

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, }
Monday, April 15th, 1878—7½ o'clock P. M. }

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

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair, and the following members: Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Byram, Case, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reed, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—22.

Absent—Councilmen Bugbee, Cochran, and Reading—3.

The proceedings of the regular session, held April 1st, 1878, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, the reading of the same was dispensed with.

Sealed proposals for making the below described improvement were received, opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts :

For building stone abutments on the Central Canal, at the crossing of Vermont street.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, submitted the following report; which was approved, and the City Clerk was ordered to insert in the next appropriation ordinance the sum of the forfeitures due the "Home for Friendless Women":

Indianapolis, April 15, 1878.

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

Gentlemen:—The amount of forfeitures collected by me during the months of January, February, and March, 1878, due the Home for Friendless Women, is \$80.90; and the amount due the City Treasury, collected during the month of March, is \$26.85; which amounts I have paid to the City Treasurer, and file herewith his duplicate receipts therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CAVEN, Mayor.

His Honor, also, presented the following communication; which was referred to the Committee on Sewers, the City Civil Engineer, and City Attorney:

OFFICE OF THE STATE HOUSE COMMISSIONERS, }
Indianapolis, Ind., April 8, 1878. }

To the Mayor and Members of the City Council, City of Indianapolis, Ind.:

Gentlemen:—I am instructed by the Board of State House Commissioners to furnish your honorable body with a copy of an order passed by said Board on April 4th, 1878.

Ordered, That, in consideration of the vacation of Market street, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets, and the obstruction to the drainage of Tennessee street by the erection of the proposed new State House, the State House Commissioners agree to provide for such obstructed drainage, in the construction of the sewer necessary for drainage of the new building, provided the city authorities will grant the right-of-way for the State House sewer on such street or alley as the Commissioners may deem best, and will allow such sewer to connect with the city sewer at such point as the Commissioners may choose.

Very respectfully yours, &c.

ROBT. P. HAYNES, Sec'y.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

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

Indianapolis, April 15, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen :—I herewith report the following estimates :

A first and final estimate in behalf of Indianapolis Stove Company, for erecting lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete to burn gas, on Bellefontaine street, from Home avenue to Tinker street—

9 lamps, at \$17.25 per lamp \$155 25

Also, a first and final estimate in behalf of Indianapolis Stove Company, for erecting lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete to burn gas, on Peru street, from Home avenue to Tinker street—

10 lamps, at \$17.25 per lamp \$172 50

Also, a first and final estimate in behalf of Indianapolis Stove Company, for erecting lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete to burn gas, on Stevens street, from East street to Virginia avenue—

6 lamps, at \$16.90 per lamp \$101 40

Also, a first and final estimate in behalf of John Knight, for erecting lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete to burn gas, on Fletcher avenue, from Dillon street to Linden street—

8 lamps, at \$16.00 per lamp... .. \$128 00

Also, a first and final estimate in behalf of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Cook street, from Georgia street to Louisiana street—

918 lineal feet, at 11½ cents..... .. \$105 57

Also, a second and final estimate in behalf of John Greene, for grading and graveling Franklin street and sidewalks, from Nebraska street to the first alley north of Yeiser street—

1780 lineal feet, at 35 cents..... .. \$623 00

7 yards extra gravel, at 40 cents... .. 2 80

Total..... .. \$625 80

Less former payment..... .. 343 00

Balance due \$282 80

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DEITZ, 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 Indianapolis Stove Company, for erecting

lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete to burn gas, on Bellefontaine street, from Home avenue to Tinker street, 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, Byram, Dill, Izor, Layman, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reed, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, and W. G. Wright—16.

Negative—None.

The following estimate resolution was also offered :

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed Indianapolis Stove Company, for erecting lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete to burn gas, on Peru street, from Home avenue to Tinker street, 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, Byram, Dill, Izor, Layman, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reed, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, and W. G. Wright—16.

Negative—None.

The following estimate resolution was also offered :

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed Indianapolis Stove Company, for erecting lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete to burn gas, on Stevens street, from East street to Virginia avenue, 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, Byram, Dill, Izor, Layman,

Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reed, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, and W. G. Wright—16.

Negative—None.

The following estimate resolution was also offered :

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed John Knight, for erecting lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete to burn gas, on Fletcher avenue, from Dillon street to Linden street, 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, Byram, Dill, Izor, Layman, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reed, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, and W. G. Wright—16.

Negative—None.

The following estimate resolution was also offered :

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Cook street, from Georgia street to Louisiana street, 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, Byram, Dill, Izor, Layman, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reed, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, and W. G. Wright—16.

Negative—None.

The following estimate resolution was also offered :

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing second and final estimate, allowed John Greene, for grading and graveling Franklin street and sidewalks, from Nebraska street to the first alley north of Yeiser street, 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, Byram, Dill, Izor, Layman, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reed, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, and W. G. Wright—16.

Negative—None.

The same officer submitted the following report ; which was received, the contract concurred in, and the bond duly approved :

Indianapolis, April 15, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen :—I herewith report the contract and bond of David A. Haywood, for grading and graveling the first alley east of the lower arm of the canal, from Washington street to its southern terminus. Bond \$300; bondsman, Henry C. Roney.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DEITZ, City Civil Engineer.

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

Indianapolis, April 15, 1878.

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

Gentlemen :—I would report that the case of Walter L. Smith, Jr., v. The City et al., has been tried in the Superior Court, and resulted in a verdict and judgment in favor of the city.

This was a suit for damages, for injuries received by the plaintiff, caused by driving over obstructions left in the street on N. Mississippi street, in the night.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS, City Attorney.

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

Indianapolis, April 15, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen :—I would report that, in the matter of laying out and opening Dillon street, from the first alley north of Deloss street, to the Michigan Road, also in the matter of opening and widening Shelby street, from Pros-

pect street to the south corporation line, the Sentinel Company failed to make the proper legal publication of "Notice to Non-Residents" in each of the above cases.

I would ask further instructions in the matter.

Very respectfully,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The City Assessor submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and the several nominations and appointments were duly confirmed:

Indianapolis, April 15, 1878.

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith nominate, and ask your honorable bodies to appoint, the following Deputy City Assessors: L. D. McLain, O. S. Dale, Edwin Carpenter, John Vance, R. D. Townsend, Samuel McClure, John F. Lane, John W. Smithers, Horace Heston, Owen Williams, John Trucksess, Peter R. Perine, Geo. W. Buchanan, J. J. Davis, Herman Hensel, P. R. Stroupe, Edward Vance, I. J. Taylor, and J. E. Dill. Also, Horace M. Hadley, for Principal Clerk, and Chas. S. Wright, C. W. Pritchard, and L. L. Hadley, for Assistants.

I also ask you to confirm D. W. Brouse, and his Deputies, John A. Wilkins, Tho. D. Thorpe, M. D. Losey, P. Bond, R. D. Bacon, Fletcher Rubush, M. W. E. Doran, Leroy Morris, W. L. Munson, W. A. Schmidt, E. A. Brown, O. Fahnestock, Nelson Hoss, W. M. Lowry, Geo. Keay, A. H. Baker, J. W. Gray, Seldon Thayer, Charles Baden, and Henry Lehr.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HADLEY, City Assessor.

,REPORTS FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Board of City Commissioners submitted the following report; which was duly received:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned respectfully show to your honorable body—

1st. That they were duly appointed by the Judge of the Circuit Court to act as Commissioners to assess damages and benefits, "accruing to the owners of lands and lots through which any street is proposed to be constructed, altered, or vacated, or any building appropriated, or through which any creek or other water-course is proposed to be straightened, or of which the course is proposed to be altered."

2d. That they did, as required by law, take and subscribe the oath and affirmation by law required.

3d. That they were and are duly qualified to act as such Commissioners, and do possess lawful authority to assess benefits and damages.

SECOND. Your Commissioners do further report—

1st. That on the 5th day of April, 1878, they met at the office of City Commissioners, room No. 9, City Hall, pursuant to the notice hereto annexed, marked "Exhibit A."

2d. That they did, at the time and place aforesaid, enter upon the consideration of the matter to examine, appraise, and assess the damages and benefits accruing to the owners of certain property in vacating Kingan street, from West street to White River, more fully described in the petition to us referred, and hereto annexed, marked "Exhibit B."

3d. That they did inquire into the matter of the service of notices upon property owners, and do herewith report said notices, with the Marshal's endorsement of service thereon.

4th. The following named persons appeared in answer to said notices, viz. Jesse Jones (executor of Coffin estate), Elizabeth Schlosser (by Martin Schlosser), Samuel C. Hanna (by Mr. McKernan), Simon Yandes, John Ihndres, Thos. H. Tobin, John W. Jones, and Michael McCarty.

THIRD. The said Commissioners do further report that they did, at the time aforesaid, examine the said street proposed to be vacated, and did, at the time and place indicated in said notice, hear evidence touching the questions before them, and did also view the premises, and that they did estimate—

1st. The value of the land and property to be vacated.

2d. What part thereof, if any, ought to be borne by the city.

3d. What real estate, if any, would be benefited by the said vacation of Kingan street.

FOURTH. Your Commissioners do further report—

1st. That the value of the land to be vacated is, in the aggregate, three hundred and fifty (350) dollars.

2d. That the city shall pay no part thereof. That we do assess benefits as follows, upon the following described real estate:

Thos. H. Tobin, lot 14, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129	\$50 00
Elizabeth Schlosser, lot 15, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	50 00
Jesse Jones (Executor of Barnabas Coffin's estate)—	
Lot 59, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	13 00
Lot 60, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	13 00
Lot 61, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	13 00
Lot 62, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	13 00

Lot 63, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	\$ 13 00
Lot 64, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	13 00
Lot 65, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	13 00
Lot 66, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	13 00
Lot 67, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	13 00
Lot 68, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	13 00
Lot 69, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	13 00
Lot 70, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	13 00
Lot 71, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	13 00
Lot 72, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	13 00
Lot 73, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	13 00
Lot 74, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	13 00
Lot 75, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	13 00
Lot 76, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	13 00
Lot 77, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	13 00
Lot 78, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	3 00
Amount.....	<u>\$350 00</u>

That we do assess damages as follows, to-wit: Upon a parcel of ground owned by the following named persons, and described as follows:

McKernan & Yandes, lot 9, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	\$ 25 00
John W. Jones, lot 10, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	25 00
John W. Jones, lot 11, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	25 00
McKernan & Yandes, lot 12, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	25 00
McKernan & Yandes, lot 13, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	25 00
Thomas H. Tobin, lot 14, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	25 00
Elizabeth Schlosser, lot 15, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	25 00
McKernan & Yandes, lot 16, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	25 00
Haines, Gardner et al, lot 17, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	25 00
McKernan & Yandes, lot 18, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	25 00
Ellen McCarty, lot 19, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	25 00
John Ihndres, lot 20, Yandes's Sub. out-lot 129.....	25 00
Amount.....	<u>\$300 00</u>

That the benefits aforesaid are such as each of the persons, respectively, would receive.

That the damages assessed are such as each of said persons to whom damages are awarded would sustain.

The persons whose benefits exceed damages, and the amounts of the excess, are shown in "Table A," and those whose damages exceed benefits are shown in "Table B;" showing in the one table the benefits in excess of the damages, and in the other the excess of the damages over and above the benefits.

TABLE A.

Benefits to be Collected.

Thomas H. Tobin.....	\$ 25 00
Elizabeth Schlosser.....	25 00
Jesse Jones (executor of Barnabas Coffin's estate).....	250 00
Amount.....	\$300 00

TABLE B.

Damages to be Paid.

McKernan and Yandes	\$125 00
John W. Jones.....	50 00
Haines, Gardner et al.....	25 00
Ellen McCarty.....	25 00
John Ihndres.....	25 00
Amount.....	\$250 00

Your Commissioners do, therefore, recommend that the said Kingan street be vacated as prayed, and that the damages and benefits assessed be paid and collected according to law.

Respectfully,

JOHN L. AVERY,
JACOB S. HILDEBRAND,
WILLIAM MANSUR,
GEO. W. HILL,
City Commissioners.

April 11, 1878.

G. W. HILL, Clerk.

The Board of Health submitted the following reports; which were duly received:

Deaths registered during the month ending March 11, 1878:

Under 1 year	40
1 to 2 years.....	3
2 to 3 "	2
3 to 4 "	2
4 to 5 "	0
5 to 10 "	1
10 to 20 "	7
20 to 30 "	16
30 to 40 "	11
40 to 50 "	8
50 to 60 "	7

60 to 70 years.....	5
70 to 80 ".....	4
80 to 90 ".....	1
90 to 100 ".....	0
Above 100 years.....	0
Unknown.....	4
Total.....	111

T. N. BRYAN, M. D., President.
 WILLIAM WANDS, M. D.,
 H. JAMESON, M. D., Secretary.

Deaths registered during the month ending April 11, 1878:

Under 1 year.....	39
1 to 2 years.....	11
2 to 3 ".....	6
3 to 4 ".....	1
4 to 5 ".....	0
5 to 10 ".....	0
10 to 20 ".....	3
20 to 30 ".....	10
30 to 40 ".....	9
40 to 50 ".....	4
50 to 60 ".....	10
60 to 70 ".....	4
70 to 80 ".....	3
80 to 90 ".....	1
90 to 100 ".....	0
Above 100 ".....	0
Unknown.....	5
Total.....	106

T. N. BRYAN, M. D., President.
 WILLIAM WANDS, M. D.,
 H. JAMESON, M. D., Secretary.

The Board of Police, through Councilman Brown, submitted the following report; which was duly concurred in:

Indianapolis, April 13, 1878.

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—We hereby report the resignation of Capt. Jesse Murphy, of the Police Force (which this Board has accepted), and ask the concurrence of

your honorable bodies in our action, and would also recommend that the vacancy be not filled.

W. D. WILES,
M. L. BROWN,
Board of Police.
JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

The Board of Public Improvements submitted the following report; which was duly concurred in:

Indianapolis, April 15, 1878.

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

Gentlemen:—In accordance with an ordinance passed by your honorable bodies, creating a Board of Public Improvements, the undersigned, members of said Board, after due consideration and investigation, would recommend that the City Civil Engineer be directed to prepare and report the following ordinances:

To bowlder Maryland street, from Illinois to Tennessee street.

To bowlder*South street, from Meridian to Pennsylvania street.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,
H. COBURN,
Board of Public Improvements.

The same official board submitted the following report; which was read and considered by clauses:

Indianapolis, April 15, 1878.

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

Gentlemen:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom was referred sundry motions and papers, have given them due consideration, and would make the following report:

FIRST. Is a motion of Councilman Watts, to build a levee on the east bank of White River, from the Patterson levee, to intersect the Michigan street levee at the east end of the White River bridge.

Your Board are of opinion that the city is in no way responsible for any damage that may be sustained by overflow at the point named, and that the Michigan street levee is in no danger of being damaged, as only back-water can come in contact with it; and further that it is extremely doubtful that the grounds sought to be protected by the motion are within the limits of the city; therefore, recommend that the motions do not pass.

SECOND. Is a motion by Councilman Izor, that the City Civil Engineer be instructed to contract for repairing the stone abutments on E. Ohio street, at crossing of Pogue's Run, so that the iron bridge can be placed thereon.

On examination, we find the said abutments in good repair, and the present bridge sound and in good condition, and in no need of being re-placed at the present time. We would, therefore, recommend against the passage of the said motion.

THIRD. Is a motion by Councilman Thomas, that the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean out the gutters and otherwise clean the alley running north and south between Madison avenue and Pennsylvania streets, commencing at South street.

We find that this is an unimproved alley, and has neither grade nor drainage. We would, therefore, recommend that the motion do not pass.

FOURTH. Is a motion that Samuel E. Moran have permission to lay a stone crossing, from his place of business, at the corner of McNabb street, to the southwest entrance of Union Depot.

We recommend that the motion pass, and that said Moran be permitted to place said crossing under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer and at his own expense.

FIFTH. Your said Board were instructed (after satisfactory investigation), to introduce an ordinance to provide for the grading and graveling of Butler street, from Central avenue to College avenue.

Agreeably to said instructions, we herewith file said ordinance.

SIXTH. Is an ordinance for bowldering West street, and curbing the sidewalks, from Washington street to Kentucky avenue, together with a remonstrance against the passage of the same.

This was an ordinance introduced on the recommendation of your board, and they see no reason for changing their opinion in reference to the great need of having said street improved, as contemplated in said ordinance. They would, therefore, recommend the passage of said ordinance, notwithstanding the remonstrance against the same, after being amended so as to read "to be bowldered to a width of forty feet in the centre of said street, and the plat between the curb and sidewalk to be properly graded."

SEVENTH. Are special ordinances number ten (10) and fifteen (15), with remonstrances against their passage.

These ordinances were introduced on the recommendation of your board, and are for the re-graveling of a portion of North and St. Clair streets, which your board, on due examination, found utterly worn out. We find no reason to change our opinion as to the necessity of the improvement; we, therefore, recommend the passage of the ordinances, notwithstanding the remonstrances

EIGHTH. Is special ordinance number twelve (12), together with a remonstrance against its passage.

This is an ordinance for the improvement of Railroad street, from Market to St. Clair street. It will be recollected by the members of the Council, that this is a street which the city has recently agreed to pay a large sum of money to get possession of, and, under the circumstances and the condition in which we find the street, we are of opinion that it should be improved. We would, therefore, recommend that the ordinance be amended so as to read "to be graded and graveled from Ohio street to St. Clair street," and then be passed, notwithstanding the remonstrance.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,

H. COBURN,

Board of Public Improvements.

Upon motions duly offered, the Common Council concurred in the first, second, and fourth clauses of preceding report; duly received the fifth clause; referred back the sixth, seventh, and eighth clauses to aforesaid board, with instructions to ascertain and report the law, if any exists, regulating and establishing what property frontage is necessary to be represented in a successful remonstrance against the passage of ordinances providing for improvement of streets or alleys on which such property is situated; and action upon the third clause was postponed, for the purpose of determining when the alley referred to in said clause had been improved at expense of the property abutting on same.

The following ordinance (referred to in the fifth clause) was now introduced, and read the first time, viz. :

S. O. 17, 1878—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveled Butler street and the sidewalks thereof (where not already improved), from Central avenue to College avenue.

The same official board submitted the following report; which was duly approved :

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

Gentlemen.—We have the honor to submit the following report of work done in our Department, for the month of March, 1878 :

WORK DONE BY CARPENTERS:

New foot bridges placed at the following points: 2 on Pennsylvania street, between Maryland and Georgia streets; 2 on south side of Merrill and East streets; 1 on Vermont street and Massachusetts avenue; 1 on northeast corner of Tennessee and New York streets; 1 on Meridian street, south of South street; 2 on East street, south of Stevens street; 1 on northeast corner of McNabb and Illinois streets; 2 on east side of Olive and Prospect streets; 2 on Arsenal avenue and Williams street; 2 on Oriental and Williams streets; 1 on north side of Maryland street, between Pennsylvania and Meridian streets; 1 (iron) on East and Louisiana streets; 1 (iron) on New Jersey and Louisiana streets.

Planked crossing on S. Pennsylvania street, at crossing of Union Railway track.

Moved fence on Blackford and North streets.

Number of iron foot-crossings replaced.

Repaired 26 bridges.

WORK DONE BY BOWLDERMEN:

Repaired Delaware street, from Virginia avenue to South street; Pennsylvania street, between Ohio and Michigan streets; Washington street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets; Tennessee street, between Washington and Market streets; block-pavement under foot-bridge on southeast corner of Tennessee street and Indiana avenue; under foot-bridge on the corner of Michigan and Tennessee streets.

Moved stone from S. Delaware street, used as abutments for bridge.

Placed a double-stone crossing on S. Mississippi street, at intersection of Washington street; and paved Mississippi street, with bowlders, the width of sidewalk.

Repaired brick sidewalk on southwest corner of Tennessee and Washington streets.

WORK DONE BY SEWERMEN:

Catch-basin cemented on Union and Ray streets, on Pennsylvania street, and Home avenue; cemented and repaired trap on Illinois and Second streets.

Sewer-pipes cleaned on Illinois and Washington streets, on Illinois and First streets, and on Illinois street in tunnel.

Manhole repaired on Ohio and Davidson streets.

Built 1 stone culvert on S. Pennsylvania street, near Union Railway tracks.

Repaired water fountain on Indiana avenue and New York street; on corner of Illinois and Washington streets; on corner of Meridian and South streets; on corner of Washington and East streets.

WORK DONE BY MEN CLEANING STREETS:

Washington street, between Deaf and Dumb Asylum and California street; Illinois street, between Pogue's Run and St. Joseph street; Massachusetts avenue, between Pennsylvania street and Peru railway tracks; Virginia avenue, between Washington and Noble streets; Alabama street, between Washington and McCarty streets; Merrill street, between Delaware street and Virginia avenue; East street, between South and Morris streets; East street, between Washington and St. Clair streets; Market street, between Noble and Circle streets; Circle street; Pennsylvania street, between Washington and Ohio streets; Ohio street, between Illinois and Pennsylvania streets; Delaware street, between Pogue's Run and Madison avenue; South street, between Pennsylvania and New Jersey streets; New Jersey street, between Cincinnati Railway tracks and South street; New Jersey street, between Massachusetts avenue and Ft. Wayne avenue; Meridian street, between Louisiana street and Russell avenue; McNabb street, between Illinois and Meridian streets; Court street, between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets; Bird street, between Ohio and Vermont streets; Kentucky avenue, between Washington and Maryland streets; Pennsylvania street, between North and Second streets; Tennessee street, between Washington and Vermont streets; Indiana avenue, between canal and North street; Pearl street, between Pennsylvania and Illinois streets; Brookside avenue, between Clifford avenue and Pogue's Run; College avenue, between Seventh and Ninth streets.

Gutters on Indiana avenue, between Ohio and New York streets; on North street, between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets.

30 alleys cleaned.

WORK DONE BY GRAVEL AND CINDER TEAMS:

Repaired Fletcher avenue, between Cedar and Pine streets; Noble street, between South and Meek streets; Madison avenue; McCarty and Ray streets; Liberty, Morris, Court, Morrison, and Alabama streets; Bluff Road, between Ray and Morris streets; Merrill street, between Madison avenue and Pennsylvania street; Russell avenue, near McCarty street; McCarty street, near Pogue's Run; Cady street, between Harrison and Bates streets; Bates street, between Noble and Benton streets; Noble street, between Bates and Georgia streets; West street, between Ray and Kingan streets; Pine street, between Fletcher avenue and Huron street; Kentucky avenue and Georgia street; New Jersey street, near railroad; East street, by railroad; Illinois street, near Russell avenue; Merrill street, in front of Engine-House; Noble street, near Massachusetts avenue; and Indiana avenue, near Fall Creek bridge.

Gutters repaired on Blake and New York streets; corner of Market and Winston streets; corner of Winston and St. Clair streets; Missouri and Ray streets; corner of Alabama and Morrison streets, on east side; corner of Meridian and Wilkins street, on east and west side; on Ohio street, between Mississippi street and canal; New York street, between Tennessee and Illinois streets; corner of Merrill and West streets; Huron street.

Cinder crossing on corner of Peru street and Christian avenue.

Numerous bad holes filled in streets, with cinder.

WORK DONE BY MEN GRADING AND CLEANING GUTTERS:

On the following streets: New York street, between Pennsylvania and Alabama streets; New York street, between Illinois and Mississippi streets; West street, between Maryland and Market streets; Vermont street, between Meridian and Ellsworth streets; Ellsworth street, between New York and Vermont streets; alley, from Morrison to Second street, between Alabama and Delaware streets.

Pay roll for week ending March 7th.....	\$ 418 56
Pay roll for week ending March 14th ...	498 26
Pay roll for week ending March 21st	609 31
Pay roll for week ending March 28th.....	717 58
Total.....	<u>\$2,243 71</u>

The following bills were presented and paid :

Hicks & Holmes, stone crossing	\$ 28 05
Clemens Vonnegut, hardware.....	30 75
Ike King, blacksmithing ..	4 83
G. H. Shover, blacksmithing ...	3 90
Indianapolis Rolling-Mill Company, cinders.....	21 00
Tim Murphy, bowlders.....	40 87
Jacob Miller, bowlders	12 50
Aaron Benson, bowlders.....	3 75
David Ware, bowlders... ..	3 75
Wm. Huggins, bowlders.....	33 00
George Hogglan, bowlders.....	21 00
Adam Swayne, bowlders.....	13 50
John Falkner, bowlders.	9 00
John McDonald, bowlders.	28 50
Charles Couchren, bowlders.....	9 00
William Roney, bowlders... ..	3 00
J. B. Nifond, bowlders.....	4 50
Samuel Patterson, bowlders.....	6 00

Tim Crawley, bowlders.....	\$ 12 00
Henry Wishmeier, bowlders	40 50
Richard Jud, bowlders	16 50
Osker Ingram, bowlders.....	1 50
William —, bowlders.....	1 50
William Clark, sand.....	4 20
Seibert & Carr, sand	20 70
A. R. George, bowlders.....	3 00
Thomas Wren, bowlders	18 00

\$ 394 80

Pay rolls, month of March, brought forward \$2,243 71

Total expenses for March..... \$2,638 51

Bills for month of February \$ 93 60

Pay rolls for month of February 1,128 78

Total expenses for month of February..... \$1,222 38

Total expenses for month of March 2,638 51

Total expenses for months of February and March \$3,860 89

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,
T. C. READING,
H. COBURN,

Board of Public Improvements.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Councilman Reed, by consent, offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, A member of this body, Joseph W. Bugbee, representing the First Ward, is at the present time, as we have good reason to believe, an acknowledged forger and a fugitive from justice, it is hereby

Resolved, That the seat of Joseph W. Bugbee be, and is hereby, declared vacant.

Councilman Thomas offered the following resolution, as a substitute for the preceding, and the same was accepted by Mr. Reed in lieu thereof:

Resolved, That the name of Joseph W. Bugbee be stricken from the roll of this Council; that the city officers be instructed to take steps to have said Bugbee indicted for forgery; and that the Mayor be instructed to offer a reward of five hundred dollars for the arrest and conviction of said Bugbee.

Councilman Bagby moved to increase the reward to one thousand dollars. Lost.

Councilman Reed moved to reconsider the vote through which Councilman Bagby's proposed amendment failed of adoption.

Councilman Marsee moved to lay Councilman Reed's motion to reconsider on the table; and on this motion, a call of the "ayes and nays" were demanded, which, being taken, resulted as follows:

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Byram, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Pouder, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Walker, and A. L. Wright—13.

Negative—Councilmen Bagby, Case, Morse, McGinty, Reed, Tucker, Watts, Wood, and W. G. Wright—9.

Councilman Thomas's resolution was then adopted by the following vote:

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

Negative—None.

In above connection, Councilman Byram offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That the Honorable Mayor be requested to appoint an additional member of the Committee on Judiciary, as a vacancy now exists on said committee.

His Honor, Mayor Caven, in compliance with the spirit of the preceding motion, subsequently re-organized the following standing committees, as below:

Benevolence and Hospitals—Councilmen Walker, Reading (*vice* Bugbee), and Bagby.

Contracts—Councilmen Layman (*vice* Bugbee), Brown, and Reading.

Judiciary—Councilmen Byram, Walker (*vice* Bugbee), and Bagby.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

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 in regard to the motion offered by Councilman Wood, instructing the City Civil Engineer to re-advertise for proposals to erect lamp-posts on Ray street, from Washington street to White River, would recommend the adoption of the motion.

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

The Committee on Judiciary and the City Attorney, through Councilman Byram, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

Indianapolis, April 15, 1878.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney, to whom was referred the petition of William R. Hogshire, asking that certain taxes should be refunded, for the reason that he has been taxed for $18\frac{3}{4}$ feet on Washington street, when, in fact, he only owned 18 feet, would report that we have investigated the matter, and find that a portion of Mr. Hogshire's deeds call for $18\frac{3}{4}$ or $18\frac{1}{2}$ feet, but, in fact, he only owns 18 feet. But we are informed by the City Assessor that Mr. Hogshire has never been taxed but for 18 feet; that the deduction has been made each year, when the duplicate was prepared. We, therefore, recommend that the prayer of the petition be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,
ROBT B. BAGBY,
Committee on Judiciary.
R. O. HAWKINS, City Attorney.

QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE.

Councilman Byram, by consent, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following named and designated places be, and the same are hereby, designated as the places for holding the elections in the several wards of the city, at the coming city election, to be held on the 7th day of May, 1878:

- First Ward—Corner Home and Columbia avenues.
- Second Ward—Corner Home avenue and Ash street.
- Third Ward—Sixth street Engine House.
- Fourth Ward—No. 363 Indiana avenue.
- Fifth Ward—St. Joseph street Reel House.
- Sixth Ward—Bacon's Block, Ft. Wayne avenue.
- Seventh Ward—Office of Capital City Planing-mill, Massachusetts avenue.
- Eighth Ward—Corner New York and Davidson streets.
- Ninth Ward—Corner of East and Market streets.
- Tenth Ward—No. 129 Massachusetts avenue.
- Eleventh Ward—Headquarters of Fire Department, Massachusetts avenue.
- Twelfth Ward—No. 1 Engine House, Indiana avenue.
- Thirteenth Ward—Corner of Blackford and Vermont streets.
- Fourteenth Ward—No. 149 Minerva street.
- Fifteenth Ward—No. 77 S. West street.
- Sixteenth Ward—No. 52 Kentucky avenue.
- Seventeenth Ward—No. 26 E. South street.
- Eighteenth Ward—South street Hook and Ladder House.
- Nineteenth Ward—Georgia street, between Benton and Cady streets.
- Twentieth Ward—Butler Mission Church, Fletcher avenue.
- Twenty-First Ward—No. 23 Prospect street.
- Twenty-Second Ward—Corner of Virginia avenue and Bradshaw street.
- Twenty-Third Ward—Shilling's Chair Factory, McCarty street, between Delaware and Alabama streets.
- Twenty-Fourth Ward—Paul's Shoe Store, No. 17 E. McCarty street.
- Twenty-Fifth Ward—Corner Wilkins and Maple streets.

Councilman McGinty offered the following motion; which was adopted:

I move to have the voting place in the Twenty-Fifth Ward changed to the corner of McCarty and Tennessee street, at Maloney's carpenter shop.

The above resolution, as amended by preceding motion, was then adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Byram, Case, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reed, Sindlinger,

Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—22.

Negative—None.

Councilman Byram also offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the following named persons be, and are hereby, appointed as judges and inspectors of election, at the coming City Election, to be held on the 7th day of May, 1878, to-wit :

Ward.	Names of Inspectors.	Names of Judges.
1	Edwin A. Castor.	Levi Wright.
2	Augustus Bruner.	Jacob T. Wright.
3	Calvin F. Darnell.	Wm. S. Hubbard.
4	Wm. A. Bramwell.	James E. Watts.
5	John G. Pendergast.	Wm. S. R. Tarkington.
6	Boswell Ward.	Chas. E. Coffin.
7	Thos. D. Amos.	Henry Sellers.
8	John W. Dickson.	Wm. H. Schmidt.
9	J. L. Mothershead.	George Anderson.
10	Joseph M. Sutton.	Leon Kahn.
11	Harvey G. Carey.	James C. Yohn.
12	Wm. D. McLain.	A. F. Shortridge.
13	James A. Isgrigg.	Henry C. Cox.
14	John F. Redmond.	Peter W. H. Johnson.
15	Fred. Lange.	James Dickson.
16	Saml. Goddard.	Elijah Hedges.
17	Benj. F. Hetherington.	John H. Bowlby.
18	Benj. J. Peake.	John M. Kemper.
19	Hiram Seibert.	Thos. Tallentire.
20	Geo. W. Hill.	Burton F. Watts.
21	John W. Scott.	Levi Bowser.
22	Davis Milner.	Isaac D. Lemon.
23	Michl. Steinhauer.	James Robinson.
24	Peter R. Stroupe.	Wm. G. Wasson.
25	James Hamilton.	Amer J. Funk.

DEMOCRATIC JUDGES—MAY ELECTION.

First Ward—Samuel I. Craig.

Second Ward—John J. Cooper.

Third Ward—Fleming Jones.

Fourth Ward—Dennis Sullivan.

- Fifth Ward—Jacob P. Dunn.
Sixth Ward—Franklin Landers.
Seventh Ward—M. H. Field.
Eighth Ward—Heyden S. Bingham.
Ninth Ward—William W. Woollen.
Tenth Ward—Wm. F. Christian.
Eleventh Ward—James Swain.
Twelfth Ward—James B. Ryan.
Thirteenth Ward—Daniel Coble.
Fourteenth Ward—Daniel Burton.
Fifteenth Ward—Patrick Manley.
Sixteenth Ward—James Renihan.
Seventeenth Ward—A. Naltner.
Eighteenth Ward—O. H. P. Abbott.
Nineteenth Ward—C. Reasner.
Twentieth Ward—Foster Whitford.
Twenty-First Ward—John Schley.
Twenty-Second Ward—W. F. A. Bernhamer.
Twenty-Third Ward—John VanStan.
Twenty Fourth Ward—James Johnson.
Twenty-Fifth Ward—Michael Dougherty.

Councilman Walker presented the following petition; which was received:

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

Your petitioners, acting on behalf of the "National Party" of the City of Indianapolis, most respectfully represent to your honorable body:

1st. That under the law relative to the appointment of boards of elections for the approaching city election, the "National Party" is entitled to at least one judge in the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Twenty-First, and Twenty-Fifth Wards, by virtue of the fact that it was one of the two parties casting the highest number of votes in said wards at the last election for Township Trustee.

2d. That the "National Party" requests that it be allowed a representation in the appointment of Inspectors in other wards of the city in proportion the votes cast in the aggregate in such other wards.

That the names of suitable persons, to act as judges and inspectors in such wards, will be presented at your next meeting, from which to select the members of the boards as herein specified.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 15th, 1878.

J. C. BARNARD,
J. J. W. BILLINGSLEY,
JOSEPH GREENWOOD,
JAMES HOPKINS,
C. W. BROUSE,

Executive Committee.

Councilman Reed moved that the "National Party" be given judges in wards where they be found entitled to same under the provisions of the "General Election Law." [No action was taken on this motion.]

Councilman Byram, by consent, offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That when the Council adjourns, it adjourn to meet in special session, on Monday evening, April 22d, and that all of the unfinished business on the calendar be made the special order for said meeting.

Councilman Byram then moved that action upon the preceding resolution be deferred until the above named "adjourned session"; which motion was duly adopted.

On Councilman Reed's motion, the City Clerk was directed to notify the Board of Aldermen of the date of said "adjourned session" of this body, and to request said board to meet on the following (Tuesday) evening.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read:

Indianapolis, April 15, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—At a regular session of the Board of Aldermen, held Tuesday evening, April 2d, 1878, the following action was had, viz.:

First. The Aldermanic Committee on Judiciary, to whom had been referred the motion adopted by your honorable body, "that the City Commissioners be directed to suspend all proceedings looking to the opening or changing of Dillon street, until the further order of this Council," submitted a report, recommending that the action of the Council, in adopting such motion, be not concurred in; which report was concurred in.

Second. The accompanying motion, offered by Alderman Stratford, was adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The first clause of preceding message being under consideration, upon Councilman Thomas's motion, this body determined to adhere to its action of March 18th, by and through which the motion referred to in said clause had been adopted [see motion on page 827, *ante*].

The second clause of message being under consideration, Councilman Tucker offered the following amendment to the Aldermanic request; which was adopted:

Amend, by adding a special committee of two from the Council, including Mayor Caven; also, the following named citizens—John S. Spann, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., B. Atkinson, and Geo. W. Hill.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed Councilman Tucker as the additional member of the joint committee created through above proceedings.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman Byram, introduced the following appropriation ordinance; which was read the first time:

Ap. O. 24, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money on account of the Street-Repair Department of the City of Indianapolis.

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

Ap. O. 25, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of "Time Warrants of 1877."

On Councilman Byram's motion, the rules were suspended for the purpose of now reading above ordinances the second and third times, and placing them on their passage, by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

The following entitled ordinance was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time :

Ap. O. 24, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money on account of the Street-Repair Department of the City of Indianapolis;

And was passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

The following entitled ordinance was also read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, and then read the third time :

Ap. O. 25, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of "Time Warrants of 1877";

And was passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

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

G. O. 11, 1878—An ordinance to amend section one (1) of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance providing for the re organization of the Police Force of the City of Indianapolis; passed May 18, 1874'; passed May 15, 1876."

And, on his motion, said ordinance was made a special order for the next regular session of this body, to be held on the 6th *proximo*.

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

S. O. 18, 1878—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Second street and sidewalks, from West street to Fayette street.

Councilman Izor presented the following petition, and the same was duly received; also, introduced an ordinance (the title of which is appended to said petition), and said ordinance was read the first time :

To the Honorable Council of the City of Indianapolis :

WHEREAS, The alley running from Eighth street, north, to Ninth street, and between Bellefontaine avenue and Ash street, having become almost impassible, we, the undersigned lot owners along said alley, do humbly petition your honorable body that the same be ordered graded and gravelled.

Very respectfully,

J E Christian 37½ feet, August Brinker 37½ feet,
James E Twiname 45 feet, Robert N Lamb 75
feet, John S. Forsyth 37½ feet, George W.
Wagner 80 feet.

S. O. 19, 1878—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the alley between Bellefontaine avenue and Ash street, from Eighth street to Ninth street.

Councilman Wood presented the following petition, and the same was duly received; also, introduced an ordinance (the title of which is appended to said petition), and said ordinance was read the first time :

Indianapolis, April 15, 1878.

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

Gentlemen.:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on the

alley between West street and Ellis street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of said alley.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.,

Geo. F. Wood, Potentia Ranser, J. S. Carey, Tim Greenrod.

S. O. 20, 1878—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of West street, from Maryland street to Chesapeake alley.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Bagby presented the following remonstrance; which was referred, with special ordinance No. 16, 1878, and the petition asking for the improvement described in said ordinance, to the Board of Public Improvements:

MARION COUNTY, *Center Township, Ind.*

We, the undersigned, petition to the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, humbly begging your honorable body not to pass the ordinance of grading and graveling the alley west of Blake street, running from New York street to Michigan street.

Evans & Brown, Adaline C. Railsback, Mary Oval, Charles Melling, W. L. Harper, Robert Fulton, B E Church, Richard Omara, Mrs. Katie Durfeld, Mrs. Annie Gillespie, James O'Mara, James McDonald, Jane Bell (per C E Coffin & Co, agts), C H Lintner, Sallie M. Weymouth, Mrs. Mary O'Donnell (by her agent Daniel O'Conner), Geo Koeniger, John Whitehead, W W Elliott, Geo M Bishop, B F Riley.

The same gentleman presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, the City Attorney, and City Assessor:

Indianapolis, April 15, 1878

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned petitioner would respectfully represent that she is a widow, and worth less than \$1000, and has paid tax on lot 34, Ray's Subdivision of out-lot No. 150 in the City of Indianapolis, as follows: For the year 1874, \$3.85; for the year 1875, \$4.87; and for the year 1876, 4.55—making a total of \$13.27 paid for the years above named.

And your petitioner would respectfully ask your honorable body to refund to her the above amount (\$13.27).

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

MRS. EVANS,
By R. B. BAGBY.

Councilman Brown presented the following petition :

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

Gentlemen:—I desire to put a street crossing of stone, from north corner of my building, on Illinois street, to the opposite side of said street (to the Bates House building sidewalk), and respectfully ask the privilege of putting in said crossing.

Yours, etc.,

E. F. CLAYPOOL.

On Councilman Reed's motion, the privilege above asked for was granted after requiring the work to be done at the petitioner's own expense and under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Brown also presented the following petition ; which was referred to the Committee on Sellers' Farm :

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

Gentlemen:—The Indianapolis Fertilizer Company, your tenants on "Sellers' Farm," would respectfully call your attention to the fact that the roof on the barn, on said farm, is full of holes and so rotten as to make it impossible to patch it ; and we would, therefore, petition your honorable body to cause a new roof to be put on said barn, or to permit us to put one on, and give us credit for the cost of putting it on by deducting same amount from our rent. The barn is absolutely worthless as it is ; and as the company lost nearly all its hay and fodder that was stored in the barn, on account of the bad roof, and as the company has spent upwards of \$200 in repairing houses, wells, etc., on said farm, aside from the expenses incurred in building fences, levees, cleaning up and improving the farm generally, we feel that the city should, and in the capacity of landlord ought to, repair said barn, so as to render it fit for use.

Carpenters have estimated the work at \$75 for tearing off old roof and putting on new one.

Hoping your honorable body may see proper to grant this petition, your petitioners will ever pray, etc.,

Very respectfully,

INDIANAPOLIS FERTILIZER CO.,

By FRED G. WIS+LOGEL, Supt.

Seller's Farm, near Indianapolis, April 15, 1878.

The same gentleman offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, instructed to issue the proper notices to the City Commissioners and property owners in the matter of laying out and opening Dillon street, from the first alley north of Deloss street to the Michigan Road; also, in the matter of laying out and widening Shelby street, from Prospect street to the south corporation line; and that the Marshal be instructed to serve said notices, and make due return thereof, as required by law.

The vote on preceding resolution was as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative were—Councilmen Brown, Case, Izor, Marsee, Pouder, Reed, Steinhauer, Stoner, Tucker, Walker, and Wood—11.

Those who voted in the negative were—Councilmen Bagby, Byram, Dill, Layman, Morse, McGinty, Sindlinger, Thomas, Watts, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—11.

This being a tie vote, the City Clerk called for an expression from His Honor, the Mayor, who voted in the affirmative; and thus the preceding resolution was adopted by a vote of 12 to 11.

Councilman Byram offered the following motions; which were severally adopted :

Moved, That Hughey and Johnson have permission to place a plank sidewalk in front of their property on the Pendleton Pike—the same to be done at their expense, under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer, and within sixty days.

Moved, That E. B. Martindale be allowed to construct a sidewalk, five feet wide, at his own expense, of asphalt, in front of his property on the north side of Fourth street, between Meridian and Illinois streets—same to be done within sixty days, and under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer.

Moved, That L. S. Ayres be allowed to construct, at his own expense, a sidewalk of brick, five feet wide, in front of his property, on the south side of Fourth street, between Meridian and Illinois streets—same to be done under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer, and to be completed within sixty days.

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to advertise for proposals to place that portion of the Delaware street Bridge set apart for that purpose on the stone abutments already erected on the canal, at the crossing of Fifth street.

Councilman Dill offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters of Mississippi street, between New York and Washington streets.

The same gentleman offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill the chuck-holes in New York street, between Tennessee street and canal, with river or creek gravel, at an expense not to exceed fifteen dollars.

Councilman Izor offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That D. A. Haywood have fifteen days further time to complete his contract for grading and paving the sidewalk of Pendleton Pike, from Massachusetts avenue to Orange street.

The same gentleman offered the following resolution, and presented the appended petition; which were referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

Resolved, That the names of Cady, Winston, and Charles streets be changed to that of "Pine," as a large portion of said street is now "Pine." I also present a large petition of property owners on the above named streets.

Indianapolis, April 2, 1878.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Winston, Cady and Charles streets, between Harrison street and Peru avenue, respectfully petition that your honorable body change the name of the above named streets to that of "Pine," as the street is the same, and we think ought to be all the same name.

Charles Lauer 358 and 360 Winston street, Rob't McClelland 341 Winston street; Timothy Sullivan 333, 335, 339 Winston street; James Gorman 338 Winston street; A Lingenfelter 326, 330 Winston street; E J Beerbower 306 Winston street; J M Bruner 304 Winston street; Charles F Wismeier 300 Winston street; John Helm 272 Winston street; F Vogel 260 Win-

ston street; David G Kern 251, 269, 248—190 feet, Winston street; Louis T Deffaux 343 Winston street; Jas E Heller 287 Winston street; John Niebergall 266 Winston street; Cabinet Makers' Union 400 feet, Winston street; Fredrick W Swartz 80 feet, Charles street; James Pascoe 130 feet, Cady street; Mrs Cushman 130 feet, Cady street; Patrick Lynch 100 feet, Pine street; R T Davis 198 feet, Pine street; R M Gallahue 180 feet, Pine street; T W Hood 120 feet, Pine street; Mary C Hugo 130 feet, Pine street; Smith, Ittenbach & Co. 122 feet, Cady street; Mrs S E Scott 153 Cady street; Mrs R A Tilt 151 Cady street; H F Bucksot 286 Winston street; L B Leonard 233 Winston street; William M Blythe 287 Winston street; Cornelia Elzor 275 Winston street; Kate Pfafflin 235 Winston street; Valentine Schlotzhauer 215, 217, 219 Winston street; Peter Boller 40 feet, Winston street; Jacob Herman 277 Winston street; Philip Magel 250 Winston street; Levi Marshall 344 Winston street; Fred Heiner 30 feet, Winston street; M H Lyons 289 Winston street; Hugh Riley 340 Winston street.

Councilman Layman offered the following motions; which were severally adopted:

Moved, That Hettie M. Adams be granted permission to pave, with brick, the sidewalk in front of her property on St. Clair street, between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets—the same to be done under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer, to be completed within sixty days, and at her own expense.

Moved, That H. C. Long be granted permission to lay a bowldered crossing, at his own expense, across the sidewalk in front of his property on Walnut street, between New Jersey and East streets—same to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer, and to be completed in sixty days.

Councilman Marsee offered the following motion; which was referred, for joint action, to the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Gas-Light:

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be directed to so change the first two lamp-posts north of the I. C. & L. R. R. tracks, on East street, as to light the alleys on either side of said street near the railroad tracks.

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

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

Gentlemen :—Your petitioners pray that you cause to be removed a hydrant, or water-pipe, placed in front of our residences on N. West street by Lee Washington and Thornton, without the consent of the owners of the property before which it is placed, for the purpose of filling the water-carts used in sprinkling the streets, thereby keeping up and maintaining a constant mud-hole, obstructing that side of the street, destroying the grass plat of the sidewalk, and otherwise proving a great annoyance and nuisance in front of your petitioners' residences.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

Jacob Bisbing, Emeline Bisbing, Harriet Barbour, Samuel Barbour, Jacob Dickert, J M Myers, W I Ripley, Nelson Kingman, C B Parkman, M. W. Groves.

Councilman McGinty offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters of West street, from Catherine street to Morris street.

Councilman Pouder presented the following petition and remonstrance ; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements :

Indianapolis, April 15, 1878.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Ohio street, between Alabama and East streets, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for re graveling said Ohio street, bowldering the gutters, and curbing the sidewalks thereof, between the points named. The street is in a very bad condition and needs improving. The Board of Public Improvements have recommended the improvement of said street, as contemplated in the ordinance now pending before your honorable body.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

S A Fletcher 202½ feet, Wm B Fletcher 131 feet,
W W Woollen 35 feet, J L Mothershead 75 feet,
Fred Ritzinger 129 feet, Ben F Gresh 30 feet, Joseph T. Elliott 32 feet, H B McCune 32 feet, J M W Langsdale (Per J L) 32 feet.

Indianapolis, April 1, 1878.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Ohio street, between Alabama street and East street, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of said street, curbing the sidewalks, and bowldering the gutters of said street.

And your remonstrants will ever pray, etc.,

B J Vogt 25 feet, Adolph Schellschmidt 25 feet, Guido Bell 95½ feet, Lucas Wehle 28 feet, J L Klaiber 35 feet, E Smith 40 feet, T Bullard's heirs 202½ feet, George Wilson 35 feet, S M Hippard 35 feet, John Huegele 35 feet, Joseph Solomon 31 feet, M Walle 28 feet, M Seybold 32.6, M R Barnard (Receiver) 93 6-10 feet, J Mitchel 30 feet, C E Kuester 69½ feet.

Councilman Reed offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed, under the direction of the Board of Public Improvements, to fill the chuck-holes in Mississippi street, from Indiana avenue to Second street, and place said street in general repair.

Councilman Sindlinger offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

Moved, That Richard Essigke and Edward Rentsch have permission to lay a flag-stone sidewalk in front of their property, on Illinois street, west side, between Louisiana and South streets—said work to be done at their own expense, within thirty days, and under supervision of the City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Steinhauer offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill the chuck-holes in McCarty street, between East and Delaware streets.

The same gentleman presented the following petitions ; which were referred to the Committee on Judiciary, the City Attorney, and City Assessor :

Indianapolis, April 15, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned would respectfully represent that she is a widow, and has so been since ———, 1874; that she is the owner of lot 45, in McKernan and Pierce's Sub. of out-lot 121; and that the appraisement of her real and personal property for taxes payable for the years 1875 and 1876 was less than \$1,000, which said taxes she has paid, as will appear by the receipt for the taxes of 1876, hereto appended.

She now petitions your honorable body to cause the sums of \$7 50 and \$7.00—total \$14.50 (being the amounts levied on \$500 of taxable property in the years 1875 and 1876, respectively) be refunded to her, under the provisions of clause 8 of section 7 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, entitled "An Act to provide for a uniform assessment of property," etc., approved Dec. 21st, 1872.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

ROSETTA BAUER,
By STEINHAUER.

STATE OF INDIANA, *Marion County, ss*:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned petitioners respectfully represents to your honorable body the following facts:

On the 23d day of October, 1873, Henry Fred. C. Tiemann died intestate, leaving said petitioners, his widow and two minor daughters; the oldest daughter was born on May 21st, 1869 (named Marie Henrietta Tiemann); and the youngest daughter was born on September 19th, 1871 (named Catharine Louise Tiemann).

The deceased was, at the time of his death, the owner, in fee simple, of the following described real estate, to wit: Lot No. 16, in John Roset's Subdivision of out-lots Nos. 107 and 108, in the City of Indianapolis, Marion county, Indiana; that there were personal debts, to the amount of \$125, at the time of the death of said Henry F. C. Tiemann, against said estate, which said debts are still unpaid.

And your petitioners respectfully represent that since the death of her said husband she remained unmarried; that the above described real estate, together with the personal property of about \$50, is all the property that has come to their and is in their possession, and the said property is liable for the \$125 debt above mentioned.

Your petitioners paid several sums of money assessed against said real estate, aggregating to the amount of \$72.04, since the General Assembly of the State of Indiana passed and approved an Act (December 21, 1872) "providing for a uniform assessment of taxes." As shown by the tax receipts filed herewith, the surviving widow and the two minor daughters of Henry Fred. C. Tiemann were and are, under said Act, exempt from taxation. Therefore,

your petitioners pray that your honorable body cause to be refunded to them the amount assessed and collected on said real estate as taxes of said widow and of said two orphan girls.

WIDOW MARIA LOUISE TIEMANN,
 MARIA LOUISE TIEMANN,
 Guardian for Marie Henrietta and Caroline Louise Tiemann.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this thirteenth day of April, A. D. 1878.

[NOTARIAL SEAL.]

LORENZ SCHMIDT, Notary Public.

Councilman Stoner presented the following remonstrance; which was referred, together with special ordinance No. 15, 1878, and the petition asking for the improvement described in said ordinance, to the Board of Public Improvements:

Indianapolis, April 15, 1878.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Winston street, between St. Clair street and first alley south, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the paving, grading, and curbing said street or sidewalk, for the reason times are too hard, and we have not money to pay for said work.

And your remonstrants will ever pray, etc.

AUGUST SCHMIDT,
 CHARLES SCHMIDT.

The same gentleman also presented the following petitions; which were referred to the Committee on Judiciary, City Attorney, and City Assessor:

Indianapolis, April 15, 1878.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Members of the Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your petitioner would respectfully represent that she is the owner of Alvord & Co's sub., E. T. and S. K. Fletcher's Add., lot 32, worth less than \$1000, and has paid the tax in full. Being a widow, and entitled to an exemption on \$500, I hereby petition your honorable bodies to refund to me the amount of exemption to which I am justly entitled (\$5.60), for which I would ever pray.

ELIZABETH DOERR.

Indianapolis, April 15, 1878.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned petitioner would respectfully represent that she is a widow, and worth less than a \$1000, and has paid tax on parts of lots

29 and 30, in square No. 5, not knowing that she was entitled to exemption; and your petitioner would respectfully ask that \$12.65 be refunded to her.

And, as in duty bound, she would ever pray.

ELEANOR D. MASE.

By request.

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

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

Your petitioner, Nicholas R. Ruckle, would respectfully state that, on the 1st day of April, 1877, he was, and still is, the owner, in fee simple, of lots one (1) and two (2), in square forty-six (46), in the City of Indianapolis; that on that day there was no improvements on said lots except the ruins of the "Academy of Music," and they were of very little value (say not to exceed \$5,000); that said Academy of Music was destroyed by fire on the 27th January, 1877.

Your petitioner would further state that the improvements upon said lots were assessed for taxation, by the City Assessor, for the year 1877, at \$35,000—when, in truth and in fact, they should not have been assessed at over \$5,000.

Wherefore, your petitioner asks you to correct said assessment, and reduce it to \$5,000. And he asks for all proper relief.

NICHOLAS R. RUCKLE.

This is to certify that the value of lots one (1) and two (2), in square forty-six (46), Indianapolis, for taxation on April 1st, 1877, in my opinion was on each lot (ground) \$11,000—that is, for the grounds, \$22,000—and for the improvements on both (being the remains of the Academy of Music Building), \$5,000. Total, \$27,000.

I do certify that the above would have been a fair appraisalment, without consideration of the fact of fire insurance policy, amounting to about \$35,000. Improvements now assessed \$35,000 for 1877.

WILLIAM HADLEY, City Assessor.

The same gentleman presented the following remonstrance; which was referred, with special ordinance No. 14, 1878, to Board of Public Improvements:

Indianapolis, April 3, 1878.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Georgia street, between Meridian street and Illinois street, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and bowldering of Georgia street, from Meridian street to Illinois street; and we beg leave to represent that the property holders where it is proposed to make

said outlay, have, within a few years, been largely assessed for grading and graveling, and for putting in a sewer. To be forced to pay in money for the proposed bowldering, &c., now, would be oppressive and unjust to all, and to some impossible, from any income now received on the property—an income in some instances not sufficient to pay ordinary taxes.

We will petition for the privilege of graveling said street ourselves.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

E S Alvord 202½ feet south side, Frederick Ostermeyer and Henry Severin 202½ feet south side—all the south side. W S Pierce 72½ feet north side, J E and A M Robertson 45¼ feet north side, T C Vinton (by M E Vinton, attorney-in-fact) 120 feet north side, H R Allen and W P Johnson 157¼ feet north side.

The above comprises all the property on both sides of the street on which it is proposed to bowlder.

Councilman Tucker offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That as the Street Railway Company have raised their track in the tunnel above the regular floor, thereby endangering the gas fixtures, said company be held responsible for any and all damages done to said fixtures by their passing through the tunnel with their cars.

The same gentleman offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Gas-Light:

Moved, That the lamp-posts, taken from the Delaware street viaduct (six in number) be placed at the railroad crossings where most needed.

Also, the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

Moved, That the City Marshal be instructed to notify the Street Railway Company to take up the T-rails on the English avenue route, from Virginia avenue to the corporation line, and to re-lay the same with improved rails, as provided for in their charter, and that the same be done within thirty days.

Also, the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Health:

Moved, That the water hydrants at or near the heads of the main sewers in the city be tapped, and that water be flowed into the sewers in a sufficient quantity to keep the sewers washed out, which will avoid the healthy but

unpleasant odors spoken of by the honorable Board of Health in their report.

Also, the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, the City Attorney, and the City Assessor:

To the Honorable, the Mayor, the Common Council,

and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—I would respectfully represent that I have paid taxes to the City Treasurer for the years 1872 to 1876 (both inclusive) on the full amount of property assessed to me, and that, during all that time, I have been a widow, and entitled to an exemption of \$500. And I ask that the amounts paid by me on said \$500 each year, be refunded.

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

THERESA SCHAFFER,
Per WILL. F. A. BERNHAMER.

Councilman Walker presented the following petitions; which were referred to the Committee on Judiciary, the City Attorney, and City Assessor:

To the Common Council of Indianapolis:

Mary Cruse represents that she is an unmarried female, and, since March, 1873, has been the owner of lot 7, in Michael E. Bunker's Subdivision of block No. 8, in Albert E. Fletcher's First Addition to the City of Indianapolis.

Said real estate is the only property owned by your petitioner, and, in 1875, the same was appraised by the Assessor of said city to be of the value of \$450.

Your petitioner, who can neither read nor write, in ignorance of the law and her rights and duties in the premises, paid the Treasurer of the City of Indianapolis taxes on said estate, which is by law exempt from taxation. For the year 1874, she paid \$6 60; for the year 1875, she paid \$7.50; and for the year 1876, she paid \$5 60—making in all \$19.60 paid by her in ignorance that her said real estate was exempt from taxation.

Wherefore, she prays the Common Council to order the amount so paid by her through ignorance and mistake—to-wit, the sum of \$19.60—to be repaid to her.

I, Mary Cruse, being duly sworn, on my oath say that the statements contained in the foregoing petition are true as therein set forth.

Her
MARY ✕ CRUSE.
mark.

Before me, this 10th day of April, 1878, came Mary Cruse, and subscribed and swore to the foregoing petition.

[SEAL.]

HARRY J. MILLIGAN, Notary Public.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Bridget Cruse represents and says that she has been a widow for the last twenty-nine years.

That since August 21st, 1873, she has been the owner of lot No. 48, in McKernan & Pierce's Subdivision of the eastern or middle part of out-lot 121, Indianapolis. With the exception of \$25 worth of personal property, said real estate is the only property owned by her. Said real estate was, in 1875, appraised by the Assessor of said City of Indianapolis to be of the value of \$860—making the total value of her real and personal property \$885.

Your petitioner further represents that she can neither read nor write, and is old and infirm, and not familiar with matters of this kind ; and, in ignorance of the law and of her rights and duties in the premises, she has paid to the Treasurer of the City of Indianapolis taxes on the whole of her property, without any exemption, as follows : For the year 1873, she paid \$8.25 ; for the year 1874, she paid \$8.47 ; for the year 1875, \$15.97 ; for the year 1876, \$12.25 ; for the year 1877, \$3.68—making the total taxes paid by her, assessed upon all her property, \$48.62, when in truth and in fact she was liable to pay for said years only \$21 in taxes, the same being the aggregate tax due on \$385 worth of real estate for said years.

Wherefore, your petitioner prays that the amount so paid by her through ignorance and mistake—to wit, the sum of \$27.60—be repaid to her.

I, Bridget Cruse, being duly sworn, on my oath say that the statements in the foregoing petition are true, as therein stated.

Her
BRIDGET X CRUSE.
mark.

Before me, this 10th day of April, 1878, personally came Bridget Cruse, and subscribed and swore to the foregoing affidavit.

[SEAL.]

HARRY J. MILLIGAN, Notary Public.

The same gentleman offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to cover Delaware street, from New York to St. Clair street, with rolling-mill cinders.

Councilman Poudet moved that the Common Council do now adjourn ; upon which motion, the " ayes and nays " was demanded, and the same being taken, the Common Council was adjourned by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Case, Dill, Morse, Mc-

Ginty, Reed, Sindlinger, Stoner, Thomas, Watts, Wood, and W. G. Wright—13.

Negative—Councilmen Byram, Izor, Layman, Pouder, Steinhauer, Tucker, Walker, and A. L. Wright—8.

Whereupon, the Common Council was declared adjourned until Monday evening, April 22d, 1878, at 7½ o'clock.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest :

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.