

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.
REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
Monday, November 6th, 1876—7 o'clock P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

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

Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, and Wright, Arthur L.—18.

Absent—Councilmen Darnell, Diffley, Laughlin, McGill, Powder, Reasener, Stratford, and Wright, William G.—8.

The proceedings of the regular session, held October 30th, 1876, were read and approved.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, November 6, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—I would respectfully call your attention to the fact that in many cases where excavations are made in the streets by the Indianapolis Water Works Co. and Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co. the repairs to the streets are never complete, and it is impossible in all cases to locate the responsibility for such neglect. I would recommend that this matter be referred to the City Attorney, with instructions to report an ordinance requiring the aforesaid companies to notify the City Civil Engineer when and where they design excavating for the purpose of laying mains or private connections.

SECOND.

I would recommend that the City Civil Engineer be instructed to build a catch basin at the north-west corner of Tennessee and Ray streets, one being necessary at that point for proper drainage.

THIRD.

The City has been at considerable expense repairing the gas-lamps and fixtures at the South Illinois Street Tunnel and at the old White River Bridge, and I would recommend that the Chief of Police be instructed to require special vigilance on the part of patrolmen at those points, and secure the arrest of parties committing the depredations mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, November 6, 1876.

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

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

A fourth and final estimate allowed Michael Faust for grading and gravel-

ing Pennsylvania street, from Tinker or Seventh street to the north end of said street—

5,224.4 lineal feet at 43½ cents... ..	\$2,272 61
276.4 cubic yards extra excavation at Street R. R. crossing at 30 cents	82 29
For removing and re-laying Street R. R. Track.....	19 00
6 yards extra gravel on street crossing at 75 cents.....	4 50
Total... ..	<u>\$2,379 03</u>
Less former payments.	2 272 61
Present payment....	<u>\$ 106 42</u>

Also, a first and final estimate allowed James Greene for grading and graveling Leland street and sidewalks, between Indiana avenue and Eutaw street—

510 lineal feet at 29 cents	\$147 90
2 yards extra gravel on crossing at 70 cents.....	1 40
Opening ditches to Indiana avenue.....	1 00
Total.....	<u>\$150 30</u>

Also, a first and partial estimate allowed Wm. L. White for building a fire cistern at the corner of College avenue and Twelfth or Reagan street—

1,171 54 barrels at 37 cents.....	\$433 47
Less 30 per cent. kept back.....	130 00
Present payment	<u>\$303 47</u>

Also, a second and partial estimate allowed James W. Hudson for grading, graveling, bowldering and curbing East street, between Massachusetts avenue and St. Clair street—

904.85 lineal feet of curbing at 39 cents.....	\$ 352 89
721.75 lineal feet of bowldering at 49 cents.....	353 65
312.98 square yards bowldering at 49 cents....	153 36
13.66 square yards re-bowldering at 25 cents..	3 45
250 6 cubic yards of gravel at 69 cents....	172 91
105.8 cubic yards of pit sand at 50 cents.....	52 90
Total.	<u>\$1,089 12</u>
Less former payment.. ..	261 71
Present payment....	<u>\$ 827 41</u>

Also, a first and partial estimate allowed Wm. L. White for building a fire cistern at the corner of Dakota and Morris streets—

1,223.16 barrels at 37 cents.....	\$452 57
Less 30 per cent. kept back ..	135 57
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Present payment.	\$317 00

A third and final estimate allowed Bruner & Riner for constructing a brick sewer in and along Georgia street, from Illinois street to the first alley east of Meridian street—

763.5 lineal feet at \$2.10.....	\$1,603 35
5 man-holes at \$20.....	100 00
2 catch-basins at \$60... ..	120 00
655 feet of sheeting at \$2.40 per 100 feet.....	15 72
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Total.....	\$1,839 07
Less former payments.....	1,732 00
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Present payment.. ..	\$ 107 07

Also, a first and final estimate allowed John Schier for paving with brick the north sidewalk on Washington street, between East and Noble streets—

41.93 lineal feet re-laying old brick at 30 cents	\$ 12 57
67.50 lineal feet of mixed brick at 42½ cents.....	28 58
589.41 lineal feet of new brick at 75 cents.....	441 99
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Total.....	\$483 14

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in, except the estimate in favor of Bruner & Riner for building the Georgia street sewer, which was referred back to the City Civil Engineer to report next Monday as to the condition of the street, etc.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing fourth and final estimate allowed Michael Faust 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 Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, and Wright, Arthur L.—18.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed John Greene for grading and graveling Leland street and sidewalks, between Indiana avenue and Eutaw street, be and the same is, hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, and Wright, Arthur L.—18.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing second and partial estimate allowed James W. Hudson for grading, graveling, bowldering and curbing East street, between Massachusetts avenue and St. Clair street, be, and the same is, hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Steinoauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, and Wright, Arthur L. —18.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed John Schier for paving with brick the north sidewalk on Washington street, between East and Noble 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 namés.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGinty, Rnsdell, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, and Wright, Arthur L. —18.

Negative—None.

The City Clerk submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, November 6, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The City Clerk respectfully reports the following affidavit now on file in his office for the collection of street assessment, by precept, to-wit :

J. G. Sickler & Co. vs. Amanda Farrar for.....\$16 32½

And respectfully recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,

City Clerk.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, and Wright, Arthur L.—18.

Negative—None.

The Street Commissioner submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, November 6, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—I have the honor to submit the following report of work done in my department for the month ending November 1, 1876 :

Repaired 9 squares of bowldered street.

Repaired 2 squares of macadamized street.

Repaired 27 squares of graveled street.

Repaired and reset 94 bridges and culverts.

Placed 29 new foot bridges and 13 new culverts on different street crossings.

Scraped and cleaned the gutters on 87 squares of street.

Pay-roll for the month ending October 27.....	\$3,717 05
Parks & Segner, one road scraper.....	85 00
Harry Roney, paving.....	91 15
King & Knight, blacksmithing..	7 06
Clark & Co., oak lumber.....	114 73
Indianapolis Rolling Mill Co., cinders.....	50 00
Clemens Vonnegut, hardware.....	65 12
G. H. Shover, blacksmithing.....	23 60
C. B. Pettitt, oak lumber.....	76 65
J. L. Scanlin, stone crossing...	67 76
Smith Ittenbach, stone spoils...	23 25
H. C. Roney, paving.....	33 00
Charles Johnson & Co., repairing sewer.....	10 00
Martin Parker, blacksmithing.....	2 55
Henry Clay, sand.....	26 00
Seibert & Carr, gravel.....	14 50
Indianapolis Manufacturers' and Carpenters' Union, lumber...	8 49
James Muse, sand.....	7 00

C. A. Webb, hauling stone.....	15 00
Mike Foust, stone curbing.....	7 60
Total.....	<u>\$4,444 91</u>

I have completed the Fall Creek Levee, and have a balance on hand of \$134.32, less the appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

LEANDER A. FULMER,
Street Commissioner.

Which was approved.

The Superintendent City Hospital submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, November 6, 1876.

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

Monthly report of expenditures of the city hospital and branch, ending October 31st, 1876.

F. J. Van Voris, superintendent.....	\$83 34
Edward A. Brown and wife, steward and matron	37 50
L. L. Johnson and wife, janitor and nurse.....	28 00
John Butterworth, nurse.....	20 00
Wm. Simenson, nurse.....	20 00
Emma Shirgley, nurse.....	15 00
Bellie Lytle, landress	14 00
Jennie Ford, laundress.....	14 00
Henry Anderson, cook.....	12 00
Jennie Armstrong, laundress.....	12 00
Jennie Smith, laundress.....	12 00
Lucy Blagrove, ironer.....	12 00
Belle Howard, nurse.....	12 00
Sarah Buckingham, cook.....	12 00
Mary Coble, chambermaid,.....	12 00
Mary Guthre, cook.....	12 00
James Robertson, cook.....	10 00
Perry Evans, laborer.....	10 00
Jennie Jones, dining room girl.....	4 00
Story, New & Co., hardware.....	5 45
Eli Lilly, drugs.....	34 89
D. A. Fatout, milk.....	42 84
J. C. Thomas, plastering and brickwor.k.....	12 50

J. W. Johnson, queensware.....	35 80
B. F. Jones, apples.....	26 50
Micheal Large, pump.....	9 26
James A. Ross, hardware.....	9 60
Butsch & Dickson, lime.....	7 50
Nelson Judd, apples.....	15 15
G. T. Adams, stove fixtures.....	276 85
Joseph R. Perry, drugs.....	4 00
Robertson & Perry, groceries (wholesale).....	87 19
James E. Watts, groceries.....	86 51
Cobb & Branham, coal for Sept. and Oct.....	114 78
Thomas Dillaid, chickens, etc.....	8 64
Hall Bros, clinic bed.....	7 50
C. Butsch, Ice.....	19 62
Smith & Groves, oil, lamps, etc.....	32 50
Peter Brice, bread for Sept. and Oct.....	121 01
Charles Kuhn, met.....	111 73
Stephens, Mayne & Co, butter, cheese, etc.....	73 33
J. S. Wood, groceries.....	84 00
DePuy & Jenks, coal.....	52 43
E. Hedges, conveying patients and undertaking.....	40 00
Total Expenditures,.....	\$1670 36

RECAPITULATION.

Total expenditures for the month.....	\$1,673 06
Aggregate number of days for which subsistence, etc, was furnished.....	1,807
Average expense per capita per diem.....	88

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. VAN VORHIS,
Superintendent.

Which was received.

Also, the following report:

Indianapolis, November 6, 1876.

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

The following report of the City Hospital and Branch for the month ending October 31, 1876, is respectfully submitted:

NO. OF BEDS IN HOSPITAL—82.					Total Adults.	Total Infants.	Total.
	First Week.	Second Week.	Third Week.	Fourth Week.			
Number of Patients at last report—adults.....	50	54	53	52	53	50	.....
Number of Patients at last report—infants.....	2	2	2	3	2	.....	2
Received New Patients—adults.....	20	19	19	11	6	75	.....
Births, or Received—infants.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2
Discharged—adults.....	15	19	20	8	7	69	.....
Discharged—infants.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	2
Died—adults.....	1	1	.....	2	2	6	.....
Died—infants.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
Number of Patients remaining—adults.....	54	53	52	53	50	50	.....
Number of Patients remaining—infants.....	2	2	3	2	2	.....	2
Number of Patients in Branch—adults.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Number of Patients in Branch—infants.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Aggregate No. of Patients in Hospital—adults....	388	410	389	388	165	1740	.....
Aggregate No. of Patients in Hospital—infants....	14	14	18	15	6	.....	671807

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. VAN VORHIS,

Superintendent.

Which was received.

The Mayor presented the following communication :

Indianapolis, November 6, 1876.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—To the end that the coming election shall be peaceful and fair, the undersigned, charged, by reason of their respective offices, with the duty of preserving the peace, have agreed upon the following as calculated to produce such results in the city of Indianapolis :

We warn all repeaters and imported voters that fraudulent voting is a felony punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary, and the law will be promptly and rigidly enforced.

The police force of the city, and any deputies that may be appointed by the Sheriff of Marion county, shall preserve the peace and shall not in any way interfere in the election beyond casting their own votes.

The approach to the polls and the space around the same shall be kept open so that the voters can conveniently approach the polls.

At the voting places south of Washington street the Republican challengers shall have the closed side of the chute, and at the voting places north of

Washington street the Democratic challengers shall have the closed side of the chute.

The Sheriff of Marion county shall appoint deputies not exceeding five in number for each voting place in the city, and the Board of Police a like number of policemen, to be at the voting places throughout the day to preserve the peace, but take no part in the election.

From law abiding citizens there shall be carefully chosen fifty by the Governor and fifty by the Mayor, to be under their joint supervision and to be officered by the Sheriff and Chief of Police as a reserve force, to remain together at such place as the Governor and Mayor may designate, and in case of any outbreak the Governor and Mayor will join in ordering them to the locality to suppress the same.

While we feel called upon, as officers charged with the preservation of the peace, to take these precautions, we confidently rely upon the good judgment and law-abiding sense of our citizens as a still higher security, and that the employment of these forces will not be required, and that we will have a fair election; no fraudulent vote cast, no drop of blood-shed, not a blow struck, not an angry word spoken, and then let the result be what it may, all will cheerfully acquiesce in the voice of the people as spoken by the ballot.

THOMAS A. HENDRICKS,

Governor.

JOHN CAVEN,

Mayor.

Mr. Byram offered the following motion :

Moved, That the arrangements made and perfected between Governor Hendricks and His Honor, the Mayor, in reference to the election to be held on Tuesday, the 7th day of November, be, and the same is, hereby approved by this Council, and that the Police Board be instructed to appoint as many special policemen as they may deem proper to carry out said arrangement not exceeding one hundred and fifteen.

Which was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

Mr. Thalman introduced special ordinance No. 123, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling California street and sidewalks, from Washington to Maryland streets.

Which was read the first time.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

Mr. Byram introduced appropriation ordinance No. 61, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money to pay extra policemen.

Which was read the first time.

Also, appropriation ordinance No. 62, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money on account of Station Houses for the month of October, 1876.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Ransdell introduced appropriation ordinance No. 63, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money on account of City Hospital and Branch for the month of October, 1876.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Reed introduced appropriation ordinance No. 64, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money on account of printing, etc., for the month of October, 1876.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Webster introduced appropriation ordinance No. 65, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money to pay sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis for the month of October, 1876.

Which was read the first time.

Appropriation ordinance No. 61, 1876,

Was read the second time and engrossed.

Appropriation ordinance No. 62, 1876,

Was read the second time and engrossed.

Appropriation ordinance No. 63, 1876,

Was read the second time and engrossed.

Appropriation ordinance No. 64, 1876,

Was read the second time and engrossed.

Appropriation ordinance No. 65, 1876,

Was read the second time and engrossed.

Appropriation ordinances No. 61, 62, 63, 64 and 65, 1876, were read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, and Wright, Arthur L.
—18.

Negative—None.

ROLL CALL.

Mr. Buehrig offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be ordered to report on next Monday night whether the drainage pipe under the J. M. & I. R. R. tracks, on Madison avenue is sufficient to carry off the water.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Bugbee offered the following motion :

Moved, That Pleasant Bond have permission to pave with stone a crossing twelve feet wide in front of his property on Park avenue, between Seventh and Eighth streets.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Byram submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, November 6, 1876.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,

Pres. Board of Police.

Which was approved.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is, hereby instructed to repair the bowldering at the crossing of Massachusetts avenue, Alabama and Vermont streets, the same to be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is, hereby instructed to so repair the gutter on the east side of Arsenal avenue, in front of Gen. Sturm's property as to prevent the overflow of the pavement.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following communication :

Indianapolis, November 6, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—At your meeting of October 2d, I petitioned your honorable body to take a certain petition, which was laid before you about eight months ago, away from the Committee on Opening Streets and Alleys, to which it had been referred, and to refer it to some other committee, so that action might be taken on it. Your honorable body then instructed the said committee on Opening Streets and Alleys, to report at your next meeting. It seems, however, that the said committee paid no attention to the instruction, inasmuch as it has not reported yet, though you have had several meetings since. Your petitioner therefore repeats his request to refer the matter to some other committee, from which he may reasonably hope that something will be done.

Respectfully,

CHRIST. GAMPF,

By PHIL. RAPPAPORT,

His attorney.

Which was received, and the whole subject referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Izor offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Marshal be, and is, hereby instructed to notify the proprietors of the Grand Opera House to place water conductors on the north side of their building, in order to protect Wabash street from washing. At present the water has a fall of from 40 to 50 feet, which washes the street badly.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Ransdell offered the following motion :

Moved, That H. H. Lee be permitted to pave and curb the sidewalk in front of his property on Virginia avenue, the same to be done at his own expense, and within thirty days. The City Civil Engineer is hereby instructed to give the grade stakes

Which was adopted.

Mr. Schmidt offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is, hereby directed to clean out the gutters on North Alabama street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Steinhauer offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Chief Fire Engineer be, and is, hereby instructed to remove the fire alarm box now in the Council Chamber to the Central Station House.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Adams offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is, hereby directed to repair Hill avenue where the same is impassible.

Which was adopted.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

J. C. Boren Mayor.

Attest:

Benjamin Wright City Clerk.