

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, }  
*Monday, September 17th, 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, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, McGinty, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—20.

Absent — Councilmen Case, Morse, Poudler, Sindlinger, and Tucker—5.

The proceedings of the regular session, held September 3d, 1877, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, the reading of the same was dispensed with.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, submitted the following report and executed contract; and, on motion, the report was received, and said contract duly concurred in:

*Indianapolis, September 17, 1877.*

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

*Gentlemen:*—I would respectfully report that a contract, in duplicate, of date July 18th, 1877, for the keeping of our female prisoners, was duly signed by Mother Mary of St. Anselm Wells, President, on behalf of the Good Shepherd Society, and by myself, on behalf of the city, one of which duplicates is filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CAVEN, Mayor.

THIS AGREEMENT, made this eighteenth day of July, 1877, by and between the City of Indianapolis and The Good Shepherd Society of said city,

*Witnesseth,* That the said The Good Shepherd Society hereby covenants and agrees with the said City of Indianapolis, for and during the term of *one year* from the date hereof, to keep and confine, in the building known as the "House of the Good Shepherd," any and all female prisoners that may be sentenced or committed to such confinement by the Mayor of the City of Indianapolis.

*And she further agrees,* That during the full term of sentence or commitment of any and all such prisoners, she will keep each and every one of them safely confined in said building, and not allow them to escape or be released until the expiration of their term of sentence or commitment, and only discharge them upon the expiration of the term of sentence or commitment, or upon the order of the proper authorities of said city; that she will also furnish to all such female prisoners, during the term of their imprisonment, good, wholesome food, and the necessary light and heat for the apartments occupied by them.

The said The Good Shepherd Society shall have the right to require such manual labor from said prisoners, and to use such necessary force and means to compel the enforcement of such manual labor, as she may deem right and proper.

*In consideration thereof,* The City of Indianapolis hereby agrees to pay to the said The Good Shepherd Society, for the keeping of the said female prisoners as aforesaid, at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents per week for the actual time each prisoner shall be so kept by the said The Good Shepherd Society; which amount shall be paid by the city, in monthly installments, at the end of each and every month.

*In Witness Whereof*, The parties hereto have hereunto signed their corporate names, by their proper officers, and affixed their corporate seals, the day and year first above written.

(This contract signed in duplicate.)

THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,

[SEAL.]

By JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

For the GOOD SHEPHERD SOCIETY,

[SEAL.]

MOTHER MARY OF ST. ANSELM WELLS, President.

Also, the following report; which was approved:

*Indianapolis*, September 17, 1877.

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

*Gentlemen*:—The amount of fines collected by me during the month of August, 1877, due the City Treasury, is \$67.30; which amount I have paid the City Treasurer, as shown by his receipt, filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CAVEN, Mayor.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was approved:

*Indianapolis*, September 17, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—I herewith report the following estimates:

A second and final estimate allowed William L. White, for building a fire-cistern at the corner of Morris and Dacotah streets—

1223 16 barrels, at 37 cents per barrel . . . . .	\$452 57
Former payment . . . . .	317 00
	\$135 57
Deducted by order of Council and Board of Aldermen for repairs on cistern . . . . .	65 00
	\$70 57

Also, a first and final estimate allowed Richard Carr, for improving Clifford avenue, between Massachusetts avenue and the northwest corner of the U. S. Arsenal Grounds—

2515 2 lineal feet, at 85 cents.....	\$2137 92
10 lineal feet, at 46½ cents .....	4 65
165.6 cubic yards extra gravel, including grading and sand, at 92 cts.	152 35
10 feet of cement pipe at 80 cents.....	8 00
Total. ....	<u>\$2,302 92</u>

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was then offered :

*Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Richard Carr, for improving Clifford avenue, between Massachusetts avenue and the northwest corner of the U. S. Arsenal Grounds, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.*

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, McGinty, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Walker, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—17.

Negative—None.

The same officer submitted the following report; which was received :

*Indianapolis, September 17, 1877.*

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen :—In compliance with your instructions, I have prepared an ordinance, providing for re-graveling New York street, from Indiana avenue to the canal, and the same is herewith submitted.*

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ, City Civil Engineer.

The same officer introduced special ordinance No. 28, 1877; which was read the first time :

S. O. 28, 1877—An ordinance to provide for re-graveling New York street, where worn out, between Indiana avenue and the canal.

The City Clerk submitted the following communication and reports from Henry W. Tutewiler, late City Treasurer; and said

communication was duly received, and the three accompanying reports were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance:

*Indianapolis, September 17, 1877.*

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

*Gentlemen* :—I have the honor to submit, herewith, my final report, showing receipts and disbursements of the City Treasury, from May 16th to September 3d, 1877, inclusive.

Also, a statement of receipts and disbursements of the Tomlinson Estate, from July 1st, 1876, to September 3d, 1877.

I have also prepared, and present, a Consolidated Report, giving the total receipts and disbursements of the City Treasury during my official term.

Respectfully,

HENRY W. TUTEWILER,  
Ex-City Treasurer.

*Report of Henry W. Tutewiler, City Treasurer, showing Receipts and Disbursements from May 16th to September 3d, 1877, inclusive.*

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand May 15th, 1877.....	\$278,248 30
From taxes collected.....	64,965 51
From loans.....	192,068 00
From all other sources.....	5,489 62
Total.....	\$540,771 43

DISBURSEMENTS.

Assisting City Assessor.....	\$ 3,150 34
Assisting City Marshal.....	32 17
Bobbs' Dispensary.....	558 75
Bridges .....	2,363 02
Board of Health.....	253 99
Civil Engineer's Department .....	2,577 38
Cisterns .....	1,986 45
City Dispensary.....	3,477 08
Costs .....	641 69
Damages.....	10,380 52
Elections.....	778 72
Fire Department .....	49,414 79
Fountains .....	653 10
Fuel.....	163 33
Funding City Orders.....	14,673 41

Gas repairs.....	\$ 162 28
Gas fixtures.....	843 91
Gas .....	66,126 32
Gravel roads.....	3,206 97
Hospitals.....	8,822 15
Home of Friendless.....	297 20
Ice.....	156 37
Insurance.....	100 00
Incidental.....	596 45
Interest on bonds.....	46,899 75
Lamp lighting.....	854 09
Levee.....	1,736 41
Markets.....	442 71
Nuisances.....	352 18
New Engine House.....	44 37
Office Fixtures.....	30 13
Police.....	32,003 33
Parks.....	785 79
Public Buildings.....	7,514 61
Posting bills.....	93 00
Printing.....	4,466 67
Refunding sewer assessment.....	1,077 74
Rent.....	1,231 51
Sewers.....	15,326 57
Station House.....	2,793 89
Street repairs.....	24,512 69
Street improvement.....	3,075 83
Salary.....	5,889 09
School Board.....	11,902 61
Tax refunded.....	796 53
Tunnels.....	228 63
Transfers.....	6 33
Tomlinson Annuity.....	3,500 00
Tomlinson Estate repairs.....	36 00
Treasurer's percentage.....	3,248 27
Water rent.....	23,560 18
War fund.....	1,048 62
Balance transferred to Treasurer Wiles.....	176,197 53
Total.....	\$540,771 43

HENRY W. TUTEWILER,

Ex-City Treasurer.

To BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk,  
*Indianapolis, Ind.,* September 17, 1877.

*Report of Henry W. Tutewiler, showing the Receipts and Disbursements on account of the Tomlinson Estate, for the fourteen months ending September 1st, 1877.*

## RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last report.....	\$ 8,903 71
From rent of No. 32 East Washington street.....	2,800 00
From rent of No. 32 East Ohio street .....	255 00
From rent of No. 113 North Illinois street.....	325 00
From rent of No. 115 North Illinois street.....	395 00
From rent of No. 117 North Illinois street.....	510 00
From rent of No. 23 West Ohio street.....	615 00
From rent of No. 27 West Ohio street .....	292 00
From rent of No. 21 Indiana avenue,.....	302 00
From rent of No. 30 East Ohio street.....	84 00
From rent of No. 17 Indiana avenue .....	100 00
From interest on deposit.....	628 86

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\$15,210 57

## DISBURSEMENTS.

By repairs, as per vouchers on file in office.....	\$99 56
By insurance, as per vouchers on file in office.....	162 25
By commission, as per voucher on file in office.....	315 34
Transferred to Wm. M. Wiles, City Treasurer.....	14,633 42

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\$15,210 57

HENRY W. TUTEWILER,

Ex-City Treasurer.

THE HON. MAYOR, COMMON COUNCIL, AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

Indianapolis, Ind., September 17, 1877.

*Report showing Receipts and Disbursements of the City Treasury from May 12th, 1873, to September 3d, 1877, inclusive.*

## RECEIPTS.

From J. W. Coons, Ex-Treasurer.....	\$ 93,573 78
From taxes collected.....	3,202,227 48
From bonds and interest.....	2,143,594 84
From licenses.....	22,636 75
From Tomlinson Estate .....	15,363 33
From interest on deposits.....	7,001 65
From benefits.. ..	17,413 12
From market rents.....	11,497 90
From fines and fees .....	13,453 20
From all other sources.....	51,237 65

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Total..... \$5,577,999 70

## DISBURSEMENTS.

School Board .....	\$ 790,396 15
Bonds and interest.....	1,891,371 66
Fire Department and Engine Houses.....	496,672 10
Gas, gas repairs, gas fixtures, and lamp lighting .....	317,030 62
Hospital and Pest House .....	93,476 14
Police and Station House .....	292,235 73
Street repairs .....	300,902 25
Street improvements.....	194,170 16
Salaries.....	169,715 99
Printing .....	57,192 86
Sewers .....	162,121 35
Per cent., (J. W. Coons).....	20,327 52
Water.....	77,223 04
Tomlinson Estate .....	28,793 17
All other sources.....	495,540 01
Balance transferred to Treasurer Wiles.....	190,830 95
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$5,577,999 70</b>

HENRY W. TUTEWILER,  
Ex-City Treasurer.

TO THE HON. MAYOR, COMMON COUNCIL, AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
Of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana.

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

*Indianapolis, September 17, 1877.*

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith submit an itemized statement of the amount of orders issued on the City Treasurer, from August 1st, 1877, to and including September 1st, 1877:

NATURE OF CLAIM.	AMOUNT.
City Assessor's Assistants .....	\$ 319 00
City Civil Engineer's Department. ....	308 95
City Hospital and Branch.....	793 07
Cisterns.....	17 91
City Dispensary.....	364 42
Costs .....	74 55
Damages .....	1,500 00
Elections .....	10 00
Fire Department.....	8,611 67
Gas .....	6,965 25
Home for Friendless Women.....	297 20



Ice .....	11 59
Incidental ..	67 50
Office Fixtures. ....	24 00
Parks .....	104 33
Percentage City Treasurer .....	6,794 08
Police .....	7 034 75
Posting Bills .....	3 50
Printing, Stationery, and Advertising.....	274 85
Public Buildings .....	30 00
Rent.. .....	500 00
Salary.....	124 00
Sewers ..	43 87
Station Houses.....	548 43
Street Improvements ..	71 53
Street Repairs .....	4 304 42
Taxes Refunded. ....	7 50
Tomlinson Estate Repairs.....	19 35

Total.....\$ 39,965 01

Total amount of Orders issued from May 16, 1877, to and including September 1st, 1877.....\$159,888 30

Respectfully,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The same officer submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

*Indianapolis, September 17, 1877.*

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

John Schier vs. Samuel Love, for .....	\$9 31
John Schier vs. Samuel Love, for.....	9 31
John Schier vs. Emily Martin, for.....	4 12
John Schier vs. Henry Martin, for.....	11 61
John Schier vs. Henry Martin, for.....	11 61
John Greene vs. Vincent H. Silsby, for.....	30 26

And respectfully recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The precepts were ordered to be issued by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, McGinty, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Walker, Watts, Wood, and W. G. Wright—17.

Negative—None.

The same officer presented the following communication; which was received:

*Indianapolis, August 28, 1877.*

Benj. C. Wright, City Clerk:

*Dear Sir:*—I am in receipt of a motion, passed by the City Council, through the City Marshal, directing the "Water-Works Company to raise, fill, and bowlder two trenches running across the street in Pennsylvania street, between North and St. Clair streets, where the company put pipes down last season."

I answer: I will say this company has not put down or laid any pipe on Pennsylvania street, between North and St. Clair streets, since the year 1870; that our pipes do not run across the street, except where a fire-plug is connected; that the entire street has been bowldered since our pipe was laid, and that the street is now, and has been for years, in good condition over the line of our pipe.

I suppose the motion, above, refers to ditches made by plumbers, who obtain permits from the City Clerk to open streets, and for the condition of which this company is in no way responsible.

I am, very respectfully,

JOHN R. ELDER, Prest. Water-Works Co.

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

*Indianapolis, September 17, 1877.*

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

*Gentlemen:*—At the last meeting of the Council, I was instructed to prepare and report an ordinance, repealing the present one upon the subject of Concert Saloons, and providing a license for such places.

I, therefore, herewith report an ordinance that I have prepared upon that subject.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS, City Attorney.

General ordinance No. 38, 1877, was then read the first time, for information, and, on motion of Councilman Reed, the City Clerk was instructed to print same, *in extenso*, in the Proceedings of the Common Council, and the ordinance was made the special order for next regular session of said body:

G. O. 38, 1877—An ordinance repealing section two of an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to prohibit the exhibition of Animals, Deformed Persons, or Monstrosities, within buildings, or on grounds fronting on certain streets; and also to prohibit certain Exhibitions in any room or building wherein

intoxicating liquors are sold" (ordained March 14th, 1864); and also providing for the licensing of Concert Saloons, and the regulation of the same.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That section two of the above named ordinance, ordained March 14, 1864, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to exhibit any concert, or dancing or theatrical performance, in any room, or place or building, wherein intoxicating liquors are sold, or in any place or room or building where intoxicating liquors are kept or offered for sale, unless such person shall have a license therefor, as in this ordinance provided.

SEC. 3. Any person desiring to obtain a license to carry on a concert saloon, or to exhibit any concert, or dancing or theatrical performance, in any place, room, or building, wherein intoxicating liquors are sold, or where intoxicating liquors are kept or offered for sale, shall pay to the City Treasurer the sum of one hundred dollars; and, upon the presentation to the City Clerk of the receipt of the City Treasurer for such sum, it shall be the duty of the City Clerk to issue to such person such license.

SEC. 4. All such licenses shall run for the period of one year, and shall be signed by the City Clerk, and sealed with the seal of the city, and shall state the name or names of the party or parties applying therefor, with the purpose for which the same is issued, and that the same shall be forfeited upon a violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance; and shall describe the premises where the same may be exercised, by street and number. Each license shall be numbered, and it shall be the duty of the City Clerk to keep a record of all such licenses so issued, with the number thereof, and name of the person to whom issued, and date of the same. The City Clerk shall be entitled to a fee of one dollar for each license so issued, to be paid by the person applying for the same.

SEC. 5. Licenses issued under the provisions of this ordinance shall not be assignable by the holder thereof, and shall not be transferable; and any sale or leasing of the premises or business by the person to whom such license is issued shall immediately work a forfeiture of the same. Such license shall only authorize the person to whom the same is issued to act under it, and only upon the premises described in such license.

SEC. 6. Any license issued under the provisions of this ordinance shall be at once forfeited, whenever the person to whom the same is issued, or any person in his employ, or who shall be engaged for him in assisting in carrying on the business under such license, shall have been convicted, before the Mayor, of a violation of any of the penal ordinances of said city.

SEC. 7. It shall be unlawful for any person engaged in exhibiting any concert, or dancing or theatrical performance, in any room or place or build-

ing where intoxicating liquors are sold, or where intoxicating liquors are kept or offered for sale, to allow or permit any prostitute, lewd woman, or any women having the reputation of being prostitutes or lewd women, to congregate at, or attend any such concert, or dancing or theatrical performance.

SEC. 8. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof before the Mayor, be fined in any sum not exceeding fifty dollars.

SEC. 9. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and publication, for one day in each week, for two consecutive weeks, in the \_\_\_\_\_

#### REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, through Councilman Walker, presented the following reports from the City Dispensary; which were received:

Report of City Dispensary for August, 1877:

Number of visits made to families in North District.....	119
Number of visits made to families in South District.....	98
Number of visits made to Station House.....	58
Number of patients prescribed for at Dispensary.....	557
Number of prescriptions filled for Station House.....	26
Whole number of prescriptions filled at Dispensary.....	1131
Number of prescriptions filled from cases.....	35
Number of surgical cases.....	25
Number of births.....	8
Number of deaths.....	3

Respectfully submitted,

OTTO E. MUELLER, Ph. G.

*Indianapolis*, September 1, 1877.

Number of prescriptions filled at the City Dispensary, during the month of August, 1877, from physicians not connected with the same:

Dr. McDonald, 47; Dr. Elder, 30; Dr. Mrs. Daniels, 27; Dr. Henthorne, 8; Dr. W. F. Martin, 7; Dr. Fitzhugh, 6; Dr. Featherston, 5; Dr. Stratford, 3; Dr. Lutz, 3; Dr. Hess, 3; Dr. Chambers, 2; Dr. Sullivan, 2; Dr. Hadley, 2; Dr. Eastman, 1; Dr. Tomlinson, 1; Dr. Kitchen, 1; Dr. New, 1—Total, 9.

The Committee on Finance and City Assessor, through Councilman A. L. Wright, submitted the following report; which was read by clauses, and duly concurred in:

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

*Gentlemen* :—Your Committee on Finance and City Assessor, to whom were referred sundry papers, respectfully report thereon, as follows :

1st. Is a petition from Riley & McClelland, asking that the taxes for 1876, assessed to and paid by them on \$1500 mill machinery, as personal property, be refunded.

We have examined the Assessor's books, and find that said machinery was assessed, also, as improvement on the real estate, and has been paid. We, therefore, recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

2d and 3d. Are petitions from sundry persons, asking that certain taxes, paid by them, be refunded under the Widows' Exemption Law.

We have examined the same, and recommend that the following be refunded :

Mary Franks, \$7.00—taxes of 1876, on \$500.

Rachel Fetchner, \$7.00—taxes of 1876, on \$500.

4th. Is a petition from Stough & Hugo, asking that they be relieved from payment of taxes on \$1400 personal property, and claiming that there is an error in their personal assessment for 1876, to that amount.

We have examined their assessment list for 1876, which appears to have been regularly made out and sworn to, and we do not see how such a mistake as they claim was made, could have been readily made, and recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted.

A. L. WRIGHT,

N. S. BYRAM,

J. THOMAS,

J. B. DILL,

MARTIN MCGINTY,

Committee on Finance.

WM. HADLEY, City Assessor.

The Committee on Gas-Light, through Councilman Izor, submitted the following report ; which was concurred in :

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

*Gentlemen* :—Your Committee on Gas-Light, to whom was referred the report of the Aldermanic Committee on Gas-Light, and proposition from the Indianapolis Gas-Light & Coke Co., recommending the awarding of a contract to said Gas Company for lighting the S. Illinois street tunnel for the sum of \$550 per year, have given the matter our consideration. and respectfully report against taking favorable action upon the recommendation from the Board of Aldermen.

Your committee recommend that the Council adhere to its former action,

in ordering the tunnel closed at night and instructing the City Civil Engineer to advertise for proposals for furnishing gates to close said tunnel.

ALBERT IZOR,  
W. H. TUCKER,  
T. C. READING,  
Committee on Gas-Light.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery, and Advertising, through Councilman Reed, submitted the following report; which was concurred in :

*Indianapolis*, September 17, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—Your Committee on Printing, etc., to whom was referred the motion to ascertain the probable cost of preparing an index for the Council Proceedings of the past year, beg leave to report the following:

Index of 1867-68 consisted of 54 pages; for which \$175 were paid—an average of \$3.25 per page.

Index of 1868-69 consisted of 26 pages; for which \$100 were paid—an average of \$3.85 per page.

Index of 1869-70 consisted of 44 pages; for which \$100 were paid—an average of \$2.27 per page.

Index of 1870-71 consisted of 42 pages; for which \$100 were paid—an average of \$2.38 per page.

Index and Digest of 1871-72 consisted of 148 pages; for which George H. Fleming was paid \$222—an average of \$1;50 per page.

Index of 1872-73 consisted of 62 pages; for which \$100 were paid—an average of \$1.61 per page.

Index and Digest of 1873-74 consisted of 166 pages; for which Charles P. Fant was paid \$338.87—an average of \$2.04 per page.

Index of 1874-75 consisted of 40 pages; for which Charles P. Fant was paid \$100—an average of \$2.50 per page.

Index of 1875-76 consisted of 46 pages; for which \$70 was paid—an average of \$1.50 per page.

Your committee would beg leave to report that Mr. Fleming, of the City Clerk's office, is willing to prepare said index at the rate of \$1.50 per page, and that the contract therefor be awarded Mr. Fleming. This would make the cost of the index about \$200.

ENOS B. REED,  
T. C. READING,  
JAMES E. WATTS,  
Committee on Printing, etc.

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

*Indianapolis*, September 17, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen* :—Your committee would respectfully report, as follows, upon the motions referred to them :

1st. Is a motion, granting permission to the Columbus Paving Company to lay a quantity of their pavement at any place the property owners may see proper to pay for the same.

We would recommend permission be granted, provided the work is done under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer and the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

2d and 3d. Are motions, instructing the Street Commissioner to notify property owners to remove obstructions from sidewalk on California street, between Washington and Maryland street, and ordering the Street Commissioner to clean out and fill (where needed) the south gutter of Washington street, between California street and the canal.

We recommend the passage of both motions.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

#### REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The special committee on the matter of the Southside Market, through Councilman Steinhauer, submitted the following report; which was concurred in :

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

*Gentlemen* :—The undersigned, a special committee to whom was referred sundry petitions and papers relative to a "Southside Market," have given the same due consideration, and would report as follows :

That a "Southside Market" would be a great convenience to those citizens residing south of the railroad tracks, and, in our opinion, is greatly needed; but your committee have been unable to find a location that they feel justified in recommending to your honorable body, for the reason that all suitable grounds which we have been called on to examine are held at prices that

would not justify the Council, in its present limited financial condition, to purchase.

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

The special committee appointed "to secure additional grounds for the burial of the dead, when the same is done at the expense of the city," through Councilman Byram, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

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

*Gentlemen*:—The undersigned committee, appointed to secure additional grounds for burial purposes, would recommend the purchase of one lot, belonging to Austin H. Brown, and four lots, belonging to Center Lodge, I. O. O. F., all situate in Greenlawn Cemetery; which said lots can be had for the sum of twenty dollars each.

They would further recommend that they be authorized to purchase the above named lots for the purposes named, at a price not exceeding that named above.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,  
ISAAC C. WALKER,  
ROBT. B. BAGBY.

#### INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

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

S. O. 29, 1877—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling East street and sidewalks, from Morris street to Minnesota street.

Councilman Stoner presented the following petition; which was received:

*Indianapolis*, September 17, 1877.

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

*Gentlemen*:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on East street, between Cherry and Vine streets, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and paving the sidewalk on the east side of Park avenue, between the points named, to a width of six (6)



feet. The sidewalk needs improving very badly, as it is almost impassable during rainy seasons.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Henry H. Garrard, by C. E. Harris, 40 feet front;  
James A. Hamilton, 40 feet front; W. H. H.  
Hamilton, 30 feet front; F. W. Hamilton, 90  
feet front.

The same gentleman introduced the following special ordinance ; which was read the first time :

S. O. 30, 1877—An ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, the east sidewalk on Park avenue (where not already paved), between Cherry and Vine streets.

The Committee on Finance, through Councilman A. L. Wright, submitted the following appropriation ordinance ; which was read the first time :

Ap O. 69, 1877—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of Salaries and Compensations of City Officers and Employes.

On motion, the rules were then suspended, for the purpose of reading above ordinance the second and third times, and placing it on its passage, by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 69, 1877, was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

## INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Bagby offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, with power to act:

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to clean the gutters on Blake street, from Indiana avenue, southward.

Councilman Brown offered the following motion; which was adopted:

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to fill the pond on Spruce street, near Woodlawn avenue; and that the City Civil Engineer be instructed to set the proper grade stakes for said street.

The same gentleman offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Sewers:

*Moved*, That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, instructed to advertise for bids to construct a two-foot brick sewer, from the Station House west, on Pearl street, to connect with the Virginia avenue sewer.

Afterward, Councilman Layman, who had voted in favor of the above reference, moved to reconsider the vote referring same; which was done by the following vote:

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

Negative—None.

The preceding motion was then adopted.

Councilman Bugbee offered the following motions; which were adopted:

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to fill the chuck-holes in Christian avenue, between Ash and Peru streets.

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to repair the wooden bridge at the crossing of Pogue's Run, at Brookside avenue.

Said bridge is in an almost impassable condition, and should be attended to at once.

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

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to repair the crossing, at the junction of Second and Pennsylvania streets.

Councilman Izor offered the following motion; which was adopted:

*Moved*, That C. E. Geisendorff & Co. have permission to pave, with brick and bowlders, the sidewalk in front of their factory on West Washington street; said work to be done at their own expense, and within thirty days, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Marsee offered the following motions; which were adopted:

*Moved*, That Nathaniel H. Bledsoe be granted a license as auctioneer, at 94 and 96 E. Washington street, for a period of three months, and that the City Clerk be instructed to issue the same, upon the payment of the fees prescribed by the ordinance.

*Moved*, That the Committee on Revision of Ordinances and City Attorney be instructed to prepare, and report, an ordinance amending the Market ordinance upon the subject of the fees of the Market Master.

Councilman McGinty offered the following motions; which were adopted:

*Moved*, That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, instructed to make a survey of Wisconsin street, between Meridian and Mississippi streets, and as much of the property adjacent thereto, as will determine the proper description of property for purposes of assessment for street improvements.

*Moved*, That John Greene be, and is hereby, granted thirty days extension of time, in which to complete his contract on Maryland street, from Helen street, west, to White River.

The same gentleman offered the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

*Indianapolis, September 10, 1877.*

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—We respectfully call your attention to the fact that when Braden's Block, on South Illinois street, was built, some three years ago, the

sand and dirt from the cellar was dumped in the alley of square 74, contrary to law; and it remains there to this day, obstructing the drainage of adjacent lots, and is otherwise a nuisance.

We beg you will order the same removed, and our alley restored to its proper grade and former good condition.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

HENRY C. WILSON,  
ED. L. PALMER.

Councilman Reading offered the following motion; which was adopted:

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to clean the street and gutters on South street, between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets.

Councilman Reed offered the following motion:

*Moved*, That, in view of the fact that the question of the contract with the Gas Company has been, by the Board of Aldermen, referred to a committee of that body, and that the contract with the Water-Works Company is, in point of fact, a similar contract, a committee of five be appointed from this body, to confer with the Gas and Water-Works Companies, in relation to their contracts with the city, with a view to effecting a compromise with said companies.

On Councilman Dill's motion, the preceding motion was laid on the table by the following "ayes and noes":

Affirmative—Councilmen Byram, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Stoner, Walker, Watts, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—11.

Negative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, McGinty, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Thomas, and Wood—9.

Councilman Steinhauer presented the following remonstrance; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

*Indianapolis*, September 10, 1877.

To the Honorable City Council:

*Gentlemen*:—The undersigned, owners of property on first alley east of East street, running from Merrill to Valley street, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance for the grading and graveling of said alley, now pending before your honorable body.

The undersigned did not petition for the improvement, nor had they any knowledge that such a proposal would be presented to your honorable body.

The undersigned regard the improvement as unnecessary; and it would be a hardship for them to pay for the improvement, in the present depressed condition of financial affairs.

Mrs. Rebecca A. Stagg, 33 feet; Mrs. Catharine Holland, 35 feet; Mrs. Elen Lawler, 35 feet; Mr. Martin Toole, 35 feet; John Frick, 27 or 28 feet; William Williams, 24 feet.

Councilman Stoner offered the following motion; which was adopted:

*Moved*, That Thomas Brouse be granted the privilege of grading and paving with brick 40 feet fronting on Broadway, north of Vine street, and 124 feet on Vine street, west of Broadway; provided he does this improvement at his own expense and within thirty days, and that the City Civil Engineer fix the grade for the same.

Councilman Thomas offered the following motion; which was adopted:

*Moved*, That the Judiciary Committee and City Clerk be instructed to investigate and report what, if any, license Isaac Cohen now holds from the city, as auctioneer; and what, if any, steps are necessary for this Council to take to annul the same.

Councilman Walker offered the following motions; which were adopted:

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, instructed to change the grade of the gutter on the east side of Pennsylvania street, between Washington and Market streets, so as to give better drainage.

*Moved*, That Messrs. Bowen & Stewart, Yandes & Baldwin, Joseph Becker, and Charles F. Hahn, have permission to make a stone-crossing on Washington street, between Meridian and Illinois streets, at their own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer; the work to be completed within thirty days.

The same gentleman offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be directed to cover Delaware street, from Washington to Market street, with rolling-mill cinders.

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

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair, at once, several chuck-holes west of Fall Creek bridge, on Indiana avenue, along the line of Schurman's farm, as, in its present condition, it is almost impassable.

Councilman A. L. Wright offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, instructed to clean the gutter on north side of Massachusetts avenue, between Delaware and Alabama streets.

Councilman W. G. Wright offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the City Marshal be, and is hereby, instructed to notify the property owners on the north side of Huron street, between Pine and Cedar streets, to repair the sidewalk where it has caved in ; and if said repairs are not made within ten days, then the Street Commissioner to do said work, and collect the cost of the same from said property owners.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

#### ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

The following special ordinances were read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed :

S. O. 23, 1877—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of Franklin street, between Yeiser and Nebraska streets.

S. O. 24, 1877—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Franklin street, between Coburn and Nebraska streets.

S. O. 25, 1877—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Franklin street and sidewalks, from Nebraska street to the first alley north of Yeiser street.

## ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

Special ordinance No. 23, 1877, entitled

S. O. 23, 1877—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of Franklin street, between Yeiser and Nebraska streets;

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—17.

Negative—Councilmen Bagby, McGinty, and Thomas—3.

Special ordinance No. 24, 1877, entitled

S. O. 24, 1877—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Franklin street, between Coburn and Nebraska streets;

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—17.

Negative—Councilmen Bagby, McGinty, and Thomas—3.

Special ordinance No. 25, 1877, entitled

S. O. 25, 1877—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Franklin street and sidewalks, from Nebraska street to the first alley north of Yeiser street;

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—17.

Negative—Councilmen Bagby, McGinty, and Thomas—3.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest :

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.