

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, August 28th, 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 Buehrig, Byram, Case, Craft, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—19.

Absent—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Darnell, Kenzel, Laughlin, Reed, and Stratford—7.

The proceedings of the regular session, held August 21st, 1876, were read and approved.

Sealed proposals for grading and graveling the first alley north of Christian avenue, running from College avenue to Ash street; also, for grading and graveling the west half of the first alley north of Home avenue, running east and west between Delaware and Alabama streets; also, for grading and graveling the first alley south of Prospect street, from Everson to Reed streets; also, for constructing a cement pipe, glazed earthenware, or brick sewer in and along Potomac or West Court street, running from California street to the first alley west of West street, and connecting with the sewer at said last named point; also, for grading and graveling Deloss street and sidewalks from Oregon or Nebraska street to Brooke street; also, for grading Sullivan street, between Bismark and Buchanan streets; also, for grading and paving with bowlders Oriental street, between Washington street and Michigan Road; also, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Yandes, running from Home to Lincoln avenues, were received, opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

Mr. Ransdell, from the Committee on Contracts, submitted the following report:

Indianapolis, August 28, 1876.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Contracts, to which was referred the proposals presented to Council August 21st, 1876, for constructing a 1,000 barrel fire cistern at the corner of Washington street and Arsenal avenue, have examined the same and find them to be as follows, to-wit:

- Joseph Bernauer, 51 cents per barrel.
- H. C. Roney, 47 cents per barrel.
- John Schier, 45 cents per barrel.
- Jesse S. Whitsit, 45 cents per barrel.
- Wm. L. White, 43 cents per barrel.
- A. Bruner & Co., 42 cents per barrel.
- James Garner & Co., 40 cents per barrel.

James Garner & Co. being the lowest and best bidders, your committee recommend that they be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. RANSDELL,

R. C. MCGILL,

Committee on Contracts.

Which was concurred in, and the contract awarded.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, August 28, 1876.

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

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

A first and final estimate allowed James Mahoney for grading and graveling the west side of Missouri street, between Vermont street and Indiana avenue—

420 lineal feet at 24 cents	\$100 80
420 lineal feet sloping Canal bank, (extra) at 4 cents.....	16 80
Total.....	<u>\$117 60</u>

Also, a first and final estimate allowed James Garner & Co. for grading and graveling the first alley west of Noble street, between Ohio and Miami streets—

437 lineal feet at 18 cents.\$78 66
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Also, a first and final estimate allowed E. B. Elliott for grading, paving, and curbing in and around the East Market House—

187.4 cubic yards new pavement at 49 cents....	\$ 91 82
760.5 lineal feet curbing at 7 cents.....	53 23
6.91 cubic yards paving at 20 cents....	1 38
Total....	<u>\$146 43</u>

Also, a first and final estimate allowed Henry C. Roney, for grading and bowldering the gutters on Park avenue, between Home and Lincoln avenues—

1,663.39 lineal feet at 39 cents.... \$648 72

Also, a second and final estimate allowed Dickson Bros. & Co., for erecting eight drinking fountains at various points in the city—

8 fountains at \$221 each.....	\$1,768 00
98 feet sewer pipe at 45 cents.....	44 10
211 feet extra services for fountains at 50 cents.....	105 50
Total.....	\$1,917 60
Less former payment.....	1,600 00
Present payment.....	\$ 317 60

Also, by special order of the Common Council, I hereby report a fourth and final estimate allowed C. E. Whitsit for constructing a sewer in and along Clifford avenue and Archer street, from Malott avenue to Pogues Run—

774.80 lineal feet, 3 feet in diameter at \$2.60.....	\$2,014 48
2,166 lineal feet, 3½ feet in diameter at \$2.90..	6,281 40
17 man-holes at \$15	255 00
12 cath-basins [at \$60.....	720 00
67 feet 15 inch pipe (extra) at \$1.25....	83 75
25 feet pipe taken up and repaired at 25 cents.....	6 25
Working brick connection at Christian avenue.....	4 00
Working sewer connection through bridge abutments, and laying stone wall.....	15 00
Total.....	\$9,379 88
Less former payments.....	9,147 00
Present payment.....	\$ 232 88

Respectfully submitted,
 BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
 City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed James Mahoney for grading and graveling the west side of Missouri street, between Vermont street and Indiana 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 Buehrig, Byram, Case, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster and Wright, William G.—16.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed James Garner & Co. for grading and graveling the first alley west of Noble street, between Ohio and Miami streets, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Byram, Case, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster and Wright, William G.—16.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Henry C. Roney for grading and bowldering the gutters on Park avenue, between Home and Lincoln avenues, 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 Buehrig, Byram, Case, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster and Wright, William G.—16.

Negative—None.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, August 28, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—I would recommend that your honorable body order a catch-basin built at the southeast corner of Orange and Shelby streets. This is necessary by reason of the early improvement of Orange street, now under contract, which, when done, will leave no outlet for the water from Shelby street, the latter street as yet unimproved.

SECOND.

I would also recommend that the Street Commissioner be instructed to construct a proper protection of cinders or stone, for the culvert on State Ditch at the crossing of Alabama street. The State Ditch having been widened and deepened, this work is important to prevent a washing out of said culvert. There are drain pipes from the Exposition grounds emptying into this ditch, which have caused a good deal of washing and caving of the north bank. I would recommend that the City Marshal be instructed to notify the proper authorities to protect the bank around their pipes with cinders or stone, so as to prevent further washing.

THIRD.

I beg leave to call the attention of your honorable body to the necessity of purchasing a new wagon for use of the City Civil Engineer. The one now in use is worn out and is a constant expense in the way of repairs. I would recommend that a new one be purchased.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

The first and second sections were concurred in.

The third clause was referred to the Committee on Supplies.

The City Clerk submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, August 28, 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 :

James Mahoney vs. Louis Neidling, for....	\$11 97
James Mahoney vs. William C. West, for.....	7 60
James Mahoney vs. William C. West, for....	3 80
Henry C. Roney vs. Samuel M. Seibert, for. .	48 49

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 Buehrig, Byram, Case, Craft, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—18.

Negative—None.

Also, the following communication :

Indianapolis, August 18, 1876.

Hon. Benj. C. Wright, City Clerk :

Dear Sir :—At a meeting of the Board of School Commissioners of the city of Indianapolis, held this evening, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the school tax levy for 1876-7 be adopted and established as follows :

For Tuition Fund.....	11 cents per \$100 00
For Special Fund	14 cents per \$100 00
For Library Fund	2 cents per \$100 00

And that the President and Secretary be directed to certify the action of the

board to the City Clerk, to cause the same to be placed on the tax duplicate against all property assessed for city taxes.

You will please act in accordance with the foregoing resolution, and place a levy of 27 cents per \$100.00 for school purposes, on the city tax duplicate for this year.

The Board of School Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis, by

W. A. BELL, President.

J. J. BINGHAM, Secretary.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Chief Fire Engineer presented the following communication :

Indianapolis, August 28, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—I would respectfully ask leave of absence for twenty days to attend the Annual Convention of Chief Fire Engineers, to be held in Philadelphia, September 4, 1876.

Yours, very, respectfully,

W. O. SHERWOOD,

Chief Fire Engineer.

Which was received, and leave of absence granted.

The Board of Health submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, August 28, 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 19th day of August, to 6 o'clock P. M., on the 26th day of August, 1876.

Under 1 year	20
1 to 2 years.....	8
2 to 3 "	2
3 to 4 "	0
4 to 5 "	1
5 to 10 "	4
10 to 20 "	2
20 to 30 "	1
30 to 40 "	1

40 to 50 years.....	3
50 to 60 ".....	1
60 to 70 ".....	1
70 to 80 ".....	0
80 to 90 ".....	0
90 to 100 ".....	0
Above 100 ".....	0
Unknown.....	0
Total.....	<hr/> 44

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. HOOK, M. D.,

President Board of Health.

J. W. MARSEE,

Secretary Board of Health, pro tem.

Which was received.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, August 28, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—In compliance with a motion introduced at your last meeting by Mr. Thomas, we have inspected the premises on the corner of Meridian and South streets, and report that the proprietors agree to put them in good sanitary condition, and maintain them so by daily use of disinfectants.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. HOOK,

S. A. ELBERT,

J. W. MARSEE,

Board of Health,

Which was received.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, August 28, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—We respectfully ask that the contractors be instructed to proceed without the least delay in the improvement of Sullivan and Japan

streets. We are in receipt of almost daily complaints from property holders on both of these streets.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. HOOK,
S. A. ELBERT,
J. W. MARSEE,

Board of Health.

Which was received.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, August 28, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—We respectfully request that the contract for the addition to the Station House be let without delay. The condition of the premises is daily growing worse. If the police force and prisoners are to be benefited this season, work must be immediately begun.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. HOOK,
S. A. ELBERT,
J. W. MARSEE,

Board of Health.

Which was received.

By consent, Mr. Steinhauer offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Clerk be, and he is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for building an addition to the Central Station House, according to plans and specifications on file in the office of Edwin May, architect; said proposals to be received and opened by the Committee on Public Buildings.

Which was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

Mr. Ransdell presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, August 28, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—We the undersigned, property owners, would petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance for grading and graveling the alley run-

ning east and west from Illinois to Tennessee street, and between St. Clair and Pratt streets.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

GEO. W. NEW.

Which was received.

Also, special ordinance No. 107, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the alley running east and west from Illinois to Tennessee street, between St. Clair and Pratt streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Pouder presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, August 28, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—Your petitioners pray your honorable body will not pass an ordinance to bowlder Wabash street from Delaware street.

We pray you will pass an ordinance to grade and gravel the street and make a bowldered gutter on the south line of said street, with a summit in the center, making the water run east and west, or make the gutter adjoining the Market curb so that wagons can back in.

Andrew Wallace, for I. O. O. F. Lodge, 108 feet;
Enoch Warman, 98 feet; Gates & Pray, 202½
feet.

Which was received.

Also, special ordinance No. 108, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Wabash street, between Delaware and Alabama streets, and to bowlder gutter of the same.

Which was read the first time.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

The following ordinances were read the second time and ordered engrossed :

Special ordinance No. 62,	1876.
“ “	84, 1876.
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“ “	90, 1876.
“ “	94, 1876.
“ “	95, 1876.
“ “	96, 1876.
“ “	97, 1876.
“ “	100, 1876.
“ “	101, 1876.

Special ordinance No. 13, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to grade and pave the west sidewalk of Railroad street, between North and St. Clair streets.

Was read the second time and stricken from the files.

Special ordinance No. 74, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to grade and bowlder the gutters on Tennessee street, between Washington and Pearl streets.

Was read the second time and stricken from the files.

Special ordinance No. 75, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to grade and pave the north sidewalk of St. Clair street, between East and New Jersey streets.

Was read the second time and stricken from the files.

Special ordinance No. 82, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to grade and gravel the first alley west of Mississippi street, between Ohio and Market streets.

Was read the second time.

Mr. Thalman moved to amend by striking out "between Ohio and Market streets," and insert in lieu thereof "from Market street to its northern terminus."

Which amendment was adopted and the ordinance ordered engrossed.

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

Special ordinance No. 62, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Potomac, or West Court street, and sidewalks, between West and California streets.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Byram, Case, Craft, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—19.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 82, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Mississippi street, from Market street to its northern terminus.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Byram, Case, Craft, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—19.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 84, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Third street and sidewalks, between the Central Canal and West street.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehig, Byram, Case, Craft, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—19.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 85, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Leland street and sidewalks, between Indiana avenue and Eutaw street.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Byram, Case, Craft, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—19.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 90, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley north of St. Clair street, running east and west from Illinois street to Severin alley.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Byram, Case, Craft, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Schmidt, Stienhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—19.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 94, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley north of North street, and between Massachusetts avenue and Liberty street.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Byram, Case, Craft, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—19.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 95, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for curbing the outside edges of the sidewalks of Broadway street, between Lincoln avenue and first alley north.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Byram, Case, Craft, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—19.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 96, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures, on Broadway street, between Lincoln avenue and Seventh or Tinker street.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Byram, Case, Craft, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener,

Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—20.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 97, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to grade and gravel the first alley east of Pennsylvania street from Home avenue to Fifth street.

Was read the third time.

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

Indianapolis, August 14, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Pennsylvania and Delaware streets, between Home avenue and Fifth or King street, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of the alley running north and south between Pennsylvania street and Delaware street, and running from Home avenue to Fifth street.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Deloss Root, Jacob Voegtle, Matthew Arbuckle,
P. E. Hoss.

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

Special ordinance No. 100, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for paving with brick the north sidewalk on Washington street, between East and Noble streets.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Byram, Case, Craft, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Poudler, Ransdell, Reasener,

Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—19.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 101, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the alley running north and south, through square 87, between Meridian and Illinois streets, from Georgia street to the south end of said alley.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Byram, Case, Craft, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—19.

Negative—None.

General ordinance No. 48, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to relieve property holders on Madison avenue from the assessment upon their property for the purpose of constructing a sewer from Yeizer street to Ray street, and appropriating money for the payment of the same.

Was read the second time and engrossed, and read the third time and placed on its passage.

Those who voted in the affirmative were :

Councilmen Buehrig, Craft, Diffley, McGinty, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas and W. G. Wright—9.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Councilmen Byram, Case, Izor, Morse, McGill, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Webster and A. L. Wright—10.

The ordinance not receiving a majority of the votes cast, was declared not passed, and therefore stricken from the files.

Mr. Reasener moved to reconsider the vote by which special ordinance No. 47, 1876, was postponed to October 2, 1876, at the meeting of Council held June 12, 1876.

Which motion to reconsider was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Case, Craft, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—18.

Negative—Councilman Byram—1.

Special ordinance No. 47, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Oriental street, between Washington street and Michigan road.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Case, Craft, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas and Wright, William G.—16.

Negative—Councilmen Byram, Webster and Wright, Arthur L.—3.

On motion by Mr. Steinhauer, the contract and bond of Henry C. Roney for curbing with stone the south side of Merrill street, between East and New Jersey streets, presented to Council August 14, 1876, and postponed, was taken up, and the contract concurred in and the bond approved.

ROLL CALL.

Mr. Izor offered the following motion :

Moved, That W. R. Holloway, W. W. Welling and C. H. Buell be granted permission to tap East Market street sewer for the purpose of draining their property, under direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Which was referred to the City Civil Engineer and City Attorney.

Mr. Morse offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to pave the point on the south-east corner of Indiana avenue and Tennessee street.

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

Mr. Ransdell presented the following claim :

Indianapolis, August 28, 1876.

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

City of Indianapolis,

To John G. Blake, Dr :

For one mare "Dollie," injured on Delaware Street Bridge, August 3d, 1876	\$300 00
For Dr. Pritchard's bill.....	25 00
For Scudder & Bro's bill.....	19 00
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	\$344 00

Which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to put down a flag stone crossing on the north side of Market street, at the crossing of Illinois street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Schmidt offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby directed to fill up chuck-holes on East Market street between Noble street and Arsenal avenue. Also put the street in as good shape as it was before the sewer was laid.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Steinhauer offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby instructed to fill up chuck-holes on New Jersey street from Washington to Merrill streets.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Thalman presented the following petition and resolution :

Indianapolis, August 28, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—We stand in great need of Railroad accommodations at our Mill, and especially of a Switch. We therefore respectfully petition your honorable body for the right and privilege of running a switch across Wabash alley or street where the Indianapolis & Lafayette Railroad crosses the alley at the Canal on Missouri street. We find it necessary to cross the said alley to get in upon the mill lot. The running said switch across said alley can work no public inconvenience, for the alley at this point is little used, and will run only a few feet from the present railroad track, if it does not run part of the way within the tracks.

G. H. VOSS.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted, he to comply with the ordinance governing such permissions in regard to keeping the track in good order, and properly planking the crossings.

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Also, the following petition and motion :

Indianapolis, August 28, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—Your petitioners, workingmen and citizens of Indianapolis, being at present out of employment, and seeing no chance of getting the

same under the existing circumstances at an early moment, would most respectfully ask your honorable body to consider the following proposition:

Not desiring to become a burden to the city, which will eventually happen if matters remain as they are, no possibility of making a living, money and credit running out, it is our intention to leave this place and found a new home in the State of Arkansas, there to engage in tilling the soil, work with united efforts, and mutually assist each other.

It being impossible for us to defray the traveling expenses, we ask your honorable body to furnish us with the means to reach Dardenelle, Yell Co., Arkansas, where we intend to settle on government lands and support our families. Should your honorable body not wish, or not be able to give such pecuniary aid, we would request you to make a contract with the Railroads for transportation, or have them provide for us a number of freight cars which we can occupy.

We are willing to consider this assistance as a loan, which we will return at a stated time with interest.

We are ready to leave as soon as arrangements can be perfected, as there now is plenty of work in the above State during the cotton harvest, which will enable us to lay up a store of provisions for the winter.

This request is made in good faith, and we would most respectfully ask your honorable body to appoint a committee which can confer with the officers of our organization—Wm. Wiese, President, and Robert Erfurth, Secretary.

William Wiese, wife and one child of two months;
Robert Erfurth, wife and one child of two years;
G. Schoenwalder and wife; Eugene Tackerberg,
wife and one child of eighteen months; Gustave
Hauser, wife and three children of two and eight
years; John Schmidt, wife and three children
under five years; John Fink and wife; Anton
Heckman; Henry Heckman; Charles Wallen-
weber; John Stout; Albert Steffen and one child
of three years; Gottfried Eckstein; Albert Maas;
Fred. Seeger and wife; Charles Prisbe and wife;
William Priefs, wife and three children of five
months to eight years; John Hanish; Jacob
Boegle, wife and three children under eight
years; Adolf Staiber; Jacob Huber; Jos. Hay,
wife and two children under five years; Franz
Ristow, wife and three children under five years;

Jacob Berg, wife and four children of two to twelve years; Geo. Pflueger, wife and one child of three months; Louis Essman, wife and one child of one year; Herman Richenberg; John Henser.

The last named three are able and willing to furnish their own transportation, but will accompany the party.

Moved, To refer to the Committee on Railroads, with instructions to confer with the railroad officials, and endeavor to give the petitioners such aid as they possibly can in the way of transportation.

Which motion was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the City Attorney be directed to draft an ordinance compelling owners of property to cut down the weeds growing around their premises, and streets and sidewalks.

Which was laid on the table.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the City Attorney be directed to press the case against the I. C. & L. Railroad Company to lower their tracks between Indiana avenue and Washington street.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the City Marshal be and is hereby directed to cause to be opened, in accordance with the reports of the City Commissioners heretofore made and approved, Blackford street, between North street and Indiana avenue.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Byram, Case, Craft, Diffley, Izor, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Steinhauer, Thalman,

Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L. and Wright, William G.
—16.

Negative—Councilman Schmidt—1.

Mr. Thomas presented the following communication :

Indianapolis, August 17, 1876.

Mr. John Thomas :

Dear Sir :—Please to investigate the propriety of having a street opened crossing the Madison railroad, and a footbridge over it to connect the territory east of said road with the new school house on Chestnut street, near P. Lieber's brewery, in your ward, and take the necessary steps.

Yours truly,

CLEMENS VONNEGUT,

In absence of Mr. Stanton, Chairman Committee on Buildings, etc.

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

Mr. W. G. Wright offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to fill the chuck-holes and put in repair Virginia avenue from the I. C. & L. R. R. track south so far as needed.

Which was adopted.

Mr. McGill moved that when the Council adjourn, it adjourn to meet Thursday evening, August 31, 1876, at 7½ o'clock P. M., to receive and act upon the report of the special committee now sitting as a Board of Equilazation.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Diffley offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby directed to clear the gutters on West Maryland street, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets.

Which was adopted.

By consent, the following reports were submitted.

Mr. Byram, from the Police Board, submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, July 31, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The Board of Police, to whom was referred the motion of Councilman Reed in reference to the appointment of additional Policemen, have had the matter under consideration, and are of opinion that the motion should not pass, as they deem the present force as adequate for the present. They would, however, recommend that they may be empowered to appoint ten "*extra men*," to be used as occasion may require.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,
MICHAEL STEINHAEUER,
GEO. C. WEBSTER.

Board of Police.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, August 28, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned would report the collection of one dollar and eighty cents for boarding United States prisoners at the Central Station House, for which amount the City Treasurer's receipt is herewith filed.

N. S. BYRAM,
Pres. Board of Police.

Which was concurred in.

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

Indianapolis, August 28, 1876.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Finance were directed, by a resolution offered by D. M. Ransdell, to enquire into and report to this Council the entire indebtedness of the City on the 15th day of May, 1876, on account of Bonds Outstanding, City Orders, Unpaid Appropriations by Council, Liability of City under Contracts not completed, Judgments against the City, and all other indebtedness within their knowledge.

Your committee have made the investigation required of them, and report as follows, to-wit:

Bonded indebtednes.....	\$1,409,500 00
Outstanding City Orders.....	96,373 00
Judgments.....	9,000 00
Hose for Fire Department.....	3,000 00
College Fund Mortgage on Engine House Lot.....	500 00
Water Rent to May 15th.....	5,918 00
Printing to May 15th.....	668 00
Police Department to May 15th.....	2,272 00
Fire Department to May 15th.....	3,266 00
City Hospital, as per Report of Superintendent.....	1,100 00
Court Costs (paid June 5th).....	413 00
Accrued Interest on Bonds to May 15th.....	35,814 00
Accrued Interest on City Orders to May 15th, estimated....	1,200 00
Amount required to complete Contract on State Ditch.....	7,000 00
Amount required to complete Contract on W. Michigan street.....	750 00
Indebtedness of Engineer's Department (see report).....	4,300 00
Miscellaneous Accounts paid June 5, 1876, which accrued prior to May 15, not otherwise reported.....	6,349 00
Drinking Fountains.....	1,917 60
Indebtedness on account Market Street Sewer.....	5,454 00
Indebtedness on account Madison Avenue Sewer.....	2,000 00
Indebtedness on account Clifford Avenue Sewer.....	9,380 00
Total.....	<u>\$1,606,165 60</u>

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. WRIGHT,
 N. S. BRYAM,
 J. THOMAS,
 Committee on Finance.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

J. H. Carey Mayor.

Attest:

Benj. M. Hight City Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Thursday, August 31st, 1876—7½ o'clock P. M. }

The Common Council met, pursuant to adjournment, as a Board of Equalization.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the Chair, Wm. Hadley, City Assessor, Benj. C. Wright, City Clerk, and the following members:

Councilmen Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Izor, Kenzel, McGill, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Schmidt, Steinhäuer, Thomas, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—15.

Absent—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Darnell, Diffley, Laughlin, Morse, Reasener, Reed, Stratford, Thalman and Webster—11.

Mr. A. L. Wright, from the special committee, submitted the following report:

Indianapolis, August 21, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The following is the report of the Board of Equalization :

We have heard and adjusted all complaints brought before us, and would report the total amount of taxables for the year 1876 to be fifty-nine million four hundred and ninety-nine thousand seven hundred and thirty-eight (59,499,738) dollars, and Twelve thousand seven hundred and forty-two polls.

A. L. WRIGHT,
 N. S. BYRAM,
 GEO. KENZEL,
 D. M. RANSDALL,
 Committee.
 WM. HADLEY,
 City Assessor.
 BENJ. C. WRIGHT,
 City Clerk.

Which was approved.

Mr. Ransdell moved that when the Board of Equalization adjourns, it adjourn to meet next Monday night.

Which was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Byram the Board adjourned.

The Common Council was then called to order.

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

Councilmen Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Izor, Kenzel, McGill, McGinty, Poudler, Ransdell, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thomas, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—15.

Absent—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Darnell, Diffley, Laughlin, Morse, Reasener, Reed, Stratford, Thalman and Webster—11.

Mr. Ransdell moved that the subject of fixing the tax levy for the year 1876, be made the special orcer for next Monday night a week.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

S. Searen Mayor.

Attest :

Benny Mighs City Clerk.