

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, September 18th, 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 Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Kenzel, McGill, McGinty, Ransdell, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, and Wright, William G.—14.

Absent—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Laughlin, Morse, Pouder, Reasener, Reed, Steinhauer and Wright, Arthur L.—12.

Their being no business to transact, the Board adjourned sine die.

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, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Kenzel, McGill, McGinty, Ransdell, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster and Wright, William G.—17.

Absent—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Laughlin, Morse, Pouder, Reasener, Reed and Wright, Arthur L.—8.

The proceedings of the regular session, held September 11th, 1876, were read and approved.

Sealed proposals for grading and graveling the first alley west of Mississippi street, from Market street to its northern terminus ; also, for grading and graveling the alley running north and south through square No. 87, between Meridian and Illinois streets, and from Georgia street to the south end of said alley ; also, for grading and graveling the first alley north of North street, between Massachusetts avenue and Liberty street ; also, for grading and graveling Leland street and sidewalks, between Indiana avenue and Eutaw street ; also, for grading and graveling Third street and sidewalks, between the Central Canal and West street ; also, for grading and grading and graveling Potomac or West Court street and sidewalks, between West and California streets ; also, for curbing the outside edges of the sidewalks of Broadway street, between Lincoln avenue and the first alley north ; also, for paving with brick the north sidewalk on Washington street, between East and

Noble streets ; also, for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures, complete, on Oriental street, between Washington street and Michigan Road ; also, for erecting lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete, on Broadway street, between Lincoln avenue and Seventh or Tinker street, were received, opened, read and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

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

Indianapolis, September 18, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred sundry proposals, presented to Council, September 11th, 1876, have examined the same and find them to be as follows, to-wit :

First. For grading, graveling, bowldering and curbing East street, between Massachusetts avenue and St. Clair street—

Samuel J. Smock, widening and curbing the sidewalks, 50 cents per lineal front foot ; bowlder the gutters for 60 cents per lineal foot front ; bowlder the alley and street crossings at 60 cents per square yard ; grade and gravel the street for \$1.10 per cubic yard, and for covering the coarse gravel with pit gravel, 8 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney, for graveling, \$1.00 per cubic yard ; for pit sand, 50 cents ; for grading, 5 cents per lineal foot front ; for bowldering, 58 cents ; for curbing, 46 cents.

Richard Carr, for bowldering, curbing, and scraping off mud and covering with sand, for the sum of \$1.15 per lineal foot front ; graveling, 84 cents per cubic yard, and bowlder street crossings for 54 cents per yard.

B. Hammill & Bro., for curbing, bowldering gutters, removing mud, widen sidewalks and covering with pit sand, \$1.37 per front foot on each side ; flagging, 35 cents per foot run ; bowldering crossings, 69 cents per square yard, and graveling street, 90 cents per cubic yard.

Study & Elliott, for curbing, 45 cents per lineal foot ; for bowldering gutters, 60 cents per cubic yard ; for scraping and leveling street, 15 cents per foot on each side ; for grading with raked gravel, 90 cents per cubic yard, and pit gravel, 60 cents per cubic yard.

Geo. W. Buchanan, curbing, 45 cents per lineal foot; bowldering gutters 58 cents per lineal foot front on each side; bowldering crossings, 58 cents per square yard; raked gravel, \$1.00 per cubic yard, and pit sand, 75 cents per cubic yard.

Wm. L. White, raked gravel, \$1.00 per cubic yard; pit sand, 70 cents per cubic yard; bowldering, 70 cents per lineal foot front, and curbing, 45 cents per lineal foot front.

Michael Foust, 45 cents per lineal foot for curbing, 60 cents per lineal foot for bowldering the gutters or 60 cents per square yard for bowldering, 98 cents per cubic yard for graveling, for removing mud and place pit sand, 20 cents per lineal foot on each side.

R. H. Patterson, 45 cents per lineal foot on each side for curbing, 54 cents per lineal foot on each side for bowldering, 99 cents per cubic yard for graveling, and 59 cents per square yard for street crossings.

Patterson & Dunning, 45 cents per lineal foot front for curbing, 53 cents per lineal foot front for bowldering gutters, 52 cents per yard for bowldering crossings, 75 cents per yard for raked gravel, and for pit sand, 40 cents per yard.

Henry C. Roney, 50 cents per lineal foot on each side for bowldering the gutters, 44 cents per lineal foot on each side for curbing, 8 cents per lineal foot on each side for pit sand, and 70 cents per cubic yard for raked river gravel.

James W. Hudson, 39 cents per lineal foot on each side for curbing, 49 cents per lineal foot on each side for bowldering the gutters, 69 cents per cubic yard for graveling, 50 cents per cubic yard for pit sand, and 49 cents per square yard for bowldering crossings.

James W. Hudson being the lowest and best bidder, your committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Second. For building a two-foot brick or glazed earthenware sewer in and along Sanders street, from Shelby street to a point 400 feet west of Shelby street—

Wm. Neal, brick sewer, \$3.50 per lineal foot run.

“ glazed earthenware pipa, \$3.50 per lineal foot run.

John T. Dickson & Co., brick sewer, \$1.70 per lineal foot.

“ glazed earthenware, \$2.45 per lineal foot.

“ man-holes, \$23.00 each.

W. J. Lampard, Sr., brick sewer, \$1.75 per lineal foot.
 " " catch-basins, \$45.00 each.
 " " man-holes, \$25.00 each.

Wm. L. White, brick sewer, \$1.60 per lineal foot run.

John A. Whitsit, \$1.25 per lineal foot for sewer.
 " " man-holes, \$30.00 each.

Jesse S. Whitsit, brick sewer, 97 cents per lineal foot.
 " " glazed earthenware sewer, \$2.15 per lineal foot.
 " " man-holes, \$20.00 each.

A. Bruner & Co., brick sewer, 85 cents per lineal foot.
 " " man-holes, \$15.00 each.

A. Bruner & Co. being the lowest and best bidders, your committee recommend that they be awarded the contract for building a brick sewer.

Third. For grading and graveling Oak street, between Cherry street and the first alley north of Cherry street—

Patterson & Dunning, 69 cents per lineal foot on each side.

Wm. L. White, 59 cents per lineal foot on each side.

R. H. Patterson, 59 cents per lineal foot on each side.

J. Muse & Co., 48 cents per lineal foot on each side.

S. J. Smock, 45 cents per lineal foot on each side.

James Mahoney, 45 cents per lineal foot on each side.

Study & Elliott, 44 cents per lineal foot on each side.

Irwin & Hanna, 42 cents per lineal foot on each side.

Garner & Belcher, 40 cents per lineal foot on each side.

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

Fourth. For grading, bowldering, and curbing the gutter, where not already curbed, on the east side of Tennessee street, between Maryland and Chesapeake streets—

Wm. L. White, bowldering, 70 cents per front foot.

" " curbing, 45 cents per front foot.

B. Hammill & Pro., \$1.11 per front foot for curbing and bowldering.

Richard Carr, bowldering, 59 cents per front foot.

“ “ curbing, 44 cents per front foot.

Patterson & Dunning, bowldering, 55 cents per front foot.

“ “ curbing, 47 cents per front foot.

R. H. Patterson, bowldering, 48 cents per front foot.

“ “ curbing, 47 cents.

Henry C. Roney, bowldering, 50 cents per front foot.

“ “ curbing, 44 cents per front foot.

James W. Hudson, bowldering, 49 cents per front foot.

“ “ curbing, 39 cents per front foot.

James W. Hudson being the lowest and best bidder, your committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Fifth. For grading, bowldering, and curbing the gutter on the south side of Maryland street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets—

B. Hammill & Bro., \$1.11 per lineal foot front for curbing and bowldering.

Wm. L. White, bowldering, 68 cents per front foot.

“ curbing, 45 cents per front foot.

Richard Carr, bowldering, 59 cents per front foot.

“ “ curbing, 44 cents per front foot.

James Mahoney, bowldering, 58 cents per front foot.

“ “ curbing, 45 cents per front foot.

F. Gansberg, bowldering, 56 cents per front foot.

“ curbing, 45 cents per front foot.

Patterson & Dunning, bowldering, 53 cents per front foot.

“ “ curbing, 45 cents per front foot.

Henry C. Roney, bowldering, 50 cents per front foot.

“ “ curbing, 44 cents per front foot.

James W. Hudson, bowldering, 49 cents per front foot.

“ “ curbing, 39 cents per front foot.

James W. Hudson being the lowest and best bidder, your committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Sixth. For bowldering and curbing the gutters on Ohio street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets—

B. Hammill & Bro., \$1.11 per lineal foot on each side for curbing and bowldering.

Wm. L. White, bowldering, 68 cents per front foot on each side.

“ “ curbing, 45 cents per front foot on each side.

M. Foust, bowldering, 65 cents per front foot on each side.

“ curbing, 45 cents per front foot on each side.

James Mahoney, bowldering, 52 cents per front foot on each side.

“ “ curbing, 45 cents per front foot on each side.

F. Gansberg, bowldering, 50 cents per front foot on each side.

“ curbing, 45 cents per front foot on each side.

R. H. Patterson, bowldering, 48 cents per front foot on each side.

“ “ curbing, 47 cents per front foot on each side.

R. Carr, bowldering, 52 cents per front on each side.

“ curbing, 42 cents per front foot on each side.

Patterson & Dunning, bowldering, 47 cents per front foot on each side.

“ “ curbing, 45 cents per front foot on each side.

Henry C. Roney, bowldering, 50 cents per front foot on each side.

“ “ curbing, 42 cents per front on each side.

James W. Hudson, bowldering, 46 cents per front foot on each side.

“ “ curbing, 39 cents per front foot on each side.

James W. Hudson being the lowest and best bidder, your committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Seventh. For grading and graveling Ray street and sidewalks, from the west line of Tennessee street to the east line of West street—

Wm. L. White, 85 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

R. H. Patterson, 79 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Patterson & Dunning, 69 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

John A. Whitsit, 65 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney, 65 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

G. W. Buchanan, 58 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

B. Hammill & Bro., 57 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Richard Carr, 54 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Michael Foust, 48 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Fred Gansberg, 45 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Irwin & Hanna, 42 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

John Greene, 41 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James McB. Shepherd, 38 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James McB. Shepherd being the lowest and best bidder, your committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Eighth. For grading and graveling Palmer street and sidewalks, from the Bluff Road or Meridian street to Union street—

B. Hammill & Bro., 57 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

G. W. Buchanan, 48 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

John Schier, 42 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

J. Mahoney, 40 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Richard Carr, 39 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

M. Foust, 38 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

J. G. Sickler & Co, 38 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Irwin & Hanna, 36½ cents per lineal foot front on each side.

M. Higgins, 34 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

A. Verhofstad, 32 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

John Flaherty, 30 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

John Green, 29 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James McB. Shepherd, 28 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James McB. Shepherd being the lowest and best bidder, your committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Ninth. For grading and graveling St. Clair street and sidewalks, from the west line of the western portion of Dorman street to Archer street—

James Mahoney, \$1.00 per lineal foot front on each side.

G. W. Buchanan, 98 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Garner & Belcher, 98 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Study & Elliott, 90 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Patterson & Dunning, 85 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Muse & Co., 82 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

F. Gansberg, 75 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Richard Carr, 74 per lineal foot front on each side.

John Greene, 73 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

John Green being the lowest and best bidder, your committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Tenth. For grading and graveling Broadway street, between Lincoln avenue and Seventh street—

Wm. L. White, \$1.00 per lineal foot front on each side.

Garner & Belcher, 99 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Study & Elliott, 97 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney, 95 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Patterson & Dunning, 91 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Irwin & Hanna, 89 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

B. Hammill & Bro., 89 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Muse & Co., 87 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

S. J. Smock, 83 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Henry Clay, 57 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Wm. Neal, 48 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Wm. Neal being the lowest and best bidder, your committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. RANSELL,

R. C. MCGILL,

Committee on Contracts.

Which was concurred in, and contracts awarded, except the second section, in regard to which objection was raised.

Dr. Stratford moved that the second section be concurred in.

Mr. Thalman moved to lay Dr. Stratford's motion on the table.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Byram, Case and Thalman—3.

Negative—Councilmen Buehrig, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Kenzel, McGill, McGinty, Ransdell, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thomas, Webster and Wright, William G.—15.

The section was then concurred in, and the contract awarded.

Dr. Stratford presented the contract and bond of John Greene for grading and graveling St. Clair street and sidewalks, from the west side of the western portion of Dorman street to Archer street.

Which was concurred in, and bond approved.

Mr. Thalman presented the contract and bond of James McB. Shepherd for grading and graveling Palmer street and sidewalks, from the Bluff Road or Meridian street to Union street.

Which was concurred in, and bond approved.

Mr. Ransdell presented the contract and bond of James W. Hudson for grading, bowldering, and curbing the gutters on the south side of Maryland street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets.

Which was concurred in, and bond approved.

Dr. Stratford presented the contract and bond of A. Bruner & Co. for building a brick sewer in and along Sanders street, from Shelby street to a point 400 feet west of Shelby street.

Which was concurred in, and bond approved.

By consent, the following papers were submitted.

Mr. McGill, from the Committee on Opening and Laying Out of Streets and Alleys, submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, September 11, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Opening and Laying Out of Streets and Alleys, to which was referred the petition of H. Clearwater, et al., asking for opening and extension of Dunlop street to a width of sixty feet, running from Madison avenue in a western direction to Chestnut street, have given the subject their attention and believe the opening of said street to be a public necessity, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT C. MCGILL,

ENOS B. REED,

MICHAEL STEINHAUER

Committee on Opening Streets and Alleys.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the petition of H. Clearwater, et al., praying for the laying out an opening of Dunlop street to a width of sixty (60) feet, running from Madison avenue in a western direction to Chestnut street, be referred to the Commissioners, with instructions to assess benefits and damages, and to make due report ; and that for the purpose of such opening and laying out of such street, the Common Council do propose to appropriate such real estate and property as may be necessary therefor.

The said Commissioners are instructed to return, as part of their report, all petitions and notices.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to issue, and the City Marshall to serve the proper notices on the Commissioners and property owners.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Kenzel, McGill, McGinty, Ransdell, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster and Wright, William G.—19.

Negative—None.

Mr. Ransdell presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, September 5, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—We, the undersigned, resident freeholders of said city, respectfully petition your honorable body to make a donation to aid in the construction of the railroad of the Union Railroad Transfer and Stock Yard Company, the said company having been incorporated under the laws of the State, August 29, 1876. Said donation to be in form and extent following :

When said company have completed said railroad and stock yards according to the terms of a proposition to build said road and stock yards, addressed to John Caven, Mayor of the city, and published in the papers of said city, August 31, 1876, and a supplemental proposition of date September 4, 1876, and published in said city papers Sept. 5th, 1876, then the said city to donate to said railroad company her bonds to the amount of \$500 000 with 7 per cent. interest, payable semi-annually, running twenty years, to be delivered to said railroad company when said company shall agree and guarantee to and with said city that said railroad company will pay and satisfy all the interest and principal of said bonds promptly, when the same shall fall due, and also execute to the city a first mortgage on their said railroad, its franchises, road-bed, tracks, switches, and rolling stock, and on the stock yards, its lands thereof, not less than 100 acres, with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, to secure the performance of agreement on the part of said railroad, to the effect that they will take up and pay said bonds, principal and interest, and forever save the city free and harmless from all liability or payment of said bonds or interest, or any portion thereof. Said proposed railroad running into and through a portion of said city.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

John C. New, Wm. Henderson, Henry Schnull,
John F. Ramsay, Austin H. Brown, Ingram
Fletcher, Frederick Ostermeyer, John W. Mur-

phy, John M. Sinclair, Henry Gimber, Alfred Harrison, John J. Cooper, John B. Stumph, and about 4,300 others.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the petition be referred to a select committee of three, together with the City Assessor and City Attorney, who shall carefully compare the petition with the tax duplicate, to ascertain whether or not the requisite number of freeholds have been obtained, and that said committee report at the next regular meeting of this Council.

Which was adopted.

His Honor appointed as such committee Councilmen Webster, W. G. Wright and Dr. Stratford.

Mr. Buehrig offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Sisters be and they are hereby granted permission to lay a sewer pipe in and along Maryland street, to run from their new building to, and connecting with the South Pennsylvania street sewer. Said work to be done at their own expense, and under the direction of the Civil Engineer. Said sewer connection to be made in accordance with the ordinances on that subject.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers, with power to act.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, September 18, 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 alley between Washington and Market streets, running from Arse-

nal avenue west to the east line of J. M. Ridenour's homestead, thence north to Market street—

1,289.25 lineal feet at 20 cents.....\$257.85

Also, a second and partial estimate allowed Michael Foust for grading and graveling Pennsylvania street from Tinker or Seventh street to the north end of said street—

3,400 lineal feet at 43½ cents	\$1.479 00
Less former payment.. ..	861 30
Present payment.....	\$ 617 70

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 Jas. Mahoney for grading and graveling the alley between Washington and Market streets, running from Arsenal avenue west to the east line of J. M. Ridenour's homestead, thence north to Market 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 Buehrig, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Kenzel, McGill, McGinty, Ransdell, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster and Wright, William G.—18.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing second and partial estimate allowed Michael Foust for grading and graveling Pennsylvania street, from Tinker or Seventh street to the north end of said 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 Buehrig, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Kenzel, McGill, McGinty, Ransdell, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster and Wright, William G.—18.

Negative—None.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, September 11, 1876.

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

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

Contract and bond of J. G. Sickler & Co. for grading Sullivan street from Bismark to Buchanan streets.

Contract and bond of August Verhofstad & Co. for grading and graveling the first alley east of Yandes street, running from Home to Lincoln avenues.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in, and the bonds approved.

The Board of Health submitted the following report :

Report of deaths in the city of Indianapolis from 6 o'clock P. M., on the 9th day of September, to 6 o'clock P. M., on the 16th day of September, 1876.

Under 1 year	18
1 to 2 years	2
2 to 3 "	0
3 to 4 "	1
4 to 5 "	0
5 to 10 "	2
10 to 20 "	4

20 to 30 years.....	3
30 to 40 ".....	2
40 to 50 ".....	2
50 to 60 ".....	5
60 to 70 ".....	1
70 to 80 ".....	5
80 to 90 ".....	1
90 to 100 ".....	0
Above 100 ".....	0
Unknown.....	1
Total.....	<u>47</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 Attorney submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, September 18, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—I would report that since the last meeting of Council that the case of Benj. F. Gerard vs. The City, in the Civil Circuit Court has been settled and dismissed at the plaintiff's cost. This was a suit for damages sustained by driving into a ditch caused by the Pennsylvania street sewer, and Messrs. Bruner & Riner, the contractors, being liable to the city, settled the matter with the plaintiff, thereby relieving the city from liability.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS,
City Attorney.

Which was approved.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, September 18, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—In the matter of the contract of M. M. Burns with the city that I was directed to prepare at the last meeting, I would report that Mr. Burns declined to enter into a contract binding himself to devote all of his

time to work in the Park at \$15 per month from Oct 1st to April 1st, 1877, and he desired me to present the annexed communication to your honorable body and not proceed any further in the matter until you should take action upon it.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS,

City Attorney.

Which was received.

Also, the following communication :

Indianapolis, September 18, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—I see by the proceedings of last Monday night that my wages, as per agreement with the Park Commissioners at \$25 per month for my work and taking care of the South Park, was reduced to \$15 per month.

Now, gentlemen, I cannot give the services and work necessary for \$15 per month, for it takes the whole time of one man to do what is necessary to be done.

So I hope you will reconsider your former action, and allow me \$25 per month, except the three winter months, \$15 per month will do for them.

Of course, I must take whatever you please to allow me from now till April, 1877, as it is impossible for me to get employment at this time. I ask nothing but what I expect to give value received for in labor. I don't ask it as charity, but in justice to myself and family.

Respectfully,

M. M. BURNS.

Dr. Stratford moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted at the last meeting of Council directing the Attorney to make contract with Mr. Burns.

Which motion to reconsider was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Case, Diffley, Kenzel, McGill, McGinty, Ransdell, Schmidt, Stratford and Webster—9.

Negative—Councilmen Byram, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas and Wright, William G.—8.

Dr. Stratford moved to amend the resolution by fixing the compensation at \$25 per month from March 1st to December 1st, and at \$15 per month from December 1st to March 1st.

Which amendment was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Kenzel, McGill, McGinty, Schmidt, Stratford and Webster—9.

Negative—Councilmen Byram, Case, Craft, Ransdell, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas and Wright, William G.—8.

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Kenzel, McGill, McGinty, Schmidt, Stratford and Webster—10.

Negative—Councilmen Byram, Case, Ransdell, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas and Wright, William G.—7.

By consent, Mr. Darnell presented the following remonstrance :

Indianapolis, September 18, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, being property holders along the line of the first alley west of Bellefontaine street, which runs south from Home avenue to the first alley running east and west, north of Christian avenue, in said city, most respectfully, yet earnestly remonstrate against the passing of an ordinance and letting a contract at the present time for the grading and graveling of said alley for the ground of objections thereto following, to-wit :

First. Said alley is the highest part of ground between Peru and Bellefontaine streets, and is in good condition when kept clean, without being graded and gravelled.

Second. The property along said alley is, to a very great extent, owned by persons in limited circumstances, (two of them widows, depending upon the very small rents of their property for a living), who can by no means, except the greatest sacrifice, pay for such improvement during the present hard times.

They therefore, most earnestly pray that such improvement be delayed until the return of prosperity to our city shall enable them to pay for the same without such sacrifices.

George W. Wagner, 94 feet; James Taylor, 54 feet, Joseph Langbein, 54 feet; Anna McMutt, 54 feet; Fanny Davis, 40 feet; A. H. Keer, 40 feet; Thomas Gray, 40 feet; Charles G. Lowe, 40 feet; John Hanemerer, 40 feet; Robert A. Ivnes, 54 feet; H. C. Martin, 94 feet; Steven McCarty, 40 feet; Joseph H. Emry, 40 feet; J. O. Woodruff, 94 feet.

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

By consent, Mr. Byram presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, September 18, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned members of the Police Board, believing that the present police force of said city is inadequate to preserve order and protect the public and private property of said city, during the coming soldiers reunion, called to unite in said city on Wednesday and Thursday, the 20th and 21st inst, and during the coming state fair and exposition, would respectfully ask that they may be empowered to appoint fifteen extra policemen to serve during the "soldier's reunion," and ten extra policemen to serve during the state fair and exposition.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,

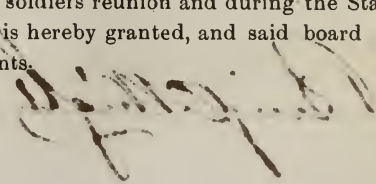
MICHAEL STEINHAUER,

GEO. C. WEBSTER,

Board of Police.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the petition of the Board Police for the appointment of special policemen to serve during the soldiers reunion and during the State fair and exposition, be, and the same is hereby granted, and said board be empowered to make such appointments.



Mr. McGill moved to amend by empowering the Board to appoint 20 additional men during the State Fair if they deem it necessary.

Which amendment was adopted, and the motion, as amended, was then adopted.

Mr. Craft moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion on page No. 690, Council Proceedings, was adopted at last meeting.

Which motion to reconsider was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Kenzel, McGill, McGinty, Ransdell, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster and Wright, William G.—16.

Negative—None.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion as a substitute :

Moved, That the claims of John Green, contractor for work done at the crossing of Wisconsin and Missouri street, be, and the same is hereby referred to the City Attorney and Civil Engineer to adjust the matter, and report to this Council, on next meeting, what portion the city ought to pay on said improvement.

Which was adopted.

On motion, the subject of making the tax levy for 1876 was postponed, and made the special order for next Monday night.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

J. Loren Mayor.

Attest :

Benjamin McGill City Clerk.