

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
MONDAY, JULY 8TH, 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 :

Messrs. Brown, Coburn, Colley, Cottrell, Davis, Geisel, Goddard,
Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and
Woodburn—14.

Absent—Councilman Burgess, Schmidt and Stanton—3.

The proceedings of the regular session held July 1st, 1867, and of
the adjourned session held July 2d, 1867, were read and approved.

Business was resumed in the order in which it was left off at the
last regular meeting, viz. :

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Streets and Alleys, made the
following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 8, 1867.

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

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition
of William Franklin, report in favor of granting the prayer of the petition.

AUSTIN H. BROWN,
Chairman Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Goddard, from the Committee on Gas Light, presented the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 17, 1867.

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

The committee, to whom was referred the petition of L. VanLaningham and others for the erection of lamp-posts and fixtures on North street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets; also, petition of G. Schurmann and others, for the erection of lamp-posts and fixtures on Michigan street, between Pennsylvania and Meridian streets, report herewith against both petitions. North street is well graded and graveled, and has sufficient light from the corner lamps of Illinois and Tennessee streets; also has Michigan street sufficient light from corner lamps of Pennsylvania and Meridian streets.

Your committee is against lighting any cross street this year, except streets where there are business houses or much travel at night.

C. F. SCHHIDT,
SAMUEL GODDARD, } *Committee.*

Which was laid on the table.

Mr. Goddard, from the Committee on Gas Light, also, presented the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 17, 1867.

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

The committee, to whom the petition of E. Locke and others, praying this Council for the laying of gas mains upon California street, reports herewith in favor of the petitioners, and that the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company is hereby instructed to lay down the proper mains upon said California street whenever the petitioners execute the proper bond provided for in the gas ordinance.

C. F. SCHMIDT,
SAMUEL GODDARD, } *Committee.*

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Kappes, from the Committee on Printing, introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 38—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of the City Printer,

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

Mr. Kappes, from the Committee on Benevolence and City Hospital made the following report :

INDIANALOLIS, July 8, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN :—Your committee beg leave to introduce the monthly report of the Superintendent of the Hospital, together with an ordinance appropri-

ating moneys for the payment of sundry claims on account of City Hospital for the month of June, 1867, amounting to \$428.12 cents.

The vouchers accompany this report.

Respectfully,

J. HENRY KAPPES, }
W. H. LOOMIS. } *Committee.*
HENRY GEISEL, }

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Kappes introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 39—1867, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims on account of the City Hospital for the month of June, 1867,

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

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Auditor made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, July 8, 1867.

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

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

1st. First and final estimate allowed William and John Cogill for grading and graveling Lord street and sidewalks, between Noble street and the west line of Coe's subdivision.

2d. Contract and bond of S. W. & R. H. Patterson for grading and graveling Blake street and sidewalks, between New York and North streets.

3d. First and final estimate allowed Wm. Kown for grading and graveling South street and sidewalks, except where the same have been heretofore improved, between Alabama and East streets.

Respectfully,

JOHN G. WATERS, *City Auditor.*

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed William & John Cogill for grading and graveling Lord street and sidewalks, between Noble street and the west line of Coe's subdivision, 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 question being on the adoption of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Cottrell, Davis, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Wm. Kown for grading and graveling South street and sidewalks, except where the same have been heretofore improved, between Alabama and East 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 question being on the adoption of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Cottrell, Davis, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

On motion, the contract and bond of S. W. & R. H. Patterson was approved.

The City Civil Engineer made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, July 1, 1867.

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

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

William Kown, for grading and graveling South street, between Alabama and East streets.

Length on north side of street,	- - - - -	898 ft. 2 in.
Length of south side of street,	- - - - -	930 ft.

Total on both sides,	- - - - -	1828 ft. 2 in.
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At 45 cents per lineal foot,	- - - - -	\$822 67
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Length of north sidewalk,	- - - - -	776 ft. 4 in.
Length of south sidewalk, from New Jersey to East street,	- - - - -	420 ft.

Total length of sidewalk on both sides,	1196 ft. 4 in.	
At 20 cents,	- - - - -	239 26

Total amount for street and sidewalks,	- - - - -	\$1,061 93
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Also, that I have examined the grade of Washington street at the crossing of the Bellefontaine Railroad, and find that the top of the track is one inch below the grade of the street, running the grade from East street according to the profile, and that the street in the center on the west side of the track is four inches below grade, and on the east side of the track six inches above grade.

Also, I herewith submit the profile of Kentucky Avenue, from West street to the River, for your inspection.

Also, the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company for erecting lamp-posts and fixtures on Tennessee street, between Washington and Ohio sts.

One corner post, at	- - - - -	\$35 00
Four intermediate posts, at \$33,	- - - - -	132 00

Total,	- - - - -	\$167 00
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Also, on School street, between South and Huron streets.

One corner post, at	- - - - -	\$35 00
Two intermediate posts, at \$33,	- - - - -	66 00

Total,	- - - - -	\$101 00
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Respectfully, R. M. PATTERSON, *Civil Engineer.*

Which was concurred in,

The ex-City Treasurer presented the following report :

OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER,
Indianapolis, July 8, 1867. }

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

The City Treasurer would submit the following yearly report of the receipts and disbursements, from March 20, 1866, to March 20, 1867, inclusive:

RECEIPTS.

Current Tax collected.....	\$269,777 50
Delinquent Tax collected.....	35,477 85
Licenses collected.....	3,696 25
Fines collected.....	6,546 22
Printing on Precepts.....	162 40
Loan from W. R. Nofsinger.....	40,000 00
Market Rents.....	1,195 05
Part of balance from English, former Treasurer.....	4,129 76
From City Clerk, licenses for former years.....	1,147 95
Interest on U. S. Bonds.....	109 50
From Dr. Woollen, Hospital Fund.....	105 78
From Chief Fire Engineer on sale of old engine.....	234 00
From Chief Fire Engineer for rent and pumping water.....	52 50
Orders and cash in exchange for new 10 per cent. city warrants.....	82,618 31
Total receipts.....	\$445,253 07
Balance in Treasury, March 20, 1866.....	9,201 67
Total receipts and balances.....	\$454,454 74

DISBURSEMENTS.

Street Improvements.....	\$ 16,735 00
Fire Department.....	24,426 20
Police Department.....	36,057 68
Specific.....	3,938 46
Salary.....	16,402 02
Bank Loan.....	40,000 00
Interest on Loan.....	11,402 25
Hospital Furniture.....	1,307 42
Lighting and Extinguishing Street Lamps.....	5,138 51
Rent.....	750 00
War Fund, Substitutes.....	835 00
Assisting Civil Engineer.....	1,903 25
Jail Expenses.....	8,816 71
Cisterns.....	2,781 14
Books and Stationery.....	1,100 70
Damages.....	833 49
Town Clock.....	125 00
War Fund.....	58,740 00
Government Tax on Gas.....	1,935 15
Interest on Bonds.....	1,755 00
Bridges.....	2,211 53
Gas.....	29,194 26
Detective Police.....	1,454 00
Fuel.....	412 55
Street Repairs.....	33,240 65
Nuisances.....	715 00
Lumber.....	37 35
Taxes Refunded.....	2,061 25
Percentage.....	950 84
Interest on Orders.....	3,608 76
Gas Fixtures.....	1,049 75
Printing.....	7,679 09

Pest House.....	\$ 2,655 39
Assisting City Clerk.....	100 00
Hospital.....	4,722 73
Markets.....	3,284 75
Costs.....	98 71
Elections.....	129 00
Wood for the poor.....	1,025 00
Furniture.....	135 00
House of Refuge.....	700 00
Repairing Street Lamps.....	848 30
University Square.....	20 75
Cemetery.....	120 00
Reception of Volunteers.....	83 02
Firemen's certificates redeemed.....	3 50
Decoration.....	85
Total disbursements.....	\$331,525 01
Balance in Treasury.....	122,929 73
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	\$454,454 74

The above report of disbursements includes the sum of \$81,801.62 in city orders redeemed with new ten per cent. warrants, as follows:

Street Improvement.....	\$ 4,891 82
Fire Department.....	6,863 75
Police.....	8,508 02
Jail Expenses.....	83 26
Salary.....	1,489 50
Specific.....	213 60
Cisterns.....	2,243 44
Fuel.....	37 65
Assisting Chief Engineer.....	188 75
Street Repairs.....	13,400 00
Hospital.....	1,792 45
Tax Refunded.....	100 17
War Fund.....	15,230 00
Elections.....	11 00
Markets.....	77 50
Gas.....	19,421 16
Interest on Orders.....	2,948 65
Detective Police.....	725 00
War Fund, substitutes.....	40 00
Wood for the poor.....	200 00
Bridges.....	1,464 30
Assisting City Clerk.....	40 00
Stationery.....	494 82
Printing.....	452 28
Pest House.....	142 00
House of Refuge.....	500 00
Town Clock.....	25 00
Damages.....	200 00
Costs.....	17 50
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	\$81,801 62

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. CRAFT, *City Treasurer.*

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

The Chief Fire Engineer made the following report:

OFFICE CHIEF FIRE ENGINEER, }
Indianapolis, July 1, 1867. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—Allow me to report the expenses of the Fire Department from May 20th to July 1st, 1867:

Horse feed for four stables, - - - - -	\$186 02	
Fitting up sleeping rooms, relaying platforms, repairing stalls, and petition lumber, - - - - -	\$9 80	
Plastering, - - - - -	65 00	
18 beds at \$7.25 per bed, - - - - -	130 50	
42½ yards rustic window shades, - - - - -	35 35	
Platform front of No. 2 Engine House, - - - - -	38 16	
Platform front of No. 3 Engine House, - - - - -	30 85	
Stall lumber for No. 2 Engine House, - - - - -	16 74	
Whitewashing three rooms, - - - - -	9 00	
37 feet hanging gutter, - - - - -	5 25	
		340 65
Kindlings, - - - - -	21 00	
One set of hose-reel harness, - - - - -	23 75	
One halter, - - - - -	1 75	
One large collar, - - - - -	7 00	
One dozen stable brooms, - - - - -	10 00	
Water dam across Canal, - - - - -	8 25	
Hauling home No. 3 Engine, - - - - -	3 00	
		74 75
Total expenses, - - - - -		\$601 42

There are yet unpaid bills at Wheatley & McCord's, J. H. Vajen's, and Emerson's, which will make the house repairs amount to \$370.00.

I have furnished the Gas Company with 500 feet 3 inch hose, according to the order of the Council to the former Chief Fire Engineer; also, have loaned them the Pocahontas hose-reel.

I have contracted with Samuel Lefever for putting in two cistern rings in McNabb street at five dollars each. I have also put into service the extra hose-reel, which leaves us without an extra horse in case one should become disabled. I would recommend the purchase of an additional horse to use in case of need.

Gentlemen, allow me to urge upon you the necessity of purchasing an additional Engine, as two of those you have need repairs which will throw them out of service for two or three months each. And, gentlemen, allow me to recommend the purchase of a Seneca Falls Engine, believing that that Engine will, with the improvements they have lately made on it, give good satisfaction, and their proposition to furnish a No. 1 Engine, keep up all ordinary repairs for five years, take the No. 3 and rebuild her and make her as good as new, for six thousand dollars, take 10 per cent. bonds for two years, is a very fair proposition for the city.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

GEO. W. BUCHANAN, *Chief Fire Engineer.*

Mr. Colley moved to concur in the report, with the exception of the paragraph specifying a certain engine.

Dr. Jameson demanded the previous question.

The question being, shall the demand be sustained? those who

voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Geisel, Henschen, Jameson, Loomis, Seidensticker and Woodburn—9.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Colley, Davis, Goddard, Kappes and MacArthur—5.

The demand for the previous question being sustained, the motion of Mr. Colley was then adopted.

The City Judge made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 8, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to report that during the month of June just past I collected, on account of forfeits for violations of city ordinances, the sum of one hundred and ninety-five dollars and seventy-six cents (\$195.76); and that during part of the month of May and the month of June I collected, on account of fees, the sum of two hundred and fourteen dollars and eighty cents (\$214.80), all of which I have this day turned over to the City Treasury, as will appear by the accompanying vouchers.

I am, gentlemen, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JNO. N. SCOTT, *City Judge.*

Which was concurred in.

The City Clerk made the following report :

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, }
Indianapolis, July 1, 1867. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The City Clerk would respectfully report the following affidavits filed in his office for the collection of street assessment by precept, as follows:

James Mahoney against Elizabeth and Ellen Hanna, for \$252 34.

James Mahoney against Mary Ann Callinan, for \$324.30.

James Mahoney against John Mernans' heirs, for \$243.41.

And would recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully,

D. M. RANSDELL, *City Clerk.*

Which was concurred in.

By unanimous consent of the Council Mr. Colley presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 8, 1867.

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

The undersigned, property holders on Wabash street, between New Jersey and East streets, protest against grading and graveling said Wabash street, and pray your honorable

O. B. Stout,

Mary McTaggart,

Per O. B. S.,

Mary O. Robinson,

H. Bamberger,

And 5 others.

On motion by Dr. Jameson, the remonstrance, together with the ordinance, were referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Kappes called up special appropriation ordinance No. 37—1867, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the use of the Fire Department,
Which was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Brown called up general ordinance No. 89, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE prescribing Rules and Regulations for the government of the City Council, its officers, and officers connected with the city government,
Which was read the second time.

Mr. Davis moved to strike out the paragraph giving five minutes time to each member to speak and insert ten minutes, and called for the ayes and noes.

The motion being to strike out five and insert ten minutes, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Colley, Davis, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson and MacArthur—7.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Kappes, Loomis, Seidensticker and Woodburn—7.

So the motion was not adopted.

The ordinance was then ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Davis moved that the Council adjourn.

The ayes and noes being demanded, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Davis, Goddard, Kappes and MacArthur—4.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Geisel, Henschen, Jameson, Loomis, Seidensticker and Woodburn—9.

So the motion to adjourn was not adopted.

Mr. Coburn called up 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 second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Dr. Jameson called up special ordinance No. 43—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures, complete, to burn gas, except the service pipe, on East street, between Massachusetts Avenue and St. Clair street,

Which was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Loomis called up special ordinance No. 46—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE providing for the bowldering of the gutter on the west side of Alabama street, between Washington street and Virginia Avenue,

In reference to which Mr. Seidensticker offered the following motion :

To refer the ordinance to the City Attorney, with instructions to report as to the legality of its provisions.

Which was adopted.

By consent of the Council Dr. Newcomer addressed the Council for a few minutes in reference to improvements made at the City Hospital.

His Honor, the Mayor, offered the following motion :

That the use of the Council Room, under the direction or care of the Marshal, be granted the "Westerns," "Actives," and other Base Ball Clubs of this City, on to-morrow evening, July 9th, for the purpose of holding a business meeting.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Jameson obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the evening.

Mr. Goddard called up special appropriation ordinance No. 35—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating the sum of one thousand dollars for the use of the Street Commissioner, for the purpose of repairing bridges, &c.,

Which was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Brown called up special ordinance No. 48—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the paving with brick the west sidewalk on Pennsylvania street, and curbing the outside edge with Flat Rock or North Vernon stone, between Washington street and the Union Railway track, except so much as has been heretofore paved and curbed,

Which was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Seidensticker presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 8, 1867.

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

The undersigned respectfully asks for leave of absence from your honorable body for the term of two months, being obliged by the precarious state of his health to go to Minnesota for that time.

Respectfully,

C. F. SCHMIDT.

In reference to which Mr. Seidensticker offered the following motion :

That the leave of absence petitioned for by Mr. Schmidt be granted to him.

Which was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Loomis, the Council adjourned until Wednesday evening July 10, 1867.

DANIEL MACAULEY, *Mayor.*

ATTEST:

D. M. RANSELL, *City Clerk.*