

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.

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REGULAR SESSION.

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CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 1869, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—Hon. John S. Newman in the chair, and the following members :

Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—15.

Absent—Councilmen Thalman, Thoms Weaver—3.

The proceedings of the regular session held August 30, 1869, were read and approved.

CALL OF THE ROLL.

Mr. Brown introduced special ordinance No. 100—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on West street, between Washington and Maryland streets.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Brown presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 30, 1869.

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

I would respectfully ask permission to use temporarily the lot belonging to the city, on Maryland street, for the purpose of turning mules in out of my stable to separate and use as a sale lot, it being near and handy to my stable. I will repair the fence on same and keep it in good repair while I may use it, and at any time the Council may have an opportunity of selling the lot I will remove anything I might have on the lot.

Yours most respectfully,

JOHN PEABODY.

Which was received.

Mr. Brown introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 36—1869, entitled :

13 AN ORDINANCE appropriating the sum of two thousand dollars for the purpose of aiding in the construction of piers, abutments, and grading in and upon the banks of White river, at or near the crossing of Kentucky Avenue, Indianapolis, for an Iron bridge.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Brown moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of reading the ordinance the second and third times and placing it on its passage.

The question being on the suspension of the rules,

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Gimber, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—13.

Councilman Harrison voting in the negative.

So the rules were suspended, and the ordinance read the second and third times and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass ?

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen, Brown, Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Brown presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 6, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, property owners in that part of the city laying between Delaware and Meridian streets, and between Maryland street and the Union Railway track, would respectfully represent to your honorable body that, whereas the alley now located through Square No. 98, and being only 12 feet in width, and therefore altogether inadequate to the business of that part of the city—therefore, we respectfully ask that you cause to be opened a street through said Square No. 98, 60 feet in width, from Pennsylvania to Delaware streets, said street to be a continuation of Georgia street, the property to be appropriated for said street being described as follows, to-wit:

Lots Nos. 37 and 38, in Washington Hall Co.'s subdivision, and supposed to belong to Edward T. Sinker and Daniel Yandes, and fronting on Pennsylvania street; also, 38 feet on Delaware street, bounded as follows, to-wit: beginning at a point 12 feet south of a 12 feet alley, the north line of said alley being on a line with the north line of Georgia street; thence south on Delaware street 38 feet; thence west 185 feet to Railroad Avenue; thence north 38 feet; thence east 185 feet to the place of beginning. Said lot is said to be owned by George B. Yandes.

Also, a lot of ground on Delaware street, in Square No. 98, bounded as follows, to-wit: beginning at a point 38 feet south of the above described alley, thence south on Delaware street 10 feet; thence west 185 feet to Railroad Avenue; thence north on said Avenue 10 feet; thence east 185 feet to the place of beginning. Said strip of ground is said to belong to Daniel Yandes:

Signed,	J. W. Davis,	J. P. Wiggins,
	John Knight,	R. S. Foster,
	Thomas Cottrell,	And 8 others.

Which was received.

Also, the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That the Commissioners to assess the damages and appraise benefits in cases of opening of streets and alleys, be directed to assess the damages and appraise the benefits of opening Georgia street sixty (60) feet in width, through Square 98, and that the City Clerk give the requisite legal notice of the time of meeting of such Commissioners to such Commissioners and all property owners to be affected.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Whitsit and Wiles—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following motion :

That hereafter the first business of each regular meeting shall be the opening of proposals and the presentation of contractors' bonds.

Which was referred to the City Attorney.

Mr. Cottrell presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 6, 1869.

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

The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable body to permit him to grade the alley donated by him, running from Market to Ohio street, and between Winston street and Corporation line, in Square No. 61, and that he be allowed to use the surplus dirt in front of two brick houses now being erected by him on the corner of Winston and Market streets, in the same square—the grading to be done under the direction of City Engineer.

Your petitioner would remark that the alley is useless until graded, as the ground is much higher than the street, and that the ground near Winston street would be benefitted by being filled up as proposed; that the owner of the new brick house on the alley (Mr. Herman) will make no objection to the grading as proposed, but desires it done.

Very respectfully,

E. S. ALVORD.

Which was granted.

Mr. Gimber offered the following motions :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to cover the hole on Delaware street, in the gutter, in front of the Oil Mill.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to fill up the holes on Meridian street, from Ray street to the Corporation line, with river gravel.

Which were adopted.

Mr. Heckman offered the following motions :

That the City Marshal notify the owner or owners of lots 188 and 189, on Buchanan street, to open the alley in sixty days.

That the City Marshal notify the Indianapolis and Junction Railroad Company to open the gutters on the alley between East and Liberty streets and Pogue Run and Georgia street.

Which were adopted.

Mr. Heckman offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The Indianapolis and Cincinnati Railroad Company is bound by the provisions of an ordinance granting the right of way over Louisiana street to improve the same :

AND WHEREAS, Said Company has been duly notified to grade and gravel said street and has refused to do so: Therefore,

*Be it resolved,* That the said Louisiana street, between East and Noble Sts., be graded and graveled, and that the Clerk advertise to receive proposals for grading and graveling said Louisiana street between the limits aforesaid, and that the Civil Engineer set the proper grade stakes, and make proper specifications, and that the Street Commissioner cause a copy of this resolution to be served on the said Company.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cot-

trell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Whitsit and Wiles—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Harrison offered the following motion :

That the City Marshal notify the Bellefontaine Railroad Company to complete the crossing on John street within ten days from the date of service of this notice.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kennington presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 6, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I propose to sell you lot 1, in Square 62, being 40 feet front on Alabama street, and only one-half square from Washington street, for the purpose of building thereon a City Prison. I will sell the same at such price as three disinterested persons may agree upon. I am compelled to sell the same, not being able to meet the payment due on the same on account of the money due me for grading and graveling South Tennessee street.

Respectfully,

THOMAS WREN.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. Kahn presented the following petition :

OFFICE OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, }  
Indianapolis, Sept. 6, 1869. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned Trustees, for the benefit of the children attending the Public Schools, respectfully request you to have the Fire Bell rung at half-past eight o'clock in the morning, and at one o'clock, P. M., during the school days of the week to inform the children that it is time for them to leave their homes for the schools. The school houses will be opened for scholars at the above hours, and the schools will commence at 9 A. M., and 1.30 P. M., on each day. By granting this request you will oblige,

Yours respectfully,

W. H. L. NOBLE, }  
J. C. YOHN, } Trustees.  
JOHN R. ELDER, }

Which was granted.

Mr. Kahn introduced special ordinance No. 101—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on Vermont street, between East and West streets, except on such squares as are already lighted, or to be lighted under ordinances passed.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Kahn asked for and obtained leave of absence for three weeks.

Mr. Locke introduced special ordinance No. 102—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on West street, between Washington street and the arm of the Canal.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Locke introduced special ordinance No. 103—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on Market street, between West and Missouri streets.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Locke introduced special ordinance No. 104—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on Vermont street, between West and California streets.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Marsee offered the following motions :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to extend the culverts on the east and west side of South New Jersey street, to any distance he may deem proper, not exceeding 50 feet.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to plank the crossing at the intersection of Cumberland and Alabama streets, on the east side of Alabama street.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to plank the foot crossings at the intersection of Sinkers and Alabama streets.

Which were adopted.

Mr. Shepherd offered the following motions :

That the Street Commissioner be ordered to notify Mrs. Vance to have the brick pavement in front of her property on Virginia Avenue placed in good repair within thirty days.

That the Street Commissioner be ordered to repair the culvert at the east crossing of Maryland and West streets with new plank and stringers; also, to fix the same to the grade of the gutter.

Which were adopted.

Mr. Pyle presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 6, 1869.

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

We, the undersigned, property holders on the east side of Alabama street, between Washington and Market streets, respectfully remonstrate against paving and grading the sidewalk on the same, for these reasons :

1st. That the grade of the sidewalk would have to be changed again on the establishment of sewerage.

2d. On account of the high price of material and labor, and the scarcity of money, with which to pay taxes and street improvements.

I. MANSUR,  
SARAH A. SMITH,  
JAMES M. RAY.

Which was received.

Mr. Wiles introduced general ordinance No. 50—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to prevent Hackmen, Express, Dray or Cartmen, or Hotel Runners from approaching near to the Union Depot, on the north side of McNabb street, than twelve feet, between Meridian and Illinois streets.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Wiles presented the following petitions :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 6, 1869

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

The undersigned, property holders on the north side of St. Mary street, between Delaware and Alabama streets, respectfully unite with the residents on the south side in petitioning for the grading and graveling of said square, and we hereby pledge ourselves to pay our pro rata share of the cost of the improvement, made agreeably to your general ordinance.

E W. Halford,	E. M. Wilmington,
William Seeger,	Andrew Walker,
Fred. Wangold,	And 6 others.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 6, 1869.

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

The undersigned, residents and property holders on the square of East St. Mary street, between Delaware and Alabama streets, petition your honorable body to order the street and sidewalks graded and graveled, according to the provisions of the general ordinance regulating such improvement.

Henry Rafert,	J. P. Bundy,
George Belzer,	Charles Bals,
Henry Peine,	And 4 others.

Which were received.

Mr. Wiles introduced special ordinance No. 105—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling St. Mary street and sidewalks from Delaware to Alabama streets.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Wiles presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 6, 1869

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, citizens of the 2d Ward, respectfully petition your honorable body to take into consideration the disability of one

Caspar Hoffman, who is the owner of part of lot 29, in out-lot 175, being 75 feet front on Alabama street; said street is now being graded and graveled at the expense of \$1.99 per foot, which makes a total cost for the grading and graveled of said property owned by Casper Hoffman nearly \$150. Said Hoffman has been an invalid for more than 9 years, and is totally unable to perform any labor of any kind, and is now and has been treated like a child, he being unable to walk, or even sit up; and besides the misfortune of Mr. Hoffman, another circumstance occurred which still adds to make the circumstances worse—his son, some two weeks ago, broke his leg, and thereby rendered an additional burden. We know that the family of Casper Hoffman is an object of charity, and therefore ask your honorable body to relieve him by not assessing said Hoffman for the grading and graveled of his said property.

Charles Bals,  
Louis Lang,  
Sol. Moritz,

F. Ritzinger,  
Christoph Hohl,  
And 48 others.

The undersigned certifies herewith, that Casper Hoffman has been sick for some years, and has during the time of his sickness not been enabled to earn his living by manual labor, or by following any other business.

DR. HOMBURG.

Indianapolis, Aug. 13, 1869.

This will certify that Casper Hoffman, No. 534 North Alabama street, Indianapolis, is afflicted with general paralysis, being of nine years' standing, and which totally disables him. He cannot take care of himself, having to be fed and clothed like a child. About one month ago his youngest boy had his thigh fractured and is confined to his bed at present. His remaining son, 16 years of age, is an apprentice to a machinist. Mr. Hoffman is a worthy but helpless citizen, and is an object of charity in an eminent degree.

J. S. BOBBS.

August 14, 1869.

Which was referred to the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals.

Mr. Whitsit, from the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, presented the following:

RECAPITULATION OF THE WEEKLY REPORT OF CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING AUGUST 31, 1869.

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	25
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report .....	24
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report .....	3
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	27
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	1
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report .....	24

Which was received.

Mr. Whitsit introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 37—1869, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims on account of the City Hospital for the month of August, 1869.

Which was read the first time by its title,



Mr. Whitsit offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to complete the culvert on the west side of Delaware street, north of the Union Railway tracks, at the earliest moment practicable.

In relation to which Mr. Marsee offered the following motion :

That the building of the culvert on South Delaware street, at the Union Railroad track, be referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, with instructions if in their opinion it will cost less than \$50 they have the authority to order the Street Commissioner to do the work.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Whitsit offered the following motion :

That when the Council adjourn it adjourn to meet on Thursday evening, and the special order be Sewerage and Water Works.

Which was adopted.

On motion the Council adjourned.

~~DANIEL MACAULEY~~, Mayor.

ATTEST:

*D. M. Russdell*  
~~D. M. RUSSELL~~, City Clerk.

*Franklin A. ...*