

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, June 19th, 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, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Kenzel, Laughlin, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—24.

Absent—Councilmen Diffley and Reasener.—2.

The proceedings of the regular session held June 12th, and the adjourned session held June 16th, 1876, were read and approved.

The Mayor submitted the following changes to former list of Committees :

Committee on Contracts, Bugbee, Ransdell and McGill.

Committee on Gaslight, Izor, A. L. Wright and McGinty.

Committee on Year Book, Reed, Craft and Diffley.

Committee on Sellers Farm, Wm. G. Wright, Pouder and Reasener.

Sealed proposals for grading and graveling the alley running north and south through out lot 33, between Walnut and St. Clair streets; also, for grading and graveling the alley running north and south through square nine, from Michigan to North streets; also, for building a wooden bridge over the State Ditch at the crossing of Central avenue; also, for grading and graveling Pennsylvania street from Tinker or Seventh street to the north end of said street, were received, opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, June 19, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—I was directed to postpone the purchase of twenty-five catch-basin traps until further orders from the Council. I would report that on Monday last, in obedience to a previous order of the Council, I ordered the traps from O'Brien & Neiswander, of Columbus Ohio, through their agent at this point. Upon receiving notice of the action of the Council postponing the purchase, I immediately notified the agent here and sent a telegram to O'Brien & Neiswander, requesting them not to fill my order until further notice. The operator at Columbus replied that no such firm was known there. Friday morning I received a letter purporting to come from the above named firm, in which receipt of my order was acknowledge, and saying the traps would be shipped in a few days. Thus the matter stands, and I would respectfully refer the same to your honorable body for consideration.

I was directed to examine the west gutter on South New Jersey street, between Washington street and the railroad tracks, and report a plan for putting the same in good condition and its probable cost. In order to keep the water within bounds and permit the future improvement of the street, it will be necessary to build a stone wall on each side of the gutter, and cover

over the same with good oak timber. The probable cost will be as follows:

142 cubic yards excavation at 25 cents.	\$35 20
287 cubic yards stone masonry at \$5.50.	1,578 50
20,000 feet oak lumber (including work) at \$20.	400 00
Total	\$2,013 70

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

The first clause of the report was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The second clause was received.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report:

Indianapolis, June 19, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—Herewith I report for your approval the following contracts and bonds:

Contract and bond of John Schier for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of Kentucky avenue, between Georgia and South streets.

Contract and bond of John Bernloehr for lighting, extinguishing, cleaning and keeping in repair public lamps.

Contract and bond of J. R. Neal for lighting, extinguishing, cleaning, and keeping in repair public lamps.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in, and bonds approved.

The City Clerk submitted the following report:

Indianapolis, June 19, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—In answer to your motion of the 12th inst., as to whether the new Gas Company have complied with the ordinance requiring them to file a bond of resident freeholders as liquidated damages, I would state that the

Citizens' Gas Light and Coke Company have not filed any such bond in my office.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,
City Clerk.

Which was concurred in.

The Board of Health submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, June 19, 1876.

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

Your attention is called to a pond, occupying the street at the intersection of Bradshaw and Sullivan streets.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. HOOK,
S. A. ELBERT,
J. W. MARSEE,
Board of Health.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, June 19, 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 10th day of June, to 6 o'clock p. m., on the 17th day of June, 1876.

Under 1 year	15
1 to 2 years.....	3
2 to 3 "	0
3 to 4 "	1
4 to 5 "	0
5 to 10 "	3
10 to 20 "	5
20 to 30 "	5
30 to 40 "	3
40 to 50 "	4
50 to 60 "	1
60 to 70 "	2
70 to 80 "	0

80 to 90 years.....	0
90 " 100 "	0
Above 100 "	0
Unknown	0
Total.....	<u>42</u>

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. HOOK, M. D.,
President Board of Health.

J. W. MARSEE,
Secretary Board of Health, pro tem.

Which was received.

The City Commissioners submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, June 19, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned respectfully report to your honorable body,

1st. That at an adjourned meeting of the City Commissioners held on the 12th day of June 1876, we did then and there enter upon the consideration of the matter referred back to us, on motion by the Common Council on the 29th day of June, 1876, in reference to the widening of Sullivan street from Bismarck to Buchanan streets, and

2nd. That we did assess damages to John F. Bradmayer, in the widening of Sullivan street, on lot No. 1, Bradshaw & Holmes' sub-division of out lot 100.....	\$71 00
Hezekiah J. Ryan, lot 35 B. & H.'s sub. out lot 100.....	71 00
Wm. L. Lingenfelter, lot 36 B. & H.'s sub. out lot 100... ..	71 00
The sum of.. ..	<u>\$213 00</u>

3d. That we could find no one benefited by the widening of said Sullivan street in our opinion, except that as it may be in the opinion of the Secretary of the German Building and Savings Loan Association No 2, of Indianapolis, whose testimony before us was that it will be to them, and if the street be widened as prayed, we do assess benefits to the

German Building and Savings Loan Associaton No. 2, of Indianap- olis, on lot 12 Sullivan's sub. out lot 100.... ..	\$42 60
Same party, lot 14 " " "	42 60
Same party, lot 16 " " "	42 60

German Building and Savings Loan Association No. 2, of Indianapolis, on lot 17 Sullivan's sub, out lot 100.....	42 60
Same party, lot 18 " " "	42 60

The sum of..... \$213 .00

Therefore your Commissioners do not recommend the widening of Sullivan street as prayed.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM MANSUR,
 GEO. W. HILL,
 J. S. HILDEBRAND,
 JOHN L. AVERY,
 R. H. PATTERSON,
 Commissioners.

Indianapolis, June 19, 1876.

To the City Commissioners:

Gentlemen.—I have examined the papers and your report in the matter of Sullivan street, in accordance with the motion passed by the Common Council on the 29th of May, 1876, and would say that it is my opinion that in your investigations you should be governed by the resolution of the Council referring matters to you, and that your authority to act is confined to that resolution. In this case the resolution instructs you to assess benefits and damages in widening Sullivan street. This, I think, would not justify you in assessing benefits and damages in straightening or vacating said street or any part of it.

Yours, etc.,
 R. O. HAWKINS.

Which report was concurred in.

The City Clerk presented the following claim :

Indianapolis, June 18, 1876.

The City of Indianapolis to Cas. Byfield, Dr.,

To docket fees as City Attorney from May 12th, 1875, to May 11th, 1876, in prosecution of persons for violation of city ordinances before the Mayor, where the parties worked out the docket fees upon the streets, instead of paying the same in money, as per itemized list of the same filed herewith, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine dollars (\$1,929).

Respectfully submitted,
 CAS. BYFIELD.

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

ROLL CALL.

Mr. Case offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Engineer be directed to examine English avenue from Dillon to Cedar streets, and Cedar street from English to Fletcher avenues, and report to the Council, at the next meeting, the best way to relieve the large amount of water from flowing down said streets. As it now stands the streets are almost ruined, as well as in a very dangerous condition.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers and Engineer.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

Moved, That Philip Reichwine be, and is hereby granted permission to curb in front of his property, corner of Noble and Market streets. The same to be done at his own expense, and under the direction of the Civil Engineer, who is ordered to set the proper grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Izor offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby directed to lower the walks on Davidson street at the crossings of New York, Vermont and Michigan streets, as the gutters are very deep and by this method it can be done much cheaper than to erect culverts, and a great deal better.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby instructed to bowlder and the crossing of flag Cruse street at Washington street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Laughlin offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby instructed to place a wooden culvert over the gutters on Madison avenue at Nebraska street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. McGinty presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, June 19, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—We, the undersigned property holders of Missouri street, hope that your honorable body will take some action towards restoring our property, which was washed away in June, 1875, by the overflow of Pogues Run. The new bridge built over Pogues Run on Catherine street being insufficient to carry off the water, which was the cause of taking the one-half of our lots away, with the improvements thereon. We want no compensation from the city, if your honorable body requests the Street Commissioner to fill our lots with the dirt taken from the street to the depth of one hundred and ten feet, which we bought dear of McKernan & Pierce.

Respectfully your humble petitioners,

THOMAS RUSSELL,
PETER NEWMAN,
BRIDGET GILL,
THEODORE OLIVER,
and others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby directed to fill up, with the dirt taken from the streets, the lots fronting on Missouri street and adjacent to Pogues Run, as petitioned for by Thomas Russell and others, in their communication to this Council dated June 19, 1876.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Reed offered the following petition :

Indianapolis, June 19, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—Your petitioners, all tax payers of this city, having learned

that your honorable body has voted to abolish the publication of official matters of the city in the German language, and respectfully remonstrate against this decision, as the same involves an injustice and an utter want of regard for a large class of our citizens and tax-payers, who are only familiar with the German language. And we respectfully petition your honorable body to re-enact said publication for the following reasons:

1. Such publication has been the rule in our city since the year 1853.
2. The same rule prevails in all other cities of the United States, having as large or even a smaller proportion of citizens speaking a different language.
3. Similar acts of regard are the rule of all other countries, having a large element of population that is unacquainted with the national language.
4. A different course would not only be a cause of great discontent to a large class of our citizens and tax-payers, but would give our city a name of illiberality and disregard to her citizens of German descent, and would invite comparisons and public comments unfavorable to our city:

And your petitioners will ever pray,

H. Schnull, C. Vonnegut, A. Reissner, Charles Bals,
John Hauck, Herman Weinberger, Alex Metzger
John Stuckmyer, Ferdinand Dietz, Fred Knefler,
Henry Helm, Abraham Kahn, Bernhard H.
Dietz, George Ryer, Conrad Bender, Francis Fertig,
H. Vahl, F. Meyer, H. C. Kettenbach, Carl Scholl,
Ad. Seidensticker, John B. Stumph, Wm. Dell,
Henry Garner, S. D. Morgan, A. W. Ritzinger,
G. Bohn, John Schlauser, Clemens Evers,
Henry Kuhlman, August Kurst, Fred. Myer, J. C. Kierschman,
F. Belk, Charles Willig, Fred. W. Faut,
Henry Schwinge, Henry Niemann, A. Hageu,
D. A. Bohlen, M. Roth, Joseph C Karle,
John Krupp, Frederick Sipf, Wm. Buscher,
Edward Kettenbach, Frederick Schmid, Isaac Kahn,
Robert Katterson, Louis P. Kild, and two thousand nine hundred and fifty others.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That the action of the City Council in refusing to print the city advertising in the German language, and in a German newspaper, be, and is, hereby rescinded, and the petition just presented be referred to the Committee on Printing with power to act.

Mr. Craft offered the following substitute to foregoing motion :

Moved, That the petition be referred to the Committee on Printing, with the City Attorney, to report as to how much of printing in German can be done legally.

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

Which motion to lay on the table failed to pass by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Kenzel, Laughlin, McGill, McGinty, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford and Thalman.—9.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Morse, Pouder, Ransdell, Stienhauer, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—15.

Mr. Reed moved to amend Mr. Craft's motion by making the subject the special order for next Monday night.

Which amendment was accepted by Mr. Craft.

The substitute as amended was then adopted.

Mr. Schmidt offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Police Board notify the Captains to take off their belts and maces.

Which was laid on the table.

Dr. Stratford presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, June 17, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owners of real estate, and citizens residing on and adjacent to Mitchell street, (formerly Linden) and Orange street, re-

spectfully represent that there are on Orange street, almost its entire length, and at nearly all seasons of the year, stagnant, miasmatic ponds of water and pollution, generating an effluvia in that section of the city unwholesome, if not positively unhealthy, the Board of Health having declared these ponds nuisances that ought to be abated.

We, therefore, respectfully request that the same be filled up, and the street graded and improved as per ordinance already before your honorable body.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.,

W. H. Stoneman, 181 ft. on Orange st. ; A. Caldwell,
J. C. Belman, 66 ft. ; James Muntz, A. Simmons, C.
M. Jones, David Christison, James E. Armstrong,
Wm. H. Reel, Owen McDonogh and Charles Dedert.

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

Also, the following petition :

Indianapolis, June 17, 1876.

To the Honorable Board of Health :

The ponds on Orange street in the southeastern part of the city which your Board have already declared as nuisances are not yet filled up ; but the same are larger and more of them, until at present there is a positively malarious effluvia arising that greatly jeopardises the health of that section of the city.

We, your petitioners, feel it imperative that steps be taken to abate this unhealthy nuisance, and earnestly request that you cause an examination of that locality, and that you urge the Common Council to cause the same to be filled up, and graded and graveled as per ordinance.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.,

W. H. Stoneman, 181 ft. on Orange st. ; A. Caldwell,
J. C. Belman, James Muntz, A. Simmons, C.
M. Jones, David Christison, James E. Armstrong,
Charles Dedert, D. B. Hosbrook, Wm. H. Reel,
Owen McDonogh and C. H. McCormick.

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

Dr. Stratford moved to reconsider the vote by which special ordinance No. 29, 1876, entitled, "An ordinance to provide for grading and paving the west sidewalk of Linden street, from Orange street to the south line of lot No. 19," was passed June 12, 1876.

Which motion to reconsider was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Kenzel, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Stienhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—23.

Negative—Councilman McGill.—1.

The ordinance was then laid over.

Dr. Stratford moved to reconsider the vote by which special ordinance No. 28, 1876, entitled, "An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Linden street and sidewalks, between Huron and Prospect streets," was engrossed and passed June 12, 1876.

Which motion to reconsider was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Kenzel, Laughlin, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Stienhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L.; and Wright, William G.—24.

Negative—None.

Dr. Stratford moved that the ordinance be amended by striking out the words "Prospect street" and insert "Pleasant street."

Which amendment was adopted, and the ordinance ordered engrossed.

Special ordinance No. 28, 1876, entitled :

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

Was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Kenzel, Laughlin, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouders, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalmann, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—24.

Negative—None.

Mr. A. L. Wright presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, June 19, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned respectfully request your honorable body to extend the time for completing the contracts for paving curbing and bowldering the north sidewalk of Michigan street, fronting the grounds of the U. S. Arsenal and Woodruff Place, to the first of November, next. The time required for the erection of a bridge across Crooked Creek, recommended by the City Engineer, and which should be done before the sidewalk is laid, makes such extension necessary for the completion of our contract.

DODD & MCKINNEY,
Contractors.

Which was received and prayer of petitioner granted :

Also, the following petition :

Indianapolis, June 19, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned petitioners would respectfully submit to your consideration the following reasons for the removal of J. R. Neal, Street Lamp Lighter for the southeast district :

1st. He does not provide a suitable place for his employes to sleep in, there being no beds, no lights, or chairs in said room.

2nd. He will not, or does not pay said employes ; some of them he owes for work done in the month of February.

3d. He has at various times failed to light at all, and at other times allowed them to burn all day ; and to be more specific, he did not light his district (except Virginia avenue) on the night of the 17th of June, and allowed them to burn, on said avenue, all of the 18th of June, 1876.

Therefore in view of the above facts, we would respectfully ask your honorable body to remove said Neal, and place in his stead some one who will be more humane to his help, and do his work as it should be done, thereby avoiding vexation to the citizens of said district, and saving the city the unnecessary expense.

R. H. Bigger, A. H. Turner, J. B. Mann, W. M. Adams, J. M. Kemper, E. H. Shaw, John Fisher, G. P. Smith, John S. S. Arnold, J. W. Short, G. H. Elsbury, Dr. B. Atkinson.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas Light.

Mr. Adams presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, June 19, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, contractor for the construction of the sewer in and along Madison avenue, would respectfully request that permission be granted the City Civil Engineer to make a final estimate to the undersigned for the work of constructing the above named sewer, said work now being complete and entirely finished. Said request is made for the purpose of enabling the contractor to collect from the property owners for the constructing of said sewer.

Respectfully submitted,
O. W. KELLY.

Which was received and prayer of petitioner granted.

Also, the following petition :

Indianapolis, June 19, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—Whereas, on the 17th day of April, 1876, an estimate was allowed Samuel P. Strong for grading and graveling Ninth street and sidewalks from Hill to Central avenues ;

And whereas, in said estimate there is error, in this, that lot 1, in Gibson's sub. of Johnson's heirs' addition, was assessed against Joshua E. Florea as having a frontage of 134 feet, at 77 cents per lineal front foot, when it should have been 129 feet at 77 cents, making \$99.33.

Also, lot No. 14 in Ruddle's sub. of Johnson's heirs' addition, was assessed against Lotta Guffin as having a frontage of 135 feet 8 inches, at 77 cents per lineal front foot, making \$104.46, when it should have been 130 feet and 8 inches at 77 cents per lineal front foot, making \$100.61. All of which I pray your honorable body to direct the City Civil Engineer to correct on said estimate.

SAMUEL P. STRONG,
Contractor.

Which was referred to the Civil Engineer.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That H. C. & C. S. Roney, have permission to bowlder the gutter in front of their property on Park avenue, between Home and Lincoln avenues, under direction of the City Civil Engineer. The same to be done within sixty days.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Byram presented the following report :

Indianapolis, June 19, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned would report that he has sold a lot of old iron found around the station house, for the sum of \$10.45, for which amount he herewith files the City Treasurer's receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,
President Police Board.

Which was approved.

Mr. McGill offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby instructed to fill up the chuck holes on River street from Kentucky avenue to White River bridge.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Adams presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, June 10, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—We, the undersigned, owners of real estate against whom benefits have been assessed by the City Commissioners for the opening of Rohampton street, do respectfully petition your honorable body to review your action approving the report of the City Commissioners. We ask this for the reason that we claim the assessment of benefits is unfair and unequal. Those who are benefited most are not assessed at all. This is true of the real estate owners on Massachusetts avenue, as this proposed street is to divert the travel from Fort Wayne avenue and throw it into Massachusetts avenue.

Again, we claim that the proposed street is unnecessary, for there is a street only 150 feet distant on each side.

We also state to your honorable body that in this time of great financial distress, the enforcement of the payment of the benefits assessed would greatly oppress many who are in no condition to pay the assessments made against them. We earnestly pray your honorable body to set aside your approval of the report, and to discontinue the proceedings.

Respectfully,

The North Western Christian University, by J. M. Judah, its attorney; Eden, Hasson & Brouse, Ovid Butler, Mrs. Pinkerton, Anna L. Walker, J. Hornaday, J. Perry Elliott, John C. Moon, J. H. Ross, Peter E. Hoss, Indiana State Board of Agriculture, by Alex. Heron, Sec'y, and twenty-three others.

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

Mr. Case presented the following remonstrance :

Indianapolis, May 15, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Oriental street, between Washington street and Michigan avenue respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the bowldering of said Oriental street.

N. B.—Said street is only 30 feet wide, and a large majority of the owners of property fronting on said street are desirous of taking measurer to have said street widened before it is permanently improved in its present shape. We therefore wish the matter delayed for the present, believing as we do, that five loads of cinders or gravel put in two mud holes, will make it good for some months at least.

And your remonstrants will ever pray, etc..

Willis W. Wright, 278 feet front; Charles Otto, 40 feet front; Charles Mueller, 40 feet front; Martha A. McLain, 33 feet front; Dennis Curran, 50 feet front; Frederick Free, 40 feet front; Joseph E. Allison, 80 feet front; A. Danmeyer, 95 feet front; H. Burke, 30 feet front.

Which was received.

Mr. Case moved to reconsider the vote by which special ordinance No. 45, 1876, entitled, "An ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering Oriental street, between Washington street and Michigan road," was passed June 12, 1876.

Which motion to reconsider was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Kenzel, Laughlin, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouders, Ransdell, Reed, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—23.

Negative—Councilman Schmidt.—1.

On motion the ordinance was postponed.

Mr. Darnell presented the following proposition :

Indianapolis, June 19, 1876.

Calvin F. Darnell, Chairman Special Committee :

I will give the city the right of way through and over my land for the purpose of making a new levy for Fall creek, from the point where it is proposed to have the same intersect White River, according to the stakes and plans of the Civil Engineer, and also to give the city the right to take

from my land, free of charge, dirt enough to construct said levy, making the same forty feet wide at the top; and I also agree that I will construct a levy along the bank of White River from the west end of said new levy to be constructed by the city, to the south line of my land, and I will make said levy forty feet wide at the top, sloping to the base; and I also agree that I will dismiss the suits that I now have pending in the Superior Court against the city for damages on account of the overflow and breaking of the old levy; the same to be dismissed at my cost. And if this proposition is accepted, it shall be a full and final settlement of all claims and demands that I have against the city for damages growing out of said change of the channel of Fall Creek. And I also agree to release the city from any and all damages that I may sustain on account of any overflow or wash of the water upon my land in the future below the said mouth of Fall Creek caused by such changes. And in consideration of the above and foregoing the city shall execute to me her bonds for the sum of \$6,000, due in twenty years from date, with six per cent. interest. This proposition to be binding on me for ten days.

S. J. PATTERSON.

Mr. Adams moved that the proposition be referred back to the special committee.

Mr. Darnell moved that Councilmen Craft and McGill be added to the special committee.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Adams' motion was then adopted, and the subject made the special order for next Monday night.

Mr. Byram, from Special Committee on Gas, submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, June 19, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Special Committee appointed on the motion of Councilman Ransdell to confer with the Indianapolis Gaslight & Coke Company with a view of securing a more favorable contract for furnishing gas to the city and its inhabitants, respectfully report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and, after several conferences with said gas company have obtained from them the following proposition, to-wit :

They will light and extinguish the lamps, and furnish gas for the same, for the sum of \$29 per year, 3,200 hours for each post, the same to be kept in repair by said gas company without cost to said city, and will furnish all the other gas used by the said city at the rate of \$2.50 per thousand feet, meter measure; also, will furnish the citizens of said city with gas at the rate of \$2.50 per thousand feet, meter measure. This contract, if made, to be for the term of five years, the city reserving the right or option of five years longer at the same rates.

Your committee would recommend that they, or the proper authorities be empowered to enter into a contract with said gas company on the above named terms.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,
A. L. WRIGHT,
J. THOMAS,
I. W. STRATFORD,
Special Committee on Gas.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Moved, That the matter be referred back to the committee, and that said committee be instructed to notify the gas company that this Council propose to contract with them at \$2 per 1000 cubic feet, and \$20 per annum per post for same hours as now lighted, and they light and keep in order the lamps as heretofore by the city.

Which, on motion by Dr. Stratford, was laid on the table.

Mr. Ransdell offered the following motion :

Moved, That the report be referred back to the committee with instructions to secure a written proposition from said gas company, and report next Monday night; such proposition to include both ways of lighting, viz: all night, or part of the night.

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

Moved, That the report of the committee be adopted.

Which was laid on the table by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Case, Darnell, Izor, Kenzel, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reed, Thalman, and Wright, William G.—13.

Negative—Councilmen Byram, Craft, Laughlin, Morse, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thomas, Webster and Wright, Arthur L.—9.

Mr. Ransdell's motion was then adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Case, Darnell, Izor, Kenzel, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reed, Thalman, and Wright, William G.—13.

Negative—Councilmen Byram, Craft, Laughlin, Morse, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thomas, Webster and Wright, Arthur L.—9.

Mr. Adams presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, June 19, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—We, the undersigned, members of the faculty of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, respectfully petition your honorable body to allow us control of the City Dispensary for clinical purposes one-half of the time during the College course, commencing October 1, 1876, and ending March 1, 1877.

Respectfully,

I. C. Walker, R. N. Todd, R. E. Haughton, J. L. Thompson, Theophilus Parvin, John E. Lind and Henry Jameson.

Which was referred to the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals.

Mr. Byram presented the following report :

Indianapolis, June 19, 1876.

To N. S. Byram, Chairman Committee on Hospitals and Charity :

I herewith submit the monthly and annual reports of the City Dispensary, which it is customary to return on the first of each month. As this is the

end of our quarter, we trust that the usual donation will be given to-night. The last two donations was for \$800, and although there is now greater demand for medical and surgical aid at the Dispensary, we can manage to get along with the same for this quarter.

Very respectfully yours,

W. B. FLETCHER,
Sup't City Dispensary.

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

The following is the report of the City Dispensary for the month of May, 1876 :

Number visits north of Washington street.....	152
“ “ south of Washington street.	138
“ “ to County Jail.....	31
“ “ to Station House.....	32
Total,.....	353
Number of prescriptions for patients outside....	255
“ “ “ “ “ at Dispensary.....	738
“ “ “ “ “ at Jail.....	35
“ “ “ “ “ at Station House.	26
Total,.....	1,054
Number cases eye and ear treated.....	41
“ Births.....	1
“ Deaths	3
“ Post Mortems.....	1
“ cases of Small-pox.....	3
Number vaccinations at Jail.....	14
“ “ at Station House.....	12
“ “ on Fayette street.....	10
“ of Policemen vaccinated....	1
Total,	37

Respectfully,

F. M. KETCHAM,

Resident Physician.

Which was referred to the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals.

Mr. A. L. Wright, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, June 19, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The Finance Committee and City Treasurer report that, in pursuance of authority given by the Council, June 5, 1876, for the issue and sale of \$55,000 of city warrants, payable May 1, 1877, without interest, sale has been made of \$26,000 of the same to Charles Knefler, Esq., at a discount of six and one-half per cent. per annum, which sale we ask the Council to confirm.

We also ask that the City Treasurer be authorized and directed to purchase the remaining \$29,000 with the Sinking Fund now in the treasury, at a discount of six and one-half per cent. per annum, said warrants to be issued payable to the City Treasurer, for the use and benefit of the Sinking Fund of the City of Indianapolis, to be non-negotiable, and to be held by the City Treasurer in trust for said fund.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. WRIGHT,
N. S. BYRAM,
J. THOMAS,
I. W. STRATFORD,
J. C. LAUGHLIN,
Com. on Finance.

H. W. TUTEWILER,
Treasurer.

Which was concurred in.

On motion the Council adjourned.

J. B. Boren Mayor.

Attest :

Benjamin Wright City Clerk.