

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# COMMON COUNCIL.

## REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
*Monday, November 20th, 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, Craft, Darnell, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—18.

Absent—Councilmen Case, Diffley, Izor, Kenzel, McGill, Pouders, Ransdell and Stratford—8.

The proceedings of the regular session, held November 13th, 1876, were read and approved.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

*Indianapolis*, November 20, 1876.

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

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

A third and final estimate allowed James W. Hudson for grading, graveling, bowldering and curbing East street, between Massachusetts avenue and St. Clair—

1,708.35 lineal feet curbing at 39 cents.....	\$ 666 25
1,501.75 lineal feet bowldering at 49 cents.....	735 85
312.98 square yards bowldering at 49 cents.....	153 36
13.66 square yards re-bowldering at 25 cents.....	3 41
553. 26 cubic yards gravel at 69 cents.....	381 75
188.24 cubic yards pit sand at 50 cents.....	94 12
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Total.....	\$2,034 74
Less former payment.....	1,089 12
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Present payment.....	\$ 945 62

Also, a first and final estimate allowed William Morrison for grading and graveling the first alley north of St. Clair street, running east and west from Illinois street to Severin alley—

420 lineal feet at 10 cents.....	\$42 00
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Also, a first and final estimate allowed Garner & Belcher for grading and graveling Oak street, between Cherry street and the first alley north of Cherry street—

290.92 lineal feet at 40 cents.....	\$116 36
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Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing third and final 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, Bugbee, Byram, Craft, Darnell, Morse, McGinty, Reasener, Schmidt, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—14.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed William Morrison for grading and graveling the first alley north of St. Clair street, running east and west from Illinois street to Severin alley, 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, Bugbee, Byram, Craft, Darnell, Morse, McGinty, Reasener, Schmidt, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—14.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Garner & Belcher for grading and graveling Oak street, between Cherry street and the first alley north of Cherry 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, Bugbee, Byram, Craft, Darnell, Morse, McGinty, Reasener, Schmidt, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—14.

Negative—None.

Also, the following report :

*Indianapolis*, November 20, 1876.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

*Gentlemen* :—At a meeting of the Council, September 25, 1876, the following motion was adopted : “That Mary J. Vance be granted the right to remove the street lamp at the point of intersection of Virginia avenue and Washington street, in front of her block, and in place of said lamp, and two others that have been removed, she be granted the right to erect one lamp post on Washington street, near the point of said streets, and one on Virginia avenue near said point of intersection; said lamps to be erected and the connections thereto to be made by the said Mary J. Vance at her own expense.”

I would respectfully call the attention of your honorable body to section two of an ordinance entitled “an ordinance regulating the erection of public lamps, and providing for lighting the streets and alleys of the city of Indianapolis with gas.”

This section provides for the number of lamps to be erected within a given space, and if the provisions of the motion above given be carried out, there will be but one lamp on the south side of Washington street between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets, while the light on Virginia avenue will be cut off to some extent.

In view of the ordinance regulating such matters, and the probability of a remonstrance from property-holders who have paid their proportionate assessments for these posts, I deem it my duty to call your attention to the matter.

#### SECOND.

I would respectfully report that the Peru & Chicago R. R. Co. have constructed a dam across Pogue's Run north of Liberty street, which is an obstruction to the flow of water, and possibly a dangerous one in case of heavy rains. I would recommend that the company aforesaid be notified to remove the said dam as soon as possible.

## THIRD.

I am in receipt of the following communication :

*Indianapolis, November 20, 1876.*

Bernhard H. Deitz, City Civil Engineer :

DEAR SIR:—I desire to say to you that the Fall Creek levee, built by the city according to your specifications and directions, is constructed in a manner fully satisfactory to me, and I desire that you should examine the levee built by me and report the same to the Council.

Yours respectfully,

S. J. PATTERSON.

I would report that I have made the requisite examination of Mr. Patterson's levee, and find that he has complied with the stipulations of the contract under which the work was done.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

The first section was referred to the Committee on Gas Light, with instructions to the Engineer to take no action in the matter until such committee makes a report.

The second section was concurred in, and the City Marshal was directed to give the proper notice.

Section third, in regard to which Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

*Moved,* That the report be referred to the City Attorney and Committee on Finance, with instructions to issue the bonds as per contract, if the contract has been fully complied with by Mr. Patterson.

Which motion was adopted.

The City Clerk submitted the following report :

*Indianapolis, November 20, 1876.*

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

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

Henry C. Roney vs. Robert Craighead for.....	\$9 92
Henry C. Roney vs. Alijah S. Alvord for. ....	9 98
Henry C. Roney vs. Elijah S. Alvord for... ..	4 09

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, Bugbee, Byram, Craft, Darnell, Morse, McGinty, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—15.

Negative—None.

Mr. Adams presented the contract and bond of Fred. Gansberg for grading and graveling Japan or East street, from Morris to Nebraska streets.

Which contract was concurred in, and bond approved.

The City Attorney submitted the following report :

*Indianapolis*, November 20, 1876.

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

*Gentlemen* :—In the matter of the petition of the Northwestern Christian University and others, asking that action of the Council in the matter of the opening of Rohampton street be rescinded, which was referred to me at the last meeting of the Council. I would report that I have investigated the matter, and find that the transcript of the proceedings have been filed in the Recorder's office, that the Treasurer has already collected benefits from a large number of those assessed, and I am of the opinion that the Council have no power now to rescind its former action, and that the parties who

have paid would have the right to demand that the city proceed to open the street in accordance with the report of the Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS,  
City Attorney.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

*Indianapolis, November 20, 1876.*

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

*Gentlemen* :—In the matter of the report of the Civil Engineer asking that I be instructed to report an ordinance requiring the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company, and the Water Works Company to notify the Civil Engineer when and where they propose to make any excavation in the streets, I would report that the charters of both of said companies require them to give the Street Commissioner three days' notice before making any such excavation in the street. I think that a motion requiring the Street Commissioner to keep a record of all such notices would remedy the evil that the Engineer speaks of.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS,  
City Attorney.

Which was concurred in.

The City Clerk submitted the following report from the City Treasurer :

*Indianapolis, November 20, 1876.*

Report of receipts and disbursements of the City Treasury from August 1st to October 31st, 1876, inclusive :

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand August 1st, 1876.....	\$28,226 81
From delinquent taxes collected .....	36,473 63
From all other sources . . . . .	9,232 85
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	\$73,932 66

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Assisting City Assessor .....	\$375 97
Bonds and interest.....	13,122 25
Bill posting.....	131 89
Cisterns .....	323 74
Civil Engineer's department.....	1,129 55
Engine Houses.....	14 84
Elections. ....	70 66
Fire Department.....	3,869 33
Fountains....	90 73
Gas Fixtures .....	165 93
Hospital.....	577 88
Home of the Friendless.....	704 65
Incidental .....	222 64
Levee.....	1,836 03
Lamp lighting.....	403 34
Markets .....	154 65
Office fixtures... ..	23 77
Police. ..	6,110 99
Printing .....	1,418 35
Parks....	140 85
Rent.....	240 50
Refunding sewer assesment .....	298 09
Street repairs... ..	5,094 76
Salary.....	1,655 97
State Ditch.....	200 00
Sewers.....	943 82
Station House .....	992 30
Tomlinson estate... ..	15 32
Taxes refunded.....	70 70
Transfers.....	91 70
Balance on hand October 31, 1876 ..	31,441 46
	\$73,932 66

The above balance is held to meet the following liabilities:

School Board .....	11,625 45
Sinking Fund.....	1,875 07
Tomlinson estate... ..	3,500 00

Fire Department Order, No. 9 032.....	2,000 00
Balance to apply to payment of interest January 1, 1877.....	12,440 94
	\$31,441 46

All Orders redeemed were received in payment of taxes, licenses, etc.

HENRY W. TUTEWILER,

To BENJ. C. WRIGHT, Esq.,

City Treasurer.

City Clerk.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

Mr. Adams presented the following petition :

*Indianapolis, November 20, 1876.*

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

*Gentlemen* :—Your petitioner, property owner on Second street, between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets, respectfully but earnestly petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, on the above street between the points above named.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

FRED. GÖPPER.

Which was received.

Also, special ordinance No. 130, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, etc., on Second street, between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets.

Which was read the first time, and made the special order for December 11, 1876.

Also, the following petition :

*Indianapolis, November 20, 1876.*

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

*Gentlemen* :—The undersigned, property owner on Second street, between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets, respectfully petition your honorable body

to pass an ordinance providing for grading and graveling the above street and sidewalks between the points named.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

FRED. GÖPPER, 210 feet.

Which was received.

Also, special ordinance No. 126, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Second street and sidewalks, where not already improved, between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets.

Which was read the first time.

The City Civil Engineer, by consent, submitted the following report :

*Indianapolis, November 20, 1876.*

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

*Gentlemen* :—I herewith transmit a proposition from workmen engaged on Camp street, under contractor William Neal.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,  
City Civil Engineer.

*Indianapolis, November 18, 1876.*

Bernhard H. Deitz, City Civil Engineer :

DEAR SIR :—We the undersigned, workmen under contractor Wm. Neal, on Camp street, between First and St. Clair streets, respectfully represent to you that inasmuch as there is an arrangement pending whereby Mr. Neal is to assign the second and final estimate allowed him on said street, to Mr. Cal. Darnell, who is to collect all assessments and pay all claims against the street, we hereby give our consent to said arrangement, and hope it will be completed as early as possible.

Very respectfully,

Elijah Terry, Patrick Tegan, Armster Bockster, Lee  
Lance, Frank Bly, Columbus Smith, and others.

I am willing that the above arrangement may be made.

WILLIAM NEAL,  
Contractor.

Which was received and prayer of petitioners granted.

## ROLL CALL.

Mr. Adams presented the following remonstrance :

*Indianapolis, November 18, 1876.*

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

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Huron street, between Dillon street and Virginia avenue, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and paving of the sidewalk on the south side of Huron street, between Dillon street and Virginia avenue, and would respectfully ask for the reconsideration of the ordinance providing for such improvement.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

James McGinnis, S. E. Mettee, G. W. Coffin, Henry  
S. A. Mendenhall, F. M. Abbett, Wm. W. Weaver,  
81 feet; and fifteen others.

Which was received.

Mr. Adams moved that the vote by which was passed special ordinance No. 63, 1876, entitled, "An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick the southwest sidewalk of Huron street, between Dillon street and Virginia avenue, be reconsidered.

Which motion to reconsider was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Craft, Darnell, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—18.

Negative—None.

Mr. Adams moved to postpone the further consideration of the above ordinance until March 1st, 1877.

Also, the following remonstrance :

*Indianapolis*, November 20, 1876.

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

*Gentlemen*:—The undersigned, citizens of the city of Indianapolis, would respectfully represent and show to your honorable body, that they are the owners of the real estate adjoining on the east side of the first alley east of Plum street, and running from Christian avenue to Oak street in said city. That at the last meeting of your honorable body, on the 11th day of November, 1876, said alley was by your honorable body ordered to be graded and graveled by proper ordinance.

Your petitioners would further show that they have improved said alley at their own expense, until it is now in good passable condition for the use of the public, and that there is no necessity for the further improvement of the same; that the contract for improving the same has not been let. Wherefore they pray your honorable body to repeal said ordinance, passed to grade and gravel said alley; and they now respectfully remonstrate against said alley being graded and graveled, because there is no public necessity for the same being done.

SARAH C. HEATH.

C. A. HEATH.

Mr. Adams moved to reconsider the vote by which was passed special ordinance No. 110, 1876, entitled, "An ordinance to provide for grading and graveled the first alley east of Plum street, between Christian avenue and Oak street."

Which motion to reconsider was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Craft, Darnell, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—18.

Negative—None.

Mr. Adams then moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, with instructions to report next Monday night whether or not the improvement should be made.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Buehrig offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the owners of the following described real estate, to wit: Lot number 4, in out lot number 15, in Seidensticker's sub-division to the city of Indianapolis, be, and they are hereby required to fill or drain the same, as in the opinion of this Council there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant or noxious as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and the inhabitants thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 28, 1866, entitled, "An ordinance providing for the draining and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same," and that in case of the failure of the owners thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to fill or drain the said excavation as provided in said ordinance; provided that the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the value of the aforesaid real estate as assessed upon the tax duplicate for city purposes.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Craft, Darnell, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—18.

Negative—None.

Mr. Bugbee offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the City Treasurer be, and is, hereby instructed to tender the damages awarded to parties by the City Commissioners in the matter of the opening of Rohampton street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Byram offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to put a stone crossing on Tinker or Seventh street, at its intersection with Illinois street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Craft presented the following communication :

*Indianapolis, November 20, 1876.*

To the Honorables W. H. Craft, J. C. Adams, and V. Case, of the Fire Committee :

*Gentlemen* :—I propose to place an electric indicator and bell, for thermometer fire alarm purposes, in the Vance Block, now in process of completion, at the corner of Virginia avenue and Washington street, in said city of Indianapolis; and I hereby request your permission, and the permission of the Common Council of said city, if necessary, to place another indicator and bell in No. 7 Engine House, on Maryland street, in said city, with necessary battery and wires connecting the same with the instrument in said Vance Block. The object and purpose of said instruments and connection are to send a speedy alarm to said Engine House in case of the occurrence of a fire in said Vance Block. All this will be done by me without any expense to said city, and without any interference or injury to any of its interests.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. SWAN,  
Agent Cleveland Telegraph Supply Co.

Which was referred to the Fire Board, with power to act.

Mr. Darnell offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be, and is, hereby ordered to put down a stone crossing on the north side of First street, across Illinois street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Also, the following motion :

*Moved*, That Henry Clay be, and is, hereby allowed thirty days further time on his contract on Deloss street.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

*Moved*, That the City Civil Engineer be, and is, hereby ordered to discontinue the lighting of two lamps at the White River bridge, one at each end of the same, as they are not to exceed 18 feet apart.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Schmidt offered the following motion :

*Moved,* That J. H. Chamberlin be disbarred from bidding on contracts for the city of Indianapolis hereafter.

Which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims, with instructions to investigate as to the sufficiency of his bondsmen.

Also, the following petition :

*Indianapolis, November 20, 1876.*

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

*Gentlemen :—*The undersigned respectfully petition the City Council to order, at once, that a double stone foot-crossing be put in from the southwest corner of Pennsylvania and Ohio streets to the northwest corner of the same streets; and from the northwest corner of Pennsylvania and Ohio streets due east to the east side of Massachusetts avenue.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

L. D. Waterman, F. M. Tague, Davis & Langdon,  
Swing & Woollen, T. H. Busey, S. D. Jones, Will  
Wright, David Griffiths, Amos F. Fay, D. F. Rand,  
John M. Wood, John E. Foudray, Jas. M. Tomlinson, and 10 others.

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 put down larger connection pipe to catch-basin on the corner of Alabama and South street, under the direction of the City Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

*Moved,* That John Metzel have permission to put a cinder crossing across West Washington street, in front of his place of business, to be done at his own expense.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

*Moved*, That the City Clerk be directed to advertise for vacant lots in Greenlawn Cemetery, parties to name the number of the lot and price asked for same.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thomas presented the following petition :

*Indianapolis*, November 16, 1876.

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

*Gentlemen* :—The undersigned, a property owner on Pearl street, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets, would most respectfully petition your honorable body to have said street regularly graded between the said Tennessee and Mississippi streets, so that the water can run off without injury to the property on said street. Also, to have the proper number of lamp posts erected.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

A. A. HELFER.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. A. L. Wright offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be, and he is, hereby directed to put down a double stone crossing on the east side of Delaware street, where the same crosses Massachusetts avenue.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Also, the following motion :

*Moved*, That the motion passed by this Council on last Monday directing the City Treasurer to pay the damages assessed for opening and straightening Winston street be, and the same is, hereby reconsidered, and that the Treasurer be directed to proceed to collect the benefits.

Which motion to reconsider was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Craft, Darnell, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Reasener, Reed,

Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—18.

Negative—None.

The foregoing motion was then adopted.

Mr. Darnell presented the following communication :

*Indianapolis, November 20, 1876.*

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

*Gentlemen* :—The case of Patterson v. City, No. 11,565, has this day been dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

R. M. SMOCK,  
Deputy Clerk, Room 1.

Which was received.

Mr. Adams offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the City Attorney be, and is, hereby directed to prepare a new form of bond, to be attached to all contracts hereafter, in which the bondsman makes oath that he or they are worth twice the amount specified in the body of the bond, in unincumbered real estate in his own name.

Which was adopted.

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

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

*Indianapolis, November 20, 1876.*

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

*Gentlemen* :—The undersigned, members of the Committee on Opening and Laying Out of Streets and Alleys, to which was referred the plat and petition of C. C. Gale for opening and extending John street from Peru avenue to Massachusetts avenue, would report that we have examined the matters

set forth, and would return the papers and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

ENOS B. REED,

MICHAEL STEINHAUER.

Committee on Opening and Laying Out of Streets and Alleys.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the petition of C. C. Gale, praying for the laying out and opening of John street, from Peru to Massachusetts avenues, be referred to the Commissioners, with instructions to assess benefits and damages, and to make due report, and that for the purpose of opening and laying out 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 Marshal to serve, the proper notices upon the Commissioners and property owners.

Which resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Craft, Darnell, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—18.

Negative—None.

Mr. W. G. Wright, from the Committee on Sellers Farm, submitted the following report :

*Indianapolis*, November 20, 1876.

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

*Gentlemen* :—The undersigned, members of the Committee on Sellers Farm, would report to the Council that there are at present six tenants on the Farm, as follows:

Birk & Bergman, annual rent \$300.00, paid promptly each quarter.

Luther Mehring, annual rent \$100.00, paid promptly each quarter.

Indiana Fertilizing Company, annual rent \$500.00, paid promptly each quarter; last quarter just due.

Frederick Miller, annual rent \$360.00, paid promptly each quarter; last quarter not due.

L. F. Lannay, annual rent \$150.00; three last quarters due, which is collectable and will be paid in this or the coming week.

John Saunders, annual rent \$150.00; nothing paid since March 1, 1876.

We would recommend, in this case, that Saunders be notified to quit in ten days, on failure to pay up arrears.

Leases all need renewing.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. WRIGHT,

WM. F. REASENER,

Committee.

Which was concurred in, and the City Attorney and Treasurer were instructed to carry out the recommendation of said committee.

Mr. Adams moved to reconsider the vote by which special ordinance No. 104, 1876, entitled, "An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley north of Second street, running from Pennsylvania street to the first alley east," was passed November 13, 1876.

Which motion to reconsider was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Craft, Darnell, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Reasener, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—17.

Negative—None.

Mr. Adams moved to amend the ordinance, by striking out the word "east," and inserting the word "west" in lieu thereof.

Which was adopted by unanimous consent.

Special ordinance No. 104, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley north of Second street, running from Pennsylvania street to the first alley west.

Was then taken up, read a third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Craft, Darnell, Laughlin, Morse, McGinty, Reasener, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—17.

Negative—None.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

W. C. Caren Mayor.

Attest :

Benjamin Wright City Clerk.