

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, }
Monday, May 28th, 1877—7½ o'clock P. M. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in regular session.

PRESENT :

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

Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—22.

Absent—Councilmen Bugbee and Morse—2.

The proceedings of the regular session, held May 21, 1877, were read and approved.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and the several official bonds duly approved:

Indianapolis, May 28, 1877.

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following official bonds for your approval:

G. W. McCain, Turnkey at Central Station; giving as security Isaac Thaman and Sam. B. Corbaley: penalty of bond, \$2,000.

Benj. Thornton, Turnkey at Central Station; giving as security H. G. Carey and Eli Thompson: penalty of bond, \$2,000.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,

City Clerk.

The City Clerk, also, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK,
Indianapolis, May 28, 1877. }

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—I respectfully report the following affidavits, now on file in my office, for the collection of street assessments by precept, to-wit:

Samuel J. Smock vs. Bartholomew D. Brooks, for	\$7 56
Samuel J. Smock vs. Henry C. Martin, for	7 56
Samuel J. Smock vs. Henry C. Martin, for	11 20
Samuel J. Smock vs. James O. Woodruff, for ...	11 20
Samuel J. Smock vs. James O. Woodruff, for	15 12
Samuel J. Smock vs. H. C. Hopkins (christian name unknown) for	11 20
Samuel J. Smock vs. H. A. Kerr (christian name unknown) for....	11 20

And respectfully recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

And the precepts ordered to be issued, by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Byram, Case, Dill, Izor, Layman, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, and Wright, W. G.—18.

Negative—None.

The City Clerk, also, submitted the following report ; which was received :

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, }
Indianapolis, May 28, 1877. }

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

Gentlemen :—I respectfully report, that on the 23d day of May, 1877, I transmitted to the City Commissioners the petition of James J. Boyle and others, in the matter of laying out and opening West Vermont street, from the first alley east of Douglass street (the present western terminus of Vermont street), west to Blake street, in a width of sixty (60) feet, 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.

The City Attorney submitted the following report ; which was concurred in :

Indianapolis, May 28, 1877.

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—In February last, a petition was presented by Ingram Fletcher, asking that an order of vacation be made as to certain platted additions owned by him, which was referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Darnell, Steinhauer, and Thomas, who reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petition, and recommending that I be instructed to prepare the proper order of vacation.

Upon examination, I found that the proper notices of the pendency of the petition had not been given, as the statute required. The notices have now been given, and the proof thereof is filed with the petition, and I am of the opinion that the statute has been complied with.

I have prepared a resolution, which I submit herewith, that should be passed, if the Council should grant the prayer of the petition. I would also recommend that the Clerk be instructed to print the petition, proofs of publication and notice, in the Council proceedings, that a full record of the matter may be preserved.

Respectfully,

R. O. HAWKINS,
City Attorney.

Indianapolis, February 16, 1877.

To the Members of the City Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Your petitioner respectfully represents to your honorable body that he is the owner of all the lots in the plat of ground known as Fales & French's and Marott's additions to the city, and bounded as follows, to-wit: On the north, by Blackmore street; on the south, by Long Branch street; on the east, by Hill avenue and Baltimore avenue; and on the west, by Bismark or Harrison avenue; and request that you pass an order, vacating the streets and alleys within said boundaries, and allow him to enclose the said land with a fence, in order to put the same under cultivation, the said blocks being now subdivided into one hundred and fourteen lots.

INGRAM FLETCHER.

STATE OF INDIANA, }
MARION COUNTY, } SCT:

Before me, Geo. P. Anderson, a Notary Public in and for said county, came Ingram Fletcher, and being duly sworn says, that the statement in the above petition is true, as he verily believes.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this fifth day of May, 1877.

[SEAL.]

GEO. P. ANDERSON, Notary Public.

NOTICE OF VACATION.

Notice is hereby given, that Ingram Fletcher has filed his petition before the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, for the vacation of the streets and alleys in Fales & French's and Marott's additions to the City of Indianapolis, bounded by Blackmore and Long Branch streets and Hill, Baltimore, Bismark and Harrison avenues; which petition will be acted on by said City Council, on the 28th day of May, 1877, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

STATE OF INDIANA, }
MARION COUNTY, } Sct:

Geo. P. Anderson, being duly sworn, says, that a copy of the above notice was posted in three (3) places, near the additions proposed to be vacated, twenty days previous to the 28th day of May, 1877, as required by law.

GEO. P. ANDERSON.

Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned, a notary public in and for said county.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this third day of May, 1877.

EDGAR A. BROWN, Notary Public.

NOTICE OF VACATION.

Notice is hereby given, that Ingram Fletcher has filed his petition before the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, for the vacation of the streets and alleys in Gates & French's and Marott's addition to the City of Indianapolis, bounded by Blackmore and Long Branch streets and Hill, Baltimore, Bismark and Harrison avenues, which petition will be acted upon by the said City Council on the 28th day of May, 1877, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

STATE OF INDIANA, }
MARION COUNTY, } Sct:

Personally appeared before the undersigned, Ed. A. Reed, assistant book-keeper of "The People," a public weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Indianapolis, in the county aforesaid, who, being duly sworn, upon his oath, saith that the notice, of which the attached is a true copy, was duly published in said paper for three weeks successively, the first of which publication was on the 28th day of April, 1877, and the last on the 12th day of May, 1877.

ED. A. REED.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 19th day of May, 1877.

AMOS CARTER, Notary Public.

Received, April 26th, 1877, of Ingram Fletcher, two dollars and fifty cents, in full for publishing the above notice as per copy.

ENOS B. REED.

Also, the accompanying resolution :

WHEREAS, Ingram Fletcher has petitioned the Common Council of the city to vacate a certain addition known as Fales & French's and Marott's additions to the city, and bounded as follows, to-wit : On the north by Blackmore street ; on the south by Long Branch street ; on the east by Hill avenue and Baltimore avenue ; and on the west by Bismarck or Harrison avenue : AND, WHEREAS, It appears by said petition and the affidavit attached thereto, that said Fletcher is the owner of all the lots in said additions ; and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Common Council that more than twenty days' notice of the pendency of said petition was given, by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in said city, and also by posting up notices of the same in three places near the additions proposed to be vacated, and no remonstrance or opposition having been made to said petition ; therefore,

Resolved, That the plat of the additions known as Fales & French's and Marott's additions to the City of Indianapolis, bounded as follows : On the north by Blackmore street : on the south by Long Branch street ; on the east by Hill avenue and Baltimore avenue ; and on the west by Bismarck or Harrison avenue, be, and the same are hereby, ordered to be vacated and set aside, and that the several streets and alleys laid out and platted in the said additions be, and the same are hereby, vacated ; and Ingram Fletcher is hereby granted the right to fence the said additions into one or more inclosures.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Byram, Case, Dill, Izor, Layman, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, and Wright, W. G.—17.

Negative—None.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following petition ; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys :

Indianapolis, May 28, 1877.

To His Honor, Mayor Caven, and Hon. Board of Aldermen and City Council :

Gentlemen :—We, the undersigned, pray your honorable body to have Washash street, from Delaware to New Jersey street, covered to the depth of two inches with good pit gravel and sand, as it is so rough no one can travel on it. We will pay our part.

Andrew Wallace, Trustee I. O. O. F. lot, 110 feet ;
 Enoch Warman, 92½ feet ; Gates & Pray, 202½ ft.

The Board of Health submitted the following report; which was received :

Report of deaths in the City of Indianapolis from 6 o'clock P. M., on the 20th day of May, 1877, to 6 o'clock P. M., on the 26th day of May, 1877:

Under 1 year	3
1 to 2 years.....	3
2 to 3 "	3
3 to 4 "	1
4 to 5 "	0
5 to 10 "	1
10 to 20 "	3
20 to 30 "	2
30 to 40 "	3
40 to 50 "	0
50 to 60 "	1
60 to 70 "	0
70 to 80 "	1
80 to 90 "	2
90 to 100 "	0
Above 100 years.....	0
Unknown	0
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Total.....	23

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. HOOK, M. D.,
President Board of Health.

J. W. MARSEE,
Secretary Board of Health.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

Councilman Byram introduced the following ordinances; which were read the first time :

General ordinance No. 20, 1877, entitled

An ordinance transferring the money now in the City Treasury, belonging to the Sinking Fund, to the General Fund, and providing that all money hereafter collected on account of the Sinking Fund shall be placed to the credit of the General Fund;

General ordinance No. 21, 1877, entitled

An ordinance providing for a temporary loan of three hundred thousand dollars, to defray the current expenses of the city for the present year;

Appropriation ordinance No. 35, 1877, entitled

An ordinance appropriating money for the compensation of the officers and members of the Fire Department and Police Force, and the Janitor of the City Building.

Councilman Izor introduced the following ordinance; which was read the first time:

General ordinance No. 22, 1877, entitled

An ordinance to amend section twenty-two (22) of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance regulating the markets within the City of Indianapolis, defining the duties of Market Master, and prescribing certain rules and regulations relative to the sale of provisions, produce, and other articles, in the markets and other portions of said city, ordained November 30, 1863."

MESSAGES FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message from the Board of Aldermen was received, and the several amendments made to the papers transmitted to said Board by the Common Council were, on motion, duly concurred in:

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

Gentlemen:—At an adjourned session of the Board of Aldermen, held Wednesday evening, May 23d, 1877, the following papers, transmitted from your Honorable Body, were concurred in and adopted by said Board:

Report from City Civil Engineer, reporting a second and partial estimate in favor of James Mahoney; also, a first and final estimate in favor of John Flaherty; and the estimate resolutions accompanying the same.

Report of the City Clerk, stating that certain affidavits had been filed in his office by John Greene and Bruner & Riner, for the collection of street and sewer assessments by precept.

Resolution, ordering special election to be held in the Sixteenth Ward, for the election of one Councilman from said ward.

Motion, granting permission to Fred. Brocking to grade and gravel the sidewalk along the line of his property on the corner of Illinois and Ray streets, at his own expense.

The following special ordinances were passed by said Board, after having been amended by inserting in the ordaining clause of each of the ordinances the words "and Board of Aldermen" after the words "Common Council":

Special ordinance No. 8, 1877, entitled An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk on Mississippi street, between Tinker street and Herbert street;

Special ordinance No. 15, 1877, entitled An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Herbert street and sidewalks, between Illinois and Meridian streets;

Special ordinance No. 123, 1876, entitled, An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling California street and sidewalks, from Washington street to Maryland street;

General ordinance No. 134, 1876, entitled An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Pearl street, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets.

The motion instructing City Clerk and Committee on Printing to have prepared two hundred cards with the names of the several Committees printed thereon, for distribution; was adopted, after being amended, so as to include the printing of the Standing Committees of the Board of Aldermen.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. BREUNIG,
Clerk of Board of Aldermen.

Also, the following message; which was received:

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith transmit, for your action upon the same, a resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen, at its meeting held May 23d, 1877, granting permission to J. W. Davis to move the Massachusetts Avenue M. E. Church, from its present location, between Oak and Plum streets, near Massachusetts avenue, to the northeast corner of Central avenue and Butler street.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. BREUNIG,
Clerk of Board of Aldermen.

The resolution referred to reads as follows:

Resolved, by the Board of Aldermen (the Common Council concurring), That permission be, and is hereby, granted to J. W. Davis, to remove the Massachusetts Avenue M. E. Church from its present lot, north of Massachusetts avenue, between Oak and Plum streets, to Butler street, near Central avenue, by way of Arch street to Park avenue, on Park avenue to Butler street, and on Butler street to the new lot, northeast corner of Butler street and Central avenue.

And was concurred in by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Byram, Case, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, McGinty, Poudier, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—21.

Negative—None.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

General ordinance No. 19, 1877, which was made the special order for this evening [see Proceedings of the Common Council, May 21, 1877, page 45], was then taken up.

Councilman Byram offered, as a substitute,

General ordinance No. 19, 1877, entitled

An ordinance providing for the compensation of the officers of the City of Indianapolis, and the officers and members of the Police and Fire Departments of said city, for the fiscal year ending May 15th, 1878.

General ordinance No. 19, 1877, as substituted, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed. It was then read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Byram, Case, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, McGinty, Poudier, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—21.

Negative—None.

Councilmen Byram moved to suspend the rules, for the purpose of taking up, reading the second and third times, and placing on final passage, general ordinances No. 20, 1877, and No. 21, 1877, and appropriation ordinance No. 35, 1877; which motion to suspend the rules was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—22.

Negative—None.

General ordinance No. 20, 1877, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

General ordinance No. 21, 1877, was read the second time, and amended, at suggestion of the Mayor, by designating the warrants issued under its provisions, as "Time Warrants of 1877," and then it was ordered to be engrossed.

Appropriation ordinance No. 35, 1877, was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

General ordinance No. 20, 1877, entitled

An ordinance transferring the money now in the City Treasury, belonging to the Sinking Fund, to the General Fund, and providing that all money hereafter collected on account of the Sinking Fund shall be placed to the credit of the General Fund,

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—22.

Negative—None.

General ordinance No. 21, 1877, entitled

An ordinance providing for a temporary loan of three hundred thousand dollars, to defray the current expenses of the city for the present fiscal year,

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—22.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 35, 1877, entitled

An ordinance appropriating money for the compensation of the officers and members of the Fire Department and Police Force, and the Janitor of the City Building,

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—22.

Negative—None.

Councilman Izor moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of taking up, reading the second and third times, and placing on its final passage, general ordinance No. 22, 1877; which motion to suspend the rules was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—22.

Negative—None.

General ordinance No. 22, 1877, was then read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

General ordinance No. 22, 1877, entitled

An ordinance to amend section twenty-two (22) of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance regulating the markets within the City of Indianapolis, defining the duties of Market Master, and prescribing certain rules and regulations relative to the sale of provisions, produce, and other articles in the markets and other portions of said city, ordained November 30, 1863,"

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—22.

Negative—None.

ROLL CALL.

Councilman Byram offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The Annual Reports of the City Treasurer and City Clerk show that there is now in the City Treasury an amount of money sufficient to pay all of the outstanding City Orders issued prior to the 1st day of May, 1877; therefore,

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be, and is hereby, instructed to give the proper notice, by publication, as required by law, that he will pay all such outstanding City Orders, upon presentation at his office, and that interest will not be allowed or paid upon the same after date of such publication.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—22

Negative—None.

Also, the following motion ; which was adopted :

Moved, That T. C. Darnell have permission to move a frame house from the corner of Fourth and Illinois streets to near the corner of Tennessee and Sixth streets.

Also, the following motion ; which was adopted :

Moved, That all the ordinances now pending before the Common Council be amended, by inserting, in the ordaining clause, the words "and Board of Aldermen." The Clerk is hereby instructed to make the said amendments in all the said ordinances.

Also, the following claim ; which was referred to the Committee on Parks :

The City of Indianapolis to Michael Hammill, Dr. :

To five shade trees, and boxing and planting the same, at the outer edge of the sidewalk around Circle Park, in the place of trees that had died ; said work being done by order of the Park Commssioner—\$12.00.

The above bill is correct, and the work was done by my order and under my supervision.

A. C. REMY,
Park Commissioner.

Councilman Cochran presented the following communication ; which was referred to the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals :

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—We, the undersigned, having agreed and contracted with the County Commissioners of Marion county, upon and for the usual appropriation made by the City Council for medical attendance upon the poor of the city, hold ourselves in readiness to carry out the provision of said contract, in attending the poor, as we have been doing since the 15th of February last.

We propose to open a room or rooms, centrally located and of easy access, for a dispensary, and furnish all medicines and appliances necessary for the successful treatment of all cases that may fall into our hands. We furthermore agree to devote our personal services and employ competent assistants, so that the poor may have equal attention with the affluent.

In offering our services, we feel that we are not offering those of a tyro, but an experience of twenty-five years of active practice. We agree to employ a competent person, a graduate of medicine, of considerable experience, who can be found at the dispensary at all hours of day or night, to attend to any urgent calls.

And whilst retrenchment seems to be the order of the day, we would ask your honorable body to remember that the hard times, and the increase of population of our city, has increased the number of applicants for free medical services, and a large advance in all the leading essential articles of medicines, and a reduction in none, gives us but a poor chance to economize. Yet, notwithstanding, we are willing to accept the position at whatever your honorable body, upon mature reflection, sees fit to appropriate.

We not only invite, but solicit, the medical schools of our city to hold clinics during their sessions, agreeing to furnish them all the assistance and material in our power, only asking them to help defray expenses during such term

DRS. BOYNTON & BUCK.

Councilman Izor offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That the City Marshal be instructed to ascertain who attached the wire to the roof of the East Market, to support the telegraph pole on the south side of same, have it removed, and cause the parties to repair said roof.

Councilman Layman offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to notify the property owners on Alabama street, between St. Joseph street and the first alley north, on both sides of the street, to immediately repair the sidewalk in front of their respective property; and if the same be not completed within thirty days, the Street Commissioner shall do the work, and collect the expenses of the same from said property owners.

Councilman Marsee also offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Bridges:

Moved, That the City Clerk be directed to advertise for proposals for painting the bridge over the Union tracks, on Delaware street.

Councilman Pouder presented the following petition ; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys :

Indianapolis, May 28, 1877.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Gentlemen of the City Council :

I pray your honorable body will order the Street Commissioner to repair the pavement on the north side of East Market space, by putting in the curb stone. There is a space that is short about five hundred brick, which will grow worse every day it stands.

Your obedient servant,

ANDREW WALLACE.

Also, the following motion ; which was referred to the Committee on Sellers Farm and the City Attorney :

Moved, That the Sellers Farm Committee be instructed to lease the Sellers Farm to the Indiana Fertilizing Company, for a term of five years.

Also, the following motion ; which was adopted :

Moved, That the City Marshal be instructed to open Court street, from East to Noble, assessments being all paid ; and the City Civil Engineer is hereby directed to set the line stakes.

Councilman Reed gave the following notice ; which, on motion of Councilman Thomas, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the City Attorney, with instructions to report next Monday night :

Notice is hereby given, That on next Monday night, the 4th of June, a motion will be introduced into the Common Council, relieving the members of the Board of Aldermen from positions on the Board of Police, Fire Board, and Hospital Board, on the ground that members of the Board of Aldermen are not eligible to such positions on the Council Boards.

[Signed]

ENOS B. REED,
JNO. L. MARSEE.

Councilman Stoner offered the following motion ; which, on motion of Councilman Marsee, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys and the City Attorney :

Moved, That the City Marshal be authorized to give notice to the owners of the gravel pit near the Peru Railroad track, between North and St. Clair streets, to have the same filled up, so as to prevent stagnant water from accumulating there, which is detrimental to the health of the neighborhood; and should said party fail to do so within twenty days from date of notice, the Street Commissioner is hereby authorized to fill the same with the scrapings of the streets, and that the same be charged up to said owners of said gravel pit.

Also, the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner, in connection with the City Civil Engineer, be directed to arrange the grade, and fix the gutters and bridges, on corner of Broadway and Cherry streets, so as to carry the water off; for, in its present condition, the water stands and becomes stagnant, and is detrimental to the health of the neighborhood.

Also, the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys and the City Civil Engineer:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be ordered to take up the cement pipe on Plum and Vine streets, and construct a wooden bridge in place, as the drainage is not sufficient, and causes an overflow and obstructs the streets.

Also, the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That the City Clerk be authorized to issue an auction license for three months to D. J. Hodges, at 298 Massachusetts avenue, in Moore's Block, for the purpose of disposing of his stock of dry goods.

Councilman Tucker offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That the City Attorney be required to define the duties of the Committee on Parks, so that the committee may attend to its duties more understandingly. At present there appears to be a difference of opinion between the present Commissioners and Park Committee.

Councilman Watts offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to put in a large culvert at the crossing of Torbet and Brooks streets, as the street is now impassible,

owing to a deep channel cut across Torbet street by the current of water thrown down Brooks street.

Councilman Wood presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and the City Assessor:

Indianapolis, May 28, 1877.

To his Honor, the Mayor, and Members of Council:

Gentlemen:—Your petitioner would represent that she is a widow, and is worth less than one thousand dollars, owning one small lot, viz.: Spann & Campbell's sub, lot 10, square 71, appraised at \$700, on which she paid a tax of \$9.80, not knowing that widows were entitled to an exemption of \$500 when worth less than \$1,000. She therefore prays your honorable body to refund to her \$7.00, to which she is justly entitled under the present law of exemption.

BRIDGET GORMAN.
TIMOTHY SPLANN.
GEO. P. WOOD.

Also, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the vote by which special ordinance No. 134, 1876, was passed be reconsidered.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, McGinty, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—20.

Negative—Councilman Thomas—1.

Also, the following remonstrance; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, together with special ordinance No. 134, 1876:

Indianapolis, May 28, 1877.

To the Honorable City Council:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, property owners on Pearl street, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets, respectfully represent to your Honorable

Body that they are informed an ordinance has passed the Council for the improvement of Pearl street, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets.

Your petitioners represent that they had no knowledge that such improvement had been asked for, and that they would have opposed it if they had known such an improvement was contemplated. This portion of Pearl street has already been graded and graveled, and is now in good condition. There is no need for the improvement, either for business or residence purposes. It will not add to the convenience or improve the value of the property on that portion of Pearl street; in fact, it is now more convenient for the undersigned than it will be if the proposed improvement should be made.

The undersigned, representing 540 feet of property on Pearl street, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets, respectfully request your Honorable Body to reconsider your action ordering that improvement, not only for the reasons named, but for the additional one, that the cost of the improvement will be a hardship in the present condition of financial affairs.

And as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

Adam Scott, J. J. Bingham, A. Abromet, Robert Catterson; E. Henderson, Auditor of State and representative for State property; G. H. Voss, Ernestine Nicolai; Harriet Judah, by J. M. Judah, (67½ feet); J. D. Condit (67½ feet.).

Councilman A. L. Wright presented the following petition; which was received:

Indianapolis, May 28, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned property owners along the first alley north of Lockerbie street, from East street to Liberty street, respectfully petition your honorable body for permission to grade the above named alley between the points named, the same to be done at our own expense. And we would further ask that the City Civil Engineer be instructed to give us the finished grade at said point.

J. F. HOLT,
JOHN R. NICKUM,
MRS. W. DESPA,
MRS. N. K. IGOE,
S. H. COBB,
WM. H. KEELY,
TH. KOCH.

Also, the following motion ; which was adopted :

Moved, That the petition of Mr. Nickum and others be granted, provided the work be done at their own expense and within sixty days, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, who is hereby directed to give the proper grade stakes upon application ; and, when said work is reported finished, said City Civil Engineer shall examine the same, and if done in accordance with his instructions, will enter it upon record in his office.

Also, the following motion ; which was adopted :

Moved, That the City Marshal be, and is hereby, instructed to collect, and return at once, to the keeping of the City Civil Engineer, the twenty-five ward maps, placed at the different voting places at the recent city election.

Also, the following motion ; which was adopted :

Moved, That there be appointed a committee of two, to act with a like committee of one from the Honorable Board of Aldermen, who shall determine in what manner the books and accounts of the City Treasurer and City Clerk shall be kept, and that said committee have power to act.

Later in the evening, the Mayor appointed Councilmen Byram and A. L. Wright as members of the above indicated committee.

His Honor, the Mayor, submitted the following invitation ; which, on motion of Councilman Marsee, was accepted :

Indianapolis, May 28, 1877.

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

On Sunday, the 3d proximo, the Catholic citizens of Indianapolis and vicinity will assemble in this city for the purpose of honoring an anniversary to be observed by Catholics throughout the world ; and the undersigned, a committee appointed on behalf of the several Catholic congregations of this city, take pleasure in respectfully inviting your Honorable Body to be present on that occasion, and participate in the observances of the day.

Your obedient servants,

HENRY GIMBER,
PATRICK BARRY,
JAMES McCARTY,

Committee.

By consent, Councilman Steinhauer submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, May 28, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Southside Market, to whom was referred with instruction to select and report at the earliest possible convenience the best proposition for ground that will be central and fitted for market purposes, recommend that the City Clerk be instructed to advertise for grounds, south of the railroads, to be as near central as possible. We also report that in our opinion a market-place is badly needed south of the railroads.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL STEINHAUER,
JOHN THOMAS,
N. S. BYRAM,

Special Committee on Southside Market.

Councilman Marsee moved to refer the report back to the committee, with instructions to report cost of proposed market building and site, and empowering said committee to advertise for proposals for sale or lease of site.

Councilman Reed moved to lay the advertising clause in above motion on the table. Lost.

Councilman Marsee's motion was then adopted.

CALL OF COMMITTEES.

Councilman A. L. Wright, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report ; which was read and concurred in by paragraphs :

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Finance and City Assessor have examined the petition of Barbry Jumphreys (a widow), and would report in favor of granting her petition. She is entitled to an exemption of \$7.50.

Also, have examined the petition of the Trustees of the Third Christian Church, and would recommend that their petition be granted.

Also, have examined the petition of Jonathan A. Murphy, and recommend that his petition be granted, and that the Treasurer be directed to charge the personal tax of \$435, with its penalties, separate from the real, against Harvey Davis, to whom it belongs.

Also, have examined the petition of E. R. Bladen, and find that the taxes on the one-fourth of the lot in question have not been paid, as the receipts and books show. We would, therefore, report against granting the prayer of the petition.

Also, have examined the petition of Frank Fertig, who, by mistake, paid on the wrong property. We cannot recommend refunding, as the city has only received her due. We would recommend that the parties adjust the taxes between themselves.

A. L. WRIGHT,
N. S. BYRAM,
J. THOMAS,
J. B. DILL,
MARTIN MCGINTY,
Committee on Finance.
WILLIAM HADLEY,
City Assessor.

Councilman Case, from the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

Indianapolis, May 28, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your committee, to which was referred the petition of A. Naltner, asking permission to lay down a temporary switch, running south from the southern terminus of a switch owned by the Indianapolis Hominy Mill Company, along the west side of Madison road, for a distance of about two hundred feet, said switch to be used about sixty days and then removed, have examined the same, and find that it does not interfere with the street, and would recommend that said petition be granted.

J. L. CASE,
M. STEINHAUER,
A. L. WRIGHT,
Committee on Railroads.

Councilman Bagby, from the Committee on Public Schools, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following named persons be, and are hereby, appointed Inspectors and Judges of the election to be held in the 3d, 4th, 7th, 8th and 11th School Districts in the City of Indianapolis, on the 9th day of June, 1877, for the election of one School Commissioner from each of said School Districts:

District No. 3—Inspector, W. D. McLain; Judges, James B. Ryan and Wm. Woollen.

District No. 4—Inspector, Moses Broyles; Judges, J. F. Dougherty and C. P. Laird.

District No. 7—Inspector, W. Buchanan; Judges, B. Atkinson and James Buchanan.

District No. 8—Inspector, John Meyers; Judges, M. A. Huffington and William Martindale.

District No. 11—Inspector, Omer Rodibaugh; Judges, John G. Korner and Flem. Jones.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—22.

Negative—None.

Councilman Tucker, from the Committee on Parks, submitted the following report; which, on motion of Councilman Steinhauer, was referred back to said Committee and the Southern Park Commissioner:

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen :—Having investigated the present condition of the Southern Park, we make the following report:

We find that the city is paying about \$300 per year for a man to watch the fences; he also has his house-rent and fire-wood free. His duty appears to be that of keeping the fence in repair; that is, to see that boards are replaced when knocked off. Time, however, is fast getting away with the present keeper, and, within less than two years' time, it will require the City Engineer's

time to make a survey, that we may know where its boundary lines are; for, at the present rate of destruction, there will be no fence to designate its boundaries.

The amphitheater building is nearly destroyed, and fast tumbling down; the agricultural hall has its roof only to show that it was once a building; what there is left of the sheds and stalls amounts to but little—in fact, the improvements are things of the past.

If the city was in a financial condition to make improvements, so that the grounds could be used for park purposes, we would recommend an expenditure of \$25,000. Any less amount would not do. The grounds are so remote from the city, it would require a large expenditure, in order to make the park inviting to the public as a place of resort.

We, therefore, recommend said Southern Park be advertised, by the City Clerk, for lease for a term of five years—all bids subject to the approval of this Council. The grounds are well adapted for dairy and poultry yards, having ample pasturage and water for a large dairy; and with the material now on the grounds, sheds and buildings necessary for such use could be repaired and erected at trifling cost to the renter.

If said property is not very soon rented, the material now on the grounds will be destroyed and the inducements to a renter will be far less.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. TUCKER,

M. STEINHAUER,

Committee on Parks.

Councilman Brown, from the Committee on Contracts, submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, May 28, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred the proposals presented to Council, May 7th, 1877, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Alvord street running from Malotte avenue to Home avenue, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows, to-wit :

E. B. Elliott, 32 cents per lineal foot front, on each side.

— McKnight, 29½ cents per lineal foot front, on each side.

Samuel J. Smock, 29 cents per lineal foot front, on each side.

John Greene, 27 cents per lineal foot front, on each side.

John Greene being the lowest and best bidder, your committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BUGBEE,
M. L. BROWN,
T. C. READING,
Committee on Contracts.

Which, on motion of Councilman Case, was concurred in, and contract awarded as recommended.

On motion of Councilman Morse, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor,

Attest:

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.