

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, December 4th, 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, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—24.

Absent—Councilmen Laughlin and Pouders—2.

The proceedings of the regular session, held November 27th, 1876, were read and approved.

Sealed proposals for grading and graveling the first alley north of North street, between Delaware and Hudson streets; also, for grading and graveling the alley between Merrill and Grant streets, running from the first alley west of West street to Acorn street; also, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Meridian street, between Second and Fifth streets, excepting eighty feet of said alley; also, for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk on Maple street, from McCarty to Ray streets; also, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Second street, from Pennsylvania street to the first alley west; also, for grading and graveling the first alley south of Fifth street, running from Pennsylvania street west to alley; also, for grading and graveling Wabash street, between Delaware and Alabama streets, bowldering the gutter of same, and curbing with stone the outside edge of the south sidewalk of said street; also, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Bellefontaine street, between Home avenue and the first alley north of Christian avenue; also, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Dillon street, from English to Lexington avenues; also, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Prospect street, from Dillon to Linden streets; also, for grading and graveling the first alley east of West street, running from Merrill street to the first alley south of Merrill street; also, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Missouri street, between Walnut and St. Clair streets; also, for grading and graveling the alley between College avenue and Broadway street, running from Home to Lincoln avenues; also, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Alvord street, between Home and Malott avenues, were received, opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report:

Indianapolis, December 4, 1876.

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

Gentlemen:—In regard to the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Bridges, relative to the bridge over Pogues Run at the crossing of Virginia avenue and Alabama street, I would report as follows:

I have examined the bridge, and have estimated the cost of repairing it, and also the cost of an iron bridge. In proportion to the cost of the Meridian and Illinois street bridges, an iron bridge at this point would cost \$7,750. The present bridge can be repaired, and made good for several years, for \$640, as the following detailed estimate will show:

For strengthening the stringers.....	\$ 90 00
For repairing hog-chains....	50 00
For reflooring, about two-thirds, with new timber, including labor...	500 00
Total.....	<u>\$640 00</u>

SECOND.

The time granted to the following contractors for completion of their contracts has expired, and I report the same for your consideration:

John Schier, contract for curbing the outside edges of the sidewalks on Broadway street, from Lincoln avenue to the first alley north.

James McB. Shepherd, contract for grading and graveling Ray street and sidewalks, from the west line of Tennessee street to the east line of West street.

James Garner & Co., contract for building a fire cistern at the corner of Washington street and Arsenal avenue.

I would recommend that the above contractors be allowed extension of time, should they make the requisite application.

THIRD.

I would call the attention of the Council to the trestle-work placed in Pogues Run by the I. P. & C. R. R. Co., between Liberty and Washington streets.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Dr. Stratford moved that the first clause be received, and that

the Street Commissioner be directed to repair the bridge, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

The second section was concurred in.

The third section was referred to the Committee on Bridges.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, December 4, 1876.

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

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

A first and partial estimate allowed John W. Dodd & Co. for grading, curbing and paving the sidewalk, and bowldering the gutter, on the north side of Michigan street, from the west line of the U. S. Arsenal grounds to the east line of Woodruff Place—

1,247.4 lineal feet of curbing at 48 cents..	\$ 598 75
1,162.9 lineal feet of bowldering at 70 cents.....	814 03
11,614.1 square feet Shillenger pavement at 40 cents.....	4,645 64
Total.....	<u>\$6,058 42</u>

Also, a second and final estimate allowed Wm. L. White for building a fire cistern at the corner of College avenue and Twelfth street—

1,171.54 barrels at 37 cents...	\$433 47
Less former payment	303 47
Final payment.....	<u>\$130 00</u>

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

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and partial estimate allowed John W. Dodd & Co. for grading, curbing and paving the sidewalk, and bowldering

the gutter, on the north side of Michigan street, from the west line of the U. S. Arsenal grounds to the east line of Woodruff Place, 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, Craft, Darnell, Duffley, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Ransdell, Reasener, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—21.

Negative—None.

The City Attorney submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, December 4, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—In the matter of the petition of Henry Reinken, asking to be relieved from the assessment of benefits against him in the opening of Winston street. I would report that I have examined the same, and also the report of the City Commissioners in the matter, and find that Mr. Reinken was duly served with notice of the meeting of the commissioners, and if he was dissatisfied with their assessment against him, he should have appealed within the time prescribed by law. If the Council should conclude to relieve him, the city would have to pay the amount of the assessment out of the treasury. I am of the opinion that he has no legal demand against the city that he could enforce in the courts.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS,

City Attorney.

Mr. Craft moved that T. J. Matler, Esq., attorney for petitioner, H. Reinken, be granted permission to address the Council on the subject.

Which was granted.

Mr. Craft moved that the report be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney, with instructions to report on next Monday night.

Mr. Darnell moved to amend Mr. Craft's motion by substituting the Committee on Finance in place of the Committee on Judiciary.

Which amendment was accepted by Mr. Craft.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Bugbee, Case, Craft, Darnell, Diffley, Izor, Kenzel, McGill, McGinty, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer and Stratford—15.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Byram, Morse, Ransdell, Thaman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—9.

The Street Commissioner submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, December 1, 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 December 1, 1876 :

Placed stone crossing on Pennsylvania street, at crossing of Ohio street and Massachusetts avenue.

Placed stone crossing on Market street, at crossing of Illinois street ; also, across first alley on South street, west of Noble street.

Completed the repairs on the macademized street.

Repaired the gutter on Arsenal avenue, in front of Mr. Sturm's property.

Repaired Hill avenue with gravel.

Repaired South street with gravel.

Repaired the bowlders on Washington street, and on South Delaware street.

Taken up the wooden culverts on the east side of Alabama street, at crossing of Massachusetts avenue, and bowldered the same.

Cleaned the gutters on 110 squares of street.

Placed 47 new foot bridges, and 21 new culverts, on different street crossings.

Repaired and reset 104 bridges and culverts.

In repairing the bowlders on Washington street, from Delaware to Noble streets, I find 260 yards belong to the Water Works Co.; also, on Pennsylvania street, between Market street and Massachusetts avenue, 58 yards; and on Meridian street, from Ohio to New York streets, 38 yards belonging to the same. Total, 356 yards; which I have repaired at a cost of 20 cents per yard, \$71.20.

Pay-roll for the month ending December 1, 1876.....	\$3,680 39
Clemens Vonnegut, hardware..	46 64
King & Knight, blacksmithing.	14 69
James A. McClain, lumber.....	142 11
Joseph Fisher, lumber.....	269 56
W. H. Hoover, blacksmithing.....	92 35
James McCollum, lumber.....	99 00
A. Simmons, sand.....	9 60
Henry Clay, sand.....	16 00
R. S. Foster, cement.....	16 20
G. H. Shover, hardware.....	13 65
P. Routier, lumber.....	84 21
Hildebrand & King, lumber.....	32 70
Palmer & Banard, rubber sewer boots.....	11 50
Andy Wilmer, oak lumber.....	38 08
Carnine Gardner, lumber.....	180 00
Martin Parker, blacksmithing.....	3 75
H. C. Roney, repairing brick pavement.....	101 60
Seibert & Carr, gravel.....	23 50
Fred Gansberg, bowlders and sand.....	103 75
C. H. Jarvis.	10 00
Total ..	<u>\$4,989 28</u>

Respectfully submitted,

LEANDER A. FULLER,

Street Commissioner.

Which was received.

The Superintendent of the City Hospital submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, December 1, 1876.

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

I would respectfully report that I have this day paid to the City Treasurer, as shown by accompanying duplicate receipt :

Cash collect from pay patients.....	\$10 00
Cash collected from sale of old irons.....	14 10
Cash on persons of deceased patients.....	2 71
Total.....	<u>\$26 81</u>

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. VAN VORHIS,
Superintendent.

Which was received.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, December 4, 1876.

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

Monthly Report of Expenditures of the City Hospital and Branch, ending
November 30, 1876.

F. J. Van Vorhis, superintendent and postage.....	\$94 14
Edward A. Brown and wife, steward and matron.....	37 50
John Butterworth, nurse	30 00
Belle Howard, nurse	18 00
Emma Shrigley, nurse.....	15 00
Perry Evans, janitor.....	15 00
Bettie Lytle, laundress.....	14 00
Jennie Ford, laundress.....	14 00
Jennie Armstrong, laundress.....	12 00
Jennie Smith, laundress.....	12 00
Lucy Blaggrave, ironer.....	12 00
Sallie Buckingham, cook.....	12 00
Mary Guthre, cook	12 00
Henry Anderson, cook.....	12 00
Mary Coble, chambermaid.....	12 00
James Robinson, cook.....	10 00
Maranda Dowel, dining room girl.....	6 00

W. A. & I. N. Patterson, drugs, paints, glass, etc.,.....	58 86
Parrott, Nickum & Co., crackers	8 31
J. W. Johnson, table ware.....	28 65
G. F. Adams, stoves, kitchen and laundry fixtures	176 23
E. J. Knowlton, bath tubs.....	38 00
Commings & Selers, slop pails.....	13 50
Swing & Woollen, flour, feed, etc.,	41 70
Smith & Groves, oil, lamps, etc.,	82 08
Robertson & Perry, groceries.....	96 81
Gordon & Hess, dry goods.....	15 33
Foster, Blackman & Foster, lumber.....	57 55
D. H. Fatout, milk	53 55
Woodford Thompson, straw.....	12 00
E. Hedges, undertaking and conveying.....	24 20
Charles Kuhn, meat... ..	112 60
James E. Watts, groceries.	118 28
J. S. Wood, groceries.....	92 26
Eli Lilley, drugs.....	20 88
James Ellis, sow pig.....	20 00
Peter Bryce, bread.....	49 96
Cobb & Branham, coal ..	92 87
Total.....	\$1,550 76
Collected from pay patients and other sources.....	26 81
Total expenditures.....	\$1,523 95

RECAPITULATION.

Total Expenditures for the Month.....	\$1,523 95
Aggregate number of days for which subsistence, etc., was furnished	1,559
Average expense per capita per diem.....	98

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. VAN VORHIS,
Superintendent.

Which was received.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, December 4, 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 November 30, 1876, is respectfully submitted :

NO. OF BEDS IN HOSPITAL—82.	First Week.	Second Week.	Third Week.	Fourth Week.	Fract'l Week.	Total Adults.	Total Infants.	Total.
Number of Patients at last report—adults.....	50	49	47	46	43	50	.....
Number of Patients at last report—infants.....	2	2	3	2	4	.....	2	52
Received New Patients—adults.....	5	12	26	11	12	66	.....
Births, or Received—infants.....		3	2	2	.....	7	73	
Discharged—adults.....	5	13	27	13	1	59	.....
Discharged—infants.....		1	2	.....	.....	3	62	
Died—adults.....	1	1	.....	1	.....	3	.....
Died—infants.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	2	5	
Number of Patients remaining—adults.....	49	47	46	43	54	54	.....
Number of Patients remaining—infants.....	2	3	2	4	4	.....	4	58
Number of Patients in Branch—adults.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Number of Patients in Branch—infants.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Aggregate No. of Patients in Hospital—adults....	206	306	383	323	349	1567	.....
Aggregate No. of Patients in Hospital—infants...	8	17	25	22	20	.....	92	1659

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. VAN VORHIS,

Superintendent.

Which was received.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

Mr. Adams introduced special ordinance No. 132, 1876, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for the grading and graveling of the alley between Broadway street and College avenue, and running from Butler street to Home avenue.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thalman introduced special ordinance No. 133, 1876, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, etc, on Pearl street, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets.

Which was read the first time.

Also, special ordinance No. 134, 1876, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for the grading and graveling of Pearl street, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thomas introduced general ordinance No. 55, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance prohibiting any person from soliciting passengers or baggage at, or carrying passengers or baggage to, or from the Union Depot without a license from the President of the Union Railway Company.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. W. G. Wright introduced special ordinance No. 135, 1876, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the alley between Olive and Linden streets, running from Orange to Willow streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Byram, from the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, by consent, submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, December 4, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, your Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, herewith submits the report of the City Dispensary, for the quarter ending November 30, 1876, would recommend that an appropriation of \$800 be made for the use of said dispensary.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,
J. W. BUGBEE,
GEO. KENZEL.

Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals.

Which was received.

Also, the following report from the City Dispensary :

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

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Ransdell introduced appropriation ordinance No. 68, 1876, entitled :

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

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Reed introduced appropriation ordinance No. 69, 1876, entitled :

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

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Webster introduced appropriation ordinance No. 70, 1876, entitled :

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

Which was read the first time.

Appropriation ordinance No. 66, 1876,

Was read the second time and engrossed.

Appropriation ordinance No. 67, 1876,

Was read the second time and engrossed.

Appropriation ordinance No. 68, 1876,

Was read the second time and engrossed.

Appropriation ordinance No. 69, 1876,

Was read the second time and engrossed.

Appropriation ordinance No. 70, 1876.

Was read the second time and engrossed.

Appropriation ordinances No. 66, 67, 68, 69 and 70, 1876, were read the third time and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Mr. Thalman moved that the rules be suspended, and general ordinance No. 55, 1876, entitled: "An ordinance prohibiting any person from soliciting passengers or baggage at, or carrying passengers or baggage to or from the Union Depot, without a license from the President of the Union Railway Company," be taken up and placed upon its passage.

Which motion failed to pass by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—16.

Negative—Councilmen Case, Diffley, McGill, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt and Stratford—7.

ROLL CALL.

Mr. Adams presented the following remonstrance :

Indianapolis, December 1, 1876.

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

The undersigned, the Board of Trustees of the Third Presbyterian Church, of Indianapolis, respectfully show that they are the owners of the real estate located at the northeast corner of Meridian and Second streets, in said city ; that they expect to commence the erection of church building thereon early in the ensuing spring, and for that purpose will necessarily be required to occupy the greater portion of said Second street adjoining said property, in the course of said erection; that, for that reason and the further one that the public interests will not, at this time, be materially advanced by the improvement of said street, they respectfully remonstrate against said improvement, and pray that no action to that end be now taken.

The Board of Trustees of the Third Presbyterian Church,
By N. S. BYRAM, President.

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

Also, the following petition :

Indianapolis, December 4, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—We the undersigned, property holders on Broadway street, between Lincoln avenue and Seventh street, respectfully petition your honorable body to have the estimate made for grading and graveling said street at fifteen (15) per cent. less than the amount contracted for. The contract calling for screened gravel and the contractor, through misunderstanding, having furnished raked gravel. We think fifteen (15) per cent. a proper and just difference, and are willing to settle with him at that reduction from contract price.

Ernest B. Cole, Oliver S. Dale, Joseph A. Eastman,
Ovid Butler, Geo. E. Townley, S. Merrill.

I hereby agree to accept payment, based on estimate as above, in lieu of contract price.

THOMAS HERTON.

Which was received.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer is hereby directed to accept the im-

provement of Broadway street, in accordance with the agreement of the property owners, duly signed, and hereby filed, and issue the estimate to the proper parties for the improvement of the above street.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That James Garner be, and is, hereby granted thirty days additional time in which to complete his contract for the building of a fire cistern on Arsenal avenue; provided, he files a new bond for the performance of the above work.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following petition :

Indianapolis, December 4, 1876.

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

Gentlemen.—The undersigned is the owner of an estimate issued to him by the Council for the improvement of Eighth street, and in said estimate there is an assessment against the Indianapolis, Peru & Chicago R. R. Co., for thirty-three feet and five inches.

The above company refuses to pay the same for the reason that the ground assessed in their name was not owned by them, but merely leased. In order to bring the matter before your honorable body, I present this petition, and pray that you may secure me in the sum of \$41.14.

Respectfully,

JAMES MAHONEY.

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

Mr. Bugbee offered the following motion :

Moved, That J. C. Graydon have permission to put down a plank crossing in front of his property on Seventh street, between Broadway street and College avenue.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

Moved, That the ordinance regulating hackmen and runners in soliciting passengers, in and around the Union Depot, be, and is, hereby referred to the Police Board and the City Attorney, with instructions to report upon the same on next Monday night, and it shall be made the special order.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Darnell presented the following communication :

Indianapolis, December 4, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—We, Handlon, Young & Co., of Wheeling, West Virginia, propose to number the city of Indianapolis with our glass numbers; warranted not to corrode and last as long as the city could reasonably expect, at as low as 35 cents each. We guarantee our numbers not to corrode, and to be distinctly seen from one side of the street to the other. If the city is not able to pay for the above, we propose to canvass the city; each and every property holder to pay for his number, as ordered by him. We further agree to name each and every street, also all alleys, for the city for the above price. All we ask is, that the city grant us the above privilege. We guarantee to number the city properly, and to give general satisfaction. We will also want the assistance of the Civil Engineer of your city, providing terms are satisfactory with the above agreement. We have samples which we are prepared to show the Council before taking action. Hoping terms satisfactory,

We are, yours, etc.,

HANDLON, YOUNG & CO.

Which was referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Kenzel presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, December 4, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—We, the undersigned, respectfully petition your honorable body to place a fire alarm box in the immediate vicinity of the Indianapolis Starch Works. We give employment to a great many workmen the year through, who are dependent on us for the support of their families. We have a large amount of capital invested in said locality, which might be totally destroyed at any time, by not having the proper facilities for giving an alarm in case of fire. Believing it is your desire to give manufacturing interests

every facility possible, for safely carrying on their works, we trust you will give our petition a favorable consideration.

Very respectfully, yours,

WM. F. PIEL & CO., Proprietors Indianapolis Starch Works.

JOHN OTT, Furniture Factory.

DENNISON & MILLER, Vinegar Factory.

OMER TOUSEY & CO., Indianapolis Soap Works.

GEO. KENZEL.

RICHARD A. KIRFOOT, Glue Factory.

CHAS. G. MORRIS & CO., Crackling Presses.

PETER A. WETZEL.

MARTIN MCGINTY.

Which was referred to the Fire Board and Chief Fire Engineer.

Mr. Ransdell offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioners be instructed to put down a stone flag crossing across New York street, on the east side of Indiana avenue.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Reed offered the following motion :

Moved, That, in order to preserve Military Park from the incursions of vandals, gamblers and loafers during the winter months, the Park Commissioners thereof is hereby empowered to employ the services of a watchman at the rate of \$1 per day for the next three months.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Steinhauer offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to put down a culvert on New Jersey street, from Washington street to the north side of the Union Tracks, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Dr. Stratford offered the following motion :

Moved, That Joseph Benaur be allowed thirty days additional time to complete his contract for grading and graveling the first alley east of East street, from McCarty street to the first alley north of Buchanan street; he giving a new bond with the understanding that no further time will be given after the extension of said thirty days.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the City Treasurer report to this Council at its next regular meeting, the amount of orders outstanding, stamped by him, not paid for want of funds.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Thalman presented the following communication :

Indianapolis, December 4, 1876.

MR. THALMAN—*Dear Sir* : You will greatly oblige me if you will introduce a resolution in the City Council to-night, directing property holders to open New York street, west of White River, from River street west to the end of the corporation. I desire to sell lots fronting on said street, but can not do so until the street is opened.

Respectfully yours,

DAVID STEVENSON.

Which was received.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the City Marshall be directed to cause to be opened New York street west of White River, from River street to the corporation line west.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thomas offered the following motion :

Moved, That Mrs. M. J. Vance be allowed the privilege of putting down a stone crossing from the corner of Virginia avenue and Washington street to the northeast corner of Pennsylvania street and Washington street. The

same to be done at her own expense, within ninety days, under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

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

Indianapolis, December 3, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned petitioner, resident of the said city, would respectfully ask of your honorable body that \$500 of her estate be exempted from taxation for the year 1875, under the eighth clause of section seven of an act, entitled : "An act to provide for an uniform assessment of property, and for the collection and return of the taxes thereon," approved December 21, 1872.

MARTHA J. NEIGHBORS.

STATE OF INDIANA, }
COUNTY OF MARION, } SS :

We, the undersigned, being acquainted with the value of lot 24, in out-lot 117, in the city of Indianapolis, do, upon our respective oaths, say, that the same is owned by Martha J. Neighbors, and that the whole of her estate on the 1st day of January, 1875, both real and personal, does not exceed in value the sum of one thousand dollars ; she being a widow.

C. E. HARRIS.

JAMES JOHNSTON.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public, in and for said county this 2d day of December, 1876.

GEORGE CARTER,

[SEAL.]

Notary Public.

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

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the City Clerk be, and he is, hereby directed to report to this Council on the first Monday of January, 1877, all the orders issued by him from the date of his annual report to January 1, 1877; also for what purpose.

Which was adopted.

Mr. W. G. Wright presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, December 2, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—We, the undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Prospect street, between Reed street and Pleasant avenue, respectfully petition for the passage of a motion providing for the payment of five hundred yards of gravel. The city to pay for the gravel and the property owners to hall the same on the sidewalks of said street, between the points named.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

J. M. Knight, E. R. McDougal, Wm. C. Denny,
Fred. Sanders, L. Logsdon, Fred. Niemier, E. G.
Holladay, John McCloskey, Jacob Mattern,
Charles V. Dantzer, E. S. Reid, Wm. S. Davenport, Ike. King.

Mr. Thalman moved to lay said petition on the table.

Which motion to lay on the table was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Byram, Case, Darnell, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Ransdell, Reed, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, and Wright, Arthur L.—15.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Craft, Diffley, Reasener, Stratford, and Wright, William G.—7.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is, hereby instructed to put down a stone walk across the west side of Pennsylvania street, at its intersection with Ohio street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Thalman, from Committee on Streets and Alleys, submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, December 4, 1876.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred sundry papers, report as follows :

First—Is a petition from A. Helfer, praying for the improvement of Pearl street, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets. We recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and herewith introduce ordinances for the same.

Second—Is a motion that the Street Commissioner place a protection at the northwest corner of the bridge over Pogues Run on Illinois street. We recommend that the motion be concurred in.

Third—Are several motions for street crossings. We recommend the following motions be concurred in :

RANSELL—

From the point at the northwest corner of Indiana avenue and the canal bridge, and to the point of the intersection of Indiana avenue and Michigan street. Stone crossing.

W. G. WRIGHT—

Across Virginia avenue at the terminus of the Street Railway. Stone crossing.

DARNELL—

Across Illinois street, on the north side of First street. Stone crossing.

A. L. WRIGHT—

On the east side of Delaware street, across Massachusetts avenue. Stone crossing.

We would respectfully call your attention to the numerous motions presented for putting down stone crossings, and the large expense attending the doing of such work. While we admit that all that are petitioned for would make a permanent and needed improvement, we do not think, under the present condition of the treasury, the Council should put down any more this winter. We therefore recommend that no further motions for stone crossing be entertained.

Fourth—Is a part of our last report regarding the graveling between the track of the railroad switch leading to Coffin's pork house and the Starch Works, which was referred back to us for further consideration. We herewith return the same for your adoption, but with the following amendment,

(we having since learned that the Indianapolis & Vandalia Railroad are the actual owners of the track): That our report be referred to the City Attorney for his opinion, that, if the city release the parties against whom she now has judgment, whether it could be recovered from the Railroad Company.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC THALMAN,

ALBERT IZOR,

W. F. REASENER,

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The first and second sections were concurred in.

In section third, the recommendations of the committee for laying down stone crossings at the following points were concurred in: From the point at the northwest corner of Indiana avenue and the canal bridge, and to the point of the intersection of Indiana avenue and Michigan street; also, across Virginia avenue at the terminus of Street Railroad; also, across Illinois street, on the north side of First street.

Upon the question to concur in the recommendation of the committee for laying down a street crossing on the east side of Delaware street, across Massachusetts avenue, the ayes and noes were demanded.

The motion to concur was then adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, McGill, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Steinhauer, Stratford Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—16.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Kenzel, Morse, and McGinty—5.

The question being to concur in the balance of section third,

Mr. Darnell moved that it be not concurred in. The ayes and noes being demanded.

The motion to not concur in was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Craft, Darnell, Kenzel, McGill, McGinty, Ransdell, Reed, Steinhauer, Stratford, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—13.

Negative—Councilmen Byram, Case, Izor, Morse, Reasener, Thalman, Thomas and Webster—8.

The fourth section was concurred in.

Mr. McGill, by consent, offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioners be, and is, hereby instructed to lay a stone crossing in front of the Board of Trade at the intersection of Maryland street and Kentucky avenue.

Which was concurred in by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Darnell, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, and Wright, William G.—15.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, and Wright, Arthur L.—6.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

S. H. Haren Mayor.

Attest :

Benjamin Wright City Clerk.