State Board of Agriculture.

Trusting you will take immediate action on this matter,

I remain, respectfully,

JAMES MUSE,

Contractor.

INDIANAPOLIS, January 21, 1876.

To James Muse, Contractor for deepening and widening what is known as the State Ditch, in the City of Indianapolis :

On behalf and by authority of the State Board of Agriculture, you are hereby notified that the Board claims all the material in said ditch, within their grounds, and you are warned against removing said material from the lands of the Board, as they will hold you responsible for the value of any and all gravel or sand so removed and also for any and all damages to the bridges across said ditch by said excavation.

Very respectfully,

ALEX. HERON,

Secretary Indiana State Board of Agriculture.

Mr. Adams offered the following motion :

Whereas, Jas. Muse has signified his willingness, when he shall have reached Central Avenue in his contract for deepening and widening the State ditch, to release the City and give up the full of his contract. Therefore,

Moved, That James Muse be and is hereby directed to cease operations in the State ditch when he shall have reached Central Avenue, in his contract for deepening and widening the same; and his contract with the city is hereby annulled when he shall have finished the State ditch to Central Avenue.

Mr. Geiger moved as a substitute to refer the whole matter to the City Attorney.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Ransdell offered the following motion :

Whereas, a portion of the property holders abutting on the north Illinois street sewer have paid their assessments, and a larger portion have not, And whereas, complaints have been made by those who have paid because *all* have not paid. Therefore

Moved, That the City Attorney be instructed to examine into the condition of the collections for building of said sewer, and report to this Council.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Reasner offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby ordered to open the gutter at the corner of Lexington avenue and Dillon street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Reasner presented the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 24, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—I respectfully tender my resignation as a member of the Committee on Sellers Farm, on account of M. E. Hall, Chairman of that Committee, is believed to be guilty by most of the members of this Council of the charges preferred against him by Councilman Madden, and ask that my request be accepted.

WILLIAM F. REASNER.

Which was received and accepted.

Mr. Reed offered the following motion :

Moved, That inasmuch as the name of "Harry Craft" has already been selected for the new Latta now being built at Cincinnati—the lamps being finished with this name thereon, and the name for the stack already made—the City Council concur therein, recognizing in our fellow member, Harry Craft, a gentleman who has won the right to this honor by his advocacy of the Latta engine, and the interest he has ever manifested in the fire department of the city.

Mr. Laughlin moved to lay the motion on the table.

Which motion failed to pass by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Geiger, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Reasner, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—11.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Darnell, Diffley, Hall, Hook, Kahn, McGill, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, Ward and Webster—13.

On motion by Dr. Stratford, the motion was referred to the Chief Fire Engineer with power to act.

By request, Mr. Ransdell was excused for the remainder of the evening.

Mr. Schmidt offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Marshal notify the property holders, Messrs. E. B. Martindale and Harry Sheets, to clean out the rubbish in the first alley north of the Dickson Opera House, and this to be done within five days. If the property holders do not comply with this motion, the Street Commissioner shall do this work and collect the amount of expenses from the property holders.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Whereas, J. R. Nealle, contractor for lighting, cleaning and keeping in repair the street lamps in the southeast section of the city has neglected and failed to perform properly the duties required of him as such contractor ; and

Whereas, the said Nealle having collected from the city the money due him for such work, and having neglected to pay the lamp lighters the money due them for their labor ; and

Whereas, many of the lamps in said district have not been lit or cleaned for weeks in consequence of such neglect ; therefore,

Moved, That the City Engineer be and he is hereby directed to remove said Nealle, and place said district in the hands of some competent person, until such time as other arrangements can be made.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas Light.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner raise the sidewalk on the east side of the Market space, on Delaware street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner lay two rows of stone in front of the City Building.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Dr. Stratford offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be and is hereby directed to prepare plans and specifications for the construction of a viaduct over the railroad tracks where they cross Virginia avenue at Alabama street, and a grade not to exceed 4 feet to the hundred ; and report said plans to this Council at the earliest practicable time-

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS January 14, 1876.

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

Gentlemen and Businessmen :—The undersigned, owners of real estate in West Indianapolis, respectfully petition that the Central Plank Road Company, running west from White river to the city limits, be condemned or bought by the city.

We pay city taxes, and then are compelled to pay *toll*, at the same time living inside the city limits.

JOHN MILEY,
B. M. PALMER,
M. E. PALMER,
WILLIAM W. WEAVER,
And 100 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Opening and Laying Out Streets and Alleys and City Attorney.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Moved, That Mr. Smock be directed to proceed with the work of repairing the bank of the new channel of Fall Creek, according to his contract with the city.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Civil Engineer be directed to advertise for proposals for putting down and properly bouldering 26 double row stone crossings, two to be located in each ward, by the Councilmen representing the same.

Which was laid upon the table.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Committee on Markets investigate the competency of the wood measurers, as to certifying to the correct measure of loads of wood, a case having recently come under my notice where a load was marked 12 feet more than it contained.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That we agree to give to the United States the right of way through and across the streets and alleys of the city of Indianapolis, for a railroad switch to the United States Arsenal Grounds, should a mint be located at that point.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner notify Frank Riley to remove the pile of dirt from the center of California street, within 10 days.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to clear the sewer pipe located on Market street between Mississippi and Missouri, from obstructions, and to place a grate at mouth of same.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman presented the following petition and motion :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 17, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owner of 87 feet and 10 inches of the north end of lot Lot 8 in Pitt's sub-division of out-lot 180 in the city of Indianapolis, has erected on said lot a large business block, with a frontage on Indiana avenue of 87 feet 10 inches, and now wishes set with stone curbing and flag with stone flagging the sidewalk in front of his premises above described. He herewith asks respectfully permission to do so, and asks your honorable body to direct the City Civil Engineer to set the stakes of the proper grade.

JAMES FRANK.

Moved, That the petition be granted, the Engineer directed to set the grade stakes ; the work to be done at the expense of the petitioner.

Which petition was received and the motion adopted.

Also, the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 24, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Indiana avenue, between West street and St. Clair street, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of special ordinance No. 1, 1876, providing for the grading, bouldering and curbing with stone said Indiana avenue, between the points named. We do not feel able to pay for so expensive an improvement at the present time, and the improvement is not needed this season.

And your remonstrants will ever pray, etc.,

Michael Large, No. 332, 30 ft ; F. Witthoef, No. 329, 91 ft ; S. Showalter, 120 ft ; Michael Conlin, 38 ft ; James C. Wands, 33 ft ; B. Miller, 100 ft ; Isaiah Webb, 43 ft ; Edward Santo, 135 ft ; Amos Clifford, 177 ft ; George Herbert, 33 ft ; Smith Craft, 126 ft ; Uriah Day, 35 ft ; Dr. D. Neff, No. 232 ; J. W. Hadley, 317, 33 ft ; John Farrar, 323, 30 ft ; David Coble, 33 ft ; John Gahm, 38 ft ; Mrs. Landers, 33 ft ; Mrs. Kenedy, 28 ft ; P. O. Conner, 33 ft ; P. Guymon, 106 ft ; Mrs. H. A. Stout, 58 ft.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys with the ordinance.

Dr. Ward presented a claim of \$13.60, in favor of Goddard and Sons.

Which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims.

Dr. Ward presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 22, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—We, the lessees of Sellers farm, have been working all fall and winter at a much greater expense and disadvantage on account of the almost impassible condition of the city road leading thereto, we most humbly beg your honorable body to instruct the Committee on streets and alleys to examine into the condition of said road, and to have it fixed up so that it will be in good condition. We also most respectfully decline to pay any more rent on said farm until it is attended to. This is a necessity on our part ; as the road is now, four horses can not do the work of two,

INDIANA FERTILIZER CO.

BERGMANN & BIRK.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys with power to act.

Mr. Adams offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Marshal be directed to notify all parties on the first alley east of Yandes street, between Home avenue and Lincoln avenue, to move their fences and buildings in, in accordance with the stakes of the Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That Henry Clay be granted sixty (60) days further time in which to complete his contracts for the grading and graveling the first alley east of Yandes street, and running from Malotte avenue to Lincoln avenue ; and the first alley south of Christian avenue running from Peru street to Oak street.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Stratford offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Attorney be and is hereby directed to report to this Council next Monday night the condition of the suit for injunction on the opening of Dillon street.

Which was adopted.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest :

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.