

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.
REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, April 30th, 1877—7½ 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, Izor, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—22.

Absent—Councilmen Diffley, Kenzel, and McGill—3.

The proceedings of the regular session, held April 23d, 1877, were read and approved.

Sealed proposals for grading and graveling Church street, between Ray and Morris streets, were opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report:

Indianapolis, April 30, 1877.

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

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

By order of the Council, a corrected and final estimate allowed Macauley & Stone for grading, paving and curbing the east sidewalk on Blackford street from Washington street to the west arm of the canal—

464 lineal feet paving at 48 cents.....	\$222 72
513.3 lineal feet curbing at 63 cents.....	323 37
40.1 cubic yards bowldering at 79 cents.....	31 67
135.6 lineal feet flagging at 62 cents.....	84 07
Total.....	<u>\$661 83</u>
By order of Council less 25 per cent.....	165 45
	<u>\$496 38</u>
Former payments... ..	496 38

Also, a first and final estimate allowed John Flaherty for grading and graveling the first alley west of Missouri street, between Walnut and St. Clair streets—

824.5 lineal feet at 14 cents	\$115 43
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Also, a first and final estimate allowed Richard Carr for grading and graveling the first alley north of Prospect street, from Dillon to Linden street—

1992 lineal feet at 15 cents.....	\$298 80
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Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,

City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the foregoing corrected and final estimate allowed Macauley & Stone for grading, paving and curbing the east sidewalk on Blackford street, from Washington street to the west arm of the Canal, 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.

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed John Flaherty for grading and graveling the first alley west of Missouri street, between Walnut and St. Clair streets, be, and the same is, hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Richard Carr for grading and graveling the first alley north of Prospect street, from Dillon to Linden 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 were adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bugbee, Byram, Case, Darnell, Izor, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—17.

Negative—None.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, April 30, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—In compliance with order of the Council, I have had my annual report for the year ending May 1st, 1877, printed, and herewith submit the same.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was received.

Also, the following report :

Indianapolis, April 30, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the contract and bond of John Low for grading and graveling Second street and sidewalks, between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets.

Bond, \$500.00. Bondsman, S. J. Patterson.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in, and the contract and bond approved.

The City Attorney submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, April 30, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—At the last meeting of the Council, a communication from a committee on behalf of the Workingmen, asking that they be allowed a representation upon the election boards at the coming city election, was referred to me, and I would report that I have examined the matter, and find that section four of the general election law, passed in 1869, provides that two judges shall be selected from the different political parties, "provided there are different political parties in such precinct, and such appointments shall be made from the two political parties casting the highest number of votes in such township or precinct." Section ten of the city charter provides that "all elections in cities shall be governed by the laws in force regulating township and other elections."

I am therefore of the opinion that it is the duty of the Council to appoint two freeholders in each ward, to act as judges of the election; one to be selected from each of the two political parties casting the highest number of votes in each ward.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS,
City Attorney.

Dr. Stratford presented the following communication :

Indianapolis, April 30, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, your petitioners, and Executive Committee of the United Independent and Workingmen's Party, respectfully ask your honorable body to grant us a representation on the election board for the municipal election, to be held in the city of Indianapolis, Ind., on Tuesday, the 1st day of May, 1877; and, to this end, we ask the appointment of the gentlemen hereinafter named, who have been selected by the committee for their respective wards, being freeholders and residents of said city, to-wit :

For the First Ward, Wm. P. Smith.

For the Second Ward, E. T. Bussell.

For the Third Ward, Abram Carman.

For the Fourth Ward, W. W. Hoover.

For the Fifth Ward, James Sloan.

For the Sixth Ward, Edward Cleveland.

For the Seventh Ward, D. E. Myers.

For the Eighth Ward, Benjamin Stokely.

For the Ninth Ward, John S. Kinkade.

For the Tenth Ward, C. F. Meyer.

For the Eleventh Ward, Mark A. Smith.

For the Twelfth Ward, Allen Withrow.

For the Thirteenth Ward, R. W. Shilling.

For the Fourteenth Ward, J. C. Willits.

For the Fifteenth Ward, John Redmond.

For the Sixteenth Ward, John W. Burket.

For the Seventeenth Ward, A. P. Poor.

For the Eighteenth Ward, Joseph Andriane.

For the Nineteenth Ward, Eli Strickler.

For the Twentieth Ward, Wm. H. Henschen.

For the Twenty-First Ward, William P. Reno.

For the Twenty-Second Ward, Ernst Kattmann.

For the Twenty-Third Ward, John J. Logan.

For the Twenty-Fourth Ward, Jacob Keifer.

For the Twenty-Fifth Ward, Lewis Hoff.

And for this your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

N. W. PARKER, Chairman.

ISAAC AMOS,
C. J. W. SHEARER, } 1st Dist.

J. E. WOLVERTON,
J. H. WRIGHT, } 3d Dist.

MICHAEL CAIN,
JACKSON SAILORS } 5th Dist.

W. G. ELDER,
HENRY C. CASE, } 4th Dist.

J. C. WILLITS,
GEORGE KELLOG, } 2d Dist.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the communication be received, and the gentlemen named therein be allowed to remain in the room with the boards, at the several polls, during the voting and counting.

Mr. Ransdell moved to amend the above motion as follows :

That the Common Council recommend that the various election boards permit the gentlemen suggested in the preceding communication to be present with said boards during the election and counting of the votes cast.

Which amendment was accepted by Dr. Stratford.

The motion, as amended, was then adopted.

The City Clerk submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, April 30, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—I respectfully report, that on the 25th day of April, 1877, I transmitted to the City Commissioners the petition of Wm. H. English and others, in the matter of laying out and opening Dillon street, in a width of sixty (60) feet from the first alley north of Deloss street, in a northerly direction to the Michigan road, and resolution of your honorable body concerning

the same, and that I issued notice to the said Commissioners according to law, and also to the owners of property.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,
City Clerk.

Which was received.

The Market Master presented the following report :

Indianapolis, April 30, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—I would respectfully submit the following report of moneys received by me up to the present time for stall rents in the East Market, and for which I hold the City Treasurer's receipts :

Total amount received for rents..... .. \$3,321 05

Respectfully submitted,

WM. SHOW,
Market Master.

Which was concurred in.

The Superintendent of the City Hospital submitted the following papers :

Indianapolis, April 30, 1877.

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

Report of expenditures on account of City Hospital and Branch, for the ten months ending April 30, 1877 :

Employees..... ..	\$3,326 50
Groceries..... ..	3,313 38
Meats..... ..	1,100 04
Bread and crackers..... ..	623 52
Milk..... ..	482 89
Flour, feed, straw, etc..... ..	213 45
Drugs..... ..	675 12
Coal..... ..	1,257 46
Ice..... ..	156 18
Lights, lamps, etc..... ..	215 95
Surgical appliances..... ..	64 75

Bath tubs.	76 00
Dry goods.....	57 46
Repairs	151 43
Undertaking and conveying.....	289 25
Queensware, tinware, etc.....	96 55
Furniture, matting, carpets, etc.....	100 68
Hogs	20
Lumber.....	380 94
Carpenter work.....	93 99
Hardware ...	82 97
Pumps.....	72 10
Stoves and improvements about kitchen and laundry.	891 06
Stone, brick, lime, sand and mason work.....	153 75
Postage	31 60
Paper and paper hanging.....	38 00
Blank books. .	9 50
Medical books	23 40
Total expenditures	\$13,997 92
Cash collected during the ten months...	390 52
Net expenditures.	\$13,607 40
Expended for permanent improvements and non-perishable furniture and appliances ...	1,997 64
Net running expenses.....	\$11,609 76
Average expenses per month	1,160 97
Average number of patients treated during the time (per month)..	77

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. VAN VORHIS, M. D.,
Supt. City Hospital.

Report of expenditures on account of City Hospital and Branch, for the month ending April 30, 1877:

Total expenditures for month.	\$1,034 43
Cash collected and paid to City Treasurer	50 84
Net expenditures for the month	\$983 59
Aggregate number of days subsistence furnished.....	1266
Average expenses per capita per diem of patients.....	77

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. VAN VORHIS, M. D.,
Superintendent.

Which were received.

By consent, Mr. Reasener offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution appointing inspectors and judges, passed by the Council on the 18th of April, be amended as follows, to-wit:

By striking out the name of James F. Carter, as judge in the First Ward, and inserting the name of George H. Carter.

By striking out the name of W. C. Moriarity, as judge in the Fifteenth Ward, and inserting Patrick Manly.

By striking out the name of Sol. Devinish, as judge in the Eighteenth Ward, and inserting O. H. P. Abbett.

By striking out the name of W. W. Noland, as judge in the Second Ward, and inserting A. C. Hopkins

By striking out the name of J. G. Payne, as judge in the Ninth Ward, and inserting W. W. Woolen.

Mr. Ransdell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution appointing inspectors and judges for the election to be held on the 1st of May, 1877, passed by this Council, be amended as follows :

By inserting therein the name of Omer Rodebaugh, as inspector of the Third Ward election board, in the place of Calvin F. Rooker.

By inserting the name of Chancey Aldrich, as judge of the Seventh Ward election board, in the place of Wm. H. Kettenbaugh.

By inserting the name of W. D. McLain, as inspector of the Twelfth Ward election board, in the place of J. D. Howland.

By inserting the name of Wm. L. Wingate, as judge of the Eighteenth Ward election board, in the place of Ignatius Brown.

By inserting the name of Thomas J. Breedlove, as judge of the Thirteenth Ward election board, in the place of James I. Isgrigg.

By inserting the name of J. S. Russell, as inspector of the Twenty-third Ward election board, in the place of Henry Sponsel.

By inserting the name of J. M. Ridenour, as inspector of the Eighth Ward election board, in the place of Chris. Zimmerman.

The above resolutions were adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative — Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram,

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

Negative—None.

Mr. Thalman offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution fixing the place of holding the election in the Twenty-fifth Ward, passed at the last meeting of the Council, be amended by striking out and changing the place of holding the election from the corner of Tennessee and McCarty streets, to the corner of Wilkins and Maple streets; and that the place of holding the election, on the 1st of May, in the Twenty-fifth Ward, be fixed at the corner of Wilkins and Maple streets.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Morse, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—19.

Negative—Councilmen Buehrig, McGinty, and Stratford—3.

Dr. Stratford presented the following communication :

Indianapolis, April 30, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, a widow, entitled under the exemption act for widows, would respectfully represent that my property was assessed at \$1,000, which was too high, and with one dollar tax compels me to pay \$15, which I am unable to do. I therefore ask that the amount, or a part thereof, be refunded.

And as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

Yours respectfully,

SOPHIA SMITH.

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

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING.

Mr. Craft introduced general ordinance No. 17, 1877, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating fifteen thousand dollars, for the purpose of fulfilling the contract existing between the City and the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis Railway Company, and other matters connected therewith.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thalman moved to strike the above ordinance from the files.

Which failed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Byram, Darnell, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—17.

Negative—Councilmen Bugbee, Case, Craft, Izor, and Schmidt, —5.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication and account :

Indianapolis, April 21, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—Your attention is most respectfully called to the attached duplicate bill of repairs done for the City Fire Department, and approved by Chief Fire Engineer Sherwood, original not paid, now being in the hands of the City Treasurer, order for same being made payable to W. H. Green through a misunderstanding of the Chief Engineer, who supposed Mr. Green was my agent at the time of rendering the bill; which not being the case (he not either then nor now being anyways connected with Peddlers' Exchange). Your honorable body is most respectfully requested to order the City Treasurer to pay said amount to me, to whom it rightfully belongs.

Yours respectfully,

THOMAS COTTRELL.

Indianapolis, December 1, 1876.

City of Indianapolis, to Thomas Cottrell, Dr.:

To repairs on stoves and pipe, and chimney, at No. 9 House..... \$26 00

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

By consent, Mr. Buchrig offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution appointing inspectors and judges by the Council, on the 18th of April, be amended as follows, to-wit:

By striking out the name of W. H. Myers, as judge in the Sixth Ward, and inserting the name of Wm. C. Tarkington.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, 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.—22.

Negative—None.

The City Treasurer submitted the following report:

Indianapolis, April 30, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to report that I have made a tender of the damages awarded to different parties, in the matter of opening Court street.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. TUTEWILER,

City Treasurer.

Which was received.

Mr. Webster, from the Committee on Accounts and Claims, introduced appropriation ordinance No. 33, 1877, entitled:

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Webster then moved that the rules be suspended, and that the above ordinance be now read the second and third times, and placed upon its final passage.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—Councilman Stratford—1.

The above entitled ordinance was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

By consent, Mr. Darnell called up general ordinance No. 11, 1877, which had been made the special order for this meeting, and said ordinance was read the second time.

Mr. Darnell then moved that said ordinance be read the third time by sections, amended if necessary, and placed upon its final passage.

Mr. Buehrig moved that said ordinance lay over, for action by new Council.

Mr. Darnell demanded a call of the ayes and noes on Mr. Buehrig's motion; and said ordinance was laid over by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Buehrig, Bugbee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reasener, Reed, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas Webster, and Wright, William G.—13.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Byram, Case, Craft, Darnell, Izor Ransdell, Schmidt, and Wright, Arthur L.—9.

ROLL CALL.

Mr. Reed, President *pro tem.*, in the chair.

Mr. Adams offered the following motion:

Moved, That Joseph Moyer be, and is, hereby granted permission to remove a frame house from the corner of Seventh and Rohampton streets, to a point two squares north on Bellefontaine street; the same to be removed within two weeks.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That Fred. Gansberg be, and is, hereby granted sixty days extension of time on his contract for improving Japan or East street, between Morris and Nebraska streets.

Which was adopted.

By consent, Mr. Craft, from the Fire Board, made the following report:

Indianapolis, April 30, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, members of the Fire Board, to which was referred the petition of W. F. Piel & Co., and others, asking that a fire alarm

box be placed upon the Starch Factory, or in the immediate vicinity, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Fire Engineer, would say that we have had the same under consideration, and would recommend that at the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that one be erected at the point desired.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CRAFT,

J. L. CASE,

J. C. ADAMS,

Fire Board.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Darnell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Common Council be, and are, hereby tendered to the Hon. John Caven for the faithful and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Council, and performed all of his many duties as Mayor of the city.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, 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.—22.

Negative—None.

Mr. Darnell, from the Special Committee on procuring rooms for the city government in the new Court House, submitted an informal, adverse report.

On his motion, the Special Committee was then discharged.

Mr. Izor offered the following motion :

Moved, That James Mahoney be granted three weeks further time to complete the work of bowldering the north side of East Market space.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Morse offered the following motion :

Moved, That M. Broderick have permission to put down a bowlder crossing in front of his property on Indiana avenue; provided the same be done at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, and be completed within sixty days.

Which was adopted.

Mr. McGinty offered the following motion :

Moved, That John Flaherty be granted an extension of thirty days to complete his contract on the first alley north of Second street, between Pennsylvania street and the first alley west, with the same bond.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Ransdell offered the following motion :

Moved, That the County Commissioners be permitted to improve, at their own expense, the north sidewalk on Washington street, between Alabama and Delaware streets; the work to be done in ninety days. The City Civil Engineer is hereby instructed to give the proper grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That B. Hutchinson have permission to pave with brick the sidewalk alongside his property, on the south side of Second street, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets; the same to be done at his own expense, and within sixty days, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, who is hereby directed to set the grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That V. Chambers have permission to tap the sewer in Clifford avenue and Archer street, for the purpose of draining the water therein from his saw mill; the same to be done under the direction of the Civil Engineer.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers and the City Civil Engineer, with power to act in the premises.

Mr. Reed presented the following communication :

Indianapolis, April 17, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—Your petitioner would respectfully represent to your honorable body, that on the 13th day of March, 1875, he purchased of John Ebert thirty (30) feet of the south side of lot four (4), square one (1), southeast addition, and that by mistake of the City Treasurer or Assessor, he paid to the Treasurer, on the 15th day of April, 1876, the taxes on thirty-six (36) feet, *north side of said lot*. In consequence, your petitioner's property became delinquent, and now stands charged for the taxes, which it was thought were paid at that time.

Your petitioner now asks and demands that the amount of said taxes be refunded to him, and that the taxes as represented by his receipt (copy attached), be carried to said 36 feet south side of lot 4, square 1, owned by Jno. Mescall.

And as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

FRANK FERTIG.

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

Also, offered the following motion :

Moved, That permission be granted F. Showalter to pave eighty feet of sidewalk in front of his premises, Nos. 252 to 158, inclusive, on Indiana avenue, at his own expense; the grade stakes to be set by the City Civil Engineer, and the work to be done within the next thirty days.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That J. A. McKenzie be granted permission to raise the sidewalk in front of his store, Trade Palace, on West Washington street, between Meridian and Illinois streets, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer;

said work to be done within the next thirty days, at said McKenzie's own expense.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Schmidt offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Marshal be, and is, hereby directed to open Court street, according to the report of the City Commissioners.

Which was adopted.

By consent, Mr. Steinhauer, from the Committee on Public Buildings, made the following report :

Indianapolis, April 30, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—We the undersigned, members of the Committee on Public Buildings, to whom was referred the petition of Messrs. Morris and Bretz, for erecting an outside stairway, starting on the sidewalk against lot No. 7, square 87, and passing up to the second story of the building owned by John D. Morris, and connecting with Adam Bretz's building, fronting on Louisiana street, would report that we have examined the same, and recommend that the prayer of the petition be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL STEINHAUER,
WM. G. WRIGHT,
WM. BUEHRIG,
Committee on Public Buildings.

Which was concurred in.

Dr. Stratford offered the following resolutions :

WHEREAS, During the pendency of the Belt Railroad and Stock Yard ordinance, the managers thereof verbally agreed that they would pay fair living wages for labor; and whereas, they have fixed the price of labor at ninety cents or one dollar per day, at which price no man of a family can make a support for them, on account of the high and increasing prices of the necessities of life; Therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Council that the said company are not paying such compensation for labor as the members of Council were led to believe, by their statements, they would do.

Resolved, That a committee of three members of Council, holding over, be appointed to confer with the directors of the company, and ask them, in behalf of the Council, to increase the price for labor at least 25 per cent.

On motion of Mr. Thalman, the last resolution was amended so as to demand a compensation of "at least one dollar and fifty cents a day."

The resolutions, as amended, were then adopted by the following vote, (Mr. Thomas being excused):

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

Negative—None.

The Chair appointed Councilmen McGinty, Morse, and Wright, Arthur L., as the special committee under preceding resolutions.

Mr. Webster offered the following motion:

Moved, That Jacob Streicher have permission to pave with brick the sidewalk in front of his property (lots 14 and 15, in Butler's subdivision of outlot 180), on Fort Wayne avenue, according to stakes to be set by the City Civil Engineer, and the work to be done within sixty days.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Case offered the following motion:

Moved, That Patrick Lynch be, and is, hereby granted permission to improve the sidewalk on English avenue, in front of Nos. 24, 26, 28 and 30; also, in front of his property on Pine street, between English avenue and Harrison street; also, in front of No. 28 Harrison street; the same to be done

at his own expense, the grade stakes to be set by the City Civil Engineer, and the work completed within the next sixty days.

Which was adopted.

By consent, Mr. Ransdell, from the Committee on Water Works, submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, April 23, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Water Works, to whom was referred the petition of Frank J. Meyer, et al., in regard to water rent for street sprinkling carts, asking the City Council to secure a reduction in price, etc., would respectfully report, that we have examined the charter and ordinances under which the Water Works Company are furnishing water to the city and citizens, and find that there is no relief for the parties of the things complained of, except by the opening up of the whole question of water rates, as provided for in the charter ordinance of the Water Works Company.

The ordinance provides that the company shall furnish the city and citizens water at the same rates charged in other cities of like population, and if the city and company shall fail to agree upon rates, the question shall be settled by the reference of the matter to a committee of arbitration, the members of which shall be non-residents of the city, two to be selected by the city, two by the company, and they to select the fifth.

Your committee refer the matter back, without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. RANSELL,
W. H. CRAFT,
Committee.

Which was concurred in.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Special ordinances No. 117, 1876, No. 125, 1876, and No. 4, 1877, were read the second time, and stricken from the files.

Special ordinance No. 121, 1876, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Special ordinance No. 134, 1876, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Special ordinance No. 136, 1876, was read the second time.

Mr. Byram moved that this ordinance lay over, for action by new Council.

Mr. Schmidt demanded the ayes and noes on Mr. Byram's motion; and Mr. Byram's motion was lost by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Bugbee, Byram, Case, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—10.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Pouder, Reed, Schmidt, Steinhauer, Stratford, and Thalman—10.

Special ordinance No. 6, 1877, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Special ordinance No. 10, 1877, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Special ordinance No. 14, 1877, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Craft then moved that all the pending ordinances be postponed, for final action by new Council.

Mr. Darnell moved to lay Mr. Craft's motion on the table, and demanded a call of the ayes and noes on his motion.

Mr. Darnell's motion was adopted by the following vote:

