

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.

---

REGULAR SESSION.

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CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,  
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 1870, 7 O'CLOCK P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—John S. Newman, President *pro tem.*, in the chair, and the following members :

Councilmen Brown, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Pyle, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Absent—Councilman Cottrell and Shepherd—2.

The proceedings of the regular session held January 8, 1870, were read and approved.

Sealed proposals were opened and read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

Mr. Wiles, from the Committee on Contracts, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jnn. 10, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Contracts respectfully report to the Council, that we have examined sundry proposals for the improvement of streets, and find the following persons to be the lowest bidders:

1. For grading and graveling Pine street and sidewalks, from Noble to Harrison street, we find B. F. Coleman, at 78 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved, to be the lowest bidder.

2. For paving with brick the sidewalks on Virginia avenue, from Pogues run to Louisiana street, we find that B. F. Coleman is the lowest bidder, his bid being 70 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

3. For grading and graveling Willard street and sidewalks, from Garden street to Pogues run, we find that B. F. Coleman is the lowest bidder, his bid being 49 cents per lineal foot on each side of the line improved.

The Committee recommend that he be awarded the contracts before-named, provided he complies with the resolution passed by Council January 3, 1870.

We would further recommend, that in case the said B. F. Coleman fail to comply, that the contracts be awarded to the next lowest bidders, provided they comply with the said order of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. D. WILES,  
HENRY GIMBER, } Committee.  
ISAAC THALMAN, }

Which was concurred in, with the exception of the last paragraph, and contracts awarded.

Mr. Newman, from Committee on Finance, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 10, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the petition, statement and accompanying certificate of the Auditor of Marion county, in regard to tax assessed for city purposes against E. J. Metzger, for the year 1867, ask leave to report, that it appears from Mr. Metzger's sworn statement, that he gave in for taxation for the year 1867, under the head of "Property appertaining to Manufacturing," \$12,000 in his private personal list, and that the taxes thereon were charged to him when, as he alleges, in reality the property belonged to a company known as "The Ben Franklin Printing Office." No reason is given why the property was so given in, nor what has become of the property; but he now asks the Council to direct that the tax charged be taken from his private account and charged against the Company, and the tax sale of his real estate for such tax may be declared null and void. He does not state who composed the Company, nor whether he was a member of the Company. Your Committee has been informed and believe,

that Mr. Metzger was a member of the Company, and that the printing office has been destroyed by fire; but what amount it was insured for, nor what has been done with the insurance money, they have not learned. Under these circumstances your Committee do not deem it a case that calls for the equitable interposition of the Council, and they deem the petitioner a very fortunate man in getting the County Commissioners to release him from the payment of the county taxes on the same property.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. NEWMAN, }  
J. H. WOODBURN, } Committee.  
THO'S COTTRELL, }

Which, on motion by Mr. Brown, was concurred in.

Mr. Harrison, from the Committee on Revision of Ordinances, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 10, 1870

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Revision of Ordinances, to whom was referred a motion by Mr. Newman, that "Motions to reconsider any matter that may have been passed the Council, shall be in order at all times during the session at which such matter may have been passed, and at the next regular meeting of Council," beg leave to report that Rule 15, now in force, embraces our views on the subject, and we therefore report back the motion, and recommend that it lie on the table.

Respectfully submitted,

TEMPLE C. HARRISON, }  
ERIE LOCKE, } Committee.  
THOMAS COTTRELL, }

Which was referred back to the Committee, with instructions to so amend rule 15, as to make it a privilege question.

Mr. Locke, from the Committee on Bridges, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 10, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Street Commissioner in relation to the repairs of the bridge across the Canal on Ohio street, respectfully report, that the cost for the repairs have been one hundred and eighty-nine dollars.

Your Committee find that the bridge in question was worn out and positively dangerous as a passage way, to man and beast. The only portion of the old structure that could be used was the middle bont, consequently the bridge is new, with this exception.

Your Committee have carefully examined the location for the foot bridges across the Canal, on Vermont street, and find that a growing necessity exists for their immediate construction, and would recommend the work to be executed by and under the superintendence of the Street Commissioner, as we believe this much more economical than to let the building of them by contract.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIE LOCKE,  
JOHN L. MARSEE, } Committee.  
HENRY GIMBER, }

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

Mr. Wiles, from the Committee on Gas Light, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 10, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Gas Light, to whom was referred "An Ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on Georgia street, between Noble street and the Corporation line east," report back the same, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. WILES,  
ROBERT KENNINGTON, } Committee.  
LEON KAHN. }

Which was concurred in, and special ordinance No. 127, 1869, was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Wiles, from the Committee on Gas Light, also made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 10, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Gas Light beg leave to report, that an application has been made by the officers of the Union Depot Company, for the privilege of erecting and lighting, at their expense, two lamp posts on the line of their tracks west from said Union Depot. They also ask the privilege of having two posts located at the crossings of their railroad tracks and Tennessee and Mississippi streets lighted all night, they paying for the extra gas consumed; and inasmuch as no additional expense will be made to the city by such an arrangement, the Committee think best to recommend that their request be granted—the new lamps to be erected under the direction of the City Gas Inspector.

The Committee would also call the attention of Councilmen to the fact, that a number of ordinances for the erection and lighting of posts are still in an unfinished state, it being impossible to get the material and the work com-

pleted as fast as ordinances have been passed. We therefore recommend that no new ordinances for the erection of posts be introduced for the present, or until such time as the posts can be erected.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. WILES,  
LEON KAHN,  
ROBERT KENNINGTON, } Committee.

Which was concurred in.

Dr. Woodburn, from the Committee on Hospitals, made the following reports :

RECAPITULATION OF THE WEEKLY REPORT OF CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING DECEMBER 25, 1869.

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Number of patients in Hospital at last report .....                 | 41 |
| Number of patients received in Hospital since last report .....     | 4  |
| Number of patients born in Hospital since last report .....         | 1  |
| Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report ..... | 5  |
| Number of patients died in Hospital since last report .....         | 1  |
| Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report .....    | 40 |

Also the following :

RECAPITULATION OF THE WEEKLY REPORT OF CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING JANUARY 1, 1870.

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Number of patients in the Hospital at last report .....             | 40 |
| Number of patients received in the Hospital since last report ..... | 6  |
| Number of patients born in Hospital since last report .....         | 2  |
| Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report ..... | 8  |
| Number of patients died in the Hospital since last report .....     | 0  |
| Number of patients remaining in the Hospital at present .....       | 40 |

Also, the following :

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

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Number of patients in Hospital at last report .....                 | 44 |
| Number of patients received in Hospital since last report .....     | 21 |
| Number of patients born in Hospital since last report .....         | 1  |
| Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report ..... | 28 |
| Number of patients died in Hospital since last report .....         | 3  |
| Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report .....    | 35 |

Also, the following :

RECAPITULATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1869.

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Total expenditures for the year .....                                    | \$5,798 66 |
| Aggregate number of days for which subsistence, etc, was furnished ..... | 10,584     |
| Average expense per capita per diem .....                                | \$0 55     |

Which were received.

Mr. Weaver, from the Committee on Public Buildings, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 10, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Public Buildings respectfully report to your honorable body, that in our opinion some definite action should be taken now in regard to building the Station House proposed to be erected on the lot purchased some time ago from Thomas Wren, plans and specifications of same having been laid before you some time ago by the Committee on Public Buildings appointed to procure them. We would recommend the adoption by the Council of plans and specifications numbered three, and that the City Clerk be directed to advertise for proposals for the erection of the building, the same to be received January 24, 1870.

Respectfully submitted,

H. GIMBER,  
JOHN PYLE,  
WILLIAM W. WEAVER. } Committee.

Which, on motion by Mr. Brown, was made the special order for Monday evening, January 17, 1870.

Dr. Woodburn, from the Committee on Benevolence, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 10, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN;—The Committee on Benevolence, to whom was referred a petition from the Young Men's Christian Association, asking an appropriation of \$500, would respectfully report in favor of making the allowance asked for.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM W. WEAVER, } Committee.  
J. H. WOODBURN,

Which was, after considerable discussion, concurred in, by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Harrison, Heckman, Newman, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit and Woodburn—8.

Negative—Councilmen Brown, Gimber, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee and Pyle—7.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 10, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—In consideration of the fact of the annexation of extensive territory to the city, and the additional labor to my office in consequence thereof, I ask your honorable body to make such additional compensation therefor, as in your judgment would be just and right; and especially would I ask your honorable body to determine whose duty it is, under existing ordinances and the Charter, to make a transcript of the names and description of the real estate, and a plat of the newly added territory, and the transfers of ownership of real estate. If these duties devolve on your humble servant, I ask that the same price be allowed me for this work as has heretofore been paid by the city to the City Auditor, namely—a fee of 12½ cents for each transfer.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM HADLEY, *City Assessor.*

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

## REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The Civil Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 10, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I would respectfully report the following work as finished, according to contract:

R. H. Patterson—For grading and graveling Douglass street and sidewalks, from New York to North street.

|   |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| 450 feet on west side, between New York and Vermont streets, at |           |           |
| 45 cents per lineal foot,                                       | - - - - - | \$ 202 50 |
| 2616 lineal feet, at 67 cents,                                  | - - - - - | 1685 72   |
| Total estimate,   | - - - - - | \$1888 22 |

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, *Civil Engineer.*

Which was concurred in.

The City Clerk made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 10, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The City Clerk respectfully reports to Council:

*First,* Contract and bond of David Sylvester, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Pennsylvania street, and running from Pratt street to the first alley north of Pratt street.

*Second,* Contract and bond of Hiram Seibert, for grading, graveling and

curbing the outside edge of the sidewalk with white oak plank, the sidewalks on Benton street, from Washington to Maryland street.

*Third*, First and final estimates allowed Conrad Neib for erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on Mississippi street, from Ohio to First street; also on Pratt street, between Illinois and Meridian street; also on Michigan street, between Meridian and Illinois street; also on Michigan, between Alabama and New Jersey street; also on St. Joseph street, between Pennsylvania and Delaware street; also on St. Mary street, between Delaware and Alabama street; also on New Jersey street, between South and Merrill street; also on Vermont street, between East and California street; also on Madison avenue, between Garden and Phipps streets; also on Georgia street, between East and Noble street.

*Fourth*, First and final estimate allowed Newton Kowan, for grading and graveling the north sidewalk on North street, between the Canal and West street.

*Fifth*, First and final estimate allowed Robert H. Patterson, for grading and graveling Douglas street and sidewalks, from New York to North street.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL M. RANSELL, *City Clerk*.

Which was concurred in.

Also the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the first and final estimates allowed Conrad Neib, for erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on Mississippi street, between Ohio and First street; also on Pratt street, between Illinois and Meridian street, on Pratt street; also on Michigan street, between Meridian and Illinois street; also on St. Joseph street, between Pennsylvania street and Delaware street; also on Michigan street, between Alabama and New Jersey street; also on St. Mary street, between Delaware and Alabama street; also on New Jersey street, between South and Merrill street; also on Vermont street, between East and California street; also on Madison avenue, between Garden and Phipps street; also on Georgia street, between East and Noble street; be and the same are adopted as the estimates of this Council, and that the property holders 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, Gimber, Heckman, Kahr, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.



Also the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed R. H. Patterson, for grading and graveling Bouglas street and sidewalks, from New York to North street, 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 oppsite their respective names.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution.

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

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

Also the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Newton Kowan, for grading and graveling the north sidewalk on North street, between the Canal and West street, 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 oppsite their respective names.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution.

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

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

The Chief Fire Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 10, 1870

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

GENTLEMEN.—Being desirous of having a complete system of fire alarm telegraph in our city, I have written to Messrs. Gamewell & Co., to ascertain the cost of changing our present system to the Automatic American Fire Alarm, and would herewith present to you the following propositions, as furnished me by Mr. Firman, the agent for the American Fire Alarm Telegraph, and ask that you would give it your earliest attention. Knowing this system to be the most complete and reliable, I would urge upon you to make the

change, and do away with our present confused system, as we have no assurance at any time of getting a correct alarm.

By making this change, we can have the central alarm-bell struck at the same time the gongs strike in the engine houses, and striking the number of the box from which the alarm is given, giving every person a chance to know whether or not your Fire Department is prompt, and doing away with the two watchmen on the tower.

Messrs Gamewell & Co. propose to put in forty of these street boxes, (which number will be sufficient, including the additions to be annexed). They also propose making and working their system on four different circuits instead of one, as at present; so that a broken wire in any part of the city will only effect the circuit where the wire is broken, and still leave the balance of the alarm in working order, while at present, a wire broken at any point, leaves the whole city without any alarm, until the same is repaired. This addition will require from six to eight miles of wire.

I would also state, that the Messrs. Schawk & Franz, the contractors for our present fire alarm, have an automatic alarm box, which they are very anxious to sell to our city, but I have not been able to get any proposition from them, they saying that they will send an agent whenever this city is ready to make the change. They have recently sent a bill for \$200 for two boxes which we have now on trial.

Allow me to recommend, before closing this report, to change our present system to that of the automatic system of the American Fire Alarm Telegraph Company—the only correct and complete fire alarm now in existence; pronounced so by all practical firemen, and your humble servant.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES RICHMANN, *Chief Fire Engineer.*

Which was received.

The Street Commissioner made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 10, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to report the following work done in my department since December 6, 1869 :

FIRST WARD.

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Scraped Pennsylvania street, between New York and North streets.....  | \$ 40 00 |
| Hauled 33 yards of gravel on New York street, between East and Davidson streets.....                          | 33 00    |
| Repaired the gutter in mouth of the first alley south of the Ninth Ward School House, on Davidson street..... | 7 00     |
| Repaired the gutter-crossing on East and Vermont streets, and placed a foot-bridge at the same point.....     | 11 00    |
| Repaired the culvert on Massachusetts avenue and Delaware street.....   | 16 00    |
| Repaired the culvert on Massachusetts avenue and New Jersey street.....                                       | 13 00    |

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|--|----------|
| Scraped Massachusetts avenue, between New York street and New Jersey street..... | 40 00    |
| Repaired the culvert on New Jersey and Vermont streets.....                      | 5 00     |
| Placed 4 foot-bridges on Noble and Vermont streets.....                          | 15 00    |
| Placed a new foot-bridge on East and Vermont streets.....                        | 4 00     |
| Total.....   | \$184 00 |

## SECOND WARD.

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Repaired the bridge over Railroad Ditch, near St. Clair street.....                         | \$ 7 00 |
| Placed two foot-bridges on Pennsylvania and St. Joseph streets.....                         | 8 00    |
| Placed two foot-bridges on North and Liberty streets.....                                   | 8 00    |
| Repaired the crossing on Pennsylvania street, between St. Clair and St. Joseph streets..... | 24 00   |
| Total.....  | \$47 00 |

## THIRD WARD.

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Repaired the gutter at the mouth of the first alley south of First street, on Mississippi street..... | \$ 3 00   |
| Repaired the crossings on North and West streets.....   | 29 00     |
| Scraped Illinois street, between Washington and Ohio streets.....                                     | 38 00     |
| Scraped Washington street, between Illinois and Meridian streets.....                                 | 9 00      |
| Placed three foot-bridges on North street.....  | 12 00     |
| Repaired the culvert on Illinois and Market streets.....  | 18 00     |
| Total.....  | \$ 109 00 |

## FOURTH WARD.

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Placed eight foot-bridges over the gutter on Indiana avenue, between North and St. Clair street.....  | \$ 72 00  |
| Hauled — yards of gravel and filled the approaches to the bridges on Indiana avenue, and repaired the crossing on the same, between West and St. Clair streets..... | 87 00     |
| Placed two foot-bridges on Blake street and National Road.....  | 8 00      |
| Graveled the approaches to the foot-bridges on Blackford street.....  | 11 00     |
| Placed one foot-bridge on Vermont and West streets.....   | 4 00      |
| Filled the holes on Vermont, near West street.....  | 7 00      |
| Total.....  | \$ 189 00 |

## FIFTH WARD.

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Scraped Meridian street, between Washington and South streets.....  | \$ 60 00 |
| Scraped Pearl street and the alley running south from Washington street, between Pennsylvania and Meridian streets..... | 11 00    |
| Scraped the west side of Delaware street, between Washington street and Pogues run.....                                 | 17 00    |
| Scraped Virginia avenue, between Washington and Maryland streets.....   | 20 00    |
| Repaired the sidewalk crossing on Madison avenue and Meridian street.....   | 16 00    |
| Repaired the crossing on Delaware and South streets.....  | 13 00    |
| Repaired the culvert on Mississippi and Washington streets.....   | 3 00     |
| Repaired the culvert on Washington street and Kentucky avenue.....  | 5 00     |
| Hauled nine yards of gravel on West and Maryland streets.....   | 6 50     |

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|--|-----------|
| Repaired the culvert on Kentucky avenue and Mississippi streets.....                                     | 3 00      |
| Changed the culverts on West and Maryland streets and opened the gutters down Maryland to the canal..... | 118 00    |
| Total .....  | \$ 272 50 |

## SIXTH WARD.

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Placed three foot-bridges on the Bluff Road and Merrill street.....         | \$ 12 00  |
| Placed two foot-bridges on Indiana avenue and Pennsylvania street.....      | 8 00      |
| Placed two foot bridges on Illinois and Norwood streets.....                | 8 00      |
| Placed two foot-bridges on Pennsylvania street and Bluff road.....          | 8 00      |
| Made a fill on each side of the Canal, to the bridge on McCarty street..... | 380 00    |
| Repaired the sidewalk crossing on Merrill street and the Bluff road.....    | 17 00     |
| Total .....   | \$ 433 00 |

## SEVENTH WARD.

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Scraped Virginia avenue, between Maryland street and Pogue's run.....   | \$ 20 00  |
| Repaired the crossing on South and New Jersey streets.....  | 14 00     |
| Scraped the east side of Delaware street, between Washington street and Pogue's run.....                                      | 17 00     |
| Repaired Delaware street, between South street and Pogue's run.....   | 9 00      |
| Hauled forty-seven yards of cinder and gravel, and repaired New Jersey street, between Washington street and Pogue's run..... | 42 00     |
| Total .....   | \$ 102 00 |

## EIGHTH WARD.

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Hauled twenty-four yards of gravel on the sidewalk on Louisiana street, near East..... | 21 00     |
| Repaired the sidewalk on East near South street.....                                   | 11 00     |
| Placed two foot bridges on Cedar street and Fletcher avenue.....                       | 8 00      |
| Placed two foot-bridges on Benton street.....  | 8 00      |
| Hauled forty-nine yards of gravel on McCarty street near Water.....                    | 49 00     |
| Hauled thirty-three yards of gravel on Virginia avenue, near Cedar street.....         | 33 00     |
| Total .....  | \$ 136 00 |

## NINTH WARD.

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Scraped the north side of Washington street, between Meridian and Delaware.....                         | \$ 20 00  |
| Scraped Pennsylvania street, between Washington and New York streets.....                               | 55 00     |
| Hauled thirty-three yards of gravel on New York street, between Davidson and East streets.....          | 33 00     |
| Placed two foot-bridges on New Jersey and Market streets.....   | 7 00      |
| Placed a foot-bridge on Meridian and New York streets.....  | 4 00      |
| Placed four foot-bridges on New York and Noble streets, and repaired the culvert at the same point..... | 18 00     |
| Hauled eleven yards of cinder and gravel on the crossing of Noble and Washington streets.....           | 11 00     |
| Total .....   | \$ 148 00 |

BRIDGES, &c.

|   |                      |           |
|---|----------------------|-----------|
| Repaired the bridge across the Canal on Maryland street-----  | \$                   | 7 00      |
| Lined the bridge over the Canal on North street-----  |                      | 47 00     |
| Repaired the bridge over the arm of the Canal on National Road-----                                     |                      | 9 00      |
| Rebuilt the bridge over the Canal on Ohio street-----   |                      | 219 00    |
| Also built a new bridge over the Canal on St. Clair street, according to the following bill of expense: |                      |           |
| 12 pieces, 4 by 14 inches, 35 feet long—1,956 feet, at \$3 50—  | \$68 46              |           |
| 5 pieces 8 by 12 inches, 35 feet long—1,025 feet, at 2 20—  | 23 06                |           |
| 4 pieces 8 by 14 inches, 22 feet long— 820 feet, at 2 25—   | 18 45                |           |
| 44 pieces 2½ by 14 inches, 22 feet long—2,816 feet, at 2 25—  | 66 42                |           |
| 12 pieces 8 by 8 inches, 10 feet long—  | 636                  |           |
| 8 pieces 6 by 8 inches, 12 feet long—   | 352                  |           |
| 12 pieces 6 by 8 inches, 3½ feet long—  | 164                  |           |
| 30 pieces 4 by 6 inches, 4½ feet long—  | 270                  |           |
| 170 feet 4 by 4 inches,   | 213                  |           |
| 3200 feet of flooring plank, 2,200—   | 4,835 feet, at 1 90— | 91 87     |
| 1 barrel of pitch,-----   |                      | 6 00      |
| 16 days labor, at \$2 75-----   |                      | 44 00     |
| 9 days labor, at 2 00-----  |                      | 18 00     |
| 6 days labor, at 1 75-----  |                      | 11 00     |
| 5 days teaming 4 00-----  |                      | 20 00—    |
|   |                      | 93 50     |
| Total cost of the bridge-----   |                      | 364 76    |
| Total-----  |                      | \$ 646 76 |

RECAPITULATION BY WARDS.

Showing the amount on hand Dec. 6, 1869, the amount expended since Dec. 6, 1869, and the amount on hand at the present date:

| WARDS.            | Am't on hand Dec. 6, 1869. | Am't expended since Dec. 6, 1869. | Balance on hand at present date. | Deficit. |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| First Ward-----   | \$ 485 20                  | \$ 184 00                         | \$ 301 20                        |          |
| Second Ward-----  | 592 95                     | 47 00                             | 345 95                           |          |
| Third Ward-----   | 396 84                     | 109 00                            | 287 84                           |          |
| Fourth Ward-----  | 189 84                     | 189 00                            | 84                               |          |
| Fifth Ward-----   | 161 48                     | 272 50                            |                                  | 111 02   |
| Sixth Ward-----   | 717 20                     | 433 00                            | 84 20                            |          |
| Seventh Ward----- | 500 20                     | 102 00                            | 398 20                           |          |
| Eighth Ward-----  | 481 95                     | 138 60                            | 343 35                           |          |
| Ninth Ward-----   | 343 95                     | 148 00                            | 195 95                           |          |
| Bridges-----      | 509 88                     | 746 76                            |                                  | 236 88   |
| Total-----        | \$4379 49                  | \$2469 86                         | \$2257 53                        | \$847 90 |

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUSTUS BRUNER, *Street Commissioner.*

Which was received.

The City Clerk made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 10, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The City Clerk respectfully reports, that there are on file in his office the following affidavits for the collection of street assessments by precept:

Hiram Seibert vs. Solomon Loeb, for \$24 00.

S. W. & R. H. Patterson vs. John B. Kelley, for \$20 61.

And would respectfully recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. RANDELL, *City Clerk.*

Which was concurred in, and precepts ordered to issue.

The City Attorney made the following report, from special committee in Butterfield case :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 10, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We have examined the securities offered by Messrs. Butterfield, Richmann and Douglass, and report that we deem them solvent.

Mr. Butterfield secures his notes by a mortgage executed by Mr. S. A. Butterfield and wife, on real estate to which the records show he has title. The stamp on the mortgage is too small; it should be one dollar and fifty cents instead of sixty cents, but this can be corrected before recording.

Mr. Douglass secures his note by giving S. M. Douglass as surety, whom the records show to be the owner of real estate greatly exceeding in value the amount of said notes.

Mr. Richman secures his notes by giving as surety Mr. James M. Buchanan whom the records show to be the owner of real estate at least four times as valuable as the sum secured by the notes.

We transmit herewith the notes and mortgage.

Respectfully submitted,

B. K. ELLIOTT, *City Attorney.*

D. M. RANDELL, *City Clerk.*

ROBT. S. FOSTER, *City Treasurer.*

Which, on motion, was concurred in, and the City Attorney instructed to have the suit dismissed, the agreement being satisfactory and compromise effected.

The City Sexton made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan<sup>y</sup> 10, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The following interments have been made in the City Cemeteries during the month ending December 31, 1869:

|                                |    |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Interments under 5 years ----- | 10 |
| Between 5 and 10 years -----   | 3  |
| "    10 and 20 " -----         | 2  |
| "    20 and 30 " -----         | 3  |
| "    30 and 40 " -----         | 2  |
| "    40 and 50 " -----         | 1  |
| "    50 and 60 " -----         | 1  |
| "    60 and 70 " -----         | 1  |
| "    70 and 80 " -----         | 1  |
| "    80 and 90 " -----         | 1  |
| Total -----                    | 25 |

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAS. H. HEDGES, *City Sexton.*

Which was received,

By unanimous consent the rules were suspended, and the roll called for the presentation of new business.

Mr. Brown presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 11, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We the undersigned property holders on Cumberland street, between Missouri and West street, would respectfully represent that James Mahoney, the contractor for the improvement of said street between the points named, is not putting gravel on said street but sand, and respectfully ask you to compel him to put on good river or creek gravel, as contracted for; and, as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

JESSE VAN BLARICUM,  
F. ROBINUS,  
WILLIAM COUGHLIN,  
JOHN MACINTIRE.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Brown presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 10, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned respectfully petition your honorable body to order the opening of Helen street, through out-lot 143, extending the same from Maryland street to Washington street, sixty (60) feet wide. The opening of said street as aforesaid will be of great public convenience, and of

especial benefit to the manufacturing, live stock and pork packing interests of that portion of the city.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. FERGUSON,

I. S. CARY,

W. R. McKEEN, President T. H. & I. R. R. Co.,  
KINGAN & CO.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Brown introduced general ordinance No. 3, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to amend section 1 of an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance prescribing rules and regulations for the government of the City Council, its Officers, and Officers connected with the City Government;" ordained July 19, 1869.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Heckman offered the following motion :

That the City Treasurer proceed, according to law, in collecting the damages assessed and unpaid on property for the opening of Dillon street, between Harrison and Bates street, as per report of City Commissioners made to Council in 1868.

Which was adopted.

On motion, the vote by which the report from the Committee on Finance, in regard to the assessment of E. J. Metzger was concurred in, was reconsidered, and the matter referred back to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Locke presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 10, 1870.

To the City Treasurer of Indianapolis :

Sir:—In the spring of 1867 or '68 I called upon Mr. E. S. Field to fill up a tax list. He did so for the city and county.

Some few weeks afterwards Mr Field said to me, "I live out of the corporation, and ought not to have signed a city list."

I went immediately to the office to withdraw it; but was told it was too late—it had been registered, etc.

This list is in my name, and should, if possible, be corrected. Mr. Field was living out of the corporation, and had been for some months.

Respectfully submitted,

H. P. RANDALL, *City Assessor.*



I do hereby certify that I had no personal property within the city limits at that time, except what was assessed to the firm of Field, Broden & Co., and Chandler & Field.

EDWARD S. FIELD.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Whitsit offered the following motion :

That the Marshal be instructed to notify Henry Hahn and Speigle & Thoms to open the alley between lots 4 and 5 and 16 and 17, in out-lot 85, the same running east and west through said block, and from East to Liberty streets.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 10, 1870

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

STATE OF INDIANA, }  
MARION COUNTY, } ss.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said county and State, personally came, William C. Holmes and John A. Bradshaw, who being by me duly sworn, on their oaths severally say :

That they are the owners of lot eighteen (18), in Bradshaw and Holmes' sub-division of the southeast part of out-lot number one hundred (100) in the city of Indianapolis, said county, by deed of the Sheriff of Marion county to them, dated May 15, 1869, executed upon the sale of said lot by said Sheriff, on April 11, 1868, upon a decree of sale and foreclosure of a mortgage of said lot, and judgment, recovered by them, on November 16, 1867, in the Court of Common Pleas of said county, against Stephen F. Power et al, the said mortgage having been executed by said Stephen F. Power as purchaser from said affiants, to secure the purchase money of said lot.

That Thomas Fugate was a purchaser of said lot from the vendor of said Power or his assigns, subject to said mortgage and subsequent thereto.

That, on September 9, 1869, an estimate was allowed and certified to Hiram Seibert by the City Clerk of said city, for the grading and graveling of Buchanan street and sidewalks, from East street to Virginia avenue, a part of which was assessed against said lot in the sum of \$32, and against Thomas Fugate as the owner thereof, and a non-resident of said city. That thereafter, to-wit on October 13, 1869, a "precept" was issued by said city to the Treasurer thereof, to make said sum of \$32, by demanding payment thereof of said Thomas Fugate, and in default of payment within twenty days after such demand, to sell said lot to satisfy said estimate.

That the Treasurer of said city made no demand for said \$32, or any part thereof, of said affiants or either of them; that said Thomas Fugate, though residing at Cincinnati, Ohio, visits a good part of his time with his son, James

L. Fugate, who resides in said city, doing business at and as a partner of the firm of "J. H. Vajen & Co.," in said city, and who is the agent of his father, said Thomas Fugate, and that no demand was made at any time of said Thomas Fugate or his said son, for the amount of said estimate, or any part thereof, as affiants are informed and believe; that publication was made as to said Thomas Fugate, as affiants are informed, and \$2 50 charged therefor as costs on said precept, and also as part of the costs on said precept is charged a fee of 50 cents for a *demand*, as appears on said precept.

That, as also appears by said precept, said lot was advertised for sale December 3, 1869, and sold December 24, 1869, to said Hiram Seibert, for the sum of \$43 70—the whole amount of said estimate and costs, including said fee of 50 cents.

That affiants had no notice of the allowance and certification of said estimate, or the issuance of said precept, or of said advertisement and sale of said lot; and, as affiants are informed and believe, said Thomas Fugate and James L. Fugate, or either of them, had no notice actual thereof.

That affiants are ready and willing to pay said amount of said estimate, and reasonable costs, of which readiness affiants have informed said Seibert, and ask that said sale be set aside.

W. C. HOLMES,  
J. A. BRADSHAW.


Subscribed and sworn to by said named subscribers, before me, this 8th day of January, 1870.

[SEAL.]

JOHN S. TARKINGTON, Notary Public.

Which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

  
DANIEL MACAULEY, Mayor.

ATTEST:

  
~~S. M. RUSSELL~~, City Clerk.