

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, March 19th, 1877—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, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—23.

Absent—Councilmen Kenzel and McGill—2.

The proceedings of the regular session, held March 12th, 1877, were read and approved.

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

Indianapolis, March 19, 1877.

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 March 5, 1877, have examined the same and find them to be as follows, to-wit:

For constructing a wooden bridge over Pogues Run, at the crossing of Ray street—

John L. Hanna, \$35.00 per thousand feet, board measurement, for all lumber required in said bridge, including all excavations, bolts, nails, paints, etc., to complete said bridge.

O. L. Bullock, 6,900 feet oak flooring, at \$30.00 per 1,000 feet, \$172 50; 11,048 feet pine lumber, at \$16.00 per 1,000 feet, 176 76; bolts, spikes, excavations, carpenter work, \$150.00; three coats paints, \$15.00. Bridge complete for \$514.26.

Jungclaus & Schumacher, to complete the entire work, for pine lumber per 1,000 feet, \$24.50; oak lumber per 1,000 feet, \$25.00, board measurement.

Peter Routier, to furnish all the materials and complete the bridge for \$22.50 per 1,000 feet for pine and oak lumber, board measure.

H. C. Roney, \$18.00 per 1,000 feet for pine lumber, and \$18.50 per 1,000 feet for oak lumber, board measure. The above bid includes all work and material.

H. C. Roney being the lowest and best bidder, your committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BUGBEE,

D. M. RANSELL,

Committee on Contracts.

Which was concurred in, and contract awarded.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, March 19, 1877.

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

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

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

420 lineal feet at 24 cents.....	\$100 80
420 lineal feet sloping Canal bank (extra) at 4 cents... ..	16 80
Total... ..	\$117 60
Former payments.	117 60

Also, a first and final estimate allowed James Mahoney for grading and graveling the alley between Merrill and Grant street, from the first alley west of West street to Acorn street—

840 lineal feet at 11½ cents	\$96 60
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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 corrected and final estimate allowed James Mahoney for grading and graveling the west side of Missouri street, between Vermont street and Indiana avenue, be, and the same is, hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Morse, McGinty, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, and Wright, William G.—16.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed James Mahoney for grading and graveling the alley between Merrill and Grant streets, from the first alley west of West street to Acorn 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, Izor, Morse, McGinty, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, and Wright, William G.—16.

Negative—None.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, March 19, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—I was instructed to report to the Council the best and most economical plan for draining the water from the intersection of Walnut street and the I. C. & L. R. R. tracks. I have examined the point referred to, and would recommend the building of a wooden culvert along the west side of the tracks and across the street, and that a drainage pipe one foot in diameter, and about sixty feet in length, be placed in the south gutter, by which the water can be carried into the Canal.

SECOND.

I was directed to examine Washington street, and ascertain at what points the Street Railroad tracks are above the grade of the street. I find as follows :

From Tennessee street to Illinois street the tracks vary from one to two inches above the bowlders along the sides of said tracks.

From Meridian street to a point 100 feet east of Pennsylvania street the tracks vary from one to five inches above the bowlders.

From Alabama street to a point 300 feet east of Alabama street the tracks vary from one to two inches above the bowlders.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

The first section of the report was concurred in, and the second section was referred back to the Engineer with instructions to make a report in accordance with the motion.

The City Attorney submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, March 19, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—I would report that the Indianapolis & Brownsburg Plank Road Company have accepted the proposition to settle the case against the city upon the terms that the Council instructed me to offer at the last meeting, to-wit: \$1,875.00. I would therefore recommend that the Committee on Accounts and Claims be instructed to include said amount in the next general appropriation ordinance, and that said amount be paid to said company.

I would also report that the case of John McAllister against the city, in the Superior Court, has been decided in favor of the city since the last meeting of the Council, it being a case for damages for false imprisonment and injury received at the Station House.

And also that the case of Ryan vs. The City has been determined, it being the same kind of a case.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS,

City Attorney.

The first section of the report was concurred in, and the remainder of the report was received.

The Chief Fire Engineer submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, March 19, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—The following is a list of the fire cisterns which do not hold water :

Illinois and Kansas streets, 7 feet out.

Tennessee and Ray streets, 5 feet out.

Orange and Olive streets, 6 feet out.

College avenue and Seventh street, 6 feet out.

Michigan and Patterson streets, 5 feet out.

Massachusetts avenue, near New York street, 5 feet out.

Delaware and Georgia streets, 6 feet out.

Tennessee and Herbert streets, 5 feet out.

Illinois and Williams streets, 5 feet out.

Pennsylvania and Fifth streets, 5 feet out.

One on Pennsylvania and New York streets, and the one on Pennsylvania and Ohio streets, are about 5 feet down; but these are very large cisterns and there is about 1,500 barrels in each of them.

Respectfully submitted,

W. O. SHERWOOD,

Chief Fire Engineer.

Which was referred to the Fire Board, with instructions to report next Monday night.

The Board of Health submitted the following report:

Indianapolis, March 19, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—There is a number of bodies at the vaults in Greenlawn cemetery. We would recommend to the Council to take steps to have the bodies properly buried.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. HOOK,

S. A. ELBERT,

J. W. MARSEE,

Board of Health.

Which was referred to the special committee having in charge the purchase of additional burial ground.

Also, the following report:

Indianapolis, March 19, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—There is a large pond of water standing constantly on the west side of the I. P. & C. R. R. tracks, and east of Railroad street, between

North and St. Clair streets. Said pond is, during the summer season, very injurious to the health of the citizens of that neighborhood. We would recommend that the Council take steps to have the excavation filled before the hot weather comes on.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. HOOK,
S. A. ELBERT,
J. W. MARSEE,
Board of Health.

Which was referred to the Councilmen from the ward, with instructions to take action with a view of carrying out the recommendation of the Board.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following report :

Indianapolis, March 19, 1877.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—The amount of fines collected by me during the month of February, 1877, due the city treasury, is \$39.70; which amount I have paid the City Treasurer, and file herewith his duplicate receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CAVEN,
Mayor.

Which was approved.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

Mr. McGinty presented the following petition :

Indianapolis, March 19, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—We, the undersigned, owners of real estate on Church street, between Ray and Morris streets, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance to grade and gravel said Church street, between said Ray and Morris streets—the total distance being about 867 feet.

Charles Schrader, 30 feet; Johann Kuhn, 30 feet;
F. Bruning, 60 feet; John W. Fultz, 30 feet; John

S. Catrill, 30 feet; Henry Kuhrmann, 30 feet; C. F. Meier, 30 feet; Louis Reimer, 30 feet; F. Suhr, 30 feet; N. McCarty, for himself and others, (all the east side) 817 feet.

Which was received.

Mr. McGinty introduced special ordinance No. 9, 1877, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Church street and sidewalks, between Ray and Morris streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thalman introduced appropriation ordinance No. 20, 1877, entitled:

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of certain claim against the city of Indianapolis, in favor of Messrs. Johnson & Christerson.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thalman moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of placing the above entitled ordinance on its passage.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—20.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 20, 1877,

Was read the second time and engrossed, and read the third time and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—21.

Negative—None.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Mr. Darnell offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The ordinance loaning the city's credit for \$500,000 to the Belt Road and Stock Yards Company authorizes the city to elect two Directors for the same, and

WHEREAS, The city having the minority representation on said Board, we believe that the city's Directors should be men not directly interested in, or having been actively in favor of, the said loan; therefore, be it,

Resolved, By the Common Council of the city of Indianapolis, that Dr. J. H. Woodburn and the Hon. N. B. Taylor be, and are, hereby elected as the city's representatives on the said Board, to hold their offices until such time as the Company shall order a new election of Directors.

Mr. Buehrig moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Which motion failed to pass by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Diffley, McGinty, Pouder, Reasener, Reed, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thomas, Webster, and Wright, William G.—11.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Morse, Ransdell, Schmidt, Thalman, and Wright, Arthur L.—12.

Upon motion, by Mr. Thalman, the previous question was ordered.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution offered by Mr. Darnell, the same failed to pass by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Ransdell, Schmidt, Thalman, and Wright, Arthur L.—11.

Negative—Councilmen Buehrig, Diffley, Morse, McGinty, Pouders, Reasener, Reed, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thomas, Webster, and Wright, William G.—12.

Mr. Buehrig moved that the Council now proceed to elect two members of the Board of Directors of the Union Railroad Transfer and Stock Yard Company, as provided in general ordinance No. 51, 1876.

Which motion was adopted.

Nominations being in order, Mr. Buehrig nominated Dr. J. M. Kitchen, Dr. Stratford nominated Col. B. C. Shaw, Mr. Schmidt nominated Dr. J. H. Woodburn, Mr. Thalman nominated Samuel J. Patterson, Mr. Byram nominated N. B. Taylor, Mr. Craft nominated Thomas H. Sharpe.

Mr. Darnell moved that but one Director be voted for at a time.

The question being on the adoption of the motion, a rising vote was had, which resulted in eleven Councilmen voting in the affirmative and eleven in the negative. There being a tie vote His Honor, the Mayor, voted in the affirmative.

So Mr. Darnell's motion was adopted.

The Chair appointed Councilmen Byram and Buehrig as tellers.

A ballott was then had, which resulted in Dr. J. M. Kitchen receiving 10 votes; Dr. J. H. Woodburn, 9 votes; S. J. Patterson, 2 votes: Col. B. C. Shaw, 1 vote; Thos. H. Sharpe, 1 vote.

There being no election, a second ballot was had, which resulted in Dr. J. M. Kitchen receiving 14 votes; Dr. J. H. Woodburn, 7 votes; S. J. Patterson, 2 votes.

Dr. J. M. Kitchen having received a majority of all the votes cast, the Mayor declared him duly elected as one of the Directors.

A ballot was then had for the second Director, which resulted in Col. B. C. Shaw receiving 11 votes; Dr. J. H. Woodburn, 6 votes; S. J. Patterson, 6 votes.

There being no election a second ballot was had, which resulted in Col. B. C. Shaw receiving 14 votes; Dr. J. H. Woodburn, 3 votes; S. J. Patterson, 6 votes.

Col. B. C. Shaw having received a majority of all the votes cast, the Mayor declared him duly elected as one of the Directors.

ROLL CALL.

Mr. Adams offered the following motion:

Moved, That James Mahoney be allowed forty days additional time in which to complete his contract for the improvement of Wabash street, between Delaware and Alabama streets.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That Wm. Morrison be, and is, hereby granted thirty days additional time in which to complete his contract for the improvement of first alley south of Fifth street, running west from Pennsylvania street to first alley west.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Bugbee offered the following motion :

Moved, That S. J. Smock have thirty days further time in which to complete his contract for grading and graveling the first alley east of Bellefontaine street, and south from Home avenue to the first alley north of Christian avenue.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That James Garner have thirty days additional time in which to complete his contract for grading and graveling the first alley west of College avenue, between Home and Lincoln avenues. Also, the first alley north of North street, from Delaware to Hudson streets.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following petition :

Indianapolis, March 19, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—I would respectfully represent that I purchased at Tax Sale, of the city of Indianapolis, lot 38 in Davidson's second addition, which was sold in the name of Dorman Davidson, but was really owned by the C. C. C. & I. Railroad, and by them given in as a part of their right of way for track, and for this reason should not have been assessed. And for the reason of said error I ask your honorable body to refund to me the amount of said tax, \$9.40, with interest.

For which I would ever pray,

NOAH NOBLE.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance and City Attorney.

Mr. Byram offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, By a law passed by the late legislature, recently assembled in this city, it becomes the duty of the present city Council of the city of Indianapolis, previous to the next city election to be held on Tuesday, May 1st, 1877, to subdivide the said city into wards containing 800 voters each, as near

as practicable, and also to create five aldermanic districts out of said wards ; and,

WHEREAS, It is due the citizens of said city of all political parties, that a just and fair division be made in the subdivisions of said wards and aldermanic districts ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a committee composed of five members of this Council be appointed by His Honor, the Mayor, to take charge of, and report to this Council at as early a day as practicable, an ordinance subdividing the city into wards and aldermanic districts, in accordance with the law above referred to.

Resolved, That, in the selection of the above named committee, the Mayor be directed to select three of the members thereof from the political party representing a majority of the members of this Council, and that two of the members of said committee be selected from that political party representing the minority of the members of this Council.

Resolved, That the City Assessor be, and is, hereby directed to proceed to, at once enumerate the voters of the several wards, and contemplated wards, of the city, under the supervision of the committee, as contemplated in the above resolutions.

Dr. Stratford moved that the committee consist of two members from each of the two prominent political parties, and that the Mayor be chairman of such committee.

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

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Morse, Poudier, Ransdell, Steinhauer, Thalman, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—15.

Negative—Councilmen Buehrig, Diffley, McGinty, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford and Thomas—8.

Mr. Byram's resolution was then adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Morse, Poudier, Ransdell, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—17.

Negative—Councilmen Buehrig, Diffley, McGinty, Reasener, Reed and Stratford—6.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed as such committee Councilmen Byram, Thalman, Steinhauer, Stratford, and Diffley.

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

Indianapolis, March 19, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Opening and Laying Out of Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of John C. Wright and others asking that Vermont street be opened from its present western terminus to Blake street, would recommend that the same be opened, and that the petition be referred to the City Commissioners for further action.

Respectfully submitted,

ENOS B. REED,

MICHAEL STEINHAUER,

Committee on Opening and Laying Out of Streets and Alleys.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

Moved, That Richard Carr be, and is, hereby allowed forty (40) days additional time in which to complete his contract for grading and graveling the first alley north of Prospect street, from Dillon to Linden streets.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That C. H. Smith have a permit to move a frame house from 245 Dillon street to blank number on Spann avenue.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Darnell offered the following motion :

Moved, That the two Directors just elected by this Council for the Belt Road hold their term of office until the next annual election of Directors of said company.

Which was adopted.

Mr. McGinty offered the following motion :

Moved, That John Flaherty be allowed an extension of forty days for the completion of the first alley west of Missouri street, between Walnut and St. Clair streets. Also, for the first alley north of Second street, between Pennsylvania street and the first alley west.

Which was adopted.

His Honor, the Mayor, offered the following motion :

Moved, That James Johnson have permission to pave with brick or stone the sidewalk in front of his premises, No.'s 87 and 91 East Washington street. Said work to be done at said Johnson's own expense, and within ninety days. Such work to be done under direction of the City Civil Engineer, who is hereby directed to set the proper stakes.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Ransdell offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Clerk be instructed to deliver a copy of the revised City Charter and ordinance to the County Coroner for the use of his office.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Schmidt offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to place a wooden culvert across the north and south side gutters of Winston and East Market streets.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Steinhauer offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is, hereby instructed to fill the chuck holes on Merrill street, between East and New Jersey streets.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Stratford presented the following communication :

Indianapolis, March 5, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—We the undersigned, property owners, do certify that the entire estate, real and personal, of Mrs. Anna Knannlein, a widow, is not worth \$800 ; and that she is entitled to the exemption allowed by the present exemption laws, and ask that her tax for the years 1875-6 be refunded.

THOMAS NOCK.

BENJAMIN W. DARGLUS,

Which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims, and City Assessor.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to raise the grade of the road leading to Pest House with dirt from street scrapings.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following account :

Indianapolis, March 13, 1877.

City of Indianapolis to Johnson & Christerson, Dr. :

To building fire cistern at the corner of Beecher and Shelby streets—

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1,178 barrels, at 35 cents per barrel.....	\$412 30
Credit by estimate	260 00
Balance due.....	\$152 30

I certify that the fire cistern built by Johnson & Christerson, for the city of Indianapolis, located on the corner of Shelby and Beecher street, has a capacity of 1,178 barrels, according to rules in common use for measuring cisterns.

B. V. ENOS,
City Measurer.

Indianapolis, October 20, 1876.

STATE OF INDIANA, }
MARION COUNTY, } SS:

I, B. V. Enos, certify that the above is a correct bill of the work done, as therein stated.

B. V. ENOS.

Subscribed and sworn to by B. V. Enos, this 12th day of March, 1877.

[SEAL.]

Notary Public.

Which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims.

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

Moved, That Andrew J. Sloan be, and is, hereby granted thirty days additional time in which to complete his contract for grading and graveling the first alley east of Dillon street, running from English avenue to Lexington avenue.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair the crossing at Indiana avenue and I. C. & L. R. R.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Ransdell offered the following motion ♦ • • • •

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill up the chuck-holes on Michigan street, from Tennessee to Missouri street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is, hereby instructed to put down a stone crossing on the west side of Massachusetts avenue, at the intersection of New York street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Webster, from the Committee on Accounts and Claims, submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, March 19, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Accounts and Claims and Assessor, to whom was referred the petition of Christian Hilgenberg, asking that certain delinquent taxes of \$18.00 against west half of west half of west half of square 6, out-lot 157, be remitted, would report that the most of said lot was taken and appropriated for the widening of Locke street, and we would recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and that the Assessor be instructed to make the necessary alterations upon the tax duplicate.

Second. The petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Catterson, widow, and Mrs. Margaret White, asking that \$500.00 worth of property be exempted for them, and that the taxes upon that sum heretofore paid by them for the year 1875 be refunded, was referred to us, and we would report that we have examined the matter and find that their property is assessed at less than \$1,000, and that they are entitled to the relief asked. We therefore recommend that the sum of \$7.50 be allowed each of them, and that the sum be included in the next appropriation ordinance, and that the Assessor be directed to make the proper exemption and entry upon the duplicates for the year 1876.

Third. The petition of U. J. Hammond, asking that taxes paid by mistake by him upon lot 145, out-lot 97, when he intended to pay upon lot 144, in said out-lot, be transferred to said lot 144. We would recommend that the prayer

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of the petition be granted, and that the Treasurer be directed to make the necessary changes upon the tax duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. C. WEBSTER,

W. G. WRIGHT,

W. F. REASENER,

Committee on Accounts and Claims.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Craft, from the Fire Board, submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, March 19, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Fire Board, to which was referred sundry papers, have had the same under consideration, and would report as follows :

First. The claim of E. H. Pritchard, Veterinary Surgeon, for attendance upon horses in the Fire Department, for the last five months, ending March 1st, 1877, we are persuaded is a just claim, and would recommend its allowance.

Second. The claim of Scott & Mathis for stone alleged to have been furnished the contractor on No. 8 Hose Reel House, in the sum of twenty-three dollars. We would recommend that it be referred to the City Attorney, with the instructions to examine and report as to the liability of the city in the matter.

Third. The motion of Mr. Darnell instructing the Civil Engineer to advertise for proposals for building a 1,000 barrel cistern at the intersection of Mississippi and William streets. We would report the same back and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CRAFT,

J. C. ADAMS,

J. L. CASE,

Fire Board.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Craft, from Special Committee, submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, March 19, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, members of the special committee, to which was referred the communication of the City Treasurer, in regard to the making of a new index to abstract book in his office, have had the same under consideration, and find that in order to preserve a very necessary record the index will have to be made. We would therefore recommend that the City Treasurer, with the concurrence of the Finance Committee, be instructed to have the same made.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CRAFT,
I. W. STRATFORD,
A. L. WRIGHT,
Special Committee.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Thalman, from Special Committee, submitted the following report:

Indianapolis, March 19, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—Your special committee, to whom was referred a communication from Austin C. Dewey, asking that certain charges made against him to the Board of Police and in the public prints, by Jerry Moreau, be investigated, respectfully report that we have heard the evidence produced by said Jerry Moreau, and find it not sufficient to sustain either charge.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC THALMAN,
ALBERT IZOR,
WM. BUEHRIG.

Which was concurred in.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

Hoare Mayor.

Attest:

Benjamin Wright City Clerk.