

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
MONDAY, JUNE 17TH, 1867, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, Daniel Macauley, in the chair,
and the following members:

Councilmen Brown, Burgess Coburn, Colley, Davis, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—15.

Absent—Councilmen Cottrell and Schmidt—2.

The proceedings of the regular session held June 10th, 1867, and of the adjourned sessions held on the 11th, 12th and 14th of June, 1867, were read and approved.

His Honor, the Mayor, announced that the special order for the evening was the appointment of Registers for the several Wards, and offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following named persons be, and are hereby, appointed Boards of Registry in the severals Wards of Indianapolis, in accordance with "An act to provide for the registry of voters, and to declare their residence, and to punish fraudulent practices touching elections, and defining the duties of certain officers therein named, and the form of the ballots, and providing compensation for the services of such officers," approved March 11th, 1867.

First Ward—Wm. H. Craft, J. M. W. Langsdale and George Durham.

Second Ward—Andrew Brouse, Samuel C. Adams and Matthew Hartman.

Third Ward—Wm. R. Blake, Charles C. Campbell and John F. Ramsey.
Fourth Ward—Henry Cox, Jerry A. Weakly and Samuel Taggart.
Fifth Ward—G. W. Allred, John Costello and Edwin Byrkit.
Sixth Ward—Geo. Koeniger, William Boaz, Sr., and Frederick Klise.
Seventh Ward—James Robinson, Val. Rothrock and A. Naltner.
Eighth Ward—Hiram Seibert, Wm. M. Graham and Frederick Jasper
Ninth Ward—Chas. Many, John B. Stumph and Thomas Amos.

Mr. Davis moved that the name of Wm. Boaz be stricken from the list.

Mr. Loomis moved to lay the motion on the table.

Mr. Davis called for the ayes and noes.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Burgess, Coburn, Colley, Goddard, Jameson, Loomis, MacArthur and Seidensticker—8.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Davis, Geisel, Henschen, Kappes and Woodburn—6.

So the motion to lay on the table was adopted.

Mr. Loomis made a demand for the previous question.

The ayes and noes being taken, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Burgess, Coburn, Goddard, Loomis, MacArthur and Seidensticker—6.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilman Brown, Colley, Davis, Geisel, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes and Woodburn—8.

So the demand for the previous question was not sustained.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Burgess, Coburn, Colley, Davis, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—13.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown and Geisel—2.

So the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Davis moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of receiving the reports of the Auditor and Civil Engineer.

The question being on the suspension of the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Burgess, Coburn, Colley, Davis, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Seidensticker and Woodburn—12.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Loomis, MacArthur and Stanton—3.

So the motion to suspend the rules was adopted.

The City Auditor made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 17, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The City Auditor would respectfully report the following:

1st. Contract and bond of the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Bluff Road, between McCarty and Ray streets.

2d. Contract and bond of Joseph Bernauer & John Bly, for grading and graveling New York street and south sidewalk, between Alabama and New Jersey streets.

3d. First and final estimate allowed James Rollings and John Huffer, for grading and graveling the alley running east and west, between Elm and Huron streets, from Cedar street to the first cross alley.

4th. First and final estimate allowed Wm. Kown, for grading and graveling the alley running east and west through out-lot No. 175, between Delaware and Alabama streets.

First and final estimate allowed the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co., for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Pennsylvania street and Madison Avenue, between South and McCarty streets.

Respectfully, JOHN G. WATERS, *City Auditor.*

Which was concurred in, and bonds approved.

The City Auditor offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed James Rollings and John Huffer for grading and graveling the alley running east and west between Elm and Huron streets, from Cedar street to the first cross alley, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Wm. Kown for grading and graveling the alley running east and west through out-lot 175, between Delaware and Alabama streets, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company, for erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on Pennsylvania street and Madison Avenue, between South and McCarty streets, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The ayes and noes being called under the Charter, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Burgess, Coburn, Colley,

Davis, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—15.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolutions were adopted.

The City Civil Engineer made the following reports :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 10, 1867.

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

In complying with your order I herewith make the following report:

Upon examination I find that the lamp-posts on New Jersey street, between Louisiana and South streets, are 85 feet apart, which makes six posts to the square. Under the present arrangement of lighting the City, 4 posts to the square, is the number required, except on Washington street, where six is the number provided for.

Also, permit me to submit Messrs. McHenry & Carson's letter in reference to gas burners.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, *Civil Engineer.*

CINCINNATI, June 4, 1867.

R. M. Patterson, Esq.:

DEAR SIR:—Owing to the burners having been ordered to be made of iron, we have had to order the castings from the East and have not yet received them. They are promised to us this week, and if we get them we will fit them up and ship them without delay.

Yours respectfully,

McHENRY & CARSON.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 17, 1867.

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

Permit me to report the following work finished according to contract:

The Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company for erecting lamp-posts and fixtures on Bluff Road, between McCarty and Ray streets.

Two corner posts at \$35,	-	-	-	-	-	\$70 00
Four intermediate posts at \$33,	-	-	-	-	-	132 00
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$202 00

Also, on north side of South street, between East and School streets.

Two intermediate posts at \$33 per post,	-	-	-	-	\$66 00
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Also, on Delaware street, between Ohio and New York streets.

Two posts at \$33 per post,	-	-	-	-	\$66 00
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Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, *Civil Engineer.*

Which were concurred in.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Mr. Brown presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 17, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, citizens and gardeners living in the city and the suburbs thereof, would respectfully request your honorable body to pass an ordinance to this effect.

1. To prohibit the selling of vegetables to grocery stores, or by grocery keepers, hucksters, or Commission Merchants, to any one, between the hours of 4 o'clock, A. M., to 12 o'clock, M., during market hours, and that the several Markets be kept open from 4 o'clock A. M. to 12 o'clock M., each day, according to the Rules and Regulations adopted by the City Council regulating Markets.

2. We furthermore, for the benefit of supplying the workmen of this City with fresh and wholesome vegetables on Sunday, ask to have a Saturday evening Market from 4 P. M. to 7 P. M., at each Market House.

3. The object is to have healthy and sound vegetables sold only to the citizens, and to create, and keep up, just as good a Market as they have in other large cities, and which under the above regulations, we are able to do.

Very respectfully, yours,

John Frost, Pres't Gardeners' Association,
C. Gompf, Secretary,
Henry Weghorst, Treasurer,
Peter Off, Vice President,
Jacob Traub,
And 36 others.

Esq. Coulon, being called upon, made a few remarks in favor of the petition.

The petition was referred to the Committee on Markets, with instructions to prepare an ordinance.

Mr. Coburn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 3, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We the undersigned property holders on Meridian street, between Ohio and New York streets, petition your honorable body to bowlder said street and curb the edges of the sidewalk with Flat Rock stone, between the points named, and as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

J. H. Vajen,
Jas. C. Ferguson,
F. P. Rush,

W. Henderson,
James M. Ray,
And 5 others.

Which was received.

Mr. Coburn introduced special ordinance No. 45—1867, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the bowldering of Meridian street, between the south side of Ohio street and south side of New York street, and that the sidewalks be curbed with Flat Rock stone,

Which was read the first time by its title, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Coburn presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 17, 1867.

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

The Indianapolis, Peru and Chicago Railway Company is the owner of 441 feet of ground fronting on the west side of Noble street, between Washington and Maryland street, in said city. That there is an ordinance now pending before your honorable body, to grade and bowlder that portion of Noble street situate between Washington and Maryland streets aforesaid, and inasmuch as that portion of said street is in quite as good, if not better condition than any other portion thereof, and that the public interest does not require any such improvement at the present time, said company respectfully remonstrates against the passage of said ordinance.

Indianapolis, Peru and Chicago Railway Co.,
By DAVID MACY, Pres.

Which was received without reading.

Mr. Coburn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 17, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, your petitioner, respectfully represents that in filling up the City Assessor's blank of his taxable property, real and personal, for the year 1866, upon which the tax of this city was assessed against him, through a misunderstanding and mistake, he included in said list, personal property belonging unto and owned by him, to the amount and value of \$1,200, said personal property being brick in kiln and brick making utensils and materials, which was then, and is now, owned and kept by your petitioner outside of the corporate limits of this city; that your petitioner has paid all of his city tax, which was levied upon his property, upon the aforesaid statement, excepting \$18, the amount of tax upon the above mentioned \$1,200 worth of personal property, owned and kept outside of the corporate limits, as aforesaid: that since paying said tax, except said \$18 your petitioner has received from the Treasurer of this city, notice of his delinquency unto the city, for taxes in the above amount of \$18, and your petitioner shows that other manufacturers of brick, of this city, owning and keeping their personal property of the above description outside of the corporate limits of this city, do not pay taxes upon the same unto the city of Indianapolis, for it is well established in law, that a municipal corporation has no control of personal property of that character, to tax, when without its corporate limits, and your petitioner, heretofore, never has returned property of that description to the city for taxation, and never will again, unless so ordered by law, and shows as above, that it was solely through mistake that said property was returned, as aforesaid. Wherefore your petitioner respectfully asks and requests, that immediate attention may be given this matter by your honorable body, and that he may be relieved from paying unto the city of Indianapolis, said tax of \$18, upon said \$1,200 of personal property, as before described.

J. C. ADAMS.

Which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Coburn offered the following motion :

That the Marshal be instructed to have City Offices cleaned and white-washed, and he is directed not to expend more than twenty-five dollars for the same.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Geisel offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the Peru and Chicago Railroad Company to plank the crossing at the first alley south of St. Clair street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Goddard offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner attend to the finishing of filling up of mud hole half finished by the chain-gang, and finish cleaning out the gutters on South West street.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Goddard, also, offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner order that John Kusic place a sink near his pump on South West street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Henschen presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 17, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN :—Your petitioners, owners and occupants of property situated on Harrison street and in the immediate vicinity, would respectfully represent unto your honorable body that said Harrison street is the only thoroughfare leading immediately to our several properties, and, at present, it being in a very rough condition, and during the wet seasons of the year almost impassable, our own convenience and comfort, as well as that of the public we believe, demand that the same be graded and graveled. Wherefore, we most urgently ask that this matter may receive your immediate attention, and that you may order the grading and graveled of said Harrison street its entire length, from Noble street to the Corporation line of the city on the east.

Christian Pope,
H. Behrent,
Patrick Lynch,

G. L. Strang,
Mrs. Nagel,
And 9 others.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Dr. Jameson presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 17, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN :—Your petitioner would respectfully ask that the City Auditor be directed to certify off the taxos due on the sum of \$5,250 assessed against me through a mistake, having made out two statements, one on the 12th day of February, 1866, in which I gave the sum of \$3,640 personal property, and the other statement on the 24th day of April, 1866, for the sum of five thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

On the 12th day of February, 1866, I had deposited in bank the		
sum of	- - - - -	\$3,000 00
Household furniture, wagons, &c., amounting to	- - - - -	640 00
Total,	- - - - -	\$3,640 00

Which is the correct amount for which I was taxable.

Since the 12th day of February, 1866, I took the money out of bank and purchased goods, &c., for the same, so that, through a mistake, I gave a statement of my personal property to the Assessor a second time.

JOHN PEABODY.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 14th day of June, 1867.

JOHN W. COONS, Not. Public.

Which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Dr. Jameson offered the following motion :

That the Marshall be directed to enforce the ordinance in reference to maintaining sinks in connection with street wells.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kappes presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 17, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned property holders on Massachusetts Avenue, in the City of Indianapolis, respectfully remonstrate against the graveling of the said Avenue, between the east side of New Jersey street and the east side of Liberty street, for the following reasons, to-wit:

The expense for graveling said Avenue will be so great that we cannot pay for the same, being all property holders of moderate and limited circumstances, and unable, during the present year, to satisfy the assessment that will be made for such street improvement against us.

And we therefore pray that your honorable body will postpone such improvements on said Avenue until times get better, &c.

John E. Kingsbury,

William Schmidt,

Mary A. Inse,

J. Van Houten,

John Brown,

And 4 others.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Loomis offered the following motion :

That the City Auditor and Civil Engineer is hereby directed to correct the estimate for grading and graveling the alley running north and south in square 85, between East and Noble streets, wherein H. L. Lewis is charged for 45 feet front and owns only 21 feet front, the remaining 24 feet being owned by the I. and C. R. R. Co., and the same not having been improved in any way whatever.

Which was referred to the City Auditor and Civil Engineer.

Mr. Loomis offered the following resolution :

Resolved. That the following Order of Business shall be adopted by the Common Council, and be in force from and after its adoption :

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading of the Journal, (if called for.)
2. Petitions and Remonstrances.
3. Reports from Special Committees.
4. Reports from Board of Public Improvements.
5. Opening of Bids and Proposals for Public Improvements.

6. Awarding of Contracts.
7. Introduction of Ordinances.
8. Ordinances on Second Reading and Engrossment.
9. Passage of Ordinances.
10. Reports from Standing Committees in the order of their appointment.
11. Board of Police.
12. Reports from City Officers in their order.
13. Motions.
14. Resolutions.
15. Unfinished Business.

(Clerk to perfect the foregoing list and print the same for the use of the Council.)

Which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. MacArthur offered the following motion :

That Thos. J. Bracken and H. A. Elliott be permitted to grade and gravel the first alley west of Bright street, adjacent to their property, at their own expense, and that the City Civil Engineer be instructed to set the proper grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Seidensticker presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 17, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned citizens of Indianapolis, beg leave to address this to you in reply to the remonstrance in regard to grading and graveling New York street east of Winston street to the Corporation line.

When we asked the Council, about four months ago, to build a bridge across Pogue's Run, as we wanted to erect a Starch Factory there, many citizens petitioned to grade and gravel the street up to the Corporation line, only one square, as the railroad track is supposed to be level with the street, and now about five feet off the ground, the bridge is level with the track, and therefore a hole of five feet deep and about ten feet wide exists. It is at present impassable at all, either to get across the track or to use the bridge.

The Bellefontaine Railroad and Mr. Edward King, their Treasurer, reasoned in the remonstrance that as we were building outside of the Corporation line we alone would have the benefit of the street and bridge.

Gentlemen, is the Bellefontaine Railroad a citizen of Indianapolis? Mr. E. King is not, but we are, and when we employ 20 men in our Factory they will be citizens of Indianapolis.

Let the citizens of the Ninth Ward ask the question, when the petition of the Peru and Bellefontaine Railroads to build another track there, if these Railroad Companies were citizens?

Does not the Bellefontaine Railroad ask now your honorable body to abandon some streets and alleys in the Ninth Ward? Will the Council, for the sake of the Bellefontaine Railroad, abandon the whole of the city east of the Bellefontaine Railroad track? For the benefit of the city we hope not, as there is no crossing from Market street to the north-east corner of the Corporation line on Massachusetts Avenue.

New York street will certainly be graded and graveled, it only being a question of time, and now we offer all the dirt we can spare out of our cellar to be put on the street, which made the bids as low as \$1.18 per foot.

We are very anxious to commence building, therefore we beg that the report of the Board of Public Improvements may be listened to, and ask, for

our benefit as well as for that of the city, that the petition to fill the road, enabling us to get across the railroad track and Pogue's Run, be granted.

We are, very respectfully,

Your obedient servants,

UNION PEARL STARCH CO.,
Per EDWARD MILLER.

Which was laid over.

Mr. Seidensticker presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 17, 1867.

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

In the last regular meeting of the Common Council the ordinance making tax levies for 1867 was called up, on motion of the undersigned, for the purpose of final action.

After several amendments had been offered, and considerable discussion had taken place, the undersigned, after repeated notice of his intention, moved the previous question. This being almost unanimously declined, the inference was reasonable that final action was not desired, and I asked and obtained leave of absence, as I felt severely unwell.

Afterwards, the ordinance having been changed, so as to make the assessment of \$1.15 on \$100 was pressed to a vote and passed.

Feeling a deep interest in the financial affairs of the city, I am compelled to ask for the privilege of still recording my vote upon said ordinance. If this request is granted, I ask that my vote be recorded in the negative upon the passage of the ordinance, as I do not believe a tax levy of \$1.15 sufficient for meeting the calls which will be made upon the city finances, and the reduction of the city debt.

Respectfully,

A. SEIDENSTICKER.

Which was received.

Mr. Stanton presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 17, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your petitioners respectfully represent that they are the owners of a majority of the ground fronting on the west side of Blackford street, between New York and Vermont streets, and they respectfully ask that your honorable body declare the contract entered into with R. M. Patterson, in November last, to grade and gravel the sidewalk on west side of said street, between Vermont and New York streets, forfeited and no force and effect, and this your petitioners will ever pray.

H. M. Gae.

E. Hollowell,

Harvey Gipson.

Which was granted.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean out the culvert on both sides of Illinois street at its crossing with Maryland street.

Mr. MacArthur offered the following amendment :

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to remove all the private crossings on South Illinois street.

Which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following invitation :

KNIGHTSTOWN, June 8, 1867.

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

SIRS:—The Comrades of Indiana tender you their compliments, and would be gratified to have you with them on the coming Fourth of July, to participate in the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the "Soldiers' Home," at Knightstown.

WM. HANNAMAN, Prest. Board Trustees.

MILTON PEDEN,

O. M. WILSON,

Committee of Invitation.

Which was accepted and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

Sealed proposals were then opened and read by the City Clerk, and referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Seidensticker offered the following motion :

Whereas the stringers for the bridge on Liberty street are already on the ground, and have been purchased by the city, therefore resolved that the Engineer be instructed to modify his specification accordingly.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Loomis offered the following motion :

That the matter of building bridges on and along Pogue's Run be referred to the Board of Public Improvements and City Attorney, with instructions to inquire as to whether the Railroad Companies are not bound to do a part of said stone and wood work, and, if so, what part.

Which was adopted.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS.

Mr. MacArthur, from the Board of Public Improvements, made the following report :

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, June 10, 1867. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements to whom the matter was referred, would respectfully report to your honorable body, that we have examined the remonstrance of E King and others in regard to the grading and graveling of New York street, and have been to see the locality and find that the bridge across Pogue's Run will be of no practical use unless said street is improved, but in the face of the remonstrance cannot with justice recommend that the work be done, and would respectfully refer the entire subject back to the Council.

That the petition of S. Kahn & Bro., to erect hitching posts in front of the German Dry Goods Store, be allowed provided they erect iron ones.

Respectfully,

JNO. B. MACARTHUR, }
C. F. SCHMIDT, } *Board.*
SAMUEL GODDARD, }

Which was concurred in, with the condition that the hitching posts be connected by means of a chain or cross bar.

Mr. MacArthur, from the Board of Public Improvements, made the following report :

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, June 10, 1867. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom the matter was referred, would respectfully report to your honorable body that we respectfully recommend the following, viz :

On the petition of Jas. H. McKernan, President of the White River Iron Company, the City Civil Engineer be instructed to set the proper grade stakes on Kentucky Avenue.

Also, that the City Civil Engineer set the proper stakes so as to drain the south end of East street, and that the Street Commissioner be instructed to do the work as soon as the stakes are set.

That the culvert on Union street be rebuilt, it having fallen in and of no use as it is, and that the Street Commissioner be instructed to immediately repair it.

Also, that the Rolling Mill Company be notified to raise their track on Tennessee street so as to conform with the grade of the street.

Respectfully,

JNO. B. MACARTHUR, }
 C. F. SCHMIDT, } *Board.*
 SAMUEL GODDARD, }

Which was concurred in.

In reference to the last paragraph of the report, Mr. Seidensticker offered the following motion :

That the report of the Board of Public Improvements on raising the Tennessee street track in connection with the different injunction suits in reference to Pogue's Run and Tennessee street, be referred to the City Attorney and Finance Committee, with instructions to settle the difficulty if possible.

Which was adopted.

Mr. MacArthur, from the Board of Public Improvements, also, made the following report :

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, June 17, 1867. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom the bids were referred, would respectfully report to your honorable body that we find that Richard Carr is the lowest bidder for the grading and graveling of New York street and sidewalks, between Winston street and the Corporation line east, his proposal being \$1.18 cents per lineal foot on each side of the street.

Also, that Dan. Mahony is the lowest bidder for the grading and graveling of Michigan street, between Noble and Davidson streets, his bid being 37½ cents per lineal foot on each side of the street.

Also, that S. W. & R. H. Patterson are the lowest bidders for grading and graveling of Blake street and sidewalks, between New York and North sts., their bids being 72 cents per lineal foot on each side of the street.

Also, that the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company are the only bidders for the erection of lamp-posts and fixtures on Tennessee street, between Washington and Ohio streets, and on School street, between South and Huron streets, their proposal being \$33 for the light patterns, and \$35 for the heavy pattern of lamp-posts.

We would respectfully recommend that the contracts be awarded to the above named parties.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. B. MACARTHUR, } *Board.*
SAMUEL GODDARD. }

On motion, the first paragraph of the report, relating to the grading and graveling of New York street, between Winston street and the Corporation line, was laid upon the table, and the remainder of the report was concurred in.

Mr. Davis moved to reconsider the vote laying the first paragraph of the report upon the table.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Stanton moved to postpone any further consideration of the matter until the next meeting.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Loomis presented the official bond of August Richter, Street Commissioner, giving as security William Richter—penalty of bond \$1,500.

Which was received and approved.

On motion by Mr. Colley the Council adjourned until Thursday evening, June 20, 1867.

DANIEL MACAULEY, *Mayor.*

ATTEST:

D. M. RANSELL, *City Clerk.*