PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION-MAY 2, 1881.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber on Monday evening, May 2d, A. D. 1881, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. John Caven, Mayor, and, ex officio, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 21 members, viz: Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Bryce, Dean, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Thalman, VanVorhis, White and Yoke.

ABSENT—Councilmen Caylor, Lamb, Lang, and Pearson-4.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session held on April 18th, 1881, and for the adjourned session held on April 25th, 1881, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

The Committee on Contracts, through Councilman Thalman, 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:—The Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred sundry proposals presented to the Common Council on Monday evening, April 18th, 1881, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows:

1st. For grading and graveling Hill avenue, from Darwin street to the intersection of Baltimore avenue.

John L. Hanna, 85 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

John Schier, 84 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Henry Clay, 69 cents per lineal foot front on each side. Fred Richter, 68 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Fred Richter being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

2d. For building fire cistern at the corner of Ellsworth and Vermont streets,

John L. Hanna, 60 cents per barrel.

John A. Whitsit, 60 cents per barrel.

C. S. Roney, 54 cents per barrel.

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John Schier, 48 cents per barrel. Fred Richter, 47 cents per barrel.

Fred Richter being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Thalman, E. H. Koller, James A. Pritchard. Committee on Contracts.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

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

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

Gentlemen:-The amount of Mayor's fees collected by me during the month of April, 1881, was \$129.75; of policemen's witness fees, \$137.30, and the amount of fines due the City Treasury was \$33.35; being a total of \$291.40; which amounts I have paid to the City Treasurer, and filed his receipt therefor with the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CAVEN. Mayor.

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REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, and the estimate (presented therewith) approved:

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

Gentlemen:-I herewith report the following first and final estimate in behalf of Henry Clay and John Langsdale, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Ohio street (where not already curbed and bowldered) from Meridian street to Pennsylvania street: 717 lineal fact curbing at 41 cents

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890 lineal feet bowldering at 52 cents	462	89
58 lineal feet stone crossings at 30 cents	17	40
30 square yards rebowldering at 30 cents	9	00

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Henry Clay and John Langsdale, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Ohio street (where not already properly curbed and bowldered), from Meridian street to Pennsylvania street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES 14—viz. Councilmen Bryce, Dean, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Morrison, McKay, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, VanVorhis and Yoke.

NAYS-None.

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

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

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

Contract and bond of Twiname, Amos & Co. for regraveling Columbia avenue, from Malott avenue to Hill avenue. Bond, \$150. Surety, J. D. Hoss.

Contract and bond of Twiname, Amos & Co., for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk of Park avenue, from Cherry street to Gregg street. Bond, \$250. Surety, J. D. Hoss.

Contract and bond of Fred Richter, for grading and graveling Hill avenue and sidewalks, from Darwin street to the intersection of Baltimore avenue. Bond,

\$1,500. Surety, August Richter & Henry Burke.

Contract and bond of Fred Richter, for building one 1200-barrel cistern at or near the corner of Ellsworth street and Vermont street. Bond, \$2,000. Surety, August Richter & Henry Burke.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. Patterson, City Civil Engineer.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

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

Gentlemen:-I herewith submit an itemized statement, showing the amount of orders drawn on the City Treasury during the month of April, 1881:

Board of Health	\$186 00
City Assessor's Department	114 75
City Civil Engineer's Department	196 65
City Commissioners.	42 00
City Dispensary	258 64
City Hall.	530 32
City Hospital and Branch	1,139 10
City Treasurer's percentage	1,595 55
Damages and costs	2,373 40
Fire Department	9,386 52
Fountains	22 81
Garbage	450 00
Gas	5,187 03
Incidentals	19 50
Insurance	37 50
Markets	214 55
Market-Masters' Fees	134 49
Porks	
Parks	108 50
Police	4,185 00
Printing	641 66
Salary	• 4,702 16
Station Houses	138 24
Street Improvements	82 50
Street Repairs	5,651 01
Taxes refunded	40 30
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School Fund	7 860 24

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Report of Wm. G. Wasson, City Treasurer, for the month of April, 1881.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 31st, 1881	\$110,724	34
From current taxes	350,048	
From delinquent taxes	2,936	
From tax sales	166	
From benefits	50	00
From dray licenses		75
From coal licenses	10	00
From dog licenses	1	50
From express licenses	3	60
From fines and fees	636	18
From hucksters' licenses	21	00
From market-masters' fees	306	30
From peddlers' licenses	71	
From promiscuous	30	40
From show licenses.	110	00
From show licenses. From tapping sewers.	2	00
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DISBURSEMENTS.

For Board of Health	:\$136 (00
For City Assessor's Department.	114 7	
For City Civil Engineer's Department	189	
For City Commissioners	27 (
For City Dispensary	258 7	
For City Hall	530 8	
For City Hospital and Branch	1.049 8	
For City Treasurer's percentage	1,595 5	
For coal oil light	9 8	
For damages and costs	2,373 4	
For Fire Department	9,447	
For fountains	22 8	
For garbage.	450 (
For gas	5.187	
For incidental	24 5	
For insurance.	37 5	50
For markets	214 5	55
For market-masters' fees.	134 4	19
For parks.	108 - 5	50
For Police	4 185 0	00
For printing	647 9	96
For salary	4,620 9)1
School Fund	9,606 3	35
For Station Houses	133 8	30
For street improvements	82 5	60
For street repairs	5,719 6	39
For taxes refunded	40 3	
Balance on hand	418,120 5	9
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Respectfully submitted,

W. G. Wasson, City Treasurer.

To Joseph T. Magner, City Clerk.

The Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:-The following reports of the City Hospital and Branch, for the month of April, 1881, are respectfully submitted:

Number of paid Officers and Employes in Hospital12 Number of paid Officers and Employes in Branch	First Week.	Second Week.	Third Week.	Fourth Week.	Two Days.	Monthly Totals	
No. of adult patients in Hospital at beginning of week No. of infant patients in Hospital at beginning of week No. of adult patients received during week No. of infant patients received or born during week No. of adult patients discharged during week	$\begin{vmatrix} 3 \\ 13 \\ 2 \\ 8 \end{vmatrix}$	5 10 10	5 7 1 13	4 11 1 7	$\begin{array}{c} 6 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{array}$	3 47 5 40	
No. of infant patients discharged during week No. of adult patients who died during week No. of infant patients who died during week No. of patients in Branch at beginning of week No. of patients in Branch at end of week	1 1	1				1 1	
No. of adult patients in Hospital at end of week No. of pay-patients at beginning of week No. of pay-patients at end of week No. of pay-patients at end of week Aggregate number of days of patients in Hospital Aggregate number of days of patients in Branch	5 382	5 436	 390	5 375	6 121	6	
Aggregate number of days of employes in Hospital Number of prescriptions filled						396	
Total expenditures for month							

Average daily cost for patients, officers, and employes..... .42-6 cts.

WILLIAM N. WISHARD, M. D., Superintendent.

The Superintendent of the City Dispensary submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The following reports of the City Dispensary for the month of April, 1881, are respectfully submitted: Number of Patients treated at Dispensary..... 257 Number of Medical cases at Dispensary 160 Number of Surgical cases at Dispensary 71 Number of Disease of Nervous System..... 15 Number of Disease of Eye and Ear,..... 10 Number of Diseases of the Throat..... 0 Number of Out-door Patients treated 102 Number at Station House..... Number at News Boys' Home 0 Number of Patients vaccinated..... 0 Total number of Patients treated during month..... 363

Total number of Visits made during month Total number of Prescriptions filled during month Number of Births during month Number of Deaths during month	312 1140 3				
Number of Deaths during month	4				
EXPENDITURES FOR MONTH. C. A. Ritter, Superintendent\$					
F. A. Morrison, 1st Assistant	45 83				
C. I. Fletcher, 2d Assistant	37 50				
S. B. Sperry, Prescription Clerk	30 00				
W. A. & I. N. Pattison, drugs.	50 20				
Drew & Co., coal	7 50				
Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke Co	3 40				
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C. A. RITTER, M. D., Superintendent.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, through Councilman Morrison, submitted the following report; which was approved:

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

Total expenditures for month......

Gentlemen:—We herewith report expenditures of the Street Repairs Department for the month of April, 1881, together with the total amount of expenditures to May 1st, 1881:

Pay-rolls	\$5,012	99
Pay-rolls	67	
Gravel.	202	90
Sewer pipe	14	20
Stone crossing	197	67
Cement	4	00
Lumber	4	87
Sand	62	25
Hardware.	46	68
Coal	7	50
Rent, lots	30	00
Total expenditures for April, 1881	\$5,651	01
Total expenditures, per last report	30,240	

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. FULMER, Street Commissioner.

Wm. H. Morrison, Edward H. Dean, Board of Public Improvements.

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Councilman Morrison presented the following petition; which was received, the prayer of the petition granted and the time extended for the completion of the contracts;

Total expenditures to May 1st, 1881.....

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

Gentlemen:—I most respectfully petition your honorable bodies for an extension of time for completion of the following contracts:

For grading and graveling the first alley east of East street, from Walnut street to Massachusetts avenue.

For grading and graveling the alley between Archer and Dorman streets, from Pogues Run to Michigan street.

I would further state that reasonable diligence has been exercised to comply with the terms of the contracts, and ask for sixty days for its completon.

STATE OF INDIANA, Marion County, Ss: says that the matter and facts as contained in the above statement are true.

WM. Morrison.

Wm. Morrison, who being sworn, and facts as contained in the above WM. Morrison.

Subscribed and sworn to this 2d day of May, 1881.

[SEAL] GEO. T. BREUNIG, Notary Public.

We, the undersigned, have examined the above, and recommend that the time be extended.

William H. Morrison, Edward H. Dean, Board of Public Improvements.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman Morrison, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

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

Gentlemen:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom was referred S. O. 43, 1881, an ordinance to provide for improving Meridian street, between Washington and Louisiana streets, together with a resolution that the city pay one-fifth of the cost of said improvement per front foot, recommend the resolution be not adopted, and that said ordinance be passed.

Respectfully submitted.

Wm. H. Morrison, Edward H. Dean, Board of Public Improvements.

Councilman VanVorhis presented the annual report of the Dispensary Board; which was read, and five hundred copies ordered to be printed.

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

Report of Deaths in the City of Indianapolis, from the 15th day of April to the 1st day of May, 1881—inclusive.

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Respectfully, E. S. Elder, M. D., President. W. E. Jeffries, M. D., Secretary.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred G. O. 15, 1881, "An ordinance authorizing the I., D. & S. R. R. Co. to construct and maintain a single and double track into and through the City of Indianapolis, and to adjust certain other tracks, and prescribing the terms thereof," after due consideration of all the provisions therein contained, and believing the city's interests have been properly guarded thereby, and the same being to the entire satisfaction of Kingan & Co. and Ceburn & Jones, and further, said railroad company will release in any form dictated by the City Attorney all rights under the old ordinance, recommend said ordinance be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

N. Yoke, W. E. Shilling, W. G. White,

Committee on Railroads.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

This being the regular appropriation night, the following entitled ap propriation ordinances were introduced and read the first time, and were then placed on their second and third reading, and final passage, without suspension of the rules:

By the Fire Board, through Councilman Thalman:

Ap. O. 25, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department.

By the Hospital Board, through Councilman Bryce:

Ap. O. 26, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis on account of the City Hospital and Branch.

By the Police Board, through Councilman Downey:

Ap. O. 27, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station-Houses.

By the Committees on Accounts and Claims, through Councilman Van-Vorhis:

Ap. O. 28, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

By the Committees on Printing, through Councilman Bedford:

Ap. O. 29, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, and Advertising.

Appropriation ordinances Nos. 25, 26, 27 and 29, 1881, were severally read the second time, and ordered engrossed.

The following entitled ordinance was read the third time:

Ap. O. 25, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis on account of the Fire Department.

[Amount appropriated \$758.42]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 19-viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Dean, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, VanVorhis, White and Yoke.

NAYS-None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the third time:

Ap. O. 26, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch. [Amount appropriated, \$863.10.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Dean, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, VanVorhis, White and Yoke.

NAYS-None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the third time:

Ap. 0. 27, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station-Houses. [Amount appropriated, \$236.03.]

And it was passed by the following vote;

AYES, 19—viz: Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Dean, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, VanVorhis, White and Yoke.

NAYS-None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time:

Ap. O. 28, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$16,517,87.]

On motion by Councilman Kahn, the claim of B. Giroux, "Purchase of Giroux Street Sign patent, for City of Indianapolis, \$100," was stricken out of the above entitled ordinance.

Councilman Morrison moved that the claim of Clapool & Ketcham, "Balance of attorneys' fees in the case of Kenedy vs. The City of Indianapolis, \$1,063.25," be stricken from the above ordinance.

Which motion failed of adoption.

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The ordinance, Ap. O. 28, 1881, was then ordered engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

Axes, 19—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Dean, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, Van Vorhis, White and Yoke.

NAYS-None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the third time:

Ap. O. 29, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery and Advertising. [Amount appropriated, \$245.97.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Dean, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling. Thalman, Van Vorhis, White and Yoke.

NAYS-None.

Councilman Pritchard introduced the following entitled ordinance, which was read the first time:

S. O. 59, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling West street, from First street north to the canal; and curbing with stone and bowldering the west gutters thereof, from Third street north to the canal.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

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

That the Street Commissioner fill chuck-hole situated at mouth of first alley south of Christian avenue on Ash street, east side.

That the Street Commissioner clean the gutters on Pine street, from North street to Peru avenue.

Councilman Dean offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the name of A. J. Stewart be, and is hereby, substituted for that of Charles H. Rockwell, as Judge on the Twenty-third Ward Election Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 18—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Dean, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalmae, White and Yoke.

NAYS-None.

By consent, Councilman VanVorhis, in behalf of the Committee on Public Health, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred the report of the Board of Health, respectfully recommend that five hundred copies of said report be published.

Respectfully submitted,

Flavius J. Van Vorhis, C. T. Bedford, John W. Fultz, Committee on Public Health.

Councilman Morrison moved to reconsider the vote by which Ap. O. 28, 1881, was passed.

Which motion was adopted, and the action of the Council reconsidered by the following vote:

AYES, 12—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Dean, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, Shilling, White and Yoke.

Nays, 9—viz. Councilmen Bernhamer, Dowling, Downey, McKay, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Thalman and VanVorhis.

Councilman Morrison moved to refer the claim of Claypool & Ketcham to the Judiciary Committee and City Attorney, to report at the next meeting.

Councilman Van Vorhis moved to lay the above motion on the table.

Which motion failed of adoption by the following vote:

AYES, 5-viz. Councilmen Bernhamer, Downey, McKay, Van Vorhis and White.

Nays, 15—viz. Councilmen Bryce, Dean, Dowling, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman and Yoke.

Councilman Morrison's motion, to refer the claim of Claypool & Ketcham to the Judiciary Committee and City Attorney, to report at the next meeting, was then adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 15—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Dean, Dowling, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Prier, Shilling, Thalman and Yoke.

NAYS, 6--viz. Councilmen Bernhamer, Downey, McKay, Pritchard, VanVorhis and White.

Appropriation ordinance No. 28, 1881, was then passed, as amended, by the following vote: [Amount appropriated, \$15,354.62.]

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Bryce, Dean, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, VanVorhis and White.

NAYS-None.

Councilman Shilling was excused for the remainder of this session.

Councilman Prier offered the following motion:

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That the report of the Board of Public Improvements, made January 17th, 1881, as per page 821 of Council Proceedings, be adopted.

Councilman Dowling moved that this Council do now adjourn.

Which motion failed of adoption by the following vote:

AYES, 9-viz. Councilmen Bernhamer, Bryce, Dean, Dowling, Fultz, Harrold, O'Connor, Pritchard and White.

Nays, 11—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Downey, Kahn, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, McKay, Prier, Thalman, Van Vorhis and Yoke,

Councilman Dowling moved to refer the motion of Councilman Prier, relative to the purchase of the Pendleton pike, to the incoming Board of Public Improvements of the new Council.

Councilman Bernhamer offered the following amendment to Councilman Dowling's motion:

And consider in connection therewith the advisability of purchasing so much of the Bluff road as lies within the city limits, at a cost not to exceed \$800.

On motion, the above amendment failed of adoption:

Councilman Dowling then withdrew his former motion, and moved that Councilman Prier's motion and the whole subject be referred for action to the incoming Council.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 18—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Bryce, Dean, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, O'Connor, Pritchard, Thalman, Van Vorhis, White and Yoke.

NAYS, 2—Councilmen McKay and Prier.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

Daven, Mayor,

President of Common Council.

Attest: