

# PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—JUNE 8, 1881.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Wednesday evening, June 8th, A. D. 1881, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—His Honor, President Layman, in the Chair, and Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, and Tucker—9.

ABSENT—Alderman Wood—1.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the regular session held on June 1st, 1881, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, said Journals were approved as published.

## MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following special message was read :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:*—The Common Council, in regular session, held in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, June 6th, 1881, adhered to their former action in passing the following entitled ordinance, and requested that a Committee of Conference be appointed :

G. O. 54, 1879—An Ordinance to prevent horses or other animals or vehicles from standing within ten feet of any drinking fountain, in the City of Indianapolis, except while such horse or animal is engaged in drinking.

Councilmen Pearson, Bedford and Dowling were appointed to act as the Council members of said committee.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Common Council:

Jos. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

On motion, the former action of the Board of Aldermen was adhered to, and the request of the Common Council that a Committee of Conference be appointed, was not granted.

The following message was read and received :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith transmit to your honorable body certain papers, which were favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its regular session, held on Monday evening, June 6th, 1881, for your action upon the same.

For the Common Council:

Jos. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The following report from the Committee on Contracts was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 145, *ante*) was concurred in:

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

1 *Gentlemen*.—The Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred sundry proposals presented to Council May 30, 1881, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows:

1st. For grading, bowldering and curbing with stone the gutters, and paving with brick, the north sidewalk (where not already bowldered, curbed or paved), of Georgia street, from Illinois street to Tennessee street.

John Schier, 73 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering; 43 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing, and 57 cents per lineal foot front for paving

J. L. Spaulding, 67 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering; 47 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing, and 48 cents per lineal foot front for paving.

Henry C. Roney, 65 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering; 43 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing, and 55 cents per lineal foot front for paving.

John Stumph, \$1.08 per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering and curbing, and 45 cents per lineal foot front for paving.

James Mahoney, 64 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering; 42 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing, and 50 cents per lineal foot front for paving.

Michael Faust, 63 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering; 42½ cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing, and 54 cents per lineal foot front for paving.

Dunning & Hudson, 63 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering; 41 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing, and 53 cents per lineal foot front for paving.

Dunning & Hudson being the lowest and best bidders, we recommend they be awarded the contract.

2d. For grading, bowldering, and curbing the gutters (where not already bowldered or curbed), of Alabama street, from North street to St. Clair street.

R. H. Patterson, 69 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering, and 45 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing.

Dunning & Hudson, 65 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering, and 41 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing.

John Stumph, \$1.05 per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering and curbing.

Richard Carr, 62 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering, and 42 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing.

H. C. Roney, 58 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering, and 43 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing

John L. Hanna, 47 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering, and 45 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing.

John L. Hanna being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

3d. For grading, and paving with brick (where not already paved), the south sidewalk of Christian avenue, from Central avenue to the I., P. & C. R. R. Co.'s track.

John Schier, 42 cents per lineal foot front.

Henry C. Roney, 41 cents per lineal foot front.

John L. Hanna, 39½ cents per lineal foot front.

John L. Hanna being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

4th. For grading and bowldering Chesapeake alley, from Meridian street to Pennsylvania street.

Henry Clay, \$1.41 per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney, \$1.20 per lineal foot front on each side.

H. C. Roney, \$1.15 per lineal foot front on each side.

Dunning & Hudson, \$1 08 per lineal foot front on each side.

R. Carr, \$1.00 per lineal foot front on each side.

R. H. Patterson, 69 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

John Stumph, 45 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Several of the contractors having made a mistake, as to the width of the alley, we recommend that the work be re-advertised.

5th. For grading and bowldering Eddy street, from South street to Garden street

John Stump, \$1 05½ per lineal foot front on each side.

R. H. Patterson, 79 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

H. C. Roney, 71 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Dunning & Hudson, 69 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Richard Carr, 68 cents per lineal foot front on each side,

Richard Carr being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

6th. For grading and paving with brick, and curbing with stone, the west sidewalk of Eddy street, from South street to Garden street.

Richard Carr, 38 cents per lineal foot front for paving, and 42 cents per lineal foot front for curbing.

John Schier, 36 cents per lineal foot front for paving, and 43 cents per lineal foot front for curbing.

H. C. Roney, 32 cents per lineal foot front for paving, and 44 cents per lineal foot front for curbing.

Dunning & Hudson, 33 cents per lineal foot front for paving, and 41 cents per lineal foot front for curbing.

Dunning & Hudson being the lowest and best bidders, we recommend they be awarded the contract

7th. For grading and bowldering the east sidewalk of Eddy street, from South street to Garden street,

John Stumph, 45 cents per lineal foot front.

R. H. Patterson, 39 cents per lineal foot front.

H. C. Roney, 35 cents per lineal foot front.

Dunning & Hudson, 35 cents per lineal foot front.

Richard Carr, 34 cents per lineal foot front.

Richard Carr being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

8th. For grading and bowldering Garden street and sidewalks (full width), from Illinois street to Eddy street.

H. C. Roney, \$1.66 per lineal foot front on each side.

Dunning & Hudson, \$1.59 per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney, \$1.50 per lineal foot front on each side.

R. H. Patterson, \$1.40 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Richard Carr, \$1.35 per lineal foot front on each side.

Richard Carr being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

9th. For grading and graveling Mulberry street, from Wilkin street to Morris street.

C. T. Langhorne, 54 cents per lineal foot front on each side.  
 R. H. Patterson, 49 cents per lineal foot front on each side.  
 John Schier, 49 cents per lineal foot front on each side.  
 Richard Carr, 47 cents per lineal foot front on each side.  
 James Mahoney, 45 cents per lineal foot front on each side.  
 J. L. Spaulding, 42 cents per lineal foot front on each side.  
 Dunning & Hudson, 41 cents per lineal foot front on each side.  
 Michael Flaherty, 40 cents per lineal foot front on each side.  
 R. Kennington, 40 cents per lineal foot front on each side  
 Henry C. Roney, 38 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

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

10th. For grading and graveling Twelfth street, from Illinois street to Meridian street.

John Scier, 55 cents per lineal foot front on each side.  
 R. H. Patterson, 55 cents per lineal foot front on each side.  
 H. C. Roney, 55 cents per lineal foot front on each side.  
 James Mahoney, 50 cents per lineal foot front on each side.  
 J. L. Spaulding, 48 cents per lineal foot front on each side.  
 Henry Clay, 45 cents per lineal foot front on each side.  
 Dunning & Hudson, 39 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Dunning & Hudson being the lowest and best bidders, we recommend they be awarded the contract.

11th. For grading, and paving with brick, and curbing with stone the sidewalks, and bowldering the gutters (where not already paved, curbed or bowldered), of Ohio street, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street.

John Schier, 71 cents per lineal foot front on each side for paving; 43 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing, and 66 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering.

Dunning & Hudson, 70 cents per lineal foot front on each side for paving; 41 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing, and 65 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering.

Richard Carr, 70 cents per lineal foot front on each side for paving; 42 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing, and 63 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering.

Henry C. Roney, 65 cents per lineal foot front on each side for paving; 43 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing, and 62 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering.

John Stumph, \$1.66 per lineal foot front on each side for paving, curbing and bowldering.

Michael Faust, 60 cents per lineal foot front on each side for paving; 43 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing, and 63 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering.

John L. Hanna, 60 cents per lineal foot front on each side for paving; 45 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing, and 50 cents per lineal foot on each side for bowldering.

John L. Hanna being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

12th. For grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of St. Mary street, from Alabama street to Central avenue.

Henry C. Roney, 38 cents per lineal foot front.  
 John Schier, 38 cents per lineal foot front.  
 John L. Hanna, 31 cents per lineal foot front.

John L. Hanna being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Thalman,  
Edward H. Dean,  
E. H. Koller,  
Committee on Contracts.

The following report from the Committee on Contracts was read; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 148, *ante*) was concurred in:

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred a motion that some plan be prepared by which the city be protected from loss by contractors refusing to file bonds for contracts awarded them, thereby causing the matter to be re-advertised at the city's expense:

We recommend, if, after receiving a contract, the contractor fails or refuses to file an acceptable bond, within ten days after the contract has been awarded him, that his name be placed on the "Black List," and no bids from him (or any one with whom he may be interested), be afterwards considered, unless the Committee on Contracts are convinced that there was some serious mistake made in the bid, and then only shall he be reinstated, when all costs of re-advertising, etc., shall have been paid into the treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Thalman,  
E. H. Koller,  
Edward H. Dean,  
Committee on Contracts.

The following report from His Honor, the Mayor (see page 149, *ante*) was read and received:

Indianapolis, June 6th, 1881.

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

*Gentlemen:*—The amount of Mayor's fees collected by me from the 12th to the 30th day of June, 1881, was \$129 60; of policemen's witness fees, \$128.20; and the amount of fines due the City Treasury was \$18.55; being a total of \$276 35—which amount I have paid to the City Treasurer, and filed his receipt therefor with the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. GRUBBS, Mayor.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 149, *ante*) was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith report the following estimates done according to contract:

A first and final estimate in behalf of Henry Clay, for grading and bowldering the gutters of Columbia avenue, and curbing the outer edges of the sidewalks, from Malott avenue to Home avenue.

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| 340 $\frac{3}{4}$ | lineal feet curbing, at 42 cents.....    | \$142 90 |
| 452 $\frac{1}{2}$ | lineal feet bowldering, at 44 cents..... | 199 22   |
|                   | To repairing culverts.....               | 3 00     |
|                   |  | <hr/>    |
|                   |  | \$345 12 |

A first and final estimate in behalf of C. T. Langhorne, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Virginia avenue, from the first alley south of Dougherty street, to Coburn street.

276 lineal feet, at 17 cents..... \$46 92

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 150, *ante*) 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 C. T. Langhorne, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Virginia avenue, from the first alley south of Dougherty street, to Coburn 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**, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

**NAYS**—None.

The following estimate resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 150, *ante*) 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, for grading and bowldering the gutters of Columbia avenue, and curbing the outer edges of the sidewalks from Malott avenue to Home avenue, 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**, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

**NAYS**—None.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 150, *ante*) was concurred in:

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

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

Contract and bond of Michael Faust, for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk of Railroad street, from Market street to Ohio street. Bond, \$400; surety, C. S. Roney.

Contract and bond of Michael Faust, for grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Virginia avenue, from Coburn street to the first alley south of Coburn street. Bond, \$300; surety, C. S. Roney.

Contract and bond of C. S. Roney, for grading and graveling Lincoln avenue and sidewalks, from Beeler street to Newman street. Bond, \$600; surety, A. Haywood.

Contract and bond of J. W. Smith, for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Michigan street, from East street to Massachusetts avenue. Bond, \$300; surety, James W. Hudson.

- Contract and bond of R. P. Dunning and James W. Hudson, for grading and paving with brick, and curbing with stone, the west sidewalk of Eddy street, from South street to Garden street. Bond, \$700; surety, John Schier.
- Contract and bond of R. P. Dunning and James W. Hudson, for grading and graveling Twelfth street, from Illinois street to Meridian street. Bond, \$800; surety, John Schier.
- Contract and bond of J. W. Smith, for grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of Buchanan street, from East street to Greer street. Bond, \$500; surety, James W. Hudson.
- Contract and bond of Henry C. Roney, for grading and graveling Mulberry street, from Wilkins street to Morris street. Bond, \$400; surety, C. S. Roney.
- Contract and bond of R. P. Dunning and James W. Hudson, for grading, bowldering and curbing with stone, the gutters, and paving with brick, the north sidewalk (where not already bowldered, curbed or paved), of Georgia street, from Illinois street to Tennessee street. Bond, \$1,500; surety, John Schier.
- Contract and bond of R. H. Patterson, for grading and graveling Newman street and sidewalks, from Hill avenue to the Pendleton Road. Bond, \$350; surety, S. J. Patterson.
- Contract and bond of R. H. Patterson, for grading and graveling Newman street and sidewalks, from Pendleton Road to Brookside avenue. Bond, \$300; surety, S. J. Patterson.
- Contract and bond of Robert Kennington, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Delaware street, from Bicking street to the first alley north of Coburn street. Bond, \$600; surety, C. H. O'Brien.
- Contract and bond of Richard Carr, for grading and graveling Newman street and sidewalks, from Brookside avenue to Clifford avenue. Bond, \$1,000; surety, Fred. Gansberg.
- Contract and bond of Michael Flaherty, for grading and graveling the first alley north of St. Joseph street, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street. Bond, \$400; surety, Fred. Kline.
- Contract and bond of Michael Flaherty, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Pennsylvania street, from St. Joseph street to the first alley north of St. Joseph street. Bond, \$300; surety, Fred. Kline.
- Contract and bond of S. W. Patterson, for grading and paving with brick (where not already paved), the sidewalks of Plum street, from Massachusetts avenue to Christian avenue. Bond, \$1,500; surety, S. J. Patterson.
- Contract and bond of S. W. Patterson, for grading, bowldering the gutters, and curbing with stone, the sidewalks of Market street; from Missouri street to Blackford street. Bond, \$6,000; surety, S. J. Patterson.
- Contract and bond of John L. Hanna & Co., for grading and paving with brick, (except where already paved), the south sidewalk of St. Marys street, from Ft. Wayne avenue to Alabama street. Bond, \$350; surety, John Sellers.
- Contract and bond of John L. Hanna, for grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of St. Marys street, from Alabama street to Central avenue. Bond, \$350; surety, John Sellers.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The following report from the City Clerk was read :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

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

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| Dunning & Hudson vs. Stoughton A. Fletcher, Sen., and Francis M. Church-<br>man, for..... | \$86 19 |
| Dunning & Hudson vs. Stoughton A. Fletcher, Sen., and Francis M. Church-<br>man, for..... | 86 19   |

And recommend you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Jos. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

And the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 151, *ante*) was concurred in, and the precepts ordered to issue by the following vote:

**AYES**, 6—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, and President Layman.

**NAYS**, 2—viz. Aldermen Hamilton, and Tucker.

The following communication from the City Assessor (see page 156, *ante*) was read and received:

*Indianapolis*, June 6th, 1881.

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

*Gentlemen*:—The twenty-fourth (24) section of the City Charter requires that the City Assessor shall return to the City Clerk a list of the taxable property, real and personal, on the first (1st) Monday in June in each year, unless otherwise ordered by your honorable body. In order to legalize the assessment of the current year, it will be necessary to grant me further time. I therefore ask you to extend the time of making my report to the first (1st) Monday in August, 1881.

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. CONNETT, City Assessor.

The following resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 156, *ante*) was read:

**WHEREAS**, as appears by the report of the City Assessor, it has been impossible and impracticable to complete the assessment return for 1881 by the first Monday in June; therefore

*Resolved*, That the City Assessor be, and he is hereby, granted sixty days further time in which to complete the assessment return for the year 1881.

Alderman Tucker moved that the above resolution be amended so as to extend the time until July 15th, 1881, instead of August 1st, 1881.

Which motion was adopted.

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

**AYES**, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

**NAYS**—None.

The following report from the Fire Board (see page 157, *ante*) was read and referred to the Committee on Fire Department:



To His Honor, the Mayor, and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—The Fire Board, to whom was directed sundry motions, respectfully report as follows:

- 1st. "That a fire hydrant be located on corner of Ash and Seventh streets." There being no water mains in that locality, no hydrant can be located there.
- 2d. "That the fire alarm box be removed from the site of Ferguson's pork house to corner of south and Meridian streets." We recommend against removing from present location.
- 3d. Is in relation "to better fire protection to Sarven Wheel Works, and Saw Works." We recommend that the Chief Fire Engineer be directed to change two hydrants from localities where not needed, and place them in the vicinity of the above establishments.
- 4th. Is a motion that the fire alarm bell and striker be placed in Engine House No. 10. We recommend that the motion be concurred in.

5th. Is a motion "to give increased fire protection to the residents on Davidson and Pine streets, between New York and North streets." We recommend that the Water Works Company be directed to lay their mains from corner of New York and Noble streets east to Davidson street; thence north to North street, which, in our opinion, will give all the protection needed.

6th. Is a petition from citizens of the Nineteenth Ward, praying Council to prohibit one Wilcox from carrying on the oil business in their vicinity. We can see no reason for complaint from said citizens. Nothing objectionable or dangerous is carried on at said point. We recommend no action be taken in regard to the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Thalman,  
Phil Reichwein,  
Fire Board.

The following report from the Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner (see page 158, *ante*) was read, and, on motion, was referred back to the Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, with instructions to report back to this body within thirty days, the amounts expended in each of the several wards of the city:

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

*Gentlemen:*—We herewith report expenditures of the Street Repairs Department for the year beginning June 1, 1880, and ending June 1, 1881, viz:

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Pay-rolls.....                     | \$32,655 23 |
| Freight on stone.....              | 624 00      |
| Stone spawls.....                  | 196 60      |
| Boulders.....                      | 425 67      |
| Blacksmithing.....                 | 407 40      |
| Gravel.....                        | 1,612 88    |
| Sewer pipe.....                    | 277 83      |
| Lumber.....                        | 2,833 07    |
| Sand.....                          | 229 65      |
| Serving official notices, etc..... | 274 74      |
| Rent stone yard.....               | 100 00      |
| Stone crossing and curb.....       | 753 83      |
| Cement.....                        | 56 00       |

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|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| Hardware.....   |             | 382 45                  |
| Brick.....  |             | 103 00                  |
| Ledger.....   |             | 2 00                    |
| Road scraper.....                                     |             | 12 00                   |
| Rubber boots.....                                     |             | 13 50                   |
| Painting bridges.....                                 |             | 10 00                   |
| Catch-basins and man-hole repairs.....                |             | 29 94                   |
| Cutting bridge pipes.....                             |             | 53 22                   |
| Fountain repairs.....                                 |             | 18 15                   |
| Illinois street tunnel, repairs.....                  |             | 23 00                   |
| Freight on lumber.....                                |             | 240 00                  |
| Cinders.....  |             | 42 50                   |
| Coal.....   |             | 17 75                   |
| Rent city yard.....                                   |             | 75 00                   |
| Total.....  |             | <hr/> \$41,469 36       |
| Balance on hand June 1, 1880.....                     | \$ 107 83   |                         |
| Total amount appropriated.....                        | 42,000 00   |                         |
|   |             | <hr/> \$42,107 83       |
| Total expenditures to January 1, 1881.....            |             | <hr/> 41,469 36         |
| Balance on hand June 1, 1881.....                     | \$ 638 47   |                         |
| Amount estimated for the Department for the year..... | \$50,000 00 |                         |
| Amount expended.....                                  |             | <hr/> 41,469 36         |
|   |             | <hr/> <hr/> \$ 8,530 64 |

Respectfully submitted,

Edward H. Dean,  
Wm. H. Morrison,  
John R. Cowie,  
Board of Public Improvements.

L. A. FULMER, Street Commissioner.

The report of the Superintendent of the City Dispensary for the month of May, 1881, (see page 159, *ante*) was read and received.

The report of the Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch, for the Month of May, 1881, (see page 160, *ante*) was read and received.

The Mortality report of the Board of Health for the last half of May, 1881, (see page 159, *ante*) was read and received.

The following report from the Board of City Commissioners was read :

IN THE VACATION of a part of a ten foot alley in the southwest quarter of square number (38) thirty-eight, in the City of Indianapolis, upon the petition of John Coburn, Caroline Bence, Mary A. Coburn, and Mary Augusta Coburn.

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

The undersigned, James C. Yohn, William Hadley, Michael Steinhauer, Newton Kellogg, and George W. Hill, Commissioners, report to your honorable body :

That they were duly nominated by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, and that their appointment was duly approved by the Judge of the Civil Circuit Court of Marion county, in said State, to act as such

Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of the act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, entitled An act to amend section 2 of an act entitled "An act in relation to the laying out, opening, widening, altering and vacation of streets, alleys and highways, and for straightening or altering of water courses by the cities of this State, and providing for the appointment of Commissioners to assess benefits and damages, prescribing their duties and the method of procedure, and providing for the collection of benefits and payment of damages, prescribing the duties of city officers in relation thereto, and providing remedies in such matters. Approved March 17th, 1875." Approved March 31st, 1879.

That they did, as required by law, take and subscribe the oath and affirmation so provided.

That they were and are duly qualified to act as such Commissioners, and do possess lawful authority to assess benefits and damages and consider the petitions for vacations of streets and alleys,

Your Commissioners do further report that upon the 31st day of March, A. D. 1881, they met at Room number (6) six in the office of the Clerk, in the City Hall of said city, in the Court House, by order of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city, and pursuant to a notice hereto attached, duly served upon them by the Marshal of said city more than 15 days prior to said meeting, to examine, appraise and assess the damages and benefits (if any there be), accruing to the owner or owners of certain property in the petition described, and to consider the matter of said petition. Said notice is marked "Exhibit A," and hereto attached.

That they did, at the time and place aforesaid, in pursuance of said notice and order, enter upon the consideration of the matter aforesaid, of the vacation of a portion of the alley running through the southwest quarter of square (38) thirty-eight, which is more fully described in the petition, which is made a part hereof, marked "Exhibit B."

And they further report that at that time they did visit the alley proposed to be vacated, and inspected the same, and the premises surrounding the same, with a view of determining the benefits and damages connected with the vacation so proposed, and of considering the matter of said petition. And they did then find that John Coburn is the owner of the contiguous property on both sides of the portion of said alley proposed to be vacated, and that he is the owner of the ground where the alley is now opened and is proposed to be dedicated to public use.

They further find that the following persons are the owners of the property in the petition described, in the southwest quarter of square thirty-eight and contiguous to and interested in said alley, to-wit:

John Coburn is the owner of lot number (1) one in the southwest quarter of said square. Henry Coburn is the owner of lot number (2) two therein. Mary B. Fletcher and Anna B. Hobbs are the owners of lot number (3) three therein. Mary A. Coburn, John Coburn, Rufus W. Coburn, Henry P. Coburn, Jr., Mary Augusta Coburn, and Irving Coburn, are the owners of lot number (4) four therein. Amelia B. Mansur, Joseph B. Mansur, and Cecelia Mansur are the owners of lot number (5) therein. And that they did then direct that the above named persons be notified of the pendency of this petition, and that the Commissioners herein would meet at said Room (6) six in the City Hall aforesaid, upon Monday, the sixth (6th) day of June, A. D. 1881, at 9 o'clock A. M., and that the said petition would be then heard and considered, that the damages occasioned by said vacation would be then and there appraised and assessed, if any, and that said persons appear and give testimony concerning such change and vacation if they so desired. Said Commissioners further find that Henry Coburn, the owner of lot 2 therein, assents to and joins in this petition.

That said Commissioners did meet upon the sixth day of June, A. D. 1881, and the petitioners did then and there appear in pursuance of said order of the said Council and Aldermen and the notice given. And the petitioners then and there submitted proof, marked "Exhibit C," of the service of notice personally by reading and by leaving a copy thereof at the last and usual place of residence, upon Mary A. Coburn, guardian of Irving Coburn, John Coburn, Henry P. Coburn,

Jr., Henry Coburn, Sr., Irving Coburn, Mary Augusta Coburn, Amelia B. Mansur, Joseph B. Mansur and Cecelia Mansur, Mary B. Fletcher and Anna B. Hobbs, upon the 13th day of April, A. D. 1881, and proof of publication of notice to Rufus W. Coburn, marked "Exhibit D," for three weeks in succession in the Indianapolis Journal, the last of which publication was at least fifteen days prior to the sixth day of June, 1881. And said Commissioners did then and there proceed with the consideration of the said petition and the benefits and damages arising from the proposed vacation and change. And they did then and there find that the petition for said vacation be granted on condition that the said John Coburn convey to the city for public use, the alley described in the petition, and that he, being the owner of the land on both sides of the alley proposed to be vacated, that the alley so vacated shall revert to him, and become a part of lot (1) one in the southwest quarter of square thirty-eight; and the Commissioners do further find that the damages and benefits to the petitioners and all the parties interested in said alley are equal to each other, inasmuch as they have the same access to their lots as at present they are entitled to.

We therefore recommend that the said petition be granted and said alley be vacated as prayed for in said petition, and they further recommend the passage of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That so much of the ten foot alley situated in the southwest quarter of square number thirty-eight (38) as lies north of a line drawn east and west parallel to and one hundred and fifty-two feet and six inches north of Ohio street, be vacated.

William Hadley,  
N. Kellogg,  
M. Steinhauer,  
James C. Yohn,  
City Commissioners.

The favorable action of the Common Council on the above report, (see page 162, *ante*) was concurred in, and the resolution concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

The following report from the Committee of Conference was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 164, *ante*) was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen*:—The Conference Committee, to whom was referred the matter of the proposed appeal of the case of John F. Redmond vs. The City of Indianapolis, would report:

That they have had the same under consideration, and in view of the fact that there are a number of other cases of a similar character awaiting the decision in this case, and there is a probable chance of saving a portion of the amount involved in said claims, we recommend that said case be appealed to the General Term of the Superior Court.

Respectfully submitted,

Hiram Seibert,  
D. Mussmann,  
Brainard Rorison,  
Aldermanic Conference Committee.

James A. Pritchard,  
Isaac Thalman,  
Simeon Coy,  
Council Conference Committee.

The following report from the Committee on Streets and Alleys was read:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom sundry papers were referred, would report thereon as follows:

1st. Is S. O. 72, 1881, "An ordinance to provide for grading, paving with brick, and curbing with stone, the west sidewalk of West street, from Third street to McIntyre street."

Recommend said ordinance be passed.

2d. Is S. O. 71, 1881, "An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the roadway of West street, from First street to McIntyre street, and for widening the sidewalks thereof," together with a petition for said improvement.

Recommend said ordinance be passed.

3d. Is a petition of G. A. Wells, for permission to grade and gravel the first alley north of New York street, to the first alley east of New Jersey street, at his own expense.

Recommend the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

4th. Is a petition of Caroline Reinkin and others, asking for the vacation of a certain portion of Pine street, situated on the east side of Pine street, beginning at the south east corner of Pine and St. Clair streets, and running south to the first alley south of St. Clair street.

Recommend the prayer of the petitioners be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

George Weaver,  
B. W. Cole,  
Committee.

Alderman Tucker moved to refer the above report to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage.

Which motion failed of adoption by the following vote:

AYES, 4—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Hamilton, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS, 5—viz. Aldermen Drew, Mussmann Newman, Rorison, and Seibert.

The favorable action of the Common Council on the above report (see page, 174, *ante*) was then concurred in.

The following resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 174, *ante*) was read:

*Resolved*, That the petition of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, for the vacation of so much of the former plat as lies west of Short street (formerly Hunter street), south of Coburn street, and east of a point 15 feet east of the west line of Lot 15, in Dougherty's subdivision, and for the vacation of the alley south of Lots 12, 13, and 14, and that part of 15 which lies east of a point 15 feet east of the west line of said Lot 15—all in said Dougherty's subdivision of Out-lot number 99; and the matter appertaining thereto be referred to the City Commissioners, with instructions to assess benefits and damages to any persons thereby benefited or damaged. The said Commissioners are instructed to return, as a part of their report, all petitions and notices; and if any property owner immediately upon the line of said streets or alleys, who is directly interested therein, shall object to such vacation, to make such fact a part of their report; and the City Clerk is hereby directed to issue the proper notices to the Commissioners.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote :

**AYES, 9**—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, and President Layman.

**NAYS**—None.

The following motions, (adopted by the Common Council—see pages 176, 178, 181 and 182, *ante*) were read and concurrently adopted:

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to procure the services of the County Surveyor, to establish the corners and boundaries of the Southern Park.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to notify the owners of real estate fronting on the south side of east Washington street, between East and Pine streets, to repair the sidewalk where the same is in a bad condition, within ten days; if not done within the said time, that the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair the said pavement at their expense, as the same is in a very dangerous condition.

That John Schmidt be, and is hereby, granted permission to lay a brick sidewalk and curbstone in front of his premises, number 404 south Meridian street, at his own expense, according to stakes set by the City Civil Engineer.

That the owners of the property on west Washington street, known as "The Trade Palace," be directed by the Street Commissioner to take up and re-lay the stone flagging in front of said building, so as to even up the east end to a gradual slope west, it being now in a dangerous condition to pedestrians.

That E. O. Thalman have permission to pave with brick the sidewalks along and in front of her property, corner of St. Joseph and Superior streets, and that the City Civil Engineer be directed to set the grade stakes. Said work to be done at her own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That the Committee on Public Property be directed to immediately have boxes placed around the trees—not already boxed—around the Circle.

That the City Marshal be, and is hereby, directed to notify the C., C., C. & I. Railway to make a crossing on Newman street, across their tracks, and to remove the fences and all obstructions in the way, the contractor for improving Newman street being now ready to commence work.

The following motion was read; and the action of the Common Council thereon, (see page 179, *ante*) was concurred in:

That Mr. A. Jones be granted permission to lay a small iron pipe under ground across Illinois street, on a line with the north line of Fifth street, and also have the privilege to use vacant ground on north east corner of Illinois and Fifth streets to stand his sprinkling wagon upon while being filled with water.

The following entitled ordinances (passed by the Common Council—see pages 170, 171 and 172, *ante*) were severally read the first time:

Ap. O. 32, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department.

- Ap. O. 33, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis on account of the City Hospital and Branch.
- Ap. O. 34, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station-Houses.
- Ap. O. 35, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.
- Ap. O. 36, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis, on account of city election held May 3d, 1881.
- Ap. O. 37, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, and Advertising.
- Ap. O. 38, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars, for the payment of the compensations of the officers and members of the Fire and Police Departments of the city of Indianapolis.
- Ap. O. 39, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars on account of the Street-Repairs Department of the city of Indianapolis.
- G. O. 24, 1881—An Ordinance granting Eli Lilly & Co. permission to construct a sewer for drainage purposes, from their place of business, on the north side of McCarty street; thence south across McCarty street, and over and along the second alley east of Delaware street to Wyoming street, thence west on Wyoming street to connect with the Delaware street sewer.

This being the regular appropriation night, the foregoing entitled Appropriation Ordinances were placed on their final passage without suspension of the rules.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time :

- Ap. O. 32, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$1,237.76.]

Alderman Tucker moved that the foregoing Appropriation Ordinance be referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

Alderman DeRuiter moved to amend Alderman Tucker's motion so that the said committee be instructed to report at this session.

This amendment failed of adoption.

Alderman Tucker's motion was then adopted, and the ordinance referred.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time :

Ap. O. 33, 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, \$952.26.]

Alderman Tucker moved to strike out of the above ordinance the item "D. DeRuiter, Groceries, \$57.81."

Which motion failed of adoption.

On motion by Alderman Tucker, the ordinance was then referred to the Committee on Hospital and Dispensary.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time :

Ap. O. 34, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses. [Amount appropriated, \$117.18.]

On motion by Alderman Tucker, the above ordinance was referred to the Committee on Police Department.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time :

Ap. O. 35, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$129,114.82.]

On motion by Alderman Tucker, the above ordinance was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts & Claims.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time :

Ap. O. 36, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis, on account of city election held May 3d, 1881. [Amount appropriated, \$691.75.]

Alderman Seibert moved to strike out the item "E. Crompton, stove and fuel for Tenth Ward election board, \$2.00."

Which motion was adopted.

The ordinance was then read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

A YES, 9—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

Ap. O. 37, 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, \$634.66]



And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

Ap. O. 38, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars for the payment of the compensation of the officers and members of the Fire and Police Departments of the city of Indianapolis.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time :

Ap. O. 39, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars on account of the Street Repairs Department of the city of Indianapolis.

Alderman Tucker moved to amend the above ordinance by striking out the amount \$10,000, and insert in lieu thereof the amount \$3,000.

Alderman Rorison moved to amend Alderman Tucker's motion, making the amount \$5,000.

Alderman Drew moved to lay the whole matter on the table.

Which failed of adoption by the following vote :

AYES, 3—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, and Seibert.

NAYS, 6—viz. Aldermen Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Tucker, and President Layman.

The question was then on Alderman Rorison's motion as an amendment; which failed of adoption.

Alderman Tucker's motion was also lost.

The ordinance was then read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

AYES, 5—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Rorison, Seibert, and President Layman.

NAYS, 4—viz. Aldermen Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, and Tucker

Alderman Rorison moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of placing G. O. 24, 1881, on its final passage.

Which motion was adopted, and the rules suspended by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen DeRuitter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

G. O. 24, 1881, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen DeRuitter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

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

The Committees on Judiciary, Ordinances and Rules, through Alderman Rorison, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

*Indianapolis, June 8th, 1881.*

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen*:—Your Committee on Judiciary, Mayor and City Attorney, to whom was referred the question as to the extent of the power of the Board of Aldermen to amend ordinances, beg leave to report that after a careful examination of the late city law, we are of the opinion that the Board of Aldermen have the power to amend any ordinance which may have been passed by the Council and sent to the Board for action thereon, provided such amendment does not so change the same as in effect to make it a new ordinance.

In reference to improvement ordinances, however, the ordinances of the city require that notice be given of the pendency of the same before action is taken thereon. The object of the notice is to inform the parties interested of the pendency of the ordinance, and give them an opportunity to be heard in opposition to the ordinance if they so desire, and the precedent has obtained for some time in the proceedings of the Council and Board *not* to amend an ordinance for public improvement in such a way as to increase the *cost* or *extent* of the improvement, and while in strict legal contemplation the Council or Board might amend after notice so as to increase the cost of the improvement, yet believing the precedent heretofore established in reference to amendments of this character to be a good one, we recommend that it be adhered to in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Brainard Rorison,  
W. H. Tucker,  
John Newman,  
Committee on Judiciary.

D. W. GRUBBS, Mayor.  
JOHN A. HENRY, City Attorney.

The Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage, through Alderman Seibert, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Streets & Alleys, to whom sundry papers were referred, respectfully report as follows :

1st. Is a report from your Committee on Railroads in reference to General Ordinance No. 21, granting Albert G. Porter the right to lay a railroad switch on and across South Pennsylvania street.

We recommend that the report be concurred in, and that the ordinance be passed.

2d. Is the report of the Board of Public Improvements.

We recommend that the report be concurred in.

3d. Is Special Ordinance No. 43, providing for the re-grading and re-bowldering of Meridian street, from Washington street to Louisiana street.

We respectfully report that the grade of this portion of Meridian street has been established by the city, and as this ordinance contemplates a change of the grade, we recommend that the city's portion of said improvement include the re-grading, and that the ordinance contain said provision.

4th. Is sundry motions in reference to safety-gates at various railroad crossings.

We recommend that the Board of Public Improvements confer with the Union Railway to arrive at a definite understanding with them.

5th. Is a motion instructing the Street Commissioner to lay plank crossings on the east side of Tennessee street, across the Union Railway and other tracks.

We recommend that the Marshal be ordered to notify the Indianapolis Rolling Mill Company, Terre Haute and Indianapolis Railway Company, and any other railway company that crosses the street at this point, to plank the crossing. The Union Railway Company report that their part of the work has been done.

Respectfully submitted,

Hiram Seibert,  
H. E. Drew,  
D. DeRuiter,  
Committee.

#### PENDING ORDINANCES.

G. O. 21, 1881, was taken up, and action thereon postponed until the next regular meeting.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

S. O. 64, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of the intersection of South street and Virginia avenue, from South street to Virginia avenue.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time :

S. O. 43, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for re-grading and re-bowldering Meridian street, from Washington street to Louisiana street.

Alderman Seibert moved to amend the above ordinance by inserting the words "and for re-grading such street," after the word "alleys," in the next to the last line of Section one, so as to read "and that the expense of improving such street as aforesaid (except so much thereof as is occupied by public grounds owned by said city bordering thereon, and for crossing the streets and alleys, and for re-grading such street.)"

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

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

S. O. 57, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for improving Meridian street, from New York street to St Clair street, by grading and graveling the roadway (with raked river grave,) and paving with stone the gutters thereof.

And it failed to pass by the following vote :

AYES, 1—viz. Alderman Newman.

NAYS, 7—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

S. O. 58, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for improving Meridian street, from St. Clair street to Seventh street, by grading and graveling the roadway (with raked river gravel) and paving with stone the gutters thereof.

And it failed to pass by the following vote :

AYES, 1—viz. Alderman Newman.

NAYS, 7—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time :

S. O. 66, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for improving New York street, from Delaware street to New Jersey street, by widening the sidewalks, curbing with stone the outer edges thereof, and bowldering the gutters.

Alderman Hamilton offered the following remonstrance to the above entitled ordinance :

*Indianapolis, May 7th, 1881.*

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

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on East New York street between Delaware street and New Jersey street, respectfully remon-

strate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the improvement of said street, to-wit, East New York street between Delaware and New Jersey streets.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Theophilus Parvin, 195 feet; The Connecticut Mut'l Life Ins. Co., by Jos. A. Moore, Fin. Agent, 60 feet; Moriel H. Holbrook, 195 feet; Mrs. Jane B. Taylor, 65 feet; German M. E. Church, by F. J. Rapp, 120 feet; Henry Coburn, 235 feet; Laura Ream, 60 feet; Helen M. Gibson, by Barnard & Sayles, Agents, 33½ feet; Maria McKee, by Dain & McCullough, 33½ feet; T. M. Rattler, 33½ feet.

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| Property line on north side of New York street, between Delaware and Alabama streets.....   | 354 feet.   |
| Property line on south side of New York street, between Delaware and Alabama streets.....   | 370 "       |
| Property line on north side of New York street, between Alabama and New Jersey streets..    | 390 "       |
| Property line on south side of New York street, between Alabama and New Jersey streets..... | 380 "       |
| Whole property line on two squares.....   | 1,494 feet. |
| Non-resident feet, 184.   |             |

Alderman Seibert presented the following communication :

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen* :—In reference to the ordinance, passed by the Common Council, for the improvement of New York street, between Delaware and New Jersey streets, I beg leave to submit the following :

1. The petition for said improvement is signed by parties owning 437 feet.
2. Mr. Henry Coburn, owning 235 feet, assured me that he was in favor of the improvement as proposed, and would not oppose it.
3. Rev. Jacob Rothweiler, pastor of the German M. E. Church, informed me that he had presented the matter to the Trustees of his church, and it was their wish that the improvement be made, and said they would not oppose it. They own 120 feet.
4. The Connecticut Mutual Life Ins. Co. own about 175 feet. The above parties representing over 950 feet.

With the above understanding I introduced the ordinance, which, after the regular time of advertising, was passed unanimously.

B. W. COLE, Councilman 10th Ward.

On motion, the above ordinance, and all petitions and remonstrances were referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

G. O. 17, 1881—An Ordinance to prohibit geese from running at large within the City of Indianapolis; and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 7—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS, 2—viz. Aldermen Mussmann, and Newman.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, and action postponed indefinitely:

Ap. O. 24, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$101.60, for the payment of judgment and interest in the case of John F. Redmend vs. The City of Indianapolis.

Alderman Drew, in behalf of a certain Special Committee on Garbage, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen*.:—Your special committee, to whom was referred the matter of the city's contract with A. Naltner for removing garbage, etc., respectfully report that section 3 of the garbage ordinance provides that the contractor for the removal of the garbage, etc., shall be under the direction of the Board of Health. Sections 3, 5 and 6 prescribe the duties of the contractor in reference to the removal of the garbage, etc., and the times and manner it shall be done. The Board of Health has informed your committee that the contractor has failed to carry out his contract under the provision of these sections of the ordinance, and say they do not believe that it is his intention to fulfill the requirements of the ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Drew,  
D. DeRuiter,  
Committee.

Alderman Tucker offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Attorney report to this Board, at its next meeting, if the several official Boards of this city are *legally constituted*.

Alderman Hamilton offered the following motions; which were adopted:

That the City Attorney prepare and have presented to the Common Council, at its next meeting, an ordinance providing for the impounding of all horses, cows, hogs, sheep, geese, etc., found running at large upon the streets or commons of the city, providing penalties, etc.

That the Street Commissioner report to the Common Council and this Board, on the first day of each month, the amount of money expended for street improvements in each ward of the city respectively, and in aggregate.

The members of the various Boards of the Council are respectfully requested (in order to facilitate city business), at the time they examine the accounts of their various Boards, to invite to be present the proper committees of this body.

Alderman Hamilton offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That after the first day of July, 1881, this Board will meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, and that the members of Board examine all accounts and ordinances introduced and acted upon at the previous meeting of Council and before each meeting of this Board.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

A Y E S, 6—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Tucker, and President Layman.

N A Y S, 1—viz. Alderman Seibert.

Alderman Newman presented the following communication ; which was referred to the Board of Health, with instructions to suppress the nuisance ;

*Indianapolis, Ind., June 1st, 1881.*

Mr. John S. Newman, Alderman 5th District :

*Dear Sir* :—According to your request I visited and inspected the establishment situated west of the Shaw Carriage Works, on the Belt Railroad, and found that it belongs to E. Rauh and Sons, and is denominated a "Fertilizing Hide and Pelt Works." The establishment is a large one, and has some 20 car loads of bones piled up, is filled with wet tankage from slaughter houses and lard and tallow factories. Their workmen informed me that they shipped material from nearly all over the United States. Several car loads of lard and tallow cracklings and other offal from slaughter houses were standing on the switch. They manufacture a large amount of fertilizing material, and are carrying on a large business. The place is very offensive and dirty, the smell is almost intolerable, and it is a much worse nuisance than I have seen elsewhere. They say that they have been running a year. How and when they procured a permit I do not know.

I think it would be well to inquire into the matter.

Very truly yours,

E. S. ELDER, M. D.,  
Pres. Board of Health.

Alderman Tucker offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That the several committees of this Board, to whom was referred the several Appropriation Ordinances, be, and are hereby, directed to report back to this Board said ordinances at the next meeting, and that each member of the several committees be called together by the Clerk of this Board at such time as may be stated by the head of such committees.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

JAMES T. LAYMAN, President.

Attest : GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.