

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# COMMON COUNCIL.

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## REGULAR SESSION.

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CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, }  
*Monday, October 1st, 1877—7 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 Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Thomas, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—19.

Absent—Councilmen Bagby, Layman, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, and Tucker—6.

The proceedings of the adjourned called session, held September 24th, 1877, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, the reading of the same was dispensed with.

Sealed proposals for grading and graveling the first alley east of Franklin street, between Yeiser and Nebraska streets; also, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Franklin street, between Coburn and Nebraska streets; also, for grading and graveling Franklin street and sidewalks, from Nebraska street to first alley north of Yeiser street,—were received, opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

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

*Indianapolis*, October 1, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—I herewith report a first and partial estimate, allowed D. A. Haywood, for grading and graveling the street and sidewalks, bowldering the gutters, and curbing the sidewalks of Court street, between East and Noble streets—

840 lineal feet, at 71 cents.....\$596.40

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 partial estimate allowed D. A. Haywood, for grading and graveling the street and sidewalks, bowldering the gutters, and curbing the sidewalks of Court street, between East and Noble streets, 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, Case, Izor, McGinty, Reading, Reed, Thomas, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—13.

Negative—None.

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

*Indianapolis, October 1, 1877.*

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—In compliance with your instructions, I present herewith an ordinance, entitled "An ordinance to provide for paving with brick the sidewalks of Fletcher avenue, between Dillon and Linden streets.

Respectfully submitted,  
BERNHARD H. DIETZ, City Civil Engineer.

The following special ordinance was then introduced, and read the first time:

S. O. 31, 1877—An ordinance to provide for paving with brick the sidewalks of Fletcher avenue, between Dillon and Linden streets.

The City Attorney submitted the following report; which was received, and the recommendation therein made was duly concurred in:

*Indianapolis, October 1, 1877.*

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

*Gentlemen*:—I would report that the case of Samuel J. Smock vs. The City, in General Term of the Superior Court, has been affirmed.

This was a suit by Smock, the contractor for repairing the old levee at Fall Creek, to recover his damages, caused by the Council ordering him to stop work, and subsequently abandoning the work and putting in a new levee. The judgment at Special Term was against the city for \$750.

I would recommend that the case be appealed to the Supreme Court.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. O. HAWKINS, City Attorney.

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

*Indianapolis, October 1, 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 September 3d to September 30th, 1877, inclusive:

NATURE OF CLAIM.	AMOUNT.
Board of Health.....	\$ 150 00
City Assessor's Assistants .....	137 50

City Civil Engineer's Department .....	\$ 337 60
City Hospital and Branch.....	1,233 65
Cisterns.....	65 00
Costs ..	159 35
Damages .....	87 00
Fire Department.....	3,301 20
Gas .....	6,949 25
Ice.....	14 18
Incidental.....	361 60
Office Fixtures .....	8 55
Parks.....	64 00
Percentage City Treasurer.....	292 17
Police.....	1,916 25
Posting Bills .....	6 50
Printing, Stationery, and Advertising.....	932 11
Station Houses .....	517 30
State Militia .....	1,773 59
Street Improvements .....	15 65
Street Repairs.....	3,072 99
Taxes Refunded .....	41 20
Tunnels.....	14 00
Water Rent.....	6,949 42
School Fund .....	11,902 61
Total.....	\$40,302 67

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The same officer presented the following report from the City Treasurer; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*Report of William M. Wiles, City Treasurer, from September 3d to September 30th, 1877, inclusive.*

RECEIPTS.

From H. W. Tutewiler, Ex-City Treasurer, general fund .....	\$176,197 53
"    "    "    "    Tomlinson estate.....	14,633 42
From Delinquent Taxes .....	5,023 99
From Benefits.....	75 00
From Auction Licenses.....	20 00
From Dog Licenses.....	25 00
From Express Licenses.....	60 00
From Fines and Fees, City Court.....	67 30
From Hack Licenses.....	98 00
From Market Rents.....	734 00

From Peddlers' Licenses .....	\$	22	00
From Tapping Sewers.....		35	00
From Tomlinson Estate, rents.....		95	00
From Promiscuous, sale of dirt.....		35	00
<b>Total Receipts.....</b>		<b>\$197,121</b>	<b>24</b>

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Fire Department.....	\$	3,505	46
For Police.....		1,947	75
For Street Repairs.....		3,955	73
For City Hospital and Branch.....		1,233	38
For Civil Engineer's Department.....		323	60
For Assisting City Assessor.....		200	00
For Board of Health.....		75	00
For Bridges .....		9	00
For Cisterns .....		65	00
For Costs, city .....		147	55
For Damages .....		87	00
For Elections .....		3	00
For Gas.....		6,949	25
For Gas Fixtures and Repairs.....		40	00
For Ice .....		14	18
For Incidentals .....		362	25
For Levee .....		42	00
For Office Fixtures .....		8	55
For Percentage, H. W. Tutewiler, Ex-City Treasurer .....		292	17
For Posting Bills .....		6	50
For Printing, Stationery, and Advertising.....		834	40
For Salary.....		21	88
For Sewers.....		144	25
For State Militia.....		1,752	49
For Station Houses.....		593	30
For Street Improvement.....		14	45
For Taxes Refunded.....		41	20
For Tomlinson Estate.....		85	
For Tunnel.....		14	00
For Water Rent .....		6,949	42
For Parks .....		64	00
Balance Cash on hand.....		167,423	63
		<b>\$197,121</b>	<b>24</b>

Balance Cash on hand on account General Fund.....	\$152,696	06
"    "    "    "    Tomlinson Estate.....	14,727	57
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$167,423</b>	<b>63</b>

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. WILES, City Treasurer.

To BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

Indianapolis, October 1, 1877.

The Hospital Board, through Councilman Izor, presented the following reports from the Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch ; which were received :

*Report of the City Hospital and Branch, for the month ending September 30, 1877.*

NO. OF BEDS IN HOSPITAL—100.	First Week.		Second Week.		Third Week.		Fourth Week.		Two Days.		Total Adults.		Total Infants.	
Number of Patients at last report—adults.....	33	35	35	42	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Number of Patients at last report—infants.....	3	3	4	5	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Received New Patients—adults.....	8	18	18	7	6	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Births, or Received—infants.....	1	7	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11
Discharged—adults.....	6	18	10	14	3	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Discharged—infants.....	1	6	.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11
Died—adults.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Died—infants.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Number of Patients remaining—adults.....	35	35	42	35	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Number of Patients remaining—infants.....	3	4	5	4	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Number of Patients in Branch—adults.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Number of Patients in Branch—infants.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Aggregate No. days of Patients in Hospital—adults.....	233	253	282	291	78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Aggregate No. of days Patients in Hospital—infants.....	21	25	35	34	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

*Report of Expenditures on account of City Hospital and Branch, for the month ending September 30, 1877.*

Total Expenditures for month .....	\$795 44
Cost of Permanent Improvements, etc... ..	\$80 82
Cash collected, and paid to City Treasurer.....	15 00
Net Expenditures for the month.....	699 62
Aggregate number of days subsistence furnished.....	1260
Average expense per capita per diem of patients.....	..55.4 cts.
Average expense per capita per diem of patients, officers and employes, 40 cts.	

W. H. DAVIS, M. D., Superintendent.

#### REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

*Report of City Dispensary, for September, 1877.*

Number of visits made to families in North District.....	129
Number of visits made to families in South District.....	185
Number of visits made to Station House.....	52
Number of patients prescribed for at Dispensary.....	455
Number of prescriptions filled for Station House.....	24
Number of prescriptions filled for Colored Orphan Asylum.....	21
Whole number of prescriptions filled at Dispensary .....	928
Number of prescriptions filled from cases.....	51
Number of surgical cases.....	40
Number of vaccinations... ..	5
Number of births.....	3
Number of deaths. ....	3

Respectfully submitted,

OTTO E. MUELLER, Ph. G.

W. B. FLETCHER, Superintendent.

Number of prescriptions filled at Dispensary from physicians not connected with the same :

Dr. Elder 30, Dr. McDonald 27, Dr. Mrs. Daniels 20, Dr. Chambers 3, Dr. Lutz 3, Dr. Bullard 4, Dr. Bell 4, Dr. Bryan 3, Dr. Martin 3, Dr. Wishard 3, Dr. Henthorne 2, Dr. Hess 2, Dr. Cochran 2, Dr. Fitzhugh 2, Dr. Davis 1, Dr. Jameson 1, Dr. Moore 1, Dr. Foulds 1, Dr. E. S. Gale 1. Total, 113

W. B. FLETCHER, Superintendent.

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

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

*Gentlemen* :—Your Committee on Gas-Light, to whom was referred a proposition from the Citizens' Gas-Light & Coke Company, for lighting the Illinois street tunnel for the term of one year, would report that said proposal is a cheaper and better proposition than the one offered by the Indianapolis Gas-Light & Coke Company. We, therefore, most respectfully recommend that the said proposition be accepted.

ALBERT IZOR,

T. C. READING,

Committee on Gas-Light.

The Committee on Judiciary and City Clerk submitted the following report ; which was concurred in :

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

*Gentlemen*:—The undersigned, to whom was referred the motion of Councilman Thomas, instructing the Judiciary Committee and City Clerk "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," have given the matter due consideration, and find that the said Isaac Cohen has an auctioneer's license, for three months from September 3, 1877, duly issued by the City Clerk.

We are of the opinion that the necessary steps to take to annul the said license is, for the Council to pass a resolution to that effect, and have the proper officer to tender the said Cohen the *pro rata* amount of money he has paid to the city for the unexpired time said license has to run.

N. S. BYRAM,

J. W. BUGBEE,

Committee on Judiciary.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

In compliance with the recommendation in above report, Councilman Thomas offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the auctioneer's license heretofore granted by this Council to Isaac Cohen, be, and the same is hereby, canceled and revoked, and the City Treasurer is directed to tender him the *pro rata* amount of license fee for the unexpired time.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouders, Reed, Thomas, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—18.

Negative—Councilman Reading—1.

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

*Indianapolis*, October 1, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom sundry papers were referred, would report on the following, to-wit:

1st. Is a petition from Henry C. Wilson and Ed. L. Palmer, asking that the sand and dirt taken from the cellar of Braden's Block on South Illinois street, and deposited in the alley of square 74, be removed, and that the said alley be restored to its proper grade and former good condition.



We recommend that the City Civil Engineer be instructed to set the grade stakes, and that the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the person or persons responsible for creating the aforesaid obstruction and nuisance. to remove the same within ten days, and that if such notice is not complied with in the specified time, said Street Commissioner to do the work of cleaning up the alley, and collect the cost thereof from the offending parties.

2d. Is a motion, to instruct the Street Commissioner to clean the gutters of Blake street, from Indiana avenue, southward; and,

3d. Is a motion, to instruct same officer to repair the crossings at intersection of Indiana avenue and West street.

We recommend that aforesaid work be done.

Respectfully,

JAMES E. WATTS,

GEO. P. WOOD,

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The same committee submitted the following report; which was approved:

*Indianapolis*, October 1, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred back the report made by us on 24th *ultimo* (for which see page 452 of Council Proceedings), would now submit the following estimates for the street-repairs therein recommended:

1st. For covering Delaware street, from Washington street to Massachusetts avenue (where not already done), with rolling-mill cinders, \$100.

2d. For filling chuck-holes in Indiana avenue, west of Fall Creek bridge, along the line of the Schurman farm, \$25.

JAS. E. WATTS,

GEO. P. WOOD,

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

On motion, the report of 24th *ultimo*, above referred to, was then taken up, and the recommendations made therein were duly concurred in.

#### MESSAGE AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message from the Board of Aldermen was duly received:

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen* :—At an adjourned called session of the Board of Aldermen, held Tuesday evening, September 25th, 1877, the accompanying charges against Leander A. Fulmer, Street Commissioner, were presented by Alderman Stratford, accompanied by two certain affidavits, which charges and affidavits I herewith transmit.

At the same session, the Board adopted the accompanying motion, and appointed Aldermen Wallace, McGill, and Coburn as the Aldermanic members of such investigating committee.

Respectfully,

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

The several papers accompanying above message [see Aldermanic Proceedings, pages 214 to 216], were then read.

The request of the Board of Aldermen for the appointment of three Councilmen, to serve on joint investigating committee, was concurred in, and the chair appointed for said duty,

Councilmen A. L. Wright, Morse, and Sindlinger.

#### APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

The Fire Board, through Councilman Case, introduced the following ordinance ; which was read the first time :

Ap. O. 70, 1877—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Fire Department.

The Hospital Board, through Councilman Izor, introduced the following ordinance ; which was read the first time :

Ap. O. 71, 1877—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of City Hospital and Branch.

The Board of Police, through Councilman Brown, introduced the following ordinance ; which was read the first time :

Ap. O. 72, 1877—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses.

The Committee on Accounts and Claims, through Councilman Thomas, introduced the following ordinance; which was read the first time:

Ap. O. 73, 1877—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

The Committee on Printing,<sup>s</sup> Stationery, and Advertising, through Councilman Reed, introduced the following ordinance; which was read the first time:

Ap. O. 74, 1877—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, and Advertising.

Appropriation ordinance No. 70, 1877, was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Thomas, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—19.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 71, 1877, was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Thomas, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—19.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 72, 1877, was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Coch-

ran, Dill, Izor, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Thomas, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—19.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 73, 1877, was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Thomas, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—19.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 74, 1877, was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Thomas, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—19.

Negative—None.

#### SPECIAL ORDER.

Councilman Reed called attention to the fact that the second reading and consideration of general ordinance No. 38, 1877, was made the special order for this evening, but, on account of so many members being absent, at his request, a postponement of said special order was had until the next regular session.

#### INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

Councilman Brown presented the following communication ; which was received :

To the Honorable Council :

*Gentlemen* :—In consideration of the bill passing locating a Southside Market, as presented by my bill, will say :

I will spare no pains or expense that may be necessary to get a market to fill the demands of the people; and also that I have in contemplation, in the spring (if the present location proves not suitable), to lease the McCarty grounds, and erect suitable buildings for market purposes; and would state I have, for the present, leased the large wareroom of Mr. Evans, located on Pennsylvania street, half way between South and Merrill, giving a space of 300 feet by 25 wide, which will be put in first-class order.

I would refer you to the following gentlemen: Judge A. G. Porter, Moses McLain, Judge Denny, Mr. Dollarhide, J. H. Ross, Rev. Gillett, Judge G. H. Voss, Major W. Richards, Col. J. W. Ray, J. T. Layman, Capt. Wiles, Hon. John Hanna.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM DETRICK.

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

G. O. 39, 1877—An ordinance establishing a Public Market on S. Pennsylvania street, between South and Merrill streets, and to extend to Madison avenue, if wanted.

On Councilman Morse's motion, the preceding petition and ordinance were referred to the Committee on Markets and City Attorney.

Councilman Morse presented the following petition; which was received :

*Indianapolis*, October 1, 1877.

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

*Gentlemen* :—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Missouri street, between New York and Vermont streets, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading, graveling, and curbing the west sidewalk of Missouri street, between the before mentioned points.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Mrs. Keziah Richards, 67 feet front; Mrs. Harriet Dunlop, 34 feet front; Charles Helwig, 67 feet front.

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

S. O. 32, 1877—An ordinance to provide for grading, graveling, and curbing the west sidewalk of Missouri street, from New York to Vermont street.

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

G. O. 40, 1867—An ordinance to prohibit the driving of Advertising Vehicles in the streets of the city.

#### INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Brown offered the following motions; which were severally referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, with power to act :

*Moved*, That Gillett Bros. be granted leave to construct an iron track-way across Georgia street, upon which to run a car or truck, for the purpose of carrying logs and lumber from their yard to their factory—said car to be propelled by hand or by horse power, attached to the same in such manner as not to obstruct or interfere with travel on said street; all of said work to be made to conform with the grade of street and sidewalks, and to be done under supervision of City Civil Engineer.

*Moved*, That Gillett Bros. be permitted to take up brick sidewalk in front of lot 1, Sheets' Heirs' Subdivision of north part of block 89, on Georgia street, and build a plank crossing in place of same, so as to enable them to drive teams into their lumber yard.

Councilman Bugbee offered the following motion; which was adopted :

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair the wooden bridge at the crossing of Columbia avenue and the State Ditch. Said bridge is in a dangerous condition, and should be attended to at once.

Councilman Byram offered the following motions; which were severally referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys :

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be directed to put in foot-crossings at the intersection of Alabama and Sixth streets, so that the water may have an outlet

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters of Alabama street, from Morrison street to the State Ditch, so that the water may flow off freely.

The same gentleman offered the following motion; which was adopted:

*Moved*, That C. W. Mead be permitted, under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer, to put down a driven-well at such a point as that official may designate: said Mead to pay all expenses, and put street or alley in as good condition as at present.

Councilman Case offered the following motion; which was adopted:

*Moved*, That A. L. Rasener have permission to put in a wooden culvert in front of his property, No. 55 Arsenal avenue; the work to be done in ten days, and at his own expense.

Councilman Dill offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed, to investigate the affairs of the City Civil Engineer's office, with a view to the reduction, if possible, of the expense of running said office—committee to report at next regular session of Council.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Marsee, Morse, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Thomas, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—17.

Negative—Councilmen Brown and McGinty—2.

The chair appointed, as aforesaid committee of investigation, Councilmen Dill, A. L. Wright, and Walker.

Councilman Izor presented the following petition; which was received, and the prayer of the petitioners duly granted:

*Indianapolis*, October 1, 1877.

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

Your petitioners, Cobb & Branham, would respectfully represent that they are engaged in the coal business in this city; that their main business office is situate at the corner of Delaware and Market streets; that they have two coal yards—one situate at No. 294 Christian avenue, and the other at No. 140 South Delaware street; that constant and quick communication between their office and yards is a necessity of their business; and they would respectfully

petition your honorable body to grant them the right to use the streets for the purpose of erecting and constructing a telephonic line between their office and yards, using all necessary poles, wires, etc.

And they will ever pray.

COBB & BRANHAM.

Councilman McGinty offered the following motion; which was adopted:

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters of McCarty street, between Illinois street and Pogue's Run.

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

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be directed to fill the chuck-holes in West street, between Washington and New York streets.

Councilman Poudier offered the following motion; which was adopted:

*Moved*, That A. Maurer have permission to take up and re-lay the sidewalk in front of his property, No. 67 N. Alabama street; said work to be done in sixty days, at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

The same gentleman also offered the following motions; which were severally referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to spread gravel on Ohio street, from New Jersey street to Peru Railroad, the same as has been placed on said street west of New Jersey street.

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner notify Willis W. Wright to repair sidewalk in front of his property on Washington street, between New Jersey and East streets, within ten days; if not repaired at the expiration of ten days, such work be done by Street Commissioner, at cost of said Willis W. Wright.

Councilman Reading presented the following petition; which was received, and the prayer of the petitioner duly granted:

Indianapolis, October 1, 1877.

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen*:—The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable bodies to grant him a license, as an auctioneer, at No. 39 W. Washington street, for



the term of one year, under the provisions of "An ordinance relative to the licensing and regulating of certain extraordinary trades and establishments" (ordained May 4, 1859).

Respectfully,

DAVID FREY.

I can recommend Mr. David Frey as a suitable person to be granted license for auctioneering in the city.

WM. M. WILES,  
City Treasurer.

Councilman Reed called up the motion adopted on 24th *ultimo* [see page 448, *ante*], and presented the following certificates; which were received:

*Indianapolis*, October 1, 1877.

I certify that I was appointed Wood-Measurer and Weigh-Master of the West Market, for the year of 1872-73, and that I found the office to be insufficient for the accommodation of those that attended the market at that time, and that I built an addition at my own expense; the same I sold to my successor, for the sum of \$20; that what sales or transfers have been made since, I know nothing about.

J. F. REDMOND.

*Indianapolis*, October 1, 1877.

I hereby certify that I bought, in the year 1874, the east half of the Weigh-Master's and Wood-Measurer's office, at the West Market, *Indianapolis*, of John Redmond, it being his personal property, and paid him twenty dollars (\$20.00) for the same.

SAMUEL BARBOUR.

*Indianapolis*, December 8, 1874.

John Ford bought of Samuel Barbour the office of the Hay-Scales and Wood-Measurer.....	\$20 00
One measuring stick.....	10 00
Stove, blank books, and other articles, amounting to.....	6 75
Total.....	\$36 75

Received payment in full.

SAMUEL BARBOUR.

And then, on motion of same gentleman, the Council rescinded the action had on before-mentioned date.

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

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to gravel Madison avenue, between McCarty street and the Jeffersonville Railroad track.

Councilman Walker presented the following communication ; which was referred to the Board of Health :

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

*Gentlemen* :—The subscriber would most respectfully represent that the City of Indianapolis, at the present time, is in a most filthy and dirty condition—our streets, sewers, alleys, tunnel, drains, privy vaults, and especially the East and West Market Spaces, as well as some of the manure receptacles connected with the Fire Department stables, are immense breeders of disease and death. Already a low type of malarial-typhoid fever, ague and fever, and dyptheria prevail, and the fatality is becoming alarming. Nothing but prompt action on your part will prevent these dread diseases stalking epidemic over our fair city.

I will further most respectfully represent that, within the past four months, I have become the agent for this city and State for the sale of the Cayuga (New York) Plaster Deodorizer. This deodorizer is not a new article. It has been in use for nearly one hundred years in the Eastern States, and, as a cheap and powerful element for destroying the noxious gases of decaying matter, it has no equal. In its operation it is as effectual as copperas or chloride of lime, and, being without smell or taste, and perfectly harmless to man or beast, it can be used in great abundance without causing any unpleasant odor. The Commercial Deodorizer is put up in barrels holding three hundred pounds each, and is sold in this city for two dollars per barrel. I am confident its prompt and abundant use in this city will prevent a great deal of sickness, and be the means of large saving to the city in the matter of medicine for the Dispensary and City Hospital.

Trusting that you may see fit to give this all important matter due consideration, and excuse any liberty I may have assumed in calling your attention to facts,

I am, respectfully,

*Indianapolis*, October 1, 1877.

J. R. ROBINSON.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest :

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.