

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.  

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REGULAR SESSION.

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CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
*Monday, April 3d, 1876—7½ o'clock P. M.* }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair, and the following members :

Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Duffley, 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 March 27th, 1876, were read and approved.

Bids for grading and graveling Columbia street and sidewalks, from New York to Vermont street.

Also, for grading and graveling Pennsylvania street, from Tinker or Seventh street to the north line of said street.

Also, for grading and graveling Lexington avenue and sidewalks, from Linden to Reid streets.

Also, for grading and graveling Orange street, from Shelby street to Spruce street.

Also, for grading and graveling the alley between Huron and Elm streets, from Cedar to Grove streets.

Also, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Fletcher avenue, from Dillon to Laurel streets.

Also, for grading and graveling the alley between Hoyt and Fletcher avenue, running from Dillon to Linden streets.

Were received, opened and read.

Whereupon Mr. Craft moved that the bids for grading and graveling Orange street, and the remonstrance against the same, be referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Which was adopted.

On motion, the balance of the bids were referred to the Committee on Contracts.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, April 1, 1876.

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

*Gentlemen* :—The Committee on Contracts, to which was referred the proposals submitted to Council March 20th, 1876, providing for the grading and graveling of Peru street, and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof, from Lincoln avenue to

Seventh or Tinker street, respectfully report that they have examined the same and find them to be as follows, to-wit :

Jesse T. Murphy, \$1.65 per lineal foot front on each side for grading, graveling and paving.

Elton B. Elliott, 71 cents per lineal foot front on each side for grading and graveling ; 44 cents on each side for paving the sidewalks, and 25 cents per lineal foot for graveling the alley crossings.

Richard Carr, 73, cents per lineal foot front on each side for grading and graveling, and 40 cents per lineal foot front on each side for paving the sidewalks.

Samuel Heverling, \$1.04 per lineal foot front on each side for grading, graveling and paving.

Samuel J. Smock, 97 cents per lineal foot front on each side for grading, graveling and paving, including the grading and graveling of the alley crossings.

Samuel J. Smock being the lowest and best bidder, your Committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted.

LEON KAHN,

ROBT. C. MCGILL,

Committee on Contracts.

Which was concurred in and contract awarded.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 3, 1876.

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

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

A fifth and partial estimate allowed Lampard & Sindlinger, for building a brick sewer three feet in diameter in and along Illinois street, from Maryland street to and connecting with South street sewer—

1522.3 lineal feet sewer at \$4.25.....	\$6,469 77
9 manholes at \$35 00.....	315 00
2 catch basins at \$85 00.....	170 00
2555 sheeting at \$2 50 per 100.....	63 87
26 house connections at \$1.00.....	26 00
192 feet old pipe taken out and putting new 15 in. pipe connection at \$2.00.....	384 00

32 feet 12 in. pipe, same as above, at \$1.50 .....	48 00
1 manhole in old sewer connection .....	46 50
Connecting old pipe sewer with new brick sewer.....	51 00
Extra work in protecting walls of tunnel.....	36 50
4 new traps on old catch basins at \$6.00.....	24 00
Building 1 elbow to catch basin, corner South and Illinois streets.....	3 00
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	\$7,637 64
Less 6 manhole tops furnished by city .....	70 08
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	\$7,567 56
Less 5 per cent. ....	378 56
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	\$7,189 00
Less former payment.....	6,277 00
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Present payment.....	\$912 00

Also, a third and final estimate allowed John A. Whitsit, for building a brick sewer in and along Virginia avenue, from Maryland street to Washington street, and connecting with the Washington street sewer—

678.6 lineal feet sewer at \$3.40.....	\$2,306 90
2 catch basins at \$100.00 .....	200 00
4 manholes at \$40.00.....	160 00
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	\$2,666 90
Less former payment.....	2,533 56
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Present payment .....	\$133 34

Also, a second and partial estimate allowed Indiana Cement Pipe Co., for constructing an oval cement pipe sewer 20x30 inches in diameter, equal to two foot sewer, in and along Potomac street or West Court street, from the first alley east of California to Missouri street, and connecting with the sewer in said Missouri street—

775 lineal feet sewer at \$2.25.....	\$1,743 75
5 manholes at \$22.00.....	110 00
2 catch basins at \$60.00.....	120 00
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	\$1,973 75
Less per cent.....	30 00
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	\$1,943 75
Less former payment.....	1,366 87
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Present payment.....	\$576 88

Also, a second and partial estimate allowed J. J. Palmer, for raising the grade and re-grading West Michigan street, between the Mill Race and White River bridge—

4,300 cubic yards at 39 cents.....	\$1,677 00
250 lineal feet rip-rap at 75 cents. ....	187 50
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	\$1,864 50
Less per cent.....	84 50
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	\$1,780 00
Less former payment.....	780 00
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Present pryment.....	\$1,000 00

Also, a second and partial estimate allowed James Muse, for cleaning and deepening the State ditch about 5 feet, commencing at or near the intersection of Tenth street and Hill avenue, and extending far enough west to give the water a free outlet into Fall Creek—

1464 lineal feet at 75 cents .....	\$1,098 00
Less per cent.....	228 00
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	\$870 00
Less former payment.....	420 00
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Present payment ... ..	\$450 00

Also, a first and partial estimate allowed Samuel J. Sinock, for filling the breaks and repairing the new channel of Fall Creek—

3,814 cubic yards at 30 cents .....	\$1,144 20
Less per cent.....	244 20
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Present payment.....	\$900 00

Respectfully submitted.

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,  
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

The City Civil Engineer offered the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That the foregoing fifth and partial estimate allowed Lampard & Sindlinger, for building a brick sewer three feet in diameter in and along Illinois street, from Maryland street to and connecting with South street sewer, be and the same is

hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing third and final estimate allowed John A. Whitsit, for building a brick sewer in and along Virginia avenue, from Maryland street to Washington street, and connecting with the Washington street sewer, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing second and partial estimate allowed Indiana Cement Pipe Co., for constructing an oval cement pipe sewer 20 x 30 inches in diameter, equal to two foot sewer, in and along Potomac street or West Court street, from the first alley east of California to Missouri street, and connecting with the sewer in said Missouri 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, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig,

Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—24.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing second and partial estimate allowed J. J. Palmer, for raising the grade and re-grading West Michigan street between the Mill Race and White River Bridge, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing first and partial estimate allowed Samuel J. Smock, for filling the breaks and repairing the new channel of Fall Creek, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Also, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 3, 1876.

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

*Gentlemen:*—I was directed to prepare plans and specifications for the construction of a viaduct over the railroad tracks, where they cross Virginia avenue, at Alabama street, would report that the same are completed and herewith presented.

SECOND.

There should be some effective measures taken to check the wholesale breakage of glass in the public lamps of the city. The destruction of glass in the lamps on Meridian, Illinois and Pennsylvania streets, from Washington street north, has been very great within the past month. Not less than ten boxes of glass being used in repairing the lamps on said streets within the time stated. This is also the case with the lamps on Bates, Huron and Harrison streets, in the southeast portion of the city, and at these points the lamplighters, in several instances, were driven off and threatened with violence in case they undertook to discharge their duty. It is impossible to have the street lamps properly attended to, or kept in proper trim, if these things are allowed to continue. I am of the impression that if a standing reward of say \$10.00 was offered for the arrest and conviction of any person caught throwing stones at, or near, any of the public lamps, or in anywise injuring the same, or of any person found interfering in any manner with the lamplighters in the discharge of their duty, that it would have a beneficial effect in suppressing the injury complained of.

Respectfully submitted.

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,  
City Civil Engineer.

The first paragraph was referred to the Committee on Bridges.

The second paragraph was referred to the Chief of Police, with instructions to enforce the ordinance on that subject.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 3, 1876.

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

*Gentlemen:*—I hereby report the contract and bond of Samuel J. Smock, for grading and graveling Peru street, and paving the sidewalks thereof from Lincoln avenue to Seventh or Tinker street, for your approval.

Respectfully submitted.

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,  
City Civil Engineer.

Which report was concurred in and the bond approved.



The City Clerk submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 3, 1876.

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

*Gentlemen* :—I hereby report the following affidavits now on file in my office for the collection of street assessments by precept, to-wit :

Fred Gansberg vs. Deloss Root for.....	\$5 46
Fred Gansberg vs. Deloss Root for.....	1 82
Fred Gansberg vs. Henry Stumph for.....	2 80
Fred Gansberg vs. Henry Stumph for.....	7 80

And respectfully recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,

City Clerk.

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

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

Negative—None.

Dr. Ward presented the following report of the City Dispensary :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 3, 1876.

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

*Gentlemen* :—We submit the following report of the City Dispensary for the quarter beginning January 1st and ending March 31st, 1876 :

Number of visits north of Washington street—

January .....	181
February .....	189
March .....	178

548

No. of visits south of Washington street—

January .....	205
February .....	194
March .....	217

616

No. of visits to the County Jail—	
January.....	31
February.....	29
March.....	31
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	91
No. of visits to the Station House—	
January.....	18
February.....	18
March.....	29
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	65
No. of visits to small pox cases.....	5
Total visits for quarter.....	1,325
No. of patients treated at office of the Dispensary—	
January.....	424
February.....	445
March.....	437
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	1,336
No. of prescriptions filled for County Jail—	
January.....	120
February.....	128
March.....	96
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	344
Whole No. of prescriptions filled—	
January.....	1,015
February.....	1,097
March.....	1,129
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Total for quarter.....	3,241
No. of eye and ear cases treated—	
January.....	39
February.....	34
March.....	62
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	135
No. of vaccinations for quarter.....	37
No. of births for quarter.....	9
No. of deaths for quarter.....	21

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY D. MARTIN,  
Dispensary Clerk.

J. A. GALE, M. D.,  
Resident Physician.

Which was received.

Also, Dr. Ward presented the following report of the City Dispensary :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 3, 1876.

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

*Gentlemen* :—We submit the following report of the City Dispensary for the month of March, 1876 :

No. of visits north of Washington street .....	178
No. of visits south of Washington street.....	217
No. of visits to the County Jail.....	31
No. of visits to the Station House.....	29
Total.....	<u>455</u>

No of patients prescribed for at the Dispensary .....	467
No of prescriptions filled for Jail.....	96
Whole number of prescriptions filled .....	1129
No. of cases of Eye and Ear disease treated.....	62
No of Births.....	4
No. of Deaths.....	3

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. A. GALE, M. D.

Resident Physician

HARRY D. MARTIN,

Dispensary Clerk.

Which was received.

Dr. McDonald, Superintendent of the City Hospital submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS March 31, 1876.

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

*Gentlemen* :—I herewith submit the following report for the City Hospital and Branch for the month of March, 1876, to wit :

Number of patients per last report.....	83
Number of patients admitted during the month.....	103
Number of births during the month.....	5
Number of patients discharged during the month.....	85
Number of deaths during the month.....	7
Number of patients now in Hospital.....	99
Average daily attendance of patients .....	90
Average daily attendance of officers and employes.....	25
Total number of days for which subsistence was furnished.....	3,594

Total expenditures for the month.....	\$1,889.30
Expenses per capita per diem.....	.53

Respectfully, submitted.

WM. B. McDONALD,

Superintendent.

Which was received.

The Board of Health submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 3, 1876.

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

*Gentlemen* :—In view of the rapid increase of population here and the constantly increasing demands upon the Water Works Company, the Board of Health feel it their duty to make some suggestions to your honorable body in regard to the water supply of the city in the future, and the need of some legislation by which water of requisite purity may be secured in unlimited quantity. The Water Works wells have, so far, furnished sufficient water to meet all demands, and the quality is as good as that furnished in any of the larger cities of the country. But the increasing demands upon the company makes it certain that in another year or two, at farthest, a sufficient supply can only be secured by taking it directly from the river, with all its impurities, unless some steps are taken to remove the sources of contamination along the river and streams emptying into it above the Water Works. Pure water is an indispensable public and household necessity, and it is to be hoped that it may sometime be furnished in such quantities, and so distributed, that every family may avail themselves of the supply and abandon the nasty contaminated wells that suck up the drainage from privies and sewers. The only way to secure such a supply in the future is to compel all slaughtering establishments and companies handling and dealing in animal offal to remove to some point below the Water Works. The main part of the slaughtering, for the supply of the city, is now carried on above Washington street, on the west side of the river. In almost all the principal cities of the country, slaughtering within the corporate limits has been prohibited and abattoirs established. It can not be doubted that slaughter houses, located in populous districts, however carefully conducted, become offensive to the inhabitants; and here, where they are situated along the river, upon which we must ultimately depend for our water supply, they are open to serious sanitary objections. Slaughtering, bone boiling, rendering of fats and the manufacture of glue and soap should all be conducted in one neighborhood remote from population.

It is of scarcely less importance than the water supply that this city should have a well constructed abattoir, connected with an ample stock yard, where animals may

rest from travel and recover from exhaustion, and above all, be inspected by competent judges for the purpose of detecting disease or unfitness for food previous to killing.

Respectfully,

A. STRATFORD,  
C. E. WRIGHT,  
Board of Health.

Which was referred to the Committee on Revision of Ordinances.

Also, the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, April 3, 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 25th day of March, to 6 o'clock P. M. on the 1st day of April, 1876.

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

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

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

Which was received.

Mr. Madden moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion offered by Dr. Hook was adopted on last Monday night, awarding

the contract for the building of a sewer in and along Clifford avenue and Archer street to Pogue Run, to C. E. Whitsit.

Dr. Hook moved to lay the motion on the table.

Which motion was lost by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Craft, Hall, Hook, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Ward and Webster—9.

Negative—Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Stuckmeyer and Thalman—17.

The question being on the adoption of Mr. Madden's motion, those who voted in the affirmative were :

Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Stuckmeyer and Thalman—18.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Councilmen Adams, Hall, Hook, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Ward and Webster—8.

So the motion to reconsider was adopted.

The question being on the adoption of the original motion offered by Dr. Hook.

Mr. Albershardt moved that the motion be indefinitely postponed.

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

The question being on Mr. Albershardt's motion, those who voted in the affirmative were :

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

Those who voted in the negative were :

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

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

So the motion failed to pass.

Mr. Kahn moved to refer the motion offered by Dr. Hook to the Committee on Sewers, with instructions to report on next Monday night.

Mr. Gimber moved as a substitute that the further consideration of the motion offered by Dr. Hook be postponed until the first Monday of May next.

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

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

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

Those who voted in the negative were :

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

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

So the motion was not adopted.

Mr. Kahn's motion to refer was then adopted.

## INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

Mr. Adams presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, March 28, 1876.

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

*Gentlemen*:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on the alley, between Park avenue and Broadway, running from Christian avenue and to first alley north of same street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and bouldering of the above alley to a width of fifteen feet, its full width, with gutter in center.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

W. H. Allen, 40 feet; C. S. Boynton, 48 feet; J. C. Adams, 48 feet; Mrs. Mary Rosengarten, 57 feet; Joseph H. Dennis, 57 ft.

Which was received.

Also, introduced special ordinance No. 30, 1876, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for bouldering the alley between Park avenue and Broadway street, and running from Christian avenue to first alley north of Christian avenue.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Geiger presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, April 3, 1876.

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

*Gentlemen*:—The undersigned, owners and occupants of property bordering on Potomac alley, between Meridian and Illinois streets, respectfully represent that said alley is in an almost impassible condition, and they earnestly request that you order it re-bouldered.

Bowen, Stewart & Co, Haskit & Hetselgesser, W. A. Bradshaw & Son, Q. Lelewer, and eighteen other signatures.

Which was received.



Also, introduced special ordinance No. 31, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for the re-bouldering of Potomac alley, between Meridian and Illinois streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Gimber introduced general ordinance No. 13, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for the payment of all fees collected by officers of the city into the City Treasury.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Hook presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 10, 1876.

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

*Gentlemen* :—The undersigned, owners of the the real estate fronting on each side of Newman street, between Hill avenue and Ninth street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling said street and sidewalks with good creek or river gravel, between the points aforesaid.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

M. M. Hook, 40 feet ; P. I. Ringe, 37 feet ; F. W. Colwes, 87 feet ; E. H. Johnson, 37 feet ; G. Peterson, 50 feet ; W. W. Deeter, 40 feet ; Charles Fritsch, 40 feet.

Which was received.

Also, introduced special ordinance No. 32, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Newman street and sidewalks, from Hill avenue to Ninth street.

Which was read the first time.

Also, presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 3, 1876.

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

*Gentlemen* :—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Clarke street, between Hill avenue and Valley Drive, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of the street and sidewalks with good river or creek gravel, between the points named.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

J. R. Shea, 38 feet ; Brenan & Shields, 38 feet ; Geo. A. Taffee, 114 feet ; Joseph Stumpf, 38 feet ; Hanway & Parker, 250 feet.

Which was received.

Also, introduced special ordinance No. 33, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Clark street and sidewalks, from Hill avenue to Valley Drive.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Kenzel presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 3, 1876.

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

*Gentlemen* :—The undersigned, owners of real estate, fronting on Thomas street between West and Dacota streets, petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling, with river gravel, said Thomas street, between the points above named.

And your petioners will ever pray, etc.

Julius Schuster, 27 feet ; Mrs. Johanna Brennan ; Mr. Daniel, 60 feet ; Woods lot 161, 30 feet front ; John Clanson, 30 feet front ; G. B. Harvey, 30 feet.

Which was received.

Also, introduced special ordinance No. 34, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Thomas street and sidewalks with river or creek gravel, between West street and Dakota street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Reed introduced special ordinance No. 35, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for the grading and graveling of the west side of Missouri street, between Vermont street and Indiana avenue.

Which was read the first time.

#### APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

Mr. Geiger, from the Committee on Accounts and Claims, introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 15, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis for the month of March, 1876.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Ward, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 16, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis for the month of March, 1876.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. McGill, Chairman of the Committee on Printing and Stationery, introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 17, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis, on account of printing, stationery and advertising for the month of March, 1876.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Reed, Chairman of the Board of Police, introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 18, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis, on account of Station House for the month of March, 1876.

Which was read the first time.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 15, 1876, was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 16, 1876, was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 17, 1876, was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 18, 1876, was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 15, 1876, was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman and Ward—23.

Negative—None.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 16, 1876, was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman and Ward—23.

Negative—None.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 17, 1876, was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman and Ward—23.

Negative—None.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 18, 1876, was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Craft, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman and Ward—23.

Negative—None.

#### SPECIAL ORDER.

Mr. Reed, Chairman of the Committee on Revision of Ordinances, submitted—

General ordinance No. 9, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance investing Robert Dickson and his associates and their assigns with the privilege of furnishing gas to the city of Indianapolis, and the inhabitants thereof, upon certain conditions therein named.

Which ordinance, as reported by said Committee, was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Mr. Craft moved to amend section 1, in line 13, page 2, by inserting after the word "sufficient" and before the word "freehold" the word "resident."

Which amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.

Mr. Kahn moved to amend section 3, in line 8, page 6, by striking out the words "in its possession" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "essential."

Which amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.

Mr. Ransdell moved to amend section 4, in lines 14 and 15, page 6, by striking out the words "in good faith."

Which amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.

Mr. Craft moved to amend section 6, in line 1, page 8, by inserting after the word "practicable," and before the word "as," the words "as good."

Which amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.

The ordinance as amended was then read the third time and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Dr. Stratford, by consent, introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 19, 1876, entitled :

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

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

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

INDIANAPOLIS, April 3, 1876.

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

*Gentlemen* :—In making my return of personal property I include a note of fifteen hundred dollars on Albert Sinker, a bankrupt, whose assets will not pay over 25

per cent. I ask your honorable body to deduct from my taxes the amount of \$16.87, for which I would ever pray that being tax on the cash value of said note.

DENNIS COONEY.

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

Mr. Adams, from the Special Committee appointed March 27, 1876, to confer with the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co., submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 3, 1876.

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

*Gentlemen* :—Your committee appointed at meeting of the Council held March 27, to confer with the Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke Company, with reference to securing a contract for furnishing gas to the city and consumers for a term of years on a basis of not more than \$2.25 per thousand feet, would present the following report :

Your Committee had a conference with the above company and the result of which meeting is embodied in the proposition made by the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company to the city, and made part of this report and herewith presented for the consideration of your honorable body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. ADAMS,  
THOMAS MADDEN,  
D. W. RANSELL.

Which was received.

Also, the following proposition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 3, 1876.

To Messrs. J. C. Adams, Thomas Madden, Daniel Ransdell, Special Committee of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

*Gentlemen* :—The Indianapolis Gas-Light and Coke Company submit for your consideration the following propositions :

The said company will furnish illuminating gas, of the quality provided in your ordinances, for thirty-two hundred (3200) hours for each and every post now erected or which may be hereafter erected, and will place, keep and maintain in good and proper repair all posts, lamps and fixtures, and light and extinguish the lamps for the price of \$30.00 per annum for each and every post, said sum to be full compensation for gas furnished, for all expense of repairing, and for lighting and extinguishing.

The said company will supply to all city offices, engine houses, tunnels, bridges and station houses, and all other places where gas is used by the city in her corporate capacity, illuminating gas at two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per thousand cubic feet, meter measurement.

The said company will also furnish gas to private consumers, who pay on or

before the tenth day of each month, at a reduction of fifty cents per thousand cubic feet, from the price to which the said company is entitled under the present ordinances.

SECOND.

Or the said company will furnish gas for two thousand hours per annum for each and every post, keep and maintain in repair each and all posts, light and extinguish all street lamps for the sum of twenty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$22.50) for each post. Said price to be in full for all gas furnished, all repairs made, and for lighting and extinguishing: *Provided*, The city shall either put all lamp posts and appurtenances in good, proper and sufficient repair, or shall pay the Indianapolis Gas-Light and Coke Company the sum of thirty-three hundred dollars for putting them in proper and sufficient repair, in which case the said company shall place them in good and proper repair.

For gas furnished to city in her corporate capacity, as provided in the first proposition above, two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per thousand cubic feet, meter measurement.

Same reduction provided in the first proposition to be made to private consumers.

In case either of the above propositions should be accepted, a contract shall be executed and to extend for a period of ten years from this date.

The company submits propositions in the alternative, in order to enable the city to accept that which may be deemed most advantageous to the city.

Respectfully,

A. M. FLETCHER,  
Vice President.

On motion, the report and proposition were ordered to be printed in the proceedings of Council, and the same postponed for one week.

Dr. Stratford moved to adjourn.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Diffley, Gimber, Kenzel, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Stratford, Ward and Webster—14.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Craft, Darnell, Geiger, Hook, Kahn, Laughlin, Madden, Schmidt and Thalman—10.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest:

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.