

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—SEPTEMBER 19, 1881.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, September 19th, A. D. 1881, at half-past seven 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, Caylor, Cole, Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, Pearson, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, and Weaver.

ABSENT—Councilmen Bryce, Cowie, Coy, Pritchard, Ward, and Yoke—7.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session held September 5th, 1881, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication; which was received, and Councilmen Weaver, Stout and Hartmann, were appointed by the Chair to act as members of a special Committee on Insecure Buildings:

Indianapolis, September 19th, 1881.

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of the Trades Assembly of this city, held on Monday, September 12th, 1881, the following resolutions were adopted; and such action is requested as to your honorable bodies may seem necessary and proper.

Very respectfully,

D. W. GRUBBS, Mayor.

WHEREAS, The members of this Assembly view with anxiety and apprehension the condition of many ill-conditioned and cheaply constructed buildings in this city; and,

WHEREAS, We deem such structures as dangerous to human life in their hazardous chances of falling to pieces, and also as productive of peril to other property in case of fire, therefore,

Resolved, That the President appoint a Committee on Insecure Buildings, whose duty it shall be to co-operate with the Chief Fire Engineer, or other officers delegated by the city authorities, in the inspection of any and all structures that may properly come under the head of insecure buildings.

Resolved, That said committee shall report from time to time their investigations to this Assembly, that the result of their labors may go into the proceedings of the Assembly as a matter of record.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the Mayor of the City of Indianapolis, to be by him submitted to the Board of Aldermen and Council, with the request that they decide upon such action as may be necessary to accomplish the ends herein desired.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication; which was received:

Indianapolis, September 19th, 1881.

Hon. D. W. Grubbs, Mayor of the City of Indianapolis:

Dear Sir:—I beg hereby to report that \$1,616.50 have been forwarded to E. Carleton, Chairman of the Relief Committee, Port Huron, Mich. This amount covers the collection of the committees appointed to canvass the city, viz:

Messrs Closser and Thalman.....	\$429 50
Messrs. Lilly and Gray.....	391 50
Messrs. Pritchard and Pattison.....	100 50
Messrs. Gall, Fraser and Frenzel	695 00
Total.....	\$1,616 50

Very respectfully,

J. R. FRENZEL, Treasurer.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

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

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

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

A first and final estimate in behalf of John Schier, for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of West street, from South street to Merrill street:

749 $\frac{15}{100}$ lineal feet, at 42 cents..... \$315 05

A first and final estimate in behalf of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Bates street, from Concordia street to Benton street:

370 lineal feet, at 20 cents \$74 00

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 John Schier, for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of West street, from South street to Merrill 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, 15—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Caylor, Cole, Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Knodel, Koller, Morrison, Pearson, Reichwein, Thalman, and Weaver.

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 James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Bates street, from Concordia street to Benton 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, 15—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Caylor, Cole, Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Knodel, Koller, Morrison, Pearson, Reichwein, Thalman, and Weaver.

NAYS—None.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read; which was received, the contracts concurred in 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 J. D. Hoss, for curbing the sidewalks and bowldering the gutters of Loekerbie street, from East street to Liberty street. Bond, \$800; surety, David R. Marshall.

Contract and bond of Henry C. Roney, for grading and graveling Eddy street and sidewalks, from Norwood street to Merrill street. Bond, \$800; surety, C. S. Roney.

Contract and bond of Fred Gansberg, for grading and bowldering the gutters of West street, from Washington street to Indiana avenue. Bond, \$5,000; surety, Richard Carr and John Schier.

Contract and bond of Samuel Keers & Co., for grading and graveling Seventh street and sidewalks, from Columbia avenue to Hill avenue. Bond, \$2,800; surety, Hamilton Bailie.

Contract and bond of W. J. Freaney, for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes) on Louisiana street, from Alabama street to East street. Bond, \$300; surety, Henry Wetzel.

Contract and bond of Michael Faust, for grading and bowldering New Jersey street, and curbing with stone (except where already eurbed), the outer edges of the sidewalks thereof, from Washington street to the south line of lot No. 5, Yandes & Wilkins' subdivision of square No. 62. Bond, \$2,000; surety, Christian Buehhorn.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The City Clerk submitted the following report :

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

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

Henry Clay vs. Christian F. Miller, sr., for.....	\$57 52
Henry Clay vs. Christian F. Miller, sr., for.....	26 00
Henry Clay vs. Christian F. Miller, sr., for.....	26 00
Henry Clay vs. Milton Thornburgh, for.....	26 00
Henry Clay vs. Milton Thornburgh, for.....	26 00
Henry Clay vs. Milton Thornburgh, for.....	26 00
Henry Clay vs. Catharine Harrison, for.....	26 00
Henry Clay vs. First National Bank of Danville, Illinois, for.....	26 00
Henry Clay vs. First National Bank of Danville, Illinois, for.....	26 00
Henry Clay vs. First National Bank of Danville, Illinois, for.....	26 00
Henry Clay vs. First National Bank of Danville, Illinois, for.....	26 00
Henry Clay vs. James C. and M. E. Pratt, for.....	26 00
Henry Clay vs. John D. Brown, for.....	26 00
Henry Clay vs. Benjamin M. Gregory, for.....	26 00
Henry Clay vs. F. W. Miller (Christian name unknown).....	26 00
William Morrison vs. Dorman Davidson, for.....	5 95
Fred Richter vs. W. P. Carter, for.....	31 65
Fred. Richter vs. W. P. Carter, for.....	31 65
R. P. Dunning and James W. Hudson vs. Augustus Turner, deceased, (D. D. Long, guardian) for.....	42 52
R. P. Dunning and James W. Hudson vs. Augustus Turner, deceased, (D. D. Long, guardian) for.....	42 52
R. H. Patterson vs. Edith Morris, for.....	34 80
R. H. Patterson vs. Edith Morris, for.....	34 80
R. H. Patterson vs. R. M. Heiston (Christian name unknown), for.....	60 09
R. H. Patterson vs. Samuel C. Hanna, for.....	5 23
R. H. Patterson vs. Wiley J. Brown, for.....	74 73

And recommend that 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, 17—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Caylor, Cole, Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, Pearson, Reichwein, Stout, and Weaver.

NAYS, 1—viz. Councilman Thalman.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman Dean, submitted the following report; which was received and the several recommendations concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom sundry papers were referred, would report thereon as follows:

1st. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to repair the south Tennessee and Illinois street bridges across Pogues Run; and build approaches to the south Tennessee street bridge over the gutters on both sides of the bridge, as the said bridge is in a dangerous condition, owing to the height of the gutters.

Recommend the approaches be built; replanking all ready ordered.

2d. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to clean the gutters of Madison avenue, between Merrill and McCarty streets.

Recommend the work be done.

3d. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair the sidewalks around the East Market.

Recommend that the Committee on Markets have this work done.

4th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to place a double stone crossing across McCarty street, on the east side of Illinois street.

Recommend the work be done.

5th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to repair Howard street, from Second street north to Fifth street, by placing a coat of gravel thereon.

Recommend the chuck-holes be filled only.

6th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to remove the gutter pipes on Illinois street, at the intersection of Fifth and Sixth streets, and place in lieu thereof bowldered gutters.

Recommend the work be done.

7th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to repair the old wooden bridge across the canal near Sixth street, placing the same in good and safe condition.

The work has been done.

8th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to fill chuck-holes on north Alabama street, between Morrison and Seventh streets.

Recommend the work be done.

9th. Is a motion that Mr. Morris be granted the right to put down a sink in the alley in the rear of his house, No. 244 Bellefontaine avenue.

Recommend the permit be not granted.

10th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to place a culvert at the intersection of the first alley east of Virginia avenue and South street, so that alley may be used.

Recommend the work be done.

11th. Is a motion that the Board of Public Improvements be requested to make their report on the motion referred to them in reference to correcting the grade of the gutters of Massachusetts avenue, between Liberty and Noble streets.

We see no remedy for these gutters until a sewer is made in this locality. A part of the trouble comes from pumps on the sidewalks.

12th. Is a motion 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.

Recommend that the City Civil Engineer be directed to do the work.

13th. Is the matter of placing safety gates on streets at the crossings of the Union Railway Company's tracks.

We have been informed by the Superintendent of said company that arrangements have been made for the purchase of said gates for the several crossings.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Report of Deaths in the City of Indianapolis, from the 31st day of August, to the 15th day of September, 1881—inclusive.

Under 1 year.....	23
1 to 2 years.....	11
2 to 5 ".....	4
5 to 10 ".....	2
10 to 15 ".....	4
15 to 20 ".....	0
20 to 25 ".....	3
25 to 30 ".....	5
30 to 40 ".....	2
40 to 50 ".....	3
50 to 60 ".....	1
60 to 70 ".....	8
70 to 80 ".....	3
80 to 90 ".....	1
90 to 100 ".....	0
100 and upwards.....	0
Unknown.....	1
Total.....	71

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

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Finance Committee, through Councilman Pearson, submitted the following estimates:

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

Gentlemen:—We submit the following as the estimated expenses of each department of the City Government for the fiscal year ending with the 31st day of May, 1882, to-wit:

Board of Health.....	\$2,500 00
Bridges.....	2,500 00
City Assessor's Department.....	3,000 00
City Engineer's Department.....	2,500 00
City Dispensary.....	3,000 00
City Hall.....	2,500 00
City Hospital and Branch.....	10,500 00
City Treasurer's percentage.....	5,000 00
Cisterns.....	3,000 00
Elections.....	700 00
Fire Department.....	70,000 00
Fountains.....	300 00
Garbage.....	5,400 00
Gas.....	62,500 00
Incidentals.....	2,000 00
Interest on bonds.....	139,670 00
Judgments and costs.....	12,000 00
Markets.....	300 00
Market Master's fees.....	2,000 00

Parks.....	1,300 00
Police.....	50,000 00
Printing.....	5,800 00
Salary.....	21,805 00
Sewers.....	15,000 00
Southern Park	1,500 00
Station Houses.....	3,000 00
Street Improvements	15,000 00
Street openings and vacations.....	200 00
Street repairs.....	30,000 00
Street signs	300 00
Taxes refunded.....	500 00
Tomlinson annuity.....	7,000 00
Tunnels.....	00 00
Water rents (100 fire plugs off).....	27,000 00
Insurance.....	00 00
Total.....	\$507,775 00
Estimated revenue for the year	\$500,000 00
Estimated expenses for the year.....	507,775 00

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Hamilton,
 Aldermanic Finance Committee.
 John R. Pearson,
 E. H. Koller,
 Isaac Thalman,
 B. Ward,
 Council Finance Committee.

Councilman Morrison, in behalf of the Board of Public Improvements, presented the following communication:

We, the undersigned members of the Board of Public Improvements of the City of Indianapolis, would most respectfully enter our protest against what we deem the unwarranted reduction in the estimate made by this board for the Street Repair Department by the Committee on Finance. The reduction made by said committee in this case was much larger than in any other department of the city government; and, in the opinion of this board, the citizens and tax-payers of this city do not approve of such reduction, and are now, and have been, demanding that the streets of this city be maintained in a better manner than can be done by the amount allowed by the committee. And we now ask that this Council make the amount of said estimate not less than the amount expended last year, which amount will be a reduction on what this board estimated should be expended of over ten thousand dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Councilman Thalman moved that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

Councilman Morrison moved that the communication of the Board of Public Improvements be approved.

Councilman Pearson moved that Councilman Morrison's motion be laid on the table.

Which motion to lay on the table was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Caylor, Cole, Hartmann, Mauer, Pearson, Reichwein, Thalman, and Weaver.

NAYS, 9—viz. Councilmen Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Knodel, Koller, Morrison, and Stout.

The estimates as presented by the Finance Committee were then approved.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the matter relative to the city advertising and the delinquent list for the year ending May 31st, 1882, would respectfully report that we have advertised for bids for the same, and the following bids were received:

Saturday Review, 28 cents per square for advertising, and 25 cents for each description.

Indianapolis Times, 25 cents per square, and 15 cents per description.

Indianapolis Journal, 21 cents per square, and 20 cents per description.

Saturday Herald, 15 cents per square, and 12 cents per description.

The People, 8 cents per square, and 9 cents per description.

Indianapolis Republican, 5 cents per square, and 8 cents per description.

Previous to the opening of bids, the following motion was unanimously adopted by the committee:

“That the committee do not award the contract to any paper with a less circulation than 4,000.”

The circulation of the People and Republican being less than 4,000, their bids were not entertained. The Herald and Review did not certify to their circulation, and their bids could not be entertained. The circulation of the Times being 6,500 and the Journal 7,000, the committee are of the opinion that the Journal is the lowest and best. We recommend that it be awarded the contract.

At the same time bids were also received for bill posting, Harbison & Abrams and John Edwards being the only bidders.

Harbison & Abrams being the lowest and best bidders, we recommend they be awarded the contract.

We herewith submit the bond of Harbison & Abrams for your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

C. T. Bedford,
Edgar Brundage,
John W. Fultz,

Committee on Printing.

Councilman Bedford presented the following contract and bond; which were received, the contract concurred in and the bond approved:

THIS AGREEMENT, Made and entered into this 19th day of September, 1881, by and between Harbison & Abrams, of Marion county, Indiana, of the first part, and the City of Indianapolis, said county and state, of the second part,

Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part does covenant and agree to do the work of posting city bills in accordance with the laws and ordinances governing such matters, and to the satisfaction of the said party of the second part, through her proper committees and city officers, at the prices fully set forth in their certain bid hereto attached, marked “Exhibit A,” and which bid is made a part of this contract.

This contract to continue and be in force from the 19th day of September, 1881, to and including the 31st day of May, 1882, and until a new contract shall be awarded for doing the above described work.

For the City of Indianapolis, HARBINSON & ABRAMS.
D. W. GRUBBS, Mayor.

EXHIBIT "A."

Indianapolis, September 15th, 1881.

To the Printing Committee:

Gentlemen:— We propose to do the bill posting for the City of Indianapolis for the following prices:

Notices to contractors, per street or number, 20 cents each.

Street improvement notices, including German poster, 11 to each street, 20 cents per street or number.

Election notices, per ward, precinct or district, 15 cents each.

Quarter sheet posters, per hundred, 50 cents.

Half sheet posters, per hundred, 60 cents.

Whole sheet posters, per hundred, 75 cents.

All the above work to be performed to the satisfaction and under the direction of the proper city officers.

HARBINSON & ABRAMS, Bill Posters.

Know all men by these presents, That we, Alexander Harbison, Milton Abrams, Henry Jordan, R. S. Foster and W. G. Wasson, of the County of Marion and State of Indiana, are held and firmly bound to the City of Indianapolis, in the penal sum of five hundred (\$500) dollars, the payment whereof, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, firmly by these presents.

The conditions of this obligation are such that if the above bound Harbison & Abrams shall faithfully comply with the foregoing contract, and fulfill all the conditions and stipulations therein contained, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law.

Witness our hands and seals this 19th day of September, 1881.

[Seal.]

HARBINSON & ABRAMS.

[Seal.]

HENRY JORDAN.

[Seal.]

R. S. FOSTER.

[Seal.]

W. G. WASSON.

By consent, Councilman Morrison presented the following petition; which was received, and the prayer granted:

Indianapolis, September 19th, 1881.

To the Board of Aldermen and City Council:

Gentlemen:—The following named persons, Messrs. W. C. DePauw, E. F. Claypool, J. W. Murphy, H. B. Hibben and Mrs. N. J. Burford, owning property on Meridian street, between New York and Vermont streets, do now petition your body to grant them the permission of constructing a sewer for the use and benefit of their property, as hereinafter described.

They intend to construct a sewer in accordance with plan and profile prepared by your City Engineer. The main branch is to extend east along the center of the alley between New York and Vermont streets, from the Illinois street sewer to the center of the first alley east. At the intersection of the alleys between New York and Vermont, Meridian and Illinois streets, they propose building a man-hole, of regulation size and construction. The branch sewers, beginning at the man-hole, running along the centers of the alleys north 150', east 112', south 92'6".

For the construction of said sewer the parties above named propose to pay all expenses, and that the city will not be called upon to pay any part thereof.

Hoping for an immediate and favorable reply,

In behalf of the above named parties,

E. H. KETCHAM.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, September 12th, 1881, non-concurred in your action of August 15th, 1881, on sundry and various petitions for the refunding of taxes (see page 500, *ante*), and recommended that no interest or cost be refunded; only the amount paid in each case.

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 action of the Board of Aldermen was approved.

The following message was read; and the matter as set forth therein was referred to the City Commissioners:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, September 12th, 1881, concurred in the following recommendation:

“That the matter of improving Highland street, from Washington street to Ohio street, under S. O. 75, 1879, be referred to the City Commissioners, with instructions to report back the amount of benefits and damages, if any, to property holders on said street, that will accrue by said improvement, under the plan submitted by the City Civil Engineer, and adopted by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, December 6th, 1880”

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, Monday evening, September 12th, 1881, non-concurred in your action granting a certain petition of Wm. G. Wasson, relative to the taxes of John Coburn; but further recommended that, in case said Coburn did tender the tax within thirty days after the same became delinquent, under the circumstances set forth in said petition, that he be relieved of the ten per cent. penalty only.

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 concurred in the action of the Board of Aldermen.

The following message was read:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, September 12th, 1881, adhered to their former action

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in non-concurring in the following recommendations of the Board of Public Improvements:

"3d. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to clean the gutters of Tennessee street, between South and Merrill streets.

Recommend the work be done."

"6th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, ordered to repair Mississippi street, from Washington street to North street.

Recommend the work be done."

"15th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner place a few loads of gravel in a low place in the first alley north of St. Clair street, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets; the same to be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Recommend the work be done."

"16th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to re-gravel Huron street, from Dillon street to Virginia avenue.

Recommend the chuck-holes be filled."

"27th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean gutters of Michigan street, between Alabama and Delaware streets.

Recommend the work be done."

"28th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to clean gutters on Wabash street, between East and Noble streets.

Recommend the work be done."

"29th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to fill the chuck-holes on Christian avenue, between College avenue and Bellefontaine avenue.

Recommend the work be done."

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

Councilman Pearson moved that the Common Council recede from their former action as to the sixteenth clause, and adhere to their former action on the balance of the clauses.

Which motion was adopted.

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, Monday evening, September 12th, 1881, non-concurred in your action in concurring in your recommendation of the Fire Board, that a 1200-barrel fire cistern be built on the corner of East street and Lincoln lane.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

The following message was read; and, on motion, the amendments, with the ordinance, were referred to the Committee on Public Light:

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, September 12th, 1881, amended G. O. 42, 1881, the Electric Light ordinance, and the same is herewith submitted, with the various amendments.

For the Board of Aldermen :

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business the following entitled ordinances were read the first time :

By Councilman Cole :

G. O. 52, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for the re-organization of the Police Board, Fire Board, Hospital Board, Dispensary Board, and Board of Public Improvements, of the City of Indianapolis.

By Councilman Dowling :

G. O. 51, 1881—An Ordinance for the protection of travelers, passengers and baggage, and for the preservation of order in and about the Union Depot, in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana.

By Councilman Fultz :

S. O. 148, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, and curbing with stone (where not already paved and curbed), the east sidewalk of West street, from Merrill street to McCarty street.

By Councilman Koller :

G. O. 54, 1881—An Ordinance requiring the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railway Company, and Indianapolis, Peru & Chicago Railway Company, to employ and station a flagman at the point where the tracks of said companies cross east Market street.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Caylor offered the following motion; which was laid on the table:

That this Council pass no more street improvement ordinances unless accompanied by a majority of property owners petitioning for said work.

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

That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters on Blake street, between Elizabeth and North streets.

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

That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to re-light lamp-post on northeast corner of Noble and Vermont streets.

Councilman Dean offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That Messrs. Johnson & Erwin have permission to lay a double stone crossing across south Meridian street, in front of their place of business, work to be done at their own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

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

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to set the grade stakes, and the Street Commissioner be directed to do the work, and again grade and gravel Garden street, between Eddy and Tennessee streets; said street having been graded and graveled two years ago by ordinance, and stakes set by the City Civil Engineer, and now Eddy street has been bowldered and is much higher than Garden street.

Councilman Egger offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner notify the Citizens Street Railway Company to fill the center of their tracks on Virginia avenue, from South street to its southern terminus, so as to conform to the established grade of the street; if the said work is not done in thirty days, that the Street Commissioner proceed to do the work, and collect the cost thereof from said railway company.

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

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, instructed to re-advertise for bids for laying gas mains and erection of posts on Morris street, from Meridian street to Decotah street, and to continue to advertise until bids are received for doing the work.

Councilman Fultz offered the following motion; which was adopted:

28 That F. H. Rosch be permitted to pave with brick the sidewalk in front of his place of business, at Nos. 333 and 331, on the corner of Morris and Decotah streets; the work to be done according to stakes set by the City Civil Engineer.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to clean the gutters of New York street, between Noble and Pine streets.

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

That the Street Commissioner be directed to re-grade east Georgia street, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets.

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

That the Street Commissioner place six-inch drain pipe in the gutter on north side of St. Clair street, between Illinois street and the first alley west, and connect the same with the sewer.

Councilman Pearson offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That A. G. Craft be granted permission to re-pave the sidewalk in front of her property on the west side of Tennessee street, between Pratt and First streets; the same to be done at her own expense under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

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

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters of north New Jersey street, from Wabash street to Ohio street.

Councilman Reichwein presented the following petition; which was received, the prayer of the petition granted, and the petitioner instructed to comply with all ordinances on this subject:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owner of the real estate situate at the corner East and Washington streets, in the City of Indianapolis, would show to your honorable bodies that he is desirous of putting down a driven well in front of his said premises on East street, in the sidewalk. The well, when put down, will be of great benefit and advantage, not only to the occupants of said premises, who have no other means of supply, but to the public as well, by furnishing an abundant supply of pure water. He therefore prays you honorable bodies to grant him the necessary permission to at once proceed in the construction and maintenance of said well.

JAMES JOHNSON.

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Councilman Stout offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Fire Board be directed to have Delaware and Alabama streets sprinkled from Washington street to the Exposition grounds, during the week of the State Fair, without any expense to the city.

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

To the Members of the City Council, and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned pray you to vacate that part of Madison street adjoining lots 28 and 31 inclusive, and so much of the first alley north of Madison street as adjoins lots 1, 2, 3, 28, 29 and 30, all in Hanna heirs' addition to the City of Indianapolis. The part desired vacated is marked in green on the accompanying plat, and has never been used as a thoroughfare, nor is it required for public convenience. This vacation is asked so that the surrounding ground may be used for manufacturing purposes.

F. M. Churchman, S. J. Fletcher, J. F. Holt.

Councilman Thalman presented the following remonstrance; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements, with the ordinance, S. O. 143, 1881:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of over one-half the real estate on English avenue between Dillon and Linden streets, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of the pending ordinance for the paving with brick of the sidewalk and the bowldering of the gutters of said avenue. It is only a few years since the said street and sidewalks were graded and graveled, and until the question of sewage of that street and vicinity is settled, no such permanent improvement as that contemplated by the pending ordinance should be made.

Very respectfully,

Tim Sheehan, 60 ft.; Michael Carey, 30 ft.; John Blettner, 95 ft.; Douglas Riley, 90 ft.; George Martin, 30 ft.; Wm. H. English, 691 ft.; John S. Spann & Co., agents for Stone Witt estate and Taylor estate, 150 ft.

Councilman Weaver offered the following motion; which was adopted:

To grant permission to James A. Mitchel to lay a plank crossing over the sidewalk on the west side of Columbia avenue, near Home avenue.

Councilman Weaver offered the following motion:

That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair the road-bed of Brookside avenue with wooden blocks, where the chuck-holes have made the road unsafe for travel.

Councilman Weaver moved that the above motion be adopted.

Which motion failed of adoption by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Councilmen Dowling, Fultz, Hartmann, Knodell, Koller, Reichwein, Stout, and Weaver.

NAYS, 9—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Caylor, Cole, Harrold, Mauer, Morrison, Pearson, and Thalman.

The motion was then referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

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

That the City Marshall notify Mr. Lewis Nicoli to cut down a dead forest tree on lot 13, Butler's addition, as it endangers the dwelling house directly south of said lot.

PENDING ORDINANCES.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time:

G. O. 50, 1881—An Ordinance to repeal an ordinance granting to M. H. Wright the privilege of erecting and maintaining a slaughtering and grease rendering establishment on the west side of White River, being General Ordinance No. 4, 1881.

Councilman Dean moved to refer the above ordinance to the Board of Health.

Councilman Dowling moved to lay Councilman Dean's motion on the table.

Which motion, to lay on the table, was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 11—viz. Councilmen Caylor, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Reichwein, and Weaver.

NAYS, 8—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Cole, Dean, Morrison, Pearson, Stout, and Thalman.

Councilman Dowling moved that the ordinance be engrossed.

Councilman Morrison moved to refer the ordinance to the Committee on Public Health and City Attorney.

Which motion to refer was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Caylor, Cole, Dean, Harrold, Morrison, Pearson, Stout, and Thalman.

NAYS, 9—viz. Councilmen Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Reichwein, Weaver.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

DANIEL W. GRUBBS, Mayor,

President of the Common Council.

Attest: JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.