

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.  
REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, }  
*Monday, July 2d, 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, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Izor, Layman, Marsee, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—23.

Absent—Councilmen Dill and Morse—2.

The proceedings of the regular session, held June 25, 1877, were read and approved.

Sealed proposals for grading and graveling Maryland street and sidewalks, from Helen street, west, to White River; also, for grading, curbing, and bowldering the gutters, and graveling the street and sidewalks, on Court street, between East and Noble streets, were received, opened, read and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

Councilman Bugbee, for the Committee on Contracts, submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and the contracts severally awarded as recommended:

*Indianapolis, July 2, 1877.*

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

*Gentlemen*:—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom were referred sundry proposals presented to Council June 25, 1877, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows, to-wit:

First—For grading and graveling the first alley west of Japan or East street, from Yeiser street to the first alley north of Yeiser street—

John Low, 19 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

R. H. Patterson, 19 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Fred. Gansberg, 15 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

M. Flaherty, 15 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

McKnight & Co., 14 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

George Wm. Seibert, 14 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney, 12 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

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

Second—For grading and graveling the first alley north of English avenue, between Cedar and Dillon streets—

Geo. Wm. Seibert, 25 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

John Low, 24 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Fred. Gansberg, 20 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

R. H. Patterson, 19 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

McKnight & Co., 15 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney, 15 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

There being two bids at the same price, we recommend that James Mahoney be awarded the contract.

Third—For grading and graveling Carlos street and sidewalks, from Ray street to Morris street—

Fred. Gansberg, 59 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

John Greene, 55 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

John Low, 54 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

R. H. Patterson, 49 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney, 49 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Geo. Wm. Seibert, 47 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

William Murphy, 41 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

John W. Richardson, 38½ cents per lineal foot front on each side.

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

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BUGBEE,  
M. L. BROWN,  
Committee on Contracts.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report ; which was received, and the several bonds duly approved :

*Indianapolis, July 2, 1877.*

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen* :—I herewith report the following contracts and bonds :

Contract and bond of Fred. Gansberg, for grading and graveling California street and sidewalks, from Washington street to Maryland street; bond, \$400; bondsman, John Greene.

Contract and bond of John Schier, for grading and paving the west sidewalk on Mississippi street, between Tinker and Herbert streets; bond, \$1,000; bondsman, Fred. Gansberg.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,  
City Civil Engineer.

By R. M. PATTERSON,  
Asst. C. C. Eng.

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

*Indianapolis, July 2, 1877.*

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

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith submit an itemized statement of the amount of orders issued on the City Treasurer, from June 1st to June 30th, 1877, inclusive—

NATURE OF CLAIM.	AMOUNT.
City Assessor's Assistants . . . . .	\$1,066 75
City Civil Engineer's Department . . . . .	389 75
City Dispensary . . . . .	635 58
City Hospital and Branch . . . . .	1,074 42
Cisterns . . . . .	354 00
Costs . . . . .	103 32
Damages . . . . .	3 80
Elections . . . . .	604 50
Fire Department . . . . .	6,315 42
Gas . . . . .	7,122 50
Incidentals . . . . .	150 60
Police . . . . .	3,979 50
Posting Bills . . . . .	64 00
Printing, Stationery, and Advertising . . . . .	927 70
Public Buildings . . . . .	90 00
Parks . . . . .	115 75
Rent . . . . .	500 00
Salary . . . . .	65 75
Station House . . . . .	585 52
Street Improvements . . . . .	945 13
Street Repairs . . . . .	3,326 68
Taxes Refunded . . . . .	536 85
Tomlinson Annuity . . . . .	3,500 00
Water Rent . . . . .	7,251 50
Total . . . . .	<hr/> \$39,709 02

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,

City Clerk.

Also, the following report from the City Treasurer; which was received :

Report of the City Treasurer, showing receipts and disbursements during the month of June, 1877:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand June 1, 1877.....	\$272,805 70
From taxes collected.....	15,326 88
From loans.....	95,700 00
From all other sources.....	1,426 66
Total .....	<u>\$385,259 04</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Assisting City Assessor.....	\$2,439 66
Assisting City Marshal .....	32 17
Bobbs' Dispensary.....	558 75
Bridges .....	1,911 49
Board of Health.....	151 10
Civil Engineer's Department..	1,961 90
City Dispensary.....	3,112 66
Cisterns.....	1,211 34
Costs .....	549 71
Damages.....	8,880 52
Elections.....	626 01
Fountains .....	653 10
Fuel.....	163 33
Funding City Orders.....	14,673 41
Fire Department.....	28,478 54
Gas repairs.....	152 28
Gas fixtures.....	843 91
Gas .....	52,220 32
Gravel roads.....	3,206 97
Hospitals.....	6,085 18
Ice .....	112 03
Incidental.....	166 40
Lamp lighting.....	854 09
Levee.....	1,727 22

Markets .....	\$ 61 79
Nuisances .....	177 18
New Engine House.....	44 37
Office Fixtures.....	6 13
Parks.....	609 46
Printing .....	3,730 71
Public Buildings.....	7,484 61
Posting bills.....	64 00
Police .....	18,787 64
Refunding sewer assessment.....	1,009 95
Rent .....	731 51
Sewers.....	15,279 61
Station House .....	1,831 02
Salary .....	3,290 00
Street Improvement.....	2,783 83
Street repairs.....	15,598 94
Tunnels .....	228 63
Transfers .....	6 33
Taxes refunded.....	242 53
Tomlinson annuity .....	3,500 00
Water rent.....	23,560 18
War Fund.....	1,048 62
Balance on hand July 1, 1877.....	154,409 91
Total .....	\$385,259 04

HENRY W. TUTEWILER,  
City Treasurer.

To BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

*Indianapolis, Ind., July 2, 1877.*

The City Treasurer submitted the following report; which was received:

*Indianapolis, July 2, 1877.*

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Members of Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—I have the honor to report that I have delivered to S. A. Fletcher & Co, the \$300,000 in Time-Warrants, due May 1st, 1878, awarded them, by the Finance Committee, June 25th, 1877.

I have received the sum of ninety-five thousand seven hundred dollars

(\$95,700), which has been placed to the credit of the city, to be duly accounted for by me as City Treasurer.

I have also received their bond, signed by S. A. Fletcher & Co., S. A. Fletcher, Jr., and Theo. P. Haughey, in which they contract and agree to pay to the City of Indianapolis the following sums: On August 1st, 1877, \$48,079; on September 1st, 1877, \$48,289; on October 1st, 1877, \$48,494; and on November 1st, 1877, \$48,707.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. TUTEWILER,  
City Treasurer.

The Street Commissioner submitted the following report; which was received:

*Indianapolis, July 2, 1877.*

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

*Gentlemen:*—I have the honor to submit the following report of work done in my department, from May 15th, 1877, to July 2d, 1877:

Repaired and reset one hundred and forty-four bridges and culverts.

Built five new culverts.

Placed eighteen new foot-bridges, at different street-crossings; and re-built the bridge over Pogue's Run, on Delaware street,

Re-bowldered the south side of Washington street, from Delaware to Pennsylvania street; and on Virginia avenue, from Washington to Maryland street.

Cleaned the gutters on all the bowldered and block streets.

Repaired the following streets with gravel: West street, from Washington to Georgia street; Georgia street, from Illinois to Tennessee street; Maryland street, from Illinois to Tennessee street; Noble street, from New York to Massachusetts avenue; and on East street, at the intersection of Ohio street.

Pay Rolls.....	\$4,046 23
Hamilton Bailey, sand delivered .....	67 50
Indianapolis Rolling Mill Co., cinders .....	12 50
Aaron Grube, oak lumber.....	92 58
James Childers, bowlders.....	46 50
D. Root, ring and cover .....	4 27
C. A. McFarland, bowlders.....	63 00

Hamilton Bailey, sand delivered.....	\$ 95 50
King & Knight, blacksmithing.....	11 89
Franklin Vandevier, bowlders.....	5 25
James Tutewiler, bowlders.....	48 00
Henry Clav, sand.....	15 20
H. B. Mears, lumber.....	32 97
David Johnston, dressing curb stones.....	10 00
Seibert & Carr, gravel.....	52 10
Hamilton Bailey, sand delivered.....	75 50
R. H. Adams, brick.....	18 00
C. R. Gilbert, blacksmithing.....	90
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,697 89</b>

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. FULMER,

Street Commissioner.

The following report was received from the Board of Health:

Report of deaths in the City of Indianapolis from 6 o'clock P. M., on the 23d day of June, 1877, to 6 o'clock P. M., on the 30th day of June, 1877:

Under 1 year.....	7
1 to 2 years.....	1
2 to 3 ".....	1
3 to 4 ".....	0
4 to 5 ".....	0
5 to 10 ".....	2
10 to 20 ".....	1
20 to 30 ".....	1
30 to 40 ".....	4
40 to 50 ".....	1
50 to 60 ".....	0
60 to 70 ".....	0
70 to 80 ".....	0
80 to 90 ".....	0
90 to 100 ".....	0
Above 100 years.....	0
Unknown.....	0
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>18</b>

Respectfully submitted,

T. N. BRYAN, President.

WILLIAM WANDS,

H. JAMESON, Secretary.



The following report was received from the Superintendent of the City Hospital :

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

Total Expenditures for month .....	\$797 38
Cash collected and paid to City Treasurer .....	23 79
Net Expenditures for the month.....	773 59
Aggregate number of days subsistence furnished.....	890
Average expense per diem per capita of patients.....	86

If the time of employes be counted, as was formerly the custom, then the per capita expense will equal 55 cents.

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

#### MESSAGES FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was received :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen* :—At an adjourned session of the Board of Aldermen, held Wednesday evening, June 27th, 1877, concurrent action was had upon the following papers, transmitted from your honorable body :

Report from the City Civil Engineer, allowing an estimate in favor of Henry C. Roney, for building a wooden bridge over Pogue's Run, on Ray street.

Report from City Treasurer, covering his advertisement providing for the redemption of outstanding city-orders, together with the proof of publication of such advertisement.

Report from City Clerk, concerning the filing, in his office, of an affidavit by Macauley & Stone against Indianapolis Water Works Co., for collection of street assessment by precept.

Report from the Council Committee on Contracts, awarding sundry contracts.

Report from the Council Committee on Finance, reporting favorably upon the petition of Christine Pfeifer, and unfavorably upon the petition of Thomas Cottrell.

Report from the same committee, reporting adversely to the petition of

Lizzie E. Miller ; also, directing the City Treasurer to receive "Certificate No. 20, Second Series," dated September 29, 1851, and to credit the same according to the agreement therein expressed.

Report from the Committee on Judiciary, relative to the Simon Yandes mortgage on that portion of lot 6, Butsch & Gœpper's sub., St. Clair's add., condemned in the opening and extension of Second street, from Meridian to Pennsylvania street.

Resolution, requiring the owners of lot 67, Yeizer's addition, to fill or drain the same.

Motion, granting Fred. Gansberg ninety days' extension of time, in which to complete his contract for the improvement of Japan or East street, between Morris and Nebraska streets.

Motion, directing the City Marshal to notify Giles S. Bradley, agent for Robert Connely, to repair said Connely's sidewalk, on North street, between Delaware and Alabama streets.

Motion, instructing the Chief of Police to see that the dog-license ordinance be strictly enforced.

Motion, granting Geo. Russ permission to grade and pave the sidewalk in front of his property, on the west side of Randolph street.

Motion, requesting Dr. VanVorhis to furnish an annual report of the workings of the City Hospital during the year of his Superintendency.

Motion, taking up and allowing a first and final estimate to John Flaherty, for grading and graveling Potomac or West Court street and sidewalks, between West and California streets.

Motion, granting J. W. Richardson thirty days' extension of time, to finish graveling Church street.

Motion, instructing the Street Commissioner to notify the Citizens' Street Railway Co. to repair the street between their tracks, on Massachusetts avenue, between Pennsylvania and Alabama streets.

Motion, granting permission to James C. Yohn to re-pave, with brick, the sidewalk on the east side of Meridian street, from Washington street to the first alley north.

Appropriation ordinance No. 46, 1877—"An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of the salaries and compensation of city officers and employes."

General ordinance No. 20, 1877—"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. 22, 1877—"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.'"

Report from the Council Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, submitted to Council June 11th, 1877, recommending that Dr. Wm. B. Fletcher be continued as Superintendent of the City Dispensary.

The action of the Council, in increasing the expense of repairing Virginia avenue to two hundred and fifty dollars.

Action of the Common Council, in adopting the report of the Committee on Printing, etc., so far as the same recommends that the City Clerk re-advertise for proposals for doing the city printing and furnishing stationery, and that the City Clerk furnish to each bidder a copy of the schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. BREUNIG,

Clerk of Board of Aldermen.

Also, the following message; which was considered by clauses:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held Wednesday evening, June 27th, 1877, the following proceedings were had (which I herewith submit for your action upon the same):

1st. A report from the Aldermanic Committee on "Sellers' Farm," recommending that certain amendments be made to the lease adopted by your honorable body on June 11, 1877, and which report is herewith transmitted (see Exhibit A.)

Also, a motion, concerning the same subject (see Exhibit B.)

2d. The Board of Aldermen adopted the following motion, viz.:

*Moved*, "That Alfred Likens be granted a license as auctioneer, at No. 41 South Illinois street, for a period of three months, and that the City Clerk be instructed to issue the same, upon payment of the fee prescribed by ordinance."

3d. The action of your honorable body, in reconsidering the awarding of

the contract for doing the city advertising to the Indianapolis Journal, was concurred in, after adding the following amendment, viz.:

"That for the ordinary and usual city advertisements, such bids shall be made by the *square* of nonpareil type, and for the publishing of the delinquent-tax list, such bids shall be by the description."

4h. The motion adopted by your honorable body, granting permission to George Woodfill to grade, and pave with brick, the south sidewalk of Michigan street, from Noble street, east, to the I., P. & C. R. R. tracks, at the expense of the property owners, etc., was adopted, after being amended by striking out the name of "George Woodfill," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words "the property owners."

5th. The motion adopted by your honorable body, directing the Street Commissioner to notify the property owners on the west side of Illinois street, between Norwood and Merrill streets, to repair their brick sidewalk, was adopted, after being amended by requiring the Street Commissioner to notify *all* property owners, whose sidewalks need repairing, to repair the same forthwith.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. BREUNIG,

Clerk of Board of Aldermen.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN—ACTION UPON.

Clause 1st of message from the Board of Aldermen, last above given, being under consideration, the report of the Aldermanic Committee on Sellers Farm (which is as follows) was read:

To the President and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen*:—Your committee, to whom was referred the action of the Common Council on Sellers Farm, report that we have examined the lease adopted therein, and that, while we are in favor of the action therein set out, we consider the lease inadequately drawn, and submit the following objections:

1st. On page 2, line 9, after the word "than," the maximum amounts allowed to be charged sub-tenants should be stated. The words used are open to investigation and debate, and open the avenue for litigation.

2d. Any rights the dead-animal man has should be clearly stated by the draftsman, in the contract itself. Let the contract guide the rights of the parties without reference to statutes, ordinances, and customs (see page 2, lines 11 to 14 inclusive, after the words "shall").

3d. On page 4, line 2, omit the word "reasonable," and insert instead thereof, a specific time, as "four months." Parties often want a court to say what is "a reasonable time," because they know a court can hardly determine such questions.

We, therefore, with these objections, recommend that you remand said lease back to the Common Council for accurate draft and for further action.

W. H. SNIDER,  
H. COBURN,  
T. E. CHANDLER,  
Committee on Sellers Farm.

Also, the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Council be requested to amend the lease of Sellers Farm, on page 2, line 5, so as to conform to the proposition presented to Council, in clause 4, on page 52, of the Council proceedings.

The Common Council then agreed to the amendments to the lease, as proposed in preceding report and motion, and ordered that the draft of said lease be returned to the City Attorney, that it might be re-engrossed, with such changes in its provisions as had been approved by the Board.

And then the Common Council duly concurred in the several remaining clauses of the Aldermanic message.

#### INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

Councilman Izor introduced general ordinance No. 29, 1877, entitled

An ordinance requiring a license for vehicles used for the purpose of hauling sawdust in the City of Indianapolis,

Which was read the first time.

#### APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

This being the first regular session of the Common Council for the month of July, the following appropriation ordinances were

introduced, and read the first and second times, engrossed, read the third time, and duly passed, in compliance with clause 43, section I, of "An ordinance prescribing Rules and Regulations for the government of the City Council, its officers, and officers connected with the City Government" [see Charter and Ordinances, page 168]:

Appropriation ordinance No. 47, 1877, introduced by the Fire Board, through Councilman Layman, and entitled

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department, for the month of June, 1877,

Was passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Izor, Layman, Marsee, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—23.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 48, 1877, introduced by the Hospital Board, through Councilman Izor, and entitled

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of City Hospital and Branch, for the month of June, 1877,

Was passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Izor, Layman, Marsee, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—23.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 49, 1877, introduced by the Board of Police, through Councilman Brown, and entitled

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses for the month of June, 1877,

Was passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Izor, Layman, Marsee, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—23.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 50, 1877, introduced by the Committee on Accounts and Claims, through Councilman Layman, and entitled

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, for the month of June, 1877,

Was passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Izor, Layman, Marsee, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—23.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 51, 1877, introduced by the Committee on Printing, Stationery, and Advertising, through Councilman Reed, and entitled

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, and Advertising,

Was passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Izor, Layman, Marsee, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—23.

Negative—None.

ROLL CALL.

Councilman Byram offered the following motion; which was adopted:

*Moved*, That W. H. Craft, at No. 24 East Washington street, be granted an auctioneer's license for a period of three months, and that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to issue the same, upon payment of the fee prescribed by ordinance.

Councilman Layman offered the following motion; which was adopted:

*Moved*, That the City Marshal be, and is hereby, instructed to notify the Street Railway Company to repair the street between the tracks, on Fort Wayne and Central avenues, between New Jersey street and Christian avenue.

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

*Indianapolis*, July 2, 1877.

To His Honor the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—The undersigned is a resident of the City of Indianapolis, and is now a widow for many years, respectfully represents to your honorable body that she is half owner of a house and lot on South Tennessee street—No. 374; that said property is worth less than one thousand dollars; that she



was informed, and believes, that she is entitled to an exemption of taxes paid in 1875 and 1876; and that she has paid the full amount assessed against her for said years, not knowing, at the time, that she was entitled to an exemption. She, therefore, petitions your honorable body to refund the amount erroneously taxed against her part.

And your petitioner will ever pray.

HESTER BECKMAN,

374 South Tennessee street.

Councilman Wood offered the following motion; which was adopted:

*Moved*, That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, instructed to advertise for bids for double gates, to be hung at the north and south entrances to the Illinois street tunnel.

Councilman A. L. Wright presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims and the City Attorney:

*Indianapolis*, July 2, 1877.

To the Honorable Mayor, and Members of Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen*:—Your petitioner would respectfully represent that, on the 13th day of February, 1877, he purchased, at the city tax sale, the east half of lot 12 and part of north half of lot 11, square 23, Drake's Addition, sold for the alleged non-payment of taxes of 1875.

Comes now William Grossman, and exhibits a receipt, showing the payment of said city taxes for said year, and asking that said premises be released from said sale, that he may pay taxes on said property for the year 1876, and as an act of justice to him.

Your petitioner would, therefore, ask and demand a refunding to him of the amount paid by him for said certificate of purchase, amounting to the sum of forty dollars and seventy-eight cents (\$40.78), with interest at 6 per cent. from date of said purchase.

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

JAMES G. DOUGLASS.

Councilman Tucker offered the following motion; which was adopted:

*Moved*, That the City Clerk advertise Southern Park for lease to the highest and best bidder, for a term of five years.

CALL OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Watts, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

*Indianapolis*, July 2, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the report of the City Commissioners in the matter of laying out and opening an alley running north from St. Clair street, between East street and Park avenue, to intersect the west end of Arch street; and, also, a remonstrance accompanying the same, would report,

That we have viewed the premises, and have been informed by parties interested both in favor and against the said opening, that arrangements will, in all probability, be made, at an early day, which will give relief to all parties interested.

We, therefore, recommend that the matter be indefinitely postponed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. E. WATTS,  
JAMES T. LAYMAN,  
GEO. P. WOOD,

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The same committee made the following report; which was read, and concurred in, by clauses:

*Indianapolis*, July 2, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred

1. The petition of Andrew Wallace and others, asking that Delaware street, from Washington street to Massachusetts avenue, be improved, by grading and graveling the same, at the expense of the city, would respectfully recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted.

2. Is a motion, directing the Street Commissioner to repair Christian avenue between College avenue and Ash street.

We would recommend that the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill the chuck-holes with gravel.

3. Is a motion, instructing the Street Commissioner to fill the chuck-holes on South street, between East and Noble streets.

We would recommend that the motion be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. WATTS,  
 JAMES T. LAYMAN,  
 GEO. P. WOOD,  
 Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The Committee on Finance, through Councilman A. L. Wright, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have sold the \$300,000 of city time-warrants, payable May 1, 1878, without interest, issued in accordance with general ordinance No 21, 1877, to S. A. Fletcher & Co., for the sum of . . . . . \$289,269 00

Payable June 27, 1877. . . . .	\$95,700 00	
Payable August 1, 1877 . . . . .	48,079 00	
Payable September 1, 1877. . . . .	48,289 00	
Payable October 1, 1877 . . . . .	48,494 00	
Payable November 1, 1877. . . . .	48,707 00	\$289,269 00

The installment payable June 27 (\$95,700) has been paid to Henry W. Tutewiler, City Treasurer; and a bond for two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, executed by S. A. Fletcher & Co., as principal, and Theodore P. Haughey and S. A. Fletcher, Jr., as security, has been filed with the City Treasurer, to secure the payment, by the purchasers, of the remaining instalments, as they mature.

By this sale of warrants, the city borrows money at 5½ per cent. per annum interest; which your committee believe to be at a lower rate of interest than any Western city has ever before been able to borrow money, and showing the credit of our city to be strictly first-class.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. WRIGHT,  
 N. S. BYRAM,  
 J. THOMAS,  
 MARTIN MCGINTY,  
 Committee on Finance

The Committee on Judiciary, through Councilman Byram, submitted the following report; which was read, and concurred in, by clauses :

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

*Gentlemen* :—Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred sundry papers, have had the same under consideration, and would report as follows :

*First*—Is a report of the City Attorney and City Assessor, in reference to the ownership of a piece of ground on Wisconsin street, on which John Greene presents a claim for improvement of said Wisconsin street.

Your committee have examined the report, and are satisfied that the said Greene has no claim against the city, and that the proper course for the collection of his claim is by way of precept; and we would therefore recommend that as the proper course for him to take.

*Second*—Is a claim presented by W. H. Brown, for preparing plans and specifications for rebuilding the Central Station House.

We have examined into the merits of this claim, and find the city is in no wise liable for the same, and would recommend that it be not allowed.

*Third*—Is a petition of J. George Stilz and others, setting forth that a certain forty-acre tract of land, owned by the petitioners, was illegally taxed and placed in the duplicate of the city for the year 1876, and asking that the taxes for the year 1876 may be exempted and stricken from the duplicate.

One of the reasons offered by the petitioners is, that the said land was illegally annexed to the said city. This question has been thoroughly adjudicated and passed upon by the several courts of the State, including the Supreme Court, all of which said courts have decided that the annexation of said land was legal.

A second objection offered by the petitioners is, in consequence of the passage of a certain law by the late Legislature, approved March 13th, 1877, said land is exempted from taxation for general city or town purposes.

While your committee take cognizance of the passage of the law above referred to, we would report that the said law is in no way retrospective, and that the said forty-acre tract of land has been legally annexed to the said city; that the taxes, for the year 1876, have been legally assessed against the same, and that the law referred to in said petition in no wise affects the legality of said assessment.

We would, therefore, recommend that the prayer of the said petitioners be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,  
J. W. BUGBEE,  
ROBT. B. BAGBY,  
Committee on Judiciary.

The Committee on Parks, through Councilman Tucker, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

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

*Gentlemen*:—Your Committee on Parks, to which was referred the first and third clauses of the report of the Aldermanic Committee on Parks, as submitted to that body on June 20th, 1877, have had the same under consideration, viz.:

CLAUSE 1.—Recommending the lighting of the lamps in Military Park with gas, during the summer months, provided more economy is used in the consumption of gas, and that the person in charge of said park be instructed to light the lamps at dark, extinguishing them, and closing the park gates, at 11 o'clock P. M., promptly.

CLAUSE 3.—Recommending that the Council Committee on Parks be instructed to rent or lease the Southern Park, as soon as possible, to some responsible party.

And we would now suggest that this body do take concurrent action upon the above clauses.

W. H. TUCKER,  
ENOS B. REED,  
M. STEINHAUER,  
Committee on Parks.

The following report was received from the committee consisting of the Committee on Water Works, the Fire Board, and the City Attorney; and was duly concurred in:

*Indianapolis*, July 2, 1877.

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

*Gentlemen*:—Your Committee on Water Works, Fire Board, and City Attorney, to whom was referred the report of the City Civil Engineer upon the

estimated cost of connecting the drinking-fountains to the nearest fire-plug, would report :

That, in our opinion, it will be necessary to have the same connected directly with the hydrant or plug by a pipe, and that a cock or faucet will have to be placed in the same, at the point of connection with the hydrant. If this plan is adopted, we would recommend that the connections be made.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. MARSEE,  
GEO. P. WOOD,  
Committee on Water Works.  
R. S. FOSTER,  
J. L. CASE,  
JAMES T. LAYMAN,  
Fire Board.  
R. O. HAWKINS,  
City Attorney.

The Board of Police, through Councilman Brown, submitted the following report, the communication addressed by the Mayor to said Board: the first clause was, on motion of Councilman A. L. Wright, referred to the City Attorney, with instructions for that officer to make a one year's contract, on behalf of the city, with the "House of the Good Shepherd," upon the terms offered, and the second clause was duly received :

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen* :—We herewith submit letter of His Honor, the Mayor, containing information in reference to the imprisonment of female criminals, for a term of days, in the Station House, and his method of relief for the same, together with proposal for the imprisonment and maintenance of said criminals, during their term of sentence, from the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

The Board has had the matter specially under advisement, and fully agree with His Honor. The Station Houses are certainly inadequate, especially during the warm weather, for the confinement of this class of prisoners, the rooms being entirely too small to healthfully contain the number confined there at present, and we know of no reason, now, that would contemplate the confinement of a lesser number. All opportunities for any kind of labor or reformation is lost, and the habit of lazy worthlessness is not only increased,

but actually engendered; for, frequently, those whose time has expired, apparently violate the law for the express purpose of being returned to prison. And as the expense of keeping such prisoners will not be increased over present cost, by the acceptance of the proposition of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, we agree in recommending that your honorable bodies enter into contract, for the term of three years, with said Sisters of the Good Shepherd, for the keeping of such female prisoners as may, by the judgment of the Police Court, be sentenced to confinement in said institution.

2. We also report the payment to the City Treasurer of the sum of \$39.53, as net proceeds from the sale of unclaimed goods at Central Station House

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. WILES,  
M. L. BROWN,  
J. W. BUGBEE,  
Board of Police.

To the Police Board:

*Gentlemen*:—The Station House is a very unsatisfactory place for the confinement of female prisoners, they being, there, wholly without employment or reformatory influence. The Home for Friendless Women and the House of the Good Shepherd are both legal places of imprisonment for women. With a view to ascertain on what conditions these institutions would receive and care for our female prisoners, I addressed a communication to each.

From the Home of the Friendless I have no reply.

The communication to the House of the Good Shepherd was as follows:

*Indianapolis*, June 18, 1877.

Father Bessonies, V. G.:

*Very Rev. Sir*:—Our Police Board have under consideration the confinement of our female prisoners in one of the Homes. They have directed me to inquire of you, and also of the Home in the North, on what terms you would agree to receive and care for them—say on a contract for one, two or three years, at a per diem for the time committed.

An early reply will much oblige, yours, sincerely,

JOHN CAVEN,  
Mayor.

Father Bessonies informs me that the House of the Good Shepherd will contract to receive and care for such prisoners for the sum of \$1.50 per week, and at the same rate per diem, to be estimated on the basis of the number of days actually committed.

It might be well to make a contract for a year or two, on these terms, and test its advantages.

Respectfully,

June 30th, 1877.

J. CAVEN.

Councilman Brown was granted leave of absence for the balance of this session.

The Fire Board and City Attorney, through Councilman Case, submitted the following report and notice :

*Indianapolis*, July 2, 1877.

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

*Gentlemen*:—The Fire Board and City Attorney, to whom was referred the report of the City Civil Engineer in relation to the cistern at the corner of Dakota and Morris streets, would respectfully report that we have examined the matter, and recommend that the Civil Engineer be instructed to serve Mr. White, the contractor, with the annexed notice; and if said contractor shall fail to comply therewith, within the time specified in the notice, and cause said cistern to be placed in a condition to be used and to hold water, then said Civil Engineer shall proceed to have the same done, at as small an expense as possible, and deduct the cost thereof from the amount due to Mr. White.

And we would further recommend that William L. White's name be placed upon the "black list," and that no more contracts be let to him by the city.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. FOSTER,

J. L. CASE,

JAMES T. LAYMAN,

Fire Board.

R. O. HAWKINS,

City Attorney.

*Indianapolis*, July 2, 1877.

William L. White:

You are hereby notified that the cistern built by you for the City of Indianapolis, at the corner of Dakota and Morris streets, is not, and has not been, in a fit condition for use; that the same leaks, and will not hold water; and that the City of Indianapolis demands that the same shall be completed by you, and placed in fit condition for use, and so that it will not leak, within four days from the date of receiving this notice. That upon failure, by you,



to do so, the Civil Engineer of the said city will proceed to have the same done, and deduct the cost thereof from the amount due you from the city.

The foregoing report was duly concurred in, and the City Marshal was instructed to serve the notice on Mr. White.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest :

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.