

# PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

## REGULAR SESSION—JANUARY 19, 1880.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, January 19th, A. D. 1880, at seven o'clock, in regular session.

**PRESENT**—Hon. John Caven, Mayor, and, *ex officio*, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 22 members, viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Harmening, Kahn, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Sheppard, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

**ABSENT**, 3—viz. Councilmen Bieler, King, and Wood.

The Proceedings of the Common Council, for the regular session, held on January 5th, 1880, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

### REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

The Committee on Contracts, through Councilman Brown, submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and the several contracts awarded, as recommended:

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

*Gentlemen*:—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred certain proposals presented to Council, January 5th, 1880, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows, viz:

*First.* For grading and graveling the second alley west of Noble street, from Lockerbie street to New York street—

Henry Clay, 20 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

H. C. Roney, 15 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Wm. Morrison, 13 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Jas. Mahoney, 13 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

We recommend that the contract be awarded to Wm. Morrison.

*Second.* For grading and graveling (where not already improved), the sidewalks of Shelby street, from the southern terminus of Virginia avenue to Raymond street—

James Mahoney, 25 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

There being no competitive bids on this contract, your committee recommend there be no contract awarded.

*Third.* For curbing with stone the sidewalks, and bowldering the gutters, (except where already curbed and bowldered), of Alabama street, from Washington street to Wabash street—

James Mahoney, 95 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Henry Clay, 92 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Dunning & Hudson, 82 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Fred. Gansberg, 77 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Henry C. Roney, 40 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering, and 34 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing with stone.

Henry C. Roney being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. BROWN,  
F. W. HAMILTON.

Councilman Brown presented the following contract and bond; which was read, the contract concurred in, and the bond approved:

Contract and bond of Henry C. Roney, for curbing with stone the sidewalks, and bowldering the gutters (except where already curbed and bowldered), of Alabama street, from Washington street to Wabash street. Penalty of bond, \$900; surety, Richard Carr.

#### COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, submitted the following report; which was received:

*Indianapolis*, Jan. 19, 1880.

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

*Gentlemen*.—The amount of forfeitures collected by me during the month of December, 1879, due the city Treasury, was \$22.40, and the amount due The Home for Friendless Women for the months of October, November and December, 1879, was \$213.95, which amounts I have paid to the City Treasurer, and filed his receipts therefor with the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CAVEN, Mayor.

#### REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

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

*Gentlemen*.—At a meeting of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, held respectively on the 5th and 7th days of January, 1880, the following motion was adopted:

“That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to set line stakes, on alley between Sinkler and McCarty streets, from the first alley west of New Jersey street to first alley east of Alabama street, and that the City Marshal be instructed to notify

property holders along said alley to set their fences back to conform with said lines."

I find on examination, that there is no record of the alley showing the width; therefore I am unable to give the lines. There is a passway through the square from ten to twelve feet in width, but it runs angling, varying to the north at the west end five and one-half feet.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, the contracts concurred in, and the bonds approved:

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

*Gentlemen*.—I herewith report the following contracts and bonds for your consideration and action thereon:

Contract and bond of David A. Haywood, for grading, and paving with brick and curbing with stone, the sidewalks, and bowldering the gutters, of McCarty street, from Delaware street to the Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis Railroad track. Bond, \$600.00; surety, C. S. Roney.

Contract and bond of James Mahoney, for grading and bowldering the south gutter of St. Clair street, from Massachusetts avenue to the west line of lot 2, in out lot No. 42. Bond, \$200.00; surety, John Schier.

Contract and bond of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the roadway and sidewalks thereof, of John street, from Peru avenue to Massachusetts avenue. Bond, \$200.00; surety, John Schier.

Contract and bond of John Schier, for grading, and paving with brick, (where not already paved,) the east sidewalk of Park avenue, from Cherry street to Christian avenue. Bond, \$200.00; surety, James Mahoney.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

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

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

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

E. B. Elliott vs. Joseph Martin, for.....	\$11 60
Fred. Gansberg vs. Enoch C. Mayhew, for.....	27 03
Fred. Gansberg vs. James D. McCurdy, for.....	17 49
Fred. Gansberg vs. Isaiah Mansur, for.....	17 49
Fred. Gansberg vs. Isaiah Mansur, for.....	17 49
Fred. Gansberg vs. Young, Cassity, et. al. (christian names unknown).....	16 25

And recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

And the precepts were ordered to issue, by the following vote:

**AYES**, 20—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Harmening, Kahn, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, Van Vorhis, and Wiese.

**NAYS**—None.

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

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 19, 1880.

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

*Gentlemen*:—The following cases have been tried in the Superior Court since your last meeting:

The case of Amelda K. Mortland, administratrix, vs. The City, was tried by a jury, and resulted in a verdict in favor of The City.

This was an action for damages by the administratrix of Alex. M. Mortland, deceased, growing out of an accident to the deceased, on the west Michigan street fill, which resulted in his death. The action was based upon the alleged negligence of the city in not providing suitable barriers along the edge of the road to prevent horses and vehicles from running off at the sides of the fill in case of accident. The road in question is not, probably, as secure as it should be, and it might be well enough to take some action that would give greater security to travelers, in order that accidents might be avoided in the future.

The case of James Muse vs. The City, was tried by a jury and resulted in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$501.88.

This was an action to recover a balance alleged to be due the plaintiff upon a contract with The City for the deepening and widening the State ditch. The finding of the jury is the amount due, as appears by the contract, with 6 per cent. interest since the work was completed; and if the contract was right, the verdict is not unreasonable. It was claimed on behalf of the city—the issue having been made up by my predecessor—that there was a mistake in drawing the contract; all the evidence that could be had was offered on the trial, but without effect. This is the second trial of the cause. On the first trial there was a finding and judgment for the amount due on the contract, without interest; and on the last trial the jury allowed interest.

I do not think it necessary to apply for a new trial, but I have filed a motion in arrest of judgment, and if the motion should be overruled, I would recommend that the cause be appealed.

Respectfully,  
JOHN A. HENRY, City Attorney.

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

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 19, 1880.

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

*Gentlemen*:—I have examined the report of the City Commissioners and proceedings in the matter of the vacation of Bobbs street, and beg leave to report that I find the same regular and in substantial conformity to the law. I therefore herewith transmit a resolution in relation thereto for your action thereon.

Respectfully,  
JOHN A. HENRY, City Attorney.

*Resolved*, That the report of the City Commissioners in the matter of the vacation of Bobbs street, from Bates street to Meek street, in and through Bobbs' addition to the city of Indianapolis, together with the proposition of Catharine Bobbs thereto annexed, be, and the same is hereby, accepted and confirmed; and the City Clerk is hereby directed to deliver to the City Treasurer a copy of so much of said report as relates to the assessment of benefits; and said Treasurer is hereby directed to notify the parties against whom benefits are assessed, to pay the same within twenty days from the date of the adoption of this resolution; and said Treasurer is directed to make report of his proceedings at the expiration of said twenty days.

And the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

**AYES**, 21—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Harmening, Kahn, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, Van Vorhis, and Wiese.

**NAYS**—None.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen* :—The undersigned, who were instructed to have an interview with the County Commissioners, with a view to obtaining an order, exempting from State and county taxes, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, in Metzger and Robinius' subdivision, square No. 70, (used and known as the West Market space,) have performed the duty assigned us, and would report that the Commissioners have entered of record an order exempting said lots from taxation, for the years 1879, 1880, 1881 and 1882. The taxes for the year 1878 the city will have to pay, and we recommend that the City Clerk be instructed to procure a statement of the amount of taxes due on said lots, and present such statement to the Committee on Accounts and Claims, who are hereby instructed to insert such amount in the next Miscellaneous appropriation ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. HENRY, City Attorney.  
W. G. WASSON, City Treasurer.

The Chief Fire Engineer submitted the following reports; which were referred to the Joint Committees on Water :

*Indianapolis*, Jan. 15, 1880.

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

*Gentlemen* :—In compliance with Ordinance, the Water Works Company have notified me that hydrants

- No. 555, located on the northwest corner of St. Marys and New Jersey streets;
- No. 556, located on the northwest corner of St. Marys and Alabama streets;
- No. 557, located on the northwest corner of Morrison and Alabama streets.
- No. 558, located on the northwest corner of Second and Alabama streets;
- No. 559, located on the northwest corner of Home avenue and Alabama street;
- No. 560, located on the northwest corner of Delaware and Home avenue;
- No. 561, west side of Pennsylvania street, northwest corner of Home avenue.

These hydrants were ordered by the Council and located by the Fire Board and Chief Fire Engineer, and have been tested, and are now in good working order. Said Water Works Company propose to charge the city for those hydrants at the rate of \$50.00 per year from date of notice, which was January 10th, 1880.

J. G. PENDERGAST, Chief Fire Engineer.

*Indianapolis*, January 15, 1880.

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

*Gentlemen* :—In compliance with ordinance, the Water Works Company have notified me that hydrants

- No. 562, located on northeast corner of Peru and Christian avenues;
- No. 563, located on the northeast corner of Bellefontaine and Christian avenues;
- No. 564, located on the northeast corner of Ash and Christian avenue.

These hydrants were ordered by the Council and located by the Fire Board and Chief Fire Engineer, and have been tested, and are now in good working order. Said Water Works Company propose to charge the city for those hydrants at the rate of \$50.00 per year from the date of notice, which was January 14th, 1880.

J. G. PENDERGAST, Chief Fire Engineer.

## ORDINANCES ON SECOND AND THIRD READING.

By consent, Councilman Harmening presented the following remonstrance ; which, together with S. O. 71, 1879, was referred to the Board of Public Improvements :

*Indianapolis*, December 23, 1879.

Gentlemen of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council :

We the undersigned, property holders on east Ohio street, between Arsenal and State avenues, respectfully protest against the improvement of that street between Arsenal and State avenues. There is almost no travel on said street; the lots on the north side are not laid out or improved, and there is no demand for property in said locality. Said Ohio street is not opened west of Arsenal avenue, and is not directly connected with the centre of the city by a continuous street; is not a thoroughfare, and very little, if any, traveled, and no utility or necessity exist for said improvement. We therefore protest against its improvement as unnecessary.

W. R. Holloway,  
John B. Stumph,  
E. H. Koller.

S. O. 75, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the sidewalks and roadway, and bowldering and curbing with stone the gutters, of Highland street, from Washington street to the north line of Ohio street, and repealing S. O. 48, 1878.

Was read the second time and referred to the Board of Public Improvements, together with the remonstrance presented January 5th, 1880.

Special Ordinances 4, 5, 6 and 7, 1880, were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

S. O. 8, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Railroad street, and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof, from North street to St. Clair street.

Was read the second time, when Councilman Hamilton presented the following remonstrance ; which was received :

*Indianapolis*, Jan. 19th, 1880.

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

*Gentlemen* :— The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Railroad street, between North street and St. Clair street, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of so much of S. O. 8, 1880, as provides for the paving with brick, the sidewalks of such street And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

M. Kline, 80 feet; R. A. King, 620 feet; Gottlieb Grieb, 40 feet; Anna F. Steinhilber, 40 feet; John Gelzenleuchter, 40 feet; George Martin, 40 feet; Abram Hart, 40 feet; Paulin Lendormi, 80 feet; Chauncey Aldrich, 160 feet.

On motion by Councilman Hamilton, the above entitled ordinance was amended by striking out so much thereof as provides for paving with brick the sidewalks; the ordinance was further amended, by providing for the

graveling of the sidewalks with good river or creek gravel. The ordinance as amended was then ordered to be engrossed.

S. O. 9, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, (where not already paved,) the east sidewalk of Park avenue, from Vine street to St. Clair street.

Was read the second time, when Councilman Hamilton presented the following remonstrance; which was received:

*Indianapolis, Jan. 19, 1880.*

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

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Park avenue, between Vine street and St. Clair street, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and paving of the east sidewalk of Park avenue, from Vine to St. Clair street. And your petitioners will ever pray,  
etc.

C. E. Harper, 125 feet;  
Frank Harris, 120 feet;  
H. R. Allen, 200 feet.

On motion by Councilman Hamilton, S. O. 9, 1880, was then stricken from the files.

S. O. 4, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of Shelby street, from the first alley south of Prospect street to its southern terminus, and repealing S. O. No. 16, 1879.

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

**AYES, 21**—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Harmening, Kahn, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

**NAYS**—None.

S. O. 5, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for bowldering the alley, between Meridian and Illinois streets, from Maryland street to Georgia street.

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

**AYES, 21**—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Harmening, Kahn, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

**NAYS**—None.

S. O. 6, 1880—An ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick the north sidewalk of St. Clair street, from East street to Park avenue.

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

**AYES, 21**—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Harmening, Kahn, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

**NAYS**—None.

S. O. 7, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for paving with brick, (where not already paved,) the north-west sidewalk of Massachusetts avenue, from St. Clair street to Cherry street.

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

AYES, 21—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Harmening, Kahn, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS—None.

S. O. 8, 1880—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Railroad street and sidewalks, from North street to St. Clair street.

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

AYES, 21—viz. Councilman Bermann, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Harmening, Kahn, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS—None

G. O. 2, 1880—An Ordinance amending section 44 of "an ordinance regulating and maintaining signs for advertisement purposes on the streets of the city," ordained and established September 2d, 1878.

Was read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney.

G. O. 3, 1880—An Ordinance regulating the obstruction of sidewalks with signs, goods, etc., across any sidewalk in the City of Indianapolis.

Was read the second time.

Councilman Kahn moved that the ordinance be engrossed.

Councilman VanVorhis moved to refer to the Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney. Which motion was not adopted.

Councilman VanVorhis offered the following amendment :

Sec. 2. That nothing heretofore ordained, shall be construed to forbid any owner or occupant of premises fronting on any sidewalk in the city of Indianapolis from placing, piling, displaying and exposing for sale, any goods, wares or merchandise on or along the inner line of said sidewalk ; provided, no more of such sidewalk shall be occupied than is allowed by Section 28 of an ordinance concerning streets and alleys, ordained September 2, 1878.

On motion by Councilman Prier, the amendment was laid on the table by the following vote :

AYES, 16—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Brown, Bryce, Downey, Harmening, Kahn, Lamb, Morrison, McKay, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Sheppard, Shilling, Tucker and Wiese.



**NAYS, 6—viz.** Councilmen Carey, Dowling, Hamilton, McGinty, O'Connor, and VanVorhis.

Councilman VanVorhis then moved to amend by striking out the words "by some policeman, or other officer of the city."

On motion by Councilman Prier, the amendment was laid on the table by the following vote :

**AYES, 15—viz.** Councilmen Bermann, Brown, Bryce, Downey, Harmening, Kahn, Lamb, Morrison, McKay, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Sheppard, Tucker, and Wiese.

**NAYS, 7—viz.** Councilmen Carey, Dowling, Hamilton, McGinty, O'Conner, Shilling, and VanVorhis.

Councilman Kahn moved the previous question.

The question being "shall the main question be now put?" the same was admitted by the following vote :

**AYES, 15—viz.** Councilmen Bermann, Brown, Bryce, Downey, Harmening, Kahn, Lamb, Morrison, McKay, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Sheppard, Tucker, and Wiese.

**NAYS, 7—viz.** Councilmen Carey, Dowling, Hamilton, McGinty, O'Connor, Shilling, and VanVorhis.

The ordinance was then ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

**AYES, 18—viz.** Councilmen Bermann, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Downey, Hamilton, Harmening, Kahn, Lamb, Morrison, McKay, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Sheppard, Shilling, Tucker, and Wiese.

**NAYS 4—viz.** Councilmen Dowling, McGinty, O'Connor, and VanVorhis.

G. O. 58, 1879—An Ordinance amending section 2 of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to provide for Tapping Public Sewers and Drains, and making connection therewith," ordained October 30th, 1871.

Was read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

**AYES, 20—viz.** Councilmen Bermann, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Harmening, Kahn, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Sheppard, Shilling, Tucker, and Wiese.

**NAYS—None.**

Councilman Morrison was excused for remainder of this session.

G. O. 1, 1880 — An ordinance respecting the erection of a Market, Hall and City Offices, on the East Market Place, appointing commissioners to advertise for and select plans, defining their duties, and appropriating money to defray the necessary expenses thereof.

Was read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

AYES, 18—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Harmening, Kahn, Lamb, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, and Wiese.

NAYS, 2—viz. Councilmen Hamilton, and VanVorhis.

Councilman Carey was excused for the remainder of this session.

G. O. 67, 1879—An Ordinance requiring the Indianapolis, Cincinnati & Lafayette Railroad Company to employ and station a Flagman at the point where the tracks of said company cross East street.

Was read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Brown, Bryce, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Kahn, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Sheppard, Shilling, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS, 1—viz. Councilman Tucker.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

On motion by Councilman Dowling, the petition of Allen, Johnson and Peck, (see page 521, *ante*) was taken up.

Councilman Pearson moved that the license asked for by petitioners be granted.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Brown, Bryce, Downey, Harmening, Kahn, Lamb, McKay, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, and VanVorhis.

NAYS, 5—viz. Councilmen Dowling, McGinty, O'Connor, Sheppard, and Wiese.

#### REPORTS FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

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

*Report of Deaths in the City of Indianapolis, from the 1st day of January, to the 15th day of Jan. 1880—inclusive.*

Under 1 year.....	22
1 to 2 years.....	3
2 to 5 ".....	9
5 to 10 ".....	6
10 to 15 ".....	2
15 to 20 ".....	7
20 to 25 ".....	4

25 to 30	"	.....	1
30 to 40	"	.....	5
40 to 50	"	.....	7
50 to 60	"	.....	5
60 to 70	"	.....	0
70 to 80	"	.....	2
80 to 90	"	.....	0
90 to 100	"	.....	0
100 and upwards		.....	0
Unknown		.....	1
Total			74

Respectfully,

Henry Jameson, M. D., President,  
W. E. Jeffries, M. D., Secretary,  
Board of Health.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

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

*First.* Is the report of the City Clerk, showing the amount of orders drawn on the City Treasury during the month of December, 1879; also, Report of City Treasurer showing receipts and disbursements for the month of December, 1879.

On examination we find the above reports true and correct.

*Second.* Is a motion that the City Treasurer be directed to invest all monies belonging to the Tomlinson estate in 4 per cent. Government Registered Bonds.

Would respectfully refer the same back to your honorable body, with a recommendation to appoint a special committee to confer with Mrs. Tomlinson for the purpose of securing her consent to the manner of said investment.

*Third.* Is a statement of Rents, collected for the city by John S. Spann & Co.

Would report we find the same correct, and receipt of John S. Spann & Co. for \$147.70, balance of rents collected from Sept. 25th, 1879, to January, 1st, 1880, filed with the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leon Kahn,  
H. J. Prier,  
M. L. Brown,  
Peter F. Bryce,  
C. F. Wiese,  
Council Finance Committee.

The Chair appointed the Joint Committees on Finance and the City Attorney as the Special Committee called for by the 2d clause of the foregoing report.

Councilman VanVorhis presented the following reports; which were received:

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

*Gentlemen:*— Please find herewith the reports of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees and of the Treasurer of the Board of Managers of the "Home for Friendless Women," for the year 1879.

Respectfully submitted, according to instructions,

J. H. Vajen,  
Th. H. Sharpe,  
Chas. N. Todd,  
Executive Committee.

Indianapolis, January 14, 1880.

REPORT of Wm. S. Hubbard, Treasurer of Trustees for Home of Friendless Women 1879:

Amount received from Peck fund in hands of acting Elders of the Second Presbyterian Church.....	\$309 00
Received from city fines.....	236 85
Received from members, dues.....	19 00
	<hr/>
	\$564 85

EXPENDED.

To Mrs. Todd, Treasurer of Board of Managers, ..... \$564 85

Respectfully submitted,

Jan. 1, 1880.

WM. S. HUBBARD, Treasurer.

REPORT of the Treasurer of the Board of Managers of the Indianapolis Home for Friendless Women, from Jan. 1st, 1879, to Dec. 31st, 1879, inclusive:

RESOURCES OF "THE INDIANAPOLIS HOME FOR FRIENDLESS WOMEN,"

DR.

1879 To balance Jan. 1st, 1879.....	\$ 103 59
To interest received from William S. Hubbard, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Home on the Peck fund.....	309 00
To city fines received from William S. Hubbard, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Home.....	236 85
To membership fees received from Wm. S. Hubbard, Treasurer..	19 00
To contributions from friends of "The Home,".....	342 15
To funds paid for work done at "The Home,".....	409 73
	<hr/>
	\$1,420 32

EXPENDITURES FOR "THE HOME."

CR.

1879 By the Matron's salary.....	\$ 315 00
By fuel for "The Home,".....	166 00
By repairs of "The Home,".....	108 54
By clothing for inmates.....	79 98
By furniture, etc.....	45 90
By current expenses.....	747 30
	<hr/>
	\$1,462 72

214 adults have been cared for at "The Home" during 1879; 76 of this number have had employment found for them in good families.

93 transient persons — the old story of wrong, suffering and helplessness — deserted wives and children, widows and orphans; 66 children were with their weary,

forlorn mothers, some of them sick, others bright and happy in innocent boyhood, too young to realize their unfortunate condition. 14 adults remain in "The Home," 4 children had good homes found for them; 1 babe died; 6 were sent to the "Orphan's Home," 4 remain in "The Home; in all, 81 children during 1879.

The Board of Managers again return thanks to their many friends who have so kindly responded to appeals made to them.

We regret to say that we close the year with a small debt. We have many prejudices to contend with, and often meet with severe criticism from those who do not understand our mission; it is so easy to sit in judgment and condemn others.

The experience of twelve years has convinced us more and more of the necessity of a home for the friendless. Ours has ever been a work of faith in Him who came to seek and to save that which was lost. May His strength be made perfect in our weakness.

On behalf of the Board of Managers,  
M. M. TODD, Treasurer.

*Indianapolis, Dec. 31st, 1879.*

The Committee on Printing, through Councilman Hamilton, submitted the following report; which was referred to the Finance Committees:

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

Your Committees on Printing herewith submit a first draft of City Statistics for 1878, prepared in accordance with your orders of November 3d and 5th, 1878, which order was as follows: "That the Committees on Printing be authorized to employ all necessary assistance, and to obtain, as soon as possible, all necessary statistics for the proper State authorities, and to make the same as complete as possible." A copy of this draft will be at once made, and the same will be filed in the office of the State Bureau of Statistics before this report will reach the Board of Aldermen.

The expense of this work, up to and including Saturday, 17th inst., was as follows:

Printing and stationery.....	\$ 58 95
Field work and office work.....	915 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$973 95</b>

The report herewith furnishes the State Bureau with all the information asked for, with the exception of "Division F—Death Rates." The Board of Health has furnished us with monthly mortality reports from September 1st, 1872, to December 31st, 1879—seven years and four months. The tabulating of these reports has been delayed until a certain inquiry sent the United Census Office shall have been answered. This postponement is by and with the consent and advice of the State Bureau.

Your committees would mention the fact that the State Bureau blank is not as full and comprehensive an one as should be published in connection with the Journals of your honorable bodies. We would, therefore, respectfully ask that we be authorized to instruct our Statistician, Geo. H. Fleming, to forthwith prepare such a report as the city's interests demand, and that such report, as fast as completed, be printed in sufficient quantities for distribution and preservation. Our estimate of the clerical work we place at a sum not exceeding \$100.

We would, also, suggest that steps be speedily taken to get up statistics for the year 1879. One of the chief difficulties in the way of satisfactory statements for 1878 arose from the fact that no work was done thereon until nearly the end of 1879; our business men had, consequently, either forgotten about their sales or manufacturing for the first year, or were indifferent to or opposed to taking the trouble of furnishing the same. Most of our houses have now but recently taken inventories and closed up their books for 1879; therefore, they would the more willingly furnish the important information sought, and this could be done with greater accuracy than in the report now before you.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Hamilton,  
M. L. Brown,  
Martin McGinty,  
Committees on Printing.

The Committees on Public Light, through Councilman Rooker, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

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

*Gentlemen:* — Your Committee on Public Light, to whom sundry papers were referred, would report thereon as follows:

1st. Is an ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp posts, etc., on Linden street, from Prospect to Orange street.

Committee recommend that no action be taken on this ordinance until after the expiration of the present gas contract with the Gas Company.

2d. Is an ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp posts, etc., on Woodlawn avenue, from Dillon street to Reid street.

Committee recommend that no action be taken on this ordinance until after the expiration of the present contract with the Gas Company.

3d. Is an ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp posts, etc., on Hoyt avenue, from Dillon street to Linden street.

Committee recommend that no action be taken on this ordinance until after the expiration of the present gas contract with the Gas Company.

4th. Is a motion that the City Civil Engineer be directed to erect a lamp post, lamp and fixtures, complete to burn gas, on Court street, midway between East and Liberty street.

Committee recommend that no action be taken on this, until after the expiration of the present gas contract with the Gas Company.

5th. Is a motion that the City Civil Engineer be directed to erect a lamp post, lamp and fixtures, complete to burn gas, at the northeast corner of Wabash and Alabama streets.

Committee recommend that this motion be *not* passed, for the reason that it requires an ordinance to be introduced, instead of a resolution.

6th. Is a motion that the first lamp east of Meridian street, and north side of McCarty street, be re-lighted.

Committee recommend the passage of this motion, provided the Councilman who offered it will first designate to the City Civil Engineer a lamp in his Ward to be extinguished.

7th. Is a petition, from the owners and occupants of the property abutting on Chesapeake alley, and the vicinity thereof, between Illinois and Meridian streets, to light said alley with gas.

Committee recommend no action be taken on this, until after the expiration of the present gas contract with the Gas Company.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. Rooker,  
F. W. Hamilton,  
M. H. McKay,  
D. W. Grubbs,  
John Newman,

Committees on Public Light.

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

Indianapolis, January 15th, 1880.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, would respectfully submit the following report on certain papers referred to it for investigation:

1st. Petition by the Trustees of the First German Reformed Church of Indianapolis, for opening an alley running north and south from Market street to Court street, between Alabama street and the first alley east of Alabama street. There is a remonstrance against opening the alley prayed for by petitioners, which is made a part hereof, representing over three-fourths the number of feet touching said proposed alley.

Your committee therefore recommend that the prayer for opening said alley be not granted.

2nd. In reference to S. O. 72, 1879, and remonstrance thereto. This proposed ordinance is to grade and pave with brick the east sidewalk of Kentucky avenue from Missouri street to Merrill street.

Your committee is of the opinion that the improvement is needed, and that the ordinance should pass.

Very respectfully,

Jno. T. Downey,  
Chris. H. Harmening,  
John O. Connor,  
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

To the Honorable, the Mayor, the Common Council, and

the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen*:—The undersigned, the owners of one hundred and thirty (130) feet of the one hundred and ninety-five (195) feet of ground fronting on Alabama street represented in the petition of the First German Reformed Church of Indianapolis, Ind., by William Stolte, Henry Rechenmeyer and John May, Trustees, for the opening of an alley of the width of twelve (12) feet, and of the length of 195 feet, running north and south from Market street to Court street, and more particularly described in said petition, do hereby most respectfully, but earnestly, remonstrate against the opening and laying out said alley, for the following reasons:

1. It is of no public use whatever.
2. The damages resulting to the undersigned will be great, requiring the tearing down of a brick building fronting on Court street, belonging to the heirs of Charles H. G. Bals, deceased, and of the value of twenty-five hundred dollars; also the removal of a building on Market street, belonging to Sarah A. Smith, of the value of twenty-five hundred dollars.

For these and other good reasons, the undersigned do remonstrate against the opening and laying out of said alley prayed for in said petition; and all of which is respectfully submitted.

H. C. G. Bals,  
Emily Bertha Wochter, } by H. C.  
John Wochter, } G. Bals,  
Sarah A. Smith,  
Felix Dietch.

## MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message was read and received :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen* :—At a regular session of the Board of Aldermen, held on January 7th, 1880, the following motions originated in, and were adopted by, said Board.

For the Board of Aldermen,

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

“That the City Attorney be instructed to ascertain the amount due to witnesses in the suit of the City vs. Fisher, in the Superior Court of Marion county, and certify the claim to the Committee on Accounts and Claims.”

“That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to build a wooden bridge across the gutter on the north side of Fort Wayne avenue, at the intersection of New Jersey street.”

The first motion was concurrently adopted: the second motion was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

The following message was read and received :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen* :—At a regular session of the Board of Aldermen, held on January 7th, 1880, said body determined to adhere to its action of December 17th, 1879, when said body refused to recede from its action of December 3d, 1879, when it adopted the following motion, viz :

“That the Joint Committees on Public Property be, and are hereby, authorized to purchase 250 trees, and set out the same in Military Park—the cost for trees and setting not to exceed \$60.00.”

Said body, at first above mentioned date, determined to ask for a Committee of Conference, on foregoing subject, and appointed Aldermen Layman, Seibert, and Drew as the Aldermanic members of such committee.

For the Board of Aldermen,

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

On motion, the request of the Board of Aldermen for a Conference Committee was granted, and the Chair appointed Councilmen Hamilton, Carey, and Wiese, as the Council members of such committee.

## NEW ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business, the following entitled ordinances were introduced, and were severally read the first time :

By Councilman Downey :

S. O. 10, 1880—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of East street, running from New York street to Ohio street.



The above entitled ordinance was accompanied by the following petition; which was received:

Indianapolis, Jan. 14, 1880.

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

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on the west alley running north and south through Out Block No. 58, between East street and Liberty street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of said alley through said block (from Ohio street to New York street.) And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

John S. Spann, 35 feet.

By Councilman Prier:

S. O. 11, 1880—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the alley between Brookside avenue and Pendleton road, from the first alley northeast of the intersection of Clifford avenue and Pendleton road, to the second alley northeast of said intersection.

The above entitled ordinance was accompanied by the following petition; which was received:

Indianapolis, January 6th, 1880.

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

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owners and occupants of the real estate fronting on Clifford and Brookside avenues, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling the alley between Brookside avenue and the Pendleton road, from the first alley northeast of the intersection of Clifford avenue and the Pendleton road, to the second alley northeast of said intersection. And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

G. W. Vansickle, William H. Springer, J. F. Murphy, H. Cahill, J. T. Huff, L. B. Case, Milton Compton, Jesse H. Hubbard.

By Councilman Rooker:

S. O. 12, 1880—An ordinance to provide for re-paving with wooden blocks (red cedar) the roadway of Meridian street, from New York street to St. Clair street.

S. O. 13, 1880—An ordinance to provide for re-paving with wooden blocks (red cedar) the roadway of Meridian street, from St. Clair street to Seventh street.

The above entitled ordinances were accompanied by the following petitions; which were received:

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

The undersigned, property holders on Meridian street, north of New York street in said city, most respectfully represent: That the blocks laid on said street, some years ago, have decayed and worn out, so that said street between New York and Seventh streets, has become and is impassable, and is no longer used as a thoroughfare, except to a very limited extent.

Your petitioners therefore pray your honorable bodies to pass an ordinance for

the taking up of the old, and replacing the same with new blocks, forty feet from curb to curb, of some suitable wood, between the streets aforesaid, under the supervision of some man of judgment and experience in that kind of work; the expense thereof to be paid by the persons owning property on said street.

John H. Stewart, 40 feet; D. A. Richardson, 93½ feet; W. Henderson; R. F. Kennedy, 51 feet; Theo. P. Haughey, 90½ feet; E. B. Martindale, 224 feet; M. J. Osgood, 61½ feet; E. G. Cornelius, 66½ feet; Wm. B. Burford, 62½ feet; J. D. Condit, say 210 feet; Geo. W. Parker, 105 feet; Alfred Harrison, 63 feet; R. Browning, 180 feet; H. R. Allen, 57 feet; Wm. H. Hubbard, (bowlder gutter and good red cedar block center,) 460 feet; Geo. B. Yandes, (same as Hubbard,) 100 feet; L. S. Ayres, 95 feet; Chas. Mayer, 200 feet; Ingram Fletcher, 125 feet; W. J. Holliday, 60 feet; H. G. Carey, 100 feet; Susan R. Hood, 60 feet; Addison C. Harris, 100 feet; T. A. Lewis, 143 feet; Geo. H. Chapman, 120 feet; W. W. Johnson, 80 feet; Louis Hollweg, 80 feet; E. F. Claypool, 100 feet; A. Reiman, by J. H. Holliday, 40 feet; Geo. T. Evans, 50 feet; J. C. S. Harrison, 91 feet; George W. Husten, 56 feet; Geo. W. Sloan, 127½ feet; A. W. Hendricks, 54 feet; J. W. Murphy, 135 feet; T. C. Vinton, by M. E. Vinton, 200 feet; John S. Spann, 62½ feet; A. Keefer, 82 feet; Jas. C. Ferguson, 80 feet.

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

*Gentlemen*:—The undersigned, Auditor and Treasurer of the State of Indiana, hereby consent that the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the city of Indianapolis may contract for the improvement of north Meridian street in front of the State grounds known as University Square and Blind Asylum grounds, as prayed for in the petition of property holders on said street, the contractors to await an appropriation by the Legislature to pay therefor. The pavement put down to be of a substantial kind, and the cost thereof not to exceed \$2.00 per lineal foot on each side.

W. FLEMING, Treasurer of State.

M. D. MANSON, Auditor of State.

By Councilman Shilling:

G. O. 4, 1880—An ordinance granting Charles T. Gilmore a license to carry on, maintain and exhibit a museum and menagerie in the city of Indianapolis.

On motion the above entitled ordinance was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney.

By Councilman Tucker:

S. O. 14, 1880—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the second alley south of South street, from School street to Noble street.

By Councilman Tucker:

S. O. 15, 1880—An ordinance to provide for regraveling the first alley south of Harrison street, running from Harrison street to Cedar street.

The above entitled ordinance was accompanied by the following petition; which was received:

Indianapolis, Jan. 8, 1880.

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

*Gentlemen*:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on English avenue and Harrison, between Harrison street and Cedar street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for regravelling with raked river gravel the first alley south of Harrison street, running from Harrison to Cedar street. And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Jane Burnside, 40 feet.  
Thos. A. Dean, 40 feet.  
William Aebker, 40 feet.

By Councilman VanVorhis :

G. O. 5, 1880—An ordinance to amend Section 28 of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance relative to the Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks and Public Places of the City of Indianapolis; restraining the making of Excavations therein or in lands adjacent thereto; prohibiting the placing of unauthorized Obstructions in or upon the same; securing the Public in the free and safe use thereof; revising and re-enacting Ordinance-Provisions now in force; and prescribing Penalties for violations of its Regulations and Requirements," ordained and established September 2nd, 1878.

By Councilman Dowling :

G. O. 6, 1880—An ordinance relative to the location of Public Hacks, and amending any and all ordinance provisions concerning same.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Councilman Bermann offered the following motions; which were adopted :

That James Mahoney be, and is hereby, granted until the first day of May, 1880, to complete his contract for bowldering the gutter on Reed street, from Prospect street to Pleasant Run.

That Henry C. Roney be, and is hereby, granted until the 1st day of May, 1880, for performing the work, under his contract, of grading and gravelling Madison avenue, from Nebraska street to the J., M. and I. railroad tracks.

That the Committee on Public Property be, and are hereby, instructed to investigate and report to this Council, whether or not the City Sexton has used the north half of lot No. 82, situate in Greenlawn Cemetery, for burial purposes.

Councilman Bermann offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements, with power to act:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to place a stone crossing across Merrill street, from the new school house, between East and Alabama streets.

Councilman Brown offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the contract awarded to R. P. Dunning and J. W. Hudson, to improve the first alley east of Shelby street, from the first alley south of Prospect street to Pleasant Run, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

**AYES**, 20—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Brown, Bryce, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Harmening, Kahn, Lamb, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pierson, Prier, Rooker, Sheppard, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

**NAYS**—None.

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

That C. H. Shellhouse be granted permission to erect a wagon scale in front of old school building on East street, between Louisiana street and Union railroad track.

Councilman Brown presented the following petition ; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements :

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

*Gentlemen* : — We the undersigned, citizens and tax payers of the 25th Ward of the city of Indianapolis, respectfully represent to the members of the Council and Board of Aldermen of said city of Indianapolis, that south Meridian street, at the crossing of Morris street, is and has been in an almost impassable condition for some time, and in order to put it in good condition, we would respectfully suggest that the following improvements be made, that is to say : that Morris street should be graded on a level with the north and south terminus of Meridian street where said street crosses Morris street, and that there be a wooden culvert constructed on the west side of Meridian street where said street crosses Morris street, and also two stone crossings, one on the west side of Meridian street where said street crosses Morris street, and one on the south side of Morris street where said Morris street crosses Meridian street. Believing as we do that those improvements are absolutely necessary to be made, we respectfully request your honorable bodies to grant the prayer of our petition ; and as in duty bound, we will ever pray.

H. H. Langenberg,  
Frank A. Uhl,  
J. H. Greunert,  
W. H. H. Johnson.

Councilman Bryce offered the following motions ; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements :

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair the street and sidewalks at the crossing of Pennsylvania and Louisiana streets. The sidewalk on the west side of Pennsylvania street is really in a dangerous condition.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to improve the alley running north and south between Georgia and Louisiana streets, and between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets ; and if he cannot properly improve, to make passable, to report an ordinance to improve the same.

Councilman Bryce presented the following communication ; which was referred to the Judiciary Committee and City Attorney :

Indianapolis, Aug. 4, 1879.

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

We beg leave to inform your honorable body that of late it has become the practice of some of the business houses of this city to employ "Runners" or street walking solicitors—in fact, button-holing customers, or such as they suppose to be customers. These runners are working on the "confidence" order; in fact, they have the audacity of making themselves a public nuisance by going into business houses and soliciting patrons for others in the same line of business as those with whom said customers may be trading at the time, thereby injuring not alone the legitimate trade, but also bringing it into disrepute, and casting a bad odor on merchants of our city by annoying country customers as well as the trading community at large.

Therefore, we the undersigned merchants and tax payers, pray and petition your honorable body to pass such ordinances whereby said nuisance of runners shall be abated. This petition applies to retail trade only.

L. I. Mossler & Co., Goepper & Mannfeld, M. Greshheimer & Co., Berryman & Heitkam, Jas. Lehman, J. J. M. Stuart, H. Rothschild, Leopold Mayo, J. Mitchel, J. A. McKenzie, D. Lelewer, Max Gundelfinger & Co.

Councilman Dowling presented the following communication ; which was referred to the Joint Committees on Railroads and the City Civil Engineer :

Indianapolis, January 19, 1880.

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

*Gentlemen* :—The undersigned, property owners on Louisiana street, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets, would represent to your honorable body that when the Terre Haute and Richmond, and the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette railroads were granted the right of way on the above named street, it was with the right of way on the south side of the centre of the street. This has never been complied with, as we have reason to believe; and that the track of the Indianapolis and Lafayette Company is several feet north of the centre of said street.

The Indianapolis, Decatur and Springfield Railroad Company are seeking entrance to the Union Depot through this street, by a single track, and if these two roads were required to conform to the right of way given them at the time they entered the city, there would be room on said street for the I. D. & S. single track, and a sidewalk and driveway between Tennessee street and Kentucky avenue. It would be a great relief to the property holders and to the public to keep this street open.

We respectfully ask that the matter be referred to the City Civil Engineer and the Committees on Railroads, to see if the city ordinance have been complied with.

W. H. Jones,  
H. Coburn,  
Mansur H. Wright.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to lay a double stone crossing on the west side of Illinois street, corner of Maryland street.

Councilman Dowling offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That a Select Committee of (5) five, consisting of (3) three from the Common Council and (2) two from the Board of Aldermen, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to examine the docket of all city and state cases before the Mayor's court, during the months of January, April, July and October, 1879, and report back at the next meeting of this Council the amount of fees received by each member of the Police force during said four months.

The Chair appointed Councilmen Dowling, Lamb, and Rooker as the Council members of such Select Committee.

Councilman Downey offered the following motions ; which were adopted :

That the City Marshal is hereby instructed to notify the Indianapolis, Peru and Chicago Railway Co. to forthwith repair between and on each side of their tracks, where said tracks cross Washington and Noble streets and sidewalks.

That the City Marshal be, and is hereby, directed to notify the owners of property as follows: Nos. 176, 220, 222, 224, 304, 306 add 308, east Washington street, to repair the sidewalk in front of their premises. In case of failure on the part of the owners of said property to repair the sidewalk within ten days, the Street Commissioner is directed to make the repairs at the expense of the owners.

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

That the Street Commissioner clean the gutter on south side of Clifford avenue, in front of Arsenal grounds ; also make protection for the roadway of said street.

Councilman Hamilton offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That persons owning corner lots be, and they are requested, to designate the names of streets fronting thereon, by painted signs on said corners, on fence or house.

Councilman Hamilton presented the following petition ; which was referred to the Joint Committees on Finance, City Attorney, and City Assessor :

*Indianapolis, January 9, 1880.*

To the Honorable, the City Council City of Indianapolis, Ind. :

*Gentlemen* : — We own certificate No. 10,682 sale of 1879, for Lot 22 Block 17, Strong & Co.'s sub. Johnson heirs add., sold in name of E. T. Keightley. The same lot having been sold in 1878, the sale is illegal on the certificate we hold. We therefore ask you to refund the amount we paid, namely \$57.66, and 6 per cent. interest, \$3.46. Total, \$61.12.

Very respectfully,

S. A. Fletcher & Co.

Councilman Harmening presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committees on Streets and Alleys and Judiciary, and the City Attorney:

*Indianapolis, Ind., January 19th, 1880.*

To the Council and Board of Aldermen:

I would like to have permission to build a 26 foot stairway on the sidewalk in front of my carpenter shop, No. 120 Railroad street, between Ohio and New York streets.

Chas. Nuerge.

Councilman Kahn offered the following motion; which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

That the Committee on Judiciary, with the City Attorney, be instructed to prepare an ordinance with a view to the taxing of all foreign Fire Insurance Companies doing business in the city; said tax to be assessed for, and in support of the city Fire Department.

Councilman Lamb offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Marshal is hereby instructed to notify the owners of property situated as follows: Nos. 145, 147, 177 and 179, east Washington street, to repair the sidewalk in front of their premises. If the owners of said property fail to repair the sidewalk within ten days, the Street Commissioner is directed to make the repairs at expense of the owners.

Councilman Lamb offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Common Council, on two previous occasions, instructed the Board of Public Improvements to pay one dollar and twenty-five cents per day for street labor, and now for the third time—

*Resolved*, That said Board be, and are hereby, directed to pay said laborers one dollar and twenty-five cents per day for each full day they may work for the city.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Brown, Bryce, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Harmening, Kahn, Lamb, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Sheppard, Shilling, Tucker, and Wiese.

NAYS, 1—viz. Councilman VanVorhis.

Councilman Pearson, in behalf of Councilman Morrison, offered the following resolution; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Public Improvements be, and are hereby, ordered to lay the stone crossings as requested by a petition of the citizens of the 12th Ward on January 5th, 1880.

Councilman Pearson, in behalf of Council Morrison, offered the following resolution; which was referred to the Police Board:

WHEREAS, Mr. L. T. Miller, a prominent citizen of this State, did mysteriously disappear in this city, on the morning of January 6th, under circumstances which indicate that he may have been murdered; therefore,

*Be it Resolved,* That the Mayor and Police Board are hereby authorized and instructed to offer not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars for the recovery of his body, when positive proofs are shown that he came to his death in the city of Indianapolis.

Councilman McGinty offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to set the stakes, and give the proper grade, for the improvement on Wilkins street, between Church and West street.

Councilman McKay offered the following resolution:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the said Council and Board of Aldermen deem it expedient that the Massachusetts and College avenue line of Street Railway be extended along College avenue, from its present terminus at Seventh street, to Ninth street; and that the Citizens' Street Railway Company be, and are hereby, directed to construct the said extension at once.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to serve a copy of this resolution upon the proper officers of said Company, in accordance with the provisions of section 15 of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance authorizing the construction, extension and operation of certain passenger railways in and upon the streets of the city of Indianapolis," ordained January 18th, 1864.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Brown, Bryce, Hamilton, Harmening, Kahn, Lamb, McKay, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS, 6—viz. Councilmen Dowling, Downey, McGinty, O'Connor, Sheppard, and Shilling.

Councilman O'Connor offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to set line stakes on the first alley north of Maryland street running from Benton street to first alley east; and that the City Marshall be instructed to notify the property holders along said alley to set their fences back to conform with said lines.

Councilman Pearson offered the following motion; which was referred to the Conference Committee:

That citizens in the neighborhood of Military Park be authorized to plant in such park sun-flower seed without limit, for shade and sanitary purposes.



Councilman Prier offered the following motions ; which were adopted :

That D. A. Haywood be granted sixty days further time to complete contract on Newman street, from Hill avenue to Seventh street.

That E. B. Elliott be granted sixty days further time to complete contract on Harrison street, from Noble to Dillon streets.

Councilman Rooker offered the following motions ; which were adopted:

*Moved*, That a Special Committee, consisting of His Honor, the Mayor, City Attorney, and Councilmen McKay and Tucker, and Aldermen Layman, Seibert and Piel, be, and are hereby, appointed, whose duty it shall be to consider the propriety of providing for the consumption of gas by the city, by making a special levy for the payment of the same ; and if they deem it expedient to do so, to report to this Council an ordinance upon the subject.

*Moved*, That the City Marshal be, and he is hereby, directed to notify the Citizens' Street Railway Company to at once repair and put in good condition the rails, switches, curves and inside track of their roadway on north Illinois street.

Councilman Rooker offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Police Board be, and they are hereby, authorized to purchase at a cost not to exceed \$200, a good horse, harness, and light spring wagon, the same to be owned and held by the city of Indianapolis, for the use of the Chief of Police in the discharge of his official duties.

We, the Police Board, recommend the passage and adoption of the above resolution, believing it fair and just.

Jan. 8, 1880.

D. W. Grubbs,  
Jno. T. Downey.

Councilman Prier moved to amend by providing that the Chief of Police be required to pay for the keeping of the horse. Which amendment was accepted by Councilman Rooker. The amendment then failed of adoption.

A vote was then taken on the adoption of the resolution, as follows :

**AYES**, 10—viz. Councilmen Brown, Bryce, Downey, Harmening, Lamb, McKay, Pearson, Rooker, Sheppard, and Tucker.

**NAYS**, 10—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Dowling, Hamilton, Kahn, McGinty, O'Connor, Prier, Shilling, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

There being a tie vote, His Honor, the Mayor, voted in the affirmative. So the resolution was adopted.

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

SIG. 75.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to lay a stone crossing on the south side of Indiana avenue, at the intersection of Michigan street.

Councilmen Lamb and Rooker were granted leave of absence for remainder of this session.

Councilman Tucker offered the following motions; which were adopted:

That the Police Board be, and are hereby, directed to confer police powers upon the flagmen at the several railroad crossings in the city; said police powers to be restricted to the crossings where such flagmen receiving police powers may be stationed; and that such police powers be only in force during the hours when on duty; that the several railroad companies be required to provide suitable badges, at their expense, for such flagmen to wear while on duty, and not to be worn only at such time; said badge or design to be selected by the Police Board, the police powers so granted and conferred to be restricted to their line of duty only.

That T. V. Cook be, and is hereby, authorized to letter, at his own expense, the gas posts or lanterns on the same, at the corner of Washington and Meridian streets, the names of those respective streets.

That no further ordinances for the erecting of new gas posts and lighting the same, be received until the expiration of the present contract with the Gas Company.

Councilman Tucker offered the following resolution :

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the said Council and Board deem it expedient that a line of street railway be constructed along and upon South street, from the intersection of West street and Kentucky avenue, east along said South street to Noble street, connecting with the English avenue line of street railway; and that the Citizens' Street Railway Company be, and is hereby, directed to construct the said line at once. The City Clerk is hereby directed to serve a copy of this resolution upon the proper officer of said company, in accordance with the provisions of section 15 of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance authorizing the construction, extension, and operation of certain passenger railways in and upon the streets of the city of Indianapolis," ordained January 18th, 1864.

Councilman Prier moved to lay the resolution on the table; which motion failed of adoption by the following vote :

AYES, 5—viz. Councilmen Brown, Downey, Harmening, Prier, and Shilling.

NAYES, 13—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bryce, Dowling, Hamilton, Kahn, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Sheppard, Tucker, Van Vorhis, and Wiese.

Councilman Brown moved to indefinitely postpone the resolution.

It now being nearly eleven o'clock, Councilman Hamilton moved the suspension of the following section of the rules, viz :

SEC. 5. This Council shall not, without a suspension of the rules by a two-thirds vote, sit later on any evening than eleven o'clock.

Which motion failed of adoption by the following vote :

**AYES**, 12—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bryce, Dowling, Hamilton, Harmening, McGinty, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Sheppard, Tucker, and Wiese.

**NAYS**, 5—viz. Councilmen Brown, Kahn, McKay, Shilling, and VanVorhis.

It now being eleven o'clock, the Common Council adjourned.

**JOHN CAVEN**, Mayor,

President of Common Council.

**Attest**: **JOS. T. MAGNER**, City Clerk,