

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—JULY 4, 1881.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber on Monday evening, July 4th, A. D. 1881, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Daniel W. Grubbs, Mayor, and, *ex officio*, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 19 members, viz: Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Dowling, Egger, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, and Yoke.

ABSENT—Councilmen Cowie, Coy, Dean, Fultz, Ward, and Weaver—6.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular sessions held June 6th and June 20th, 1881, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

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

(S. O. 9, 1881)—For grading and graveling Chadwick street and sidewalks, from McCarty street to Catharine street.

(S. O. 20, 1881)—For grading and paving with brick (where not already paved), the south sidewalk of St. Clair street, from Meridian street to Tennessee street.

(S. O. 25, 1881)—For grading and graveling Seventh street, and sidewalks, from Columbia avenue to Hill avenue.

(S. O. 28, 1881)—For grading and paving with brick (where not already paved), the east sidewalk of West street, from South street to Merrill street.

(S. O. 29, 1881)—For grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of West street (where not already paved), from Washington street to Kentucky avenue.

(S. O. 37, 1881)—For grading and graveling the alley between Union and Chestnut streets, from Hanway street to Hill street.

(S. O. 44, 1881)—For grading and bowldering Chesapeake alley, from Meridian street to Pennsylvania street.

(S. O. 64, 1881)—For grading and graveling the first alley east of the intersection of South street and Mirginia avenue, from South street to Virginia avenue.

(S. O. 66, 1881)—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.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

The Committee on Contracts, through Councilman Thalman, submitted the following report; which was referred to the Committees on Finance, Public Health and City Attorney:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred the matter of Naltner & Co., in regard to removing garbage, etc., respectfully report:

That we have examined the statement of expenses of doing the work, and believe them to be true. In view of the fact that the loss to the contractor is so great, and a petition from a large portion of our heaviest tax payers advises an increase (if such loss be true), we recommend that an increase of \$... be allowed for the first year. This extra allowance is no way to change or alter the contract now in force.

In view of this extra allowance, Mr. Naltner agrees to furnish the city with a dumping ground at his own expense, which, under existing contract, the city must furnish him. It will also enable him to more fully perfect his arrangements for removing the garbage.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Councilman Thalman presented the following petitions with the above report; which were referred, with the report, to the Committees on Finance, Public Health and City Attorney:

Indianapolis, June 24th, 1881.

To the Committee on Contracts:

Gentlemen:—In regard to the petition of Mr. Naltner, asking that his allowance be increased, I have to say that I am fully conversant with all the details of his business, and can say that I know that he is now losing some four hundred dollars per month; and that this loss is caused in part by the failure of the city authorities to give him that aid and assistance he should have. I believe the system a good one, and that it would be but just to the contractor and beneficial to the city, if his pay were increased for the first year to the sum of nine hundred dollars per month; and if such increase is granted, I believe that Mr. Naltner can do the work efficiently, and that all complaints will be stopped.

JOSEPH H. CLARK.

The above statement is true, and the facts set forth are known to us, and we believe the request should be granted.

GEO. W. HUSTON,
A. N. CLARK,

To the Committee on Contracts of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, tax payers of Indianapolis, have been made acquainted with the statements of Joseph Clark, and others, in regard to the city garbage contract. If the facts stated are substantiated in the minds of the committee and Council, the salary of the contractor should be increased. Such action would be a measure of economy on the part of the city, and would result in much benefit by way of cleanliness and health.

Sam'l. H. Hogshire, R. J. Conner, C. Schrader & Bro.,
L. A. Kiefer, Christian Brink, J. A. J. Cutting,
Geo. V. Thayer, R. R. Parker, Silas T. Bowen.

To the Committee on Contracts of the Common Council of Indianapolis:

3 *Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, tax payers of Indianapolis, have been made acquainted with the statements of Joseph Clark, and others, in regard to the city

garbage contract. If the facts stated are substantiated in the minds of the committee and Council, the compensation of the contractor should be increased. Such action would be a measure of economy on the part of the city, and would result in much benefit by way of cleanliness and health.

P. H. Fitzgerald, John Landers, N. N. Morris, Fred. Knefler, T. A. Kendricks, J. E. McDonald, Wm. H. English, W. C. Holmes, M. H. Wright, W. P. Ijams, J. H. Vajen, M. A. Downing, H. C. G. Bals, C. Karle, L. W. Hasselman, Frank Vajen, R. F. Kennedy, E. F. Claypool, F. A. W. Davis, Wm. P. Gallup, Franklin Landers, A. C. Grooms, Lewis Jordan, N. McCarty, J. P. Frenzel, A. Seidensticker, Edward Mueller, John Grosch, and 83 others.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

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

Indianapolis, July 4, 1881.

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 June, 1881, was \$165.91; of Policemen's witness fees, \$179 26; of fines due the city treasury, \$38.25, and of fines due the Home for Friendless Women, \$44.00—being a total of \$427.42, which amount I have paid to the City Treasurer, and filed his receipt therefor with the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. GRUBBS, Mayor.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

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

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

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

A first and final estimate in behalf of Michael Flaherty, for grading and graveling the west sidewalk of Shelby street, from Pleasant Run to the U. R., R. T. and S. Y. track.

1,091 lineal feet, at 16 cents.....	\$174 56
25 yards cinders at Pleasant Run, at \$1.00.....	25 00
	\$199 56

A first and final estimate in behalf 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.

1,058 lineal feet, at 17 cents.....	\$179 86
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A first and final estimate in behalf of J. W. Smith, for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Michigan street, from East street to Massachusetts avenue.

395 lineal feet, at 54 cents.....	\$213 30
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A first and final estimate in behalf of J. W. Smith, for grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of Buchanan street, from East street to Greer street.

306 lineal feet, at 37½ cents..... \$114 75

A first and final estimate in behalf of Michael Faust, for grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Railroad street, from Market street to Ohio street.

420 ⁶/₁₂ lineal feet, at 42 cents..... \$176 61

A first and final estimate in behalf of John L. Hanna, for grading and paving with brick (where not already paved), the south sidewalk of St. Marys street, from Fort Wayne avenue to Alabama street.

520 ⁸/₁₂ lineal feet, at 30 cents..... \$156 17

A first and final estimate in behalf 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.

55 ⁸/₁₂ lineal feet, at 75 cents..... \$41 75

A first and final estimate in behalf of Michael Faust, for grading and bowldering the gutters of Ohio street, and curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks thereof, from East street to Noble street.

1,991 ⁸/₁₂ lineal feet bowldering, at 38½ cents..... \$766 79

1,968 ⁴/₁₂ lineal feet curbing, at 42½ cents..... 836 50

\$1,603 29

A first and final estimate in behalf of Twiname, Amos & Co., and J. D. Hoss, assignee, for grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Park avenue, from Cherry street to Gregg street.

376 lineal feet, at 36 cents..... \$135 36

A first and final estimate in behalf of James Mahoney, for grading and bowldering the gutters of New Jersey street, from Virginia avenue to South street.

785 lineal feet of bowldering, at 37 cents \$290 45

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, 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 James Mahoney, for grading and bowldering the gutters of New Jersey street, from Virginia avenue to South 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, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Egger, Harold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

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 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, 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, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Egger, Harold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

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 Twiname, Amos & Co., J. D. Hoss, assignee, for grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Park avenue, from Cherry street to Gregg 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, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Egger, Harold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

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 partial estimate in behalf of Michael Faust, for grading and bowldering the gutters of Ohio street, and curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks thereof, from East street to Noble 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 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Egger, Harold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

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 John L. Hanna, for grading and paving with brick (where not already paved), the south sidewalk of St. Marys street, from Fort Wayne avenue to Alabama 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, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Egger, Harold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

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 Michael Faust, for grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Railroad street, from Market street to Ohio 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, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Egger, Harold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

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 J. W. Smith, for grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of Buchanan street, from East street to Greer 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, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Egger, Harold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

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 J. W. Smith, for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Michigan street, from East street to Massachusetts 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, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Egger, Harold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

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 Robert Kennington, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Delaware street, from Bicking street to the first alley north of 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, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Egger, Harold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

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 Michael Flaherty, for grading and graveling the west sidewalk of Shelby street, from Pleasant Run to the U. R. R. T. and S. Y. tracks, 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, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Egger, Harold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

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

Contract and bond of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the alley between Linden and Laurel streets, from Orange street to Willow street. Bond, \$500; surety, James Renihan.

Contract and bond of Charles S. Roney, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Alabama street, from Seventh street to the State Ditch. Bond, \$1,000; surety, A. Haywood.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The City Clerk submitted the following report:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit the following entitled affidavits, for the collection of street assessments by precepts, to-wit:

James Mahoney vs. J. Henry Kappes, for..... \$5 40
 James Mahoney vs. J. Henry Kappes, for..... 5 40
 John A. Whitsit vs Francis Dougherty, for..... 49 77

And recommend you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

On motion, the above report was concurred in, and the precepts ordered to issue by the following vote:

AYES, 16—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Egger, Harold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, and Yoke.

NAYS, 1—viz. Councilman Thalman.

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 June, 1881, viz:

Board of Health.....	\$286 00
City Assessor's Department.....	1,176 50
City Civil Engineer's Department.....	174 60
City Dispensary.....	235 19
City Hall.....	152 29
City Hospital and Branch.....	935 37
City Treasurer's per centage.....	2,410 53
Cisterns.....	146 97
Elections.....	689 75
Fire Department.....	3,662 76
Fountains	228 00
Garbage.....	450 00
Gas.....	5,186 54
Incidentals.....	215 06
Interest on bonds.....	8,144 00
Judgments and costs.....	7,512 70
Markets.....	9 75
Market-Masters' Fees.....	244 17
Parks.....	135 75
Police.....	2,027 50
Printing.....	634 66
Sewers.....	639 16
Station Houses.....	117 18
Street Improvements	2,599 80
Street Repairs.....	3,649 86
Street signs.....	100 00
Taxes refunded.....	147 65
Water rent.....	7,364 00
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	\$49,275 74
Tomlinson Estate (repairs, etc.).....	119 56
School fund.....	97,334 85
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Total.....

\$146,730 15

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

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

Report of Wm. G. Wasson, City Treasurer, for the Month of June, 1881.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand May 31st, 1881.....	\$408,700 88
From delinquent taxes.....	4,694 81
From auction licenses.....	10 00
From benefits.....	124 00
From dray licenses.....	3 25
From coal licenses.....	30 00
From dog licenses.....	2,113 50
From express licenses.....	31 00
From fines and fees.....	276 35
From hack licenses.....	12 00
From hucksters' licenses.....	39 00
From market rents.....	1,332 25
From market masters' fees.....	343 90
From peddlers' licenses.....	97 00
From promiscuous.....	69 40
From show licenses.....	220 00
From tapping sewers.....	13 00

\$418,110 34

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Board of Health.....	\$ 286 00
For City Assessor's Department	1,176 50
For City Civil Engineer's Department	175 20
For City Dispensary	235 19
For City Hall.....	152 29
For City Hospital and Branch.....	975 39
For City Treasurer's percentage	2,410 53
For cisterns.....	146 97
For elections.....	579 25
For Fire Department.....	3,398 19
For garbage.....	450 00
For gas.....	5,186 54
For incidentals.....	66 56
For interest on bonds.....	8,144 00
For markets	9 75
For judgments and costs	7,512 70
For parks.....	135 75
For Police.....	2,185 50
For printing.....	634 66
For School Fund.....	97,334 85
For Sewers.....	639 16
For Station Houses.....	136 78
For street improvements.....	2,576 83
For street repairs.....	3,846 36
For street signs.....	100 00
For taxes refunded.....	52 29
For Water rent.....	7,364 00
For market-masters' fees	244 17
For fountains.....	228 00
Balance on hand.....	271,726 93

\$418,110 34

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. WASSON, City Treasurer.

To JOSEPH T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The City Attorney submitted the following report; which was received, except as to the first clause, which, on further motion, was concurred in:

Indianapolis, July 4th, 1881.

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

Gentlemen:—I beg leave to submit the following report of decisions rendered during the past month in cases pending in the various courts:

The case of Theo. Deitz vs. The City et al., pending in the Superior Court, was tried by a jury and resulted in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff. This was an action to enjoin the city authorities from removing certain buildings which the plaintiff had erected in what was claimed to be a part of Railroad street, between St. Clair street and Massachusetts avenue.

The plaintiff proved a complete chain of title to the ground in controversy, and the city being unable to show any claim of right to the ground except user for a number of years, the court, on the authority of the case of Mansnr vs. Haughey, 60 Ind. 365, held this was not sufficient to establish a dedication, and directed the jury to return a verdict for the plaintiff. The case has been prepared for an appeal, but I do not think it advisable to further litigate the matter.

In the case of the Board of School Commissioners vs. Wiles et al., the Supreme Court has reversed the judgment of the Superior Court in General Term.

This was an action brought by the Board of School Commissioners to recover certain moneys alleged to have been retained by the City Treasurer as compensation for the collection of the school taxes.

The court holds that the City Treasurer is not entitled to retain any percentage out of the taxes assessed and collected for school purposes either upon current or delinquent taxes. The court further holds that it is the duty of the Common Council, under the 51st section of the charter, to provide a fixed salary for the City Treasurer and that a compensation in the way of a certain percentage on the amount collected is unauthorized by the charter.

A hearing has been had before the judge of the Federal Court on the application of the city for leave to make the receivers of the Indiana Central Railroad parties to the proceedings for the widening and extension of Dillon street. The evidence taken before the Master establishes the necessity for the opening of a street in the vicinity of the one proposed, but there was considerable diversity of opinion as to whether the route as proposed in the petition, that is in a direct line from Cedar street north to the Michigan Road, would make as good a street as it would to cross the tracks some two hundred feet west of that line, over and along what is known as Cruse street, and the court has entered an order requiring the receivers to relinquish to the city a strip of ground thirty feet wide from the Michigan Road to the crossing of the main track to widen Cruse street to a width of sixty feet, and also to procure from the P., C & St. L R R, an agreement to remove their switches from Cruse street, and failing to do so in thirty days, the city will have leave to make the receivers parties to her proceedings, and proceed with opening of Dillon street as proposed.

The case of Hannah J. Eaglan vs The City, pending in the Superior Court, has been tried by a jury and resulted in a verdict in favor of the city. This was an action wherein the plaintiff claimed \$25,000.00 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by slipping upon an accumulation of snow and ice, on West Washington street.

The case of Sabina Meek vs. The City, wherein the plaintiff claimed damages for slipping upon an ice pavement, has been dismissed and the action abandoned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. HENRY, City Attorney.

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

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

Gentlemen:—By direction of the Board of Aldermen I herewith submit and ask leave to introduce an ordinance to amend sections 3 and 4 of the Salary Ordinance.

Respectfully,

JOHN A. HENRY, City Attorney.

The following entitled ordinance, presented with the above report, was read the first time:

G. O. 31, 1881—An Ordinance to amend Sections three (3) and four (4) of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance providing for the compensations of the officers of the City of Indianapolis, and the officers and members of the Police and Fire Departments of said city for the year ending May 31st, 1882," ordained May 18th, 1881.

On motion, the above ordinance was referred to the Fire and Police Boards.

The Street Commissioner submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the amount of \$32.90 collected for dirt and old lumber sold, and turned the same over to the City Treasurer, and taken his receipt for said amount, and filed the same with the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. FULMER, Street Commissioner.

The Street Commissioner submitted the following report; which was received:

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

Gentlemen:—I have completed the work of planking the crossings of Virginia avenue, over the P., C. & St. L. R. R. Co.'s tracks, as per your order, at a cost of \$431.92, and made out a bill against said company for the same, and will turn it over to the City Attorney for collection.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. FULMER, Street Commissioner.,

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Fire Board, through Councilman Thalman, submitted the following report; which was received:

Indianapolis, June 17th, 1881.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Fire Board, to whom was referred a petition from most all the prominent business men of the city requesting the Board of Aldermen and Common Council to purchase a Chemical Fire Extinguisher, have investigated the utility of such an apparatus thoroughly by personal inquiry and correspondence with the Chief Fire Engineers of the principal cities now using them. We find that the opinion of all is highly favorable, and the saving of property from damage by both fire and water very great.

We therefore recommend that you authorize the Chief Fire Engineer and Fire Board to contract for one.

We also find that a new Hose Carriage is badly needed, and about 2500 feet of hose. Also ten (10) miles of telegraph wire to replace that which is worn out.

We recommend that you authorize the purchase of same, which will put the Department in first-class working order.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Thalman,
Phil Reichwein,
N. Yoke,
Fire Board.

The Board of Public Improvements submitted the following report; which was received, and the appointments confirmed:

To the Board of Public Improvements:

26 *Gentlemen*:—I herewith submit the following named persons for your approval and confirmation as Assistants in my Department: Rue Shawver and Wm. F. Fink.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—We recommend the confirmation of the above named persons as rodman and axman in said department.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

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

Gentlemen:—We herewith report expenditures of the Street Repairs Department for the month of June, 1881:

Pay-rolls.....	\$ 3,307 49
Blacksmithing.....	32 55
Boulders.....	86 64
Freight on stone.....	8 00
Gravel.....	59 10
Hardware.....	38 56
Lumber.....	46 94
Sewer pipe	3 00
Stone crossing.....	67 58

Total expenditures to July 1, 1881 \$3,649 86

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. FULMER, Street Commissioner

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

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

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

Gentlemen:—The following reports of the City Dispensary for the month of June, 1881, are respectfully submitted:

Number of Patients treated at Dispensary.....	256
Number of Medical cases at Dispensary	165
Number of Surgical cases at Dispensary.....	80
Number of Disease of Nervous System.....	9
Number of Disease of Eye and Ear.....	2
Number of Diseases of the Throat.....	0
Number of Out-door Patients treated	84
Number at Station House.....	11
Number at News Boys' Home	0
Total number of Patients treated during month.....	351
Total number of Visits made during month.....	263
Total number of Prescriptions filled during month.....	823
Number of Births during month.....	1
Number of Deaths during month.....	2

EXPENDITURES FOR MONTH.

C. A. Ritter, Superintendent.....	\$ 70 00
H. O. Pantzer, Assistant	41 66
F. M. Ferree, Assistant	41 66
S. B. Sperry, Druggist.....	30 00
W. A. & I. N. Pattison, drugs.....	54 05
Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke Co.....	1 20

Total expenditures for month..... \$238 57

C. A. RITTER, M. D., Superintendent.

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

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

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

	First Week.	Second Week.	Third Week.	Fourth Week.	Two Days.	Monthly Totals.
Number of paid Officers and Employes in Hospital	12					
Number of paid Officers and Employes in Branch.....	1					
Number of beds in Hospital	100					
Number of beds in Branch.....	10					
No. of adult patients in Hospital at beginning of week.....	46	53	52	52	84	46
No. of infant patients in Hospital at beginning of week.....	2	2	4	4	4	2
No. of adult patients received during week	11	8	13	12	2	46
No. of infant patients received or born during week.....	2	2	2	2	2	4
No. of adult patients discharged during week	4	9	13	15	3	44
No. of infant patients discharged during week.....				2		2
No. of adult patients who died during week.....				1	1	2
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.....						
No. of adult patients in Hospital at end of week.....	53	52	52	48	46	46
No. of infant patients in Hospital at end of week.....	2	4	4	4	4	4
No. of pay-patients at beginning of week.....						
No. of pay-patients at end of week.....						
Aggregate number of days of patients in Hospital.....	367	388	403	409	106	1673
Aggregate number of days of patients in Branch.....						
Aggregate number of days of employes in Hospital.....						393
Number of prescriptions filled.....						743
Total.....						

Total expenditures for month	\$ 978 19
Aggregate number of days subsistence furnished	2066
Average daily cost of each patient	58.4×cts.
Average daily cost for patients, officers, and employes.....	47.3×cts.

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

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

Report of Deaths in the City of Indianapolis, from the 15th day of June, to the 30th day of June, 1881—inclusive.

Under 1 year.....	39
1 to 2 years.....	4
2 to 5 ".....	3
5 to 10 ".....	5
10 to 15 ".....	2
15 to 20 ".....	3
20 to 25 ".....	3
25 to 30 ".....	6
30 to 40 ".....	6
40 to 50 ".....	5
50 to 60 ".....	3
60 to 70 ".....	6
70 to 80 ".....	2
80 to 90 ".....	1
90 to 100 ".....	0
100 and upwards.....	0
Unknown.....	0
Total.....	88

Respectfully,
E. S. ELDER, M. D., President.
W. E. JEFFRIES, M. D., Secretary.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

Indianapolis, July 4th, 1881.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Judiciary Committee, together with the City Attorney, to whom was referred sundry papers, report thereon as follows:

The first is the petition of W. H. Hearon, showing that on the 19th day of May, 1881, while driving east over the Michigan street fill, in the city, his horse shied to one side, thereby throwing his wagon down the embankment, in which were seated himself, wife and son. His wagon was badly broken, his harness all torn to pieces, while he and his family were more or less injured, resulting, however, in no permanent injury to any of them.

The petitioner asks that he be paid a reasonable compensation for the damages sustained.

Your committee recommend that he be paid the sum of two hundred dollars, in full satisfaction of all demand against the city on part of petitioner, his wife and son, and Mr. Hearon and his wife, each for themselves, and both of them for the son, on the receipt of said two hundred dollars, give the City Treasurer a release of

all cause of action, and receipt in full of all demands against the city on account of said accident.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Pritchard,
N. Yoke,
Judiciary Committee.

JOHN A. HENRY, City Attorney.

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

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Markets, to whom was referred the bid of John Edwards for the use of bill-board grounds on East and West Markets for one year, would state that we have received another bid from Harbison & Abrams for the same ground. The two bids are as follows:

John Edwards, for East Market grounds	\$15 00
“ “ “ West Market grounds.....	15 00
Harbison & Abrams, for West Market grounds.....	15 00
“ “ “ East Market grounds.....	21 00

Harbison & Abrams being the best bid, we recommend that they be granted the right of all the bill-board grounds at the East and West Markets, said bill-boards to be placed under the direction of the Market-Masters.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry J. Mauer,
Allen Caylor,
Committee on Markets.

The Committee on Ordinances, through Councilman Cole, submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and the City Attorney instructed to prepare an ordinance:

Indianapolis, July 4th, 1881.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Ordinances, to whom was referred the matter in reference to special sewer tax and sewer districts, report thereon as follows:

We recommend that we avail ourselves of the provisions of the recent act of the Legislature to levy a special sewer tax; but in view of the fact that the levy under the law must be general, we recommend that no sewer districts be made.

We suggest that the City Attorney be directed to draw an ordinance in accordance with this report.

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. Cole,
James A. Pritchard,
Committee on Ordinances.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read; and, on motion, the Common Council recessed from their former action:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Wednesday evening, June 22d, 1881, non-concurred in your action adopting the following motions:

“That Mr. Fred. Pflaeger, located and doing business at No. 401 East Washing-

ton street, be allowed to lay plank over the gutter in such manner as to not interfere with the flow of water therein, and in such manner that he can approach his place of business, under direction of the City Civil Engineer."

"That E. B. Dill be granted permission to fill sprinkling wagon from water plug on corner of Illinois and Seventh streets, in accordance with existing ordinances."

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

The following message was read:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Wednesday evening, June 22d, 1881, adhered to their former action, in the passage of S. O. 43, for improving South Meridian street, with the amendment, and request that a Committee of Conference be appointed.

Aldermen Tucker, Drew and Hamilton were appointed to act as the Aldermanic members of said committee.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

On motion, the Common Council adhered to their former action, and the request that a Committee of Conference be appointed, was granted, and Councilmen Thalman, Bryce and Hartmann were selected to act as the Council members of such committee.

The following message was read; and, on motion, the Common Council adhered to their former action:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Wednesday evening, June 22d, 1881, refused to pass and to grant the request for the appointment of a Committee of Conference to consider the passage of the following entitled ordinance:

"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."

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

The following message was read:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, June 22d, 1881, non-concurred in your action in passing the following entitled ordinance:

"S. O. 15, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick (where not already paved), the sidewalks of Oak street, from Massachusetts avenue to the first alley north of Cherry street."

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

On motion, the Common Council receded from their former action, and the ordinance, No. 15, 1881, was stricken from the files.

The following message was read; and, on motion, the Common Council receded from their former action:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Wednesday evening, June 22d, 1881, non-concurred in your action in ordering a Fire-Alarm Bell and Striker in Engine House No. 10, and reported against the recommendation that the Water-Works Company be directed to lay mains from corner of New York and Noble streets east to Davidson street; thence north to North street.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

Councilman Pearson offered the following motion; which was adopted, and Councilmen Pearson, Pritchard and Yoke appointed to act as members of such committee.

Later in the session, the above committee, through Councilman Pritchard, submitted the following report; which was unanimously adopted, by a rising vote:

Gentlemen:—The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis having just learned that our beloved President is rapidly sinking; Therefore,

Be it Resolved, That we are filled with horror at the awful crime of the assassin, and profoundly conscious of the great loss to the nation. Our warmest sympathies are with his beloved wife and family. May God bless them, and yet spare the life of the husband and father, and our honored President.

James A. Pritchard,
John R. Pearson,
N. Yoke,
Special Committee.

Councilman Bryce submitted the annual report of the Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch, for the year ending May 31st, 1880, and five hundred copies were ordered to be printed in pamphlet form; and the action of the Board of Aldermen in ordering five hundred copies printed in pamphlet form of the report of the Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch, for the year ending May 31st, 1881, was concurred in.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

This being the regular appropriation night, the following entitled Appropriation 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. 41, 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 Bedford:

Ap. O. 42, 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 Pearson:

Ap. O. 43, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis on account of Station-Houses.

By the Committee on Accounts and Claims, through Councilman Brundage:

Ap. O. 44, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

By the Committee on Printing, through Councilman Bedford:

Ap. O. 45, 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. 41, 42, 43 and 45, 1881, were severally read the second time, and ordered engrossed.

The following entitled ordinance was read the third time:

Ap. O. 41, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$2,153.40.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 16—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Dowling, Egger, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, Reichwein, Stout, and Thalman.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the third time:

Ap. O. 42, 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, \$978.19.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 16—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Dowling, Egger, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, Reichwein, Stout, and Thalman.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the third time:

Ap. O. 43, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses. [Amount appropriated, \$340.05.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 16—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Dowling, Egger, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, Reichwein, Stout, and Thalman.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time:

Ap. O. 44, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$17,036.34..]

Councilman Morrison moved that the claim of "Carter & Lee, lumber furnished for repairing crossing on Virginia avenue, at P., C. & St. L. Railway Co.'s tracks, \$318.27," be stricken out.

Which motion failed of adoption by the following vote:

AYES, 3—viz. Councilmen Brundage, Bryce, and Morrison.

NAYS, 13—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Caylor, Cole, Dowling, Egger, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Reichwein, Stout, and Thalman.

Ap. O. 44, 1881, was then ordered engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

AYES, 16—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Dowling, Egger, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, Reichwein, Stout, and Thalman.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the third time:

Ap. O. 45, 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, \$339.59.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 16—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Dowling, Egger, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, Reichwein, Stout, and Thalman.

NAYS—None.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

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

By Councilman Bryce:

S. O. 101, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the first alley east of Meridian street, from the south line of lot number six, square ninety-seven, south to Pogue's Run.

By Councilman Bryce:

S. O. 102, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering Georgia street, and curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street.

By Councilman Bryce:

S. O. 103, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering South street, and curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks, from Meridian street to Illinois street.

By Councilman Cole:

S. O. 104, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for curbing the sidewalks, and bowldering the gutters, of Lockerbie street, from East street to Liberty street.

The above entitled ordinance was accompanied by the following petition:

Indianapolis, June 30th, 1881.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Lockerbie street, between East street and Liberty street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for curbing sidewalks and bowldering the gutters on both sides of said Lockerbie street, from East street to Liberty street.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Sam'l H. Cobb,
John R. Nickum.

By Councilman Stout:

G. O. 32, 1881—An Ordinance to regulate and license the sale of intoxicating liquors in the city of Indianapolis, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to clean the gutters on Shelby street, from Prospect street to the first alley south.

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

That the Street Commissioner clean the gutters on Indiana avenue, from West street to Fall Creek.

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

That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to make a survey and prepare plat of Sullivan street and surrounding territory, showing width of said street.

Councilman Cole offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light :

That the lamp situated on the northeast corner of Vermont and Noble streets be re-lighted.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to repair with proper material, the sidewalk on south side of West Washington street, opposite No. 6 Engine House.

Councilman Knodel offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light :

That the Committee on Public Light be, and are hereby, instructed to dismantle the lamp at first alley on east side of Union street, south of Madison avenue, and re-light lamp on east side of Union street, at intersection of said street and on alley between Phipps and McCarty streets.

Councilman Mauer offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That Thomas Hart be placed on the pay-roll for one-half month's pay.

Councilman Morrison offered the following motion ; which failed of adoption ;

WHEREAS, The Council has on two separate occasions passed ordinances for the improvement of North Meridian street, and they have failed to pass the Board of Aldermen, and that the new members of this Council may know the character of the petitioners, etc., for the improvement of said street, I present the following:

Ordinances have been pending before this Council for more than two (2) years for the improvement of North Meridian street, and petitions and remonstrances have been filed before this Council for various kinds of improvements, and at a meeting of the property owners of said street, held at the St. Joseph street Reel House on the evening of July 31st, 1879, a committee was appointed to make a statement as to the condition of said street, consisting of A. W. Hendricks, E. F. Claypool, and R. L. McOuat, and in the report of said committee to the Council they say:

"It is not necessary to urge the fact that the portion of this street that was paved with wooden blocks a few years ago are *wretchedly* out of repair. This fact is *notorious*. That their immediate repair is a matter of urgent necessity seems to be conceded on all hands, and it is thought by many the decaying wood in these pavements must be prejudicial to health and that for this reason also they should be removed."

The petitions as presented for the improvement of said street, and signed by many of the very best citizens of this city, contain the following:

"That the blocks laid on said street some years ago have decayed and worn out, so that said street has become and is *impassable*, and is no longer used as a thoroughfare except to a very limited extent."

A petition was also presented to the Council on February 2d, 1880, by some of the most intelligent citizens and owners of real estate on said street, by ex-Councilman Van Vorhis, in which they say that the wooden blocks have decayed and worn out, and that said street has become impassable and is no longer used as a thoroughfare, and that the *miasma* arising therefrom greatly tends to produce dangerous diseases to persons living along the line of said street.

That the tendency of all wood, when put upon streets, is to rapidly decay, and cause the sickly *miasma* above mentioned, and thus tend to lessen the value of the property bordering the same in the market; that such improvements are most expensive and least durable that can be made in this city.

That said street, between Washington and New York streets, is now, and has been for about twenty years, improved by bowlders; that such improvement was made at a small cost, as compared with wood; that the same is now, and has been for several years, the only part of the street suitable and fit for use; while the cost of repairing the same has been quite small, if anything has been expended for that purpose.

Your petitioners therefore pray your honorable bodies to pass an ordinance for taking up said decayed and worn out wooden blocks, and replace the same with good substantial stone bowlders or broken stone pavement, of the full width of the street, from curb to curb."

Moved, That the Chair appoint a committee of seven (7) members of this Council for the purpose of having a consultation with the residents and property owners of said street as to the character of improvement now wanted, and that said committee, together with the City Civil Engineer and City Attorney prepare an ordinance for the improvement of said street as requested by the citizens, provided said committee think it for the best interest of the city, and that said ordinance be presented at the next meeting of this Council.

Councilman Morrison offered the following motion; which was referred to the Finance Committee;

Indianapolis, Ind., June 25th, 1881.

To the Hon. Mayor and Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to petition your honorable body that you release me from taxes assessed on the following worthless bonds and stocks:

Port Royal Harbor and Shipping and Improvement Company, fifty (50) shares, each, \$100.00.

Silver Stone Mining and Smelting Company, 2000 (two thousand) shares of \$10.00 each.

These stocks were assessed as \$10.00 shares by mistake.

Respectfully,

CHARLES D. PEARSON, SR.

Councilman Morrison offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That from and after this date any officer or person in the employ of the City of Indianapolis that shall sell or cause to be sold any article belonging to said city, it shall be the duty of said officer or person to report the amount and name of any article sold, to the City Treasurer, and take from said Treasurer his receipt for same; and it shall be the duty of all Officers and Boards to report the articles and amounts for which same was sold, at least once a month to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city, with City Treasurer's receipt for all cash paid.

Councilman Morrison offered the following motion; which, on motion by Councilman Dowling, was laid on the table:

The Hospital Board having reported that the present Hospital is inadequate for the purpose for which it is intended, and that the building is a discredit to the city and should be condemned—accompanying said report is a recommendation that the county and city build a Hospital jointly.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of five (5), said committee to include the members of the Hospital Board, for the purpose of having a consultation with the County Commissioners, and report what can be done looking to the erection and maintainance of a Hospital by the city and county in a more suitable location, and one that will be a Hospital in fact as well as name.

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

That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters on Second street, between Illinois street and Tennessee street.

58That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair sidewalk, with plank and brick, in front of Engine House No. 5, on Sixth street.

Councilman Pritchard offered the following motions; which were adopted:

That the Committee on Public Property be directed to collect all back and unpaid rents from tenants in possession of the Tomlinson Estate property, and on failure of tenants, in cases where more than two months' rent is due, to pay on demand, then the City Attorney be directed to bring suit at once for all rents due and unpaid.

That Charles E. Coffin be given permission to lay, at his own expense, brick sidewalks in front of his property, corner of Seventh and Pennsylvania streets, on Pennsylvania street and also on Seventh street, and that the work on both sidewalks be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That the City Clerk be directed to advertise for bids for doing the city printing in all departments.

Councilman Pritchard offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, with power to act :

That J. A. Victor be granted permission to grade by his own property, under the direction of City Civil Engineer, first alley south of Seventh street, running from railroad track west to Howard street ; work to be done at the expense of said J. A. Victor.

Councilman Pritchard presented the following petition ; which was referred to the Finance Committee :

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

Gentlemen:— We, the undersigned petitioners, desire to call your attention to the fact that the plat of land known as Myers and McClain's Subdivision of a part of the east half of the northwest quarter of section eighteen (18), township fifteen (15) north of range four (4) east, in Marion county, Indiana, situated southeast of this city, is not contiguous to any territory annexed to the city, and respectfully ask that you will order the same certified off of the tax duplicate of this city.

The Common Council passed a resolution in 1874 annexing this subdivision to the City of Indianapolis as contiguous territory (see Council Proceedings 1873-4, pages 1687 et seq, and also page 1842), when in point of fact it was not contiguous territory, and consequently the proceedings to annex was illegal, null and void. The land lies near a half mile beyond the present city limits, receives no benefit from city government, and should neither in law or equity be burdened with city taxation. Hence this prayer.

Yours respectfully,

Sarah J. Wheatley, Wm. B. Wheatley, Moses McClain,
Caroline McClain, Anna E. Bumbort and M. G. McLain,
by McLain & Baker, Atty's.

Councilmen Morrison and Egger were excused for the remainder of this session.

Councilman Reichwein offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Committee on Water :

That Chas. H. Wiese be granted permission to erect a water-plug, for sprinkling purposes, at the corner of Massachusetts avenue and Noble street.

Councilman Reichwein presented the following agreement ; which was referred to the Committee on Water :

Indianapolis, June 25th, 1881.

I do hereby agree and permit Chas. H. Wiese to place a watering plug on sidewalk opposite my property, corner of Massachusetts avenue and Noble street, and said Chas. H. Wiese to keep up repairs of said gutter.

HENRY GEISEL.

Councilman Knodel was excused for the remainder of this session.

Councilman Stout offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That Mrs. Allen be authorized to place curbing on the sidewalk immediately fronting her property, No. 81 College avenue, at her own expense, and stakes set by City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Committee on Public Light be directed to arrange with the Gas Company to at once change the round lamps on corners with square ones, to receive the street signs now being painted.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motions; which were referred to the Committee on Public Property:

That the attention of the Committee on Public Property be again called to the necessity of immediate boxing of the shade trees around Circle Park, in order to protect them.

That the Committee on Public Property be directed to report to this Council at next regular meeting, whether the rent has been paid for Washington street property belonging to Tomlinson Estate. Also, to report to this Council the location of each piece of property of said estate, and the rent collected on each separate property per month.

By consent, Councilman Weaver, in behalf of the Committee on Streets and Alleys, submitted the following report:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

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

1st. Is the petition of Minnie Despa and P. F. Igoe, for the vacation of the alley between lots No. 2 and 3, out-lot 53.

Recommend the prayer of the petitioners be not granted.

2d. Is S. O. 13, 1881, "An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of Laurel street, from the first alley south of Prospect street to Orange street," together with a remonstrance against and petition for said improvement.

Recommend said ordinance be passed.

3d. Is S. O. 77, 1881, "An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering and curbing the gutters of Vermont street (where not already properly bowldered or curbed), from Illinois street to Missouri street, together with the remonstrance against said improvement.

We have examined the line of the proposed improvement, and believe said improvement should be made. Therefore recommend that said ordinance be passed.

4th. Is the petition of Ernest B. Cole, Howard Cale and others, asking for the vacation of a certain portion of Fifth street, described in the accompanying resolution, which we submit herewith, and recommend the same be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

George Weaver,
B. W. Cole,
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The following resolution, presented with the above report, was referred, on motion by Councilman Dowling, back to the committee:

Resolved, That the petition of Ernest B. Cole, Howard Cale, George W. Snider, J. M. Judah, Trustees of Salem Chapel Sunday-school; Howard Cale, George W. Snider, William Henderson, J. M. Judah, Ernest B. Cole, for the vacating all that portion of Fifth street lying and situate east of Illinois street, in the City of Indianapolis, Marion county, and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the southeast corner of lot number six (6), in square or block number twenty-one (21), in James P. Drake's Addition to the City of Indianapolis, recorded in Plat Book No. 1, page 95, of the records in the Recorder's office of said Marion county; thence south fifty (50) feet; thence west one hundred and nine and a half ($109\frac{1}{2}$) feet to the east line of Illinois street; thence north fifty (50) feet to the southwest corner of said lot six (6); thence east along said lot six (6) to the place of beginning.

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.

On motion, the report was then concurred in.

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

S. O. 105, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the south half of the roadway of Brinkman street, from Rural street to Baltimore avenue.

Councilman Cole, in behalf of a certain Special Committee, submitted the following report:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Special Committee, to whom was referred G. O. 26, 1881, "An Ordinance to provide for the appointment of an Inspector of Public Works," etc., recommend that said ordinance be not passed, and submit the accompanying resolution in lieu thereof, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. Cole,
Jas. T. Dowling,
Committee.

The following resolution was submitted with the above report :

Resolved, That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, authorized to employ in his Department a suitable person, from the 15th of July to the 15th of November, 1881, whose duty it shall be, under the direction of said Engineer, to carefully inspect and superintend all public work or improvements contracted for or ordered by the city, and such material used as are provided for in the contract, plan or specifications governing said work, and immediately report any failure therein to said Engineer; and to further assist in all work connected with said department. Such person shall be competent to perform said duties, and term of employment to expire at any time previous to November 15th, 1881, at the pleasure of said Engineer, and to receive as compensation for said work the sum of \$..... per month.

Councilman Cole moved that the compensation be fixed at \$100.00 per month.

Councilman Pritchard moved that the compensation be fixed at \$50.00 per month; which failed of adoption.

Councilman Bryce moved that the compensation be fixed at \$75.00 per month; which was adopted.

On further motion, action on the resolution was postponed.

Councilman Yoke offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Marshal and Police Force be, and are hereby, directed to file against all owners who allow their geese to run at large within the city limits, and that such parties be first notified.

Councilman Yoke offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Public Property:

That the Committee on Public Property be, and are hereby, directed to remove, within the next twenty days, the fence enclosing Circle Park; also the fence enclosing University Park.

Councilman Yoke presented the following remonstrance; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Fletcher avenue, between Cedar street and Dillon street, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the improvement of said street, as contemplated in S. O. 100, 1881.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Dr. B. Atkinson, 60 feet; E. E. Baker, 60 feet; J. S. Surby, 30 feet; E. A. Conda, 30 feet; Mary Updike, 30 feet; Mrs. Margaret Mather, 30 feet; Amelia Franzman, 30 feet; Mary J. Wolfe, 30 feet; Chas. H. Deane, 30 feet; A. J. Malone, 40 feet; Florence Byrkit, 30 feet; Caroline J. Quesser, 30 feet; Mary A. Denton, 40 feet; Mary L. Lamb, 30 feet.

Councilman Dowling offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Committee on Public Property be instructed to allow and permit the use of Southern Park on Thursday, July 21st, for the Gardeners' Association.

Councilman Pritchard moved that when this Council adjourns, it adjourn to meet on next Friday evening.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

DANIEL W. GRUBBS, Mayor,
President of Common Council.

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