

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1870, 7 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, Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Ken-
nington, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Wea-
ver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Absent—Councilman Kahn and Locke—2.

The proceedings of the regular session held February 28, 1870,
were read and approved.

Sealed proposals were opened and read, and referred to their appropriate Committee.

Mr. Thalman presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, MARCH 7, 1870.

E. Locke, Esq., Chairman of Committee on Bridges :

In reply to your favor of the 4th, inst., I am instructed by the Board of Directors of the Indianapolis Rolling Mill Company to say, that according to their understanding of the original plan, they have provided the heavy timbers for a rail track, which, with cash, one hundred and fifty dollars, towards a center stone pier, they tender to the city. This, in addition to the assessment of one thousand dollars for the advantages supposed to inure to the Company, they regard as a large proportion of the expense of constructing a bridge as should be sustained by this Company.

Yours respectfully,

J. M. LORD, *President,*

Which was referred to the Committee on Bridges.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, March 7, 1870.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council :

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, to whom was referred the communication of Michael Maloney, respectfully report:

That we have given the subject very careful consideration, and that we think it advisable to accept Mr. Maloney's proposition.

We therefore, recommend that the sum of \$932 22 be appropriated to pay for the lot in said proposition described, and that it paid upon the presentation of a proper warranty deed, and a duly certified abstract of title.

Respectfully,

JOHN S. NEWMAN,	} Committee.
AUSTIN H. BROWN,	
J. H. WOODBURN.	

B. K. ELLIOTT, *City Attorney.*

Which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims, and City Attorney.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, March 7, 1870

To the Mayor and Common Council :

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Revision of Ordinances, to whom was re-

ferred General Ordinance No. 5, 1870, to amend the amended Market Ordinance of November 30, 1863, beg to report the same back and recommend its passage.

Respectfully,

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

Which was received.

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

RECAPITULATION OF THE WEEKLY REPORT OF THE CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL ENDING FEBRUARY 26, 1870.

Number of patients in Hospital at last report	37
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	9
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	2
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report	1
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	43

Also, the following:

RECAPITULATION OF THE MONTHLY REPORT OF EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1870.

Total expenditures for the month.....	\$559 89
Aggregate number of days for which subsistence, etc., was furnished	1120
Average expense per capita per diem.....	0.49

Also, the following:

RECAPITULATION OF THE MONTHLY REPORT OF CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1870.

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	39
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	31
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	4
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	21
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	3
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	50

Which were received.

Also Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 12, 1870—entitled:

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims on account of the City Hospital, for the month of February, 1870.

Which was read the first time.

The Street Commissioner made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, March 7, 1870

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

5 GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to report the following work done in my department since February 7, 1870.

FIRST WARD.

Repaired the crossing on East and New York streets	\$17 00
Repaired the crossing on East and Vermont street	9 00
Total	\$26 00

SECOND WARD.

Repaired the crossing on Walnut and the first alley west of New Jersey street	\$5 00
Repaired the crossing on New Jersey and Gregg streets	3 00
Total	\$8 00

THIRD WARD.

Repaired the culvert on Meridian and North streets	\$6 00
Total	\$6 00

FOURTH WARD.

Placed two foot-bridges on the National Road and Blackford street, and repaired the crossing on the same	\$18 00
Placed foot-bridges and made crossings on Blackford and North and California streets	26 00
Repaired the crossings on West and Michigan streets	14 00
Total	\$58 00

SIXTH WARD.

Repaired the sidewalk on Union and McCarty	\$7 00
Repaired the sidewalk on Union and Morris streets	16 00
Repaired the crossing on McCarty and Delaware streets	7 00
Total cost	\$30 00

SEVENTH WARD.

Repaired sidewalk on Alabama street between Merrill and McCarty streets	\$19 00
Opened and repaired the gutter and the sidewalk on the east side of Delaware street, between Merrill and Ray street	73 00
Total	\$92 00

EIGHTH WARD.

Placed two foot-bridges and made a crossing on Fletcher Avenue at the first alley east of Noble.....	\$13 00
Repaired the sidewalk on Noble near Benton street.....	7 00
Repaired the crossing on Fletcher Avenue and Cedar streets.....	11 00
Total.....	\$31 00

NINTH WARD.

Repaired the culvert on Washington and New Jersey streets.....	\$3 00
Total.....	\$3 00

BRIDGES, &c.

Repaired the bridge over the arm of the Canal on Market street.....	\$47 00
Repaired the bridge over the Canal on New York street.....	3 00
Re-built the bridge over the Canal on Market street.....	282 00
Total.....	\$333 00

RECAPITULATION BY WARDS.

Showing the amount on hand February 8, 1870; the amount expended since February 8, 1870; and the amount on hand at the present date.

WARDS.	Am't on hand Feb. 8, 1870.	Deficit, Feb. 8, '70	Am't appropriated Feb. 8, '70.	Total on hand with appropriation.	Am't expended since Feb. 8, 1870.	Balance on hand at present date.	Deficit to date.
First Ward.....	\$238 20			\$238 20	\$26 00	\$212 20	
Second Ward.....	265 95			265 95	8 00	257 95	
Third Ward.....	240 84			240 84	6 00	234 84	
Fourth Ward.....	84			84	58 00		57 16
Fifth Ward.....		\$129 02					129 02
Sixth Ward.....		42 80			30 00		72 80
Seventh Ward.....	279 20			279 20	92 00	187 20	
Eighth Ward.....	233 35			233 35	31 00	202 35	
Ninth Ward.....	154 92			154 92	3 00	151 92	
Bridge Fund.....	1609 32		1000 00	2609 00	333 00	2276 00	
Miscellaneous.....		1845 88	1500 00				345 88
	\$2922 30	2017 70	\$2500 00	\$4022 30	\$587 30	\$3522 46	\$604 86

Respectfully submitted,
AUGUSTUS BRUNER, *Street Commissioner.*

Which was received.

The City Clerk made the following report:

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, }
Indianapolis, Mar. 7, 1870. }

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

The City Clerk respectfully reports to Council:

First, Contract and bond of Cogill and Davis, for grading and graveling Pine street and sidewalks from Noble street to Harrison street.

Second, Final estimate allowed Patterson and Dunning, for grading and graveling Illinois street from Ohio to North street.

Which was concurred in.

Also the following resolution:

Resolved, That the foregoing second and corrected estimate allowed Patterson and Dunning, for grading and graveling Illinois street from Ohio to North street, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate 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, Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kennington, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Negative—none.

So the resolution was adopted.

The City Commissioners made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar. 7, 1870.

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

H' GENTLEMEN.—The Board of City Commissioners have considered the petition of James C. Ferguson and others, asking the opening of Helen street from Maryland to Washington street through out lot 143, and after viewing the premises submit the following report:

We think the opening of said street is required to meet the wants of the business men in that part of the city, but that it would be unwise to open it on a direct north line from the present northern end of Helen street: for by following that line Mr. King's lots would be almost destroyed, and the expense be largely increased on the adjacent property holders. As the petition specifies no line to be followed in the opening of said street, we deem ourselves justified in selecting the route, and therefore recommend that the

present thirty foot alley, running north and south from Maryland to Washington streets, between out lots 143 and 144, be increased to the width of sixty feet, by taking a strip thirty feet wide off the ends of Mr. King's lots, in the north and south halves of out lot 143; and by adding said strip to the present alley, a street is obtained of the desired width, sixty feet.

The street thus opened will not be on a direct line with the north end of Helen street, but the offset will not be great; the expense to others will be greatly lessened, for Mr. King's lots will be left in an available shape. We therefore recommend the opening of the present thirty foot alley to the width of sixty feet, by taking said thirty foot strip from the west end of Mr. King's lots as above indicated, and that when so widened, said alley be known as the continuation of Helen street, as asked for in said petition.

We submit the following assessment of the benefits and damages resulting to the property-holders in the vicinity from the opening of said street on the line, and in the manner above stated.

We estimated the damages to Mr. Edward King, by taking thirty feet front on Washington street, by one hundred and ninety-five feet south to the alley, off the west side of the north half of out lot 143, at \$75 per foot front on Washington street.....	\$2,250 00
To Mr. King for damages to house on same 30 feet front above described	150 00
To Mr. Edward King for damages by taking thirty feet front on Maryland street, by one hundred and ninety-five feet north to the alley, off the west side of south half out lot 143, at \$38 per foot front on Maryland street.....	1,140 00
Total damages to Mr. King	\$3,540 00

We estimate the benefits to various parties from the opening of said street, on the several tracts described, at the following sums:

To Mr. Edward King to benefits resulting on seventy-five feet front remaining on Washington street, and on one hundred and ninety-five feet of front on new sixty foot street, on the west side of the north half of out lot 143	\$1,400 00
To Mr. Edward King on one hundred and ninety five feet new frontage on new 60 foot street, on the west side of the south half of out lot 143	\$975 00
Total benefits to Mr. King	\$1,375 00
Balance, or resulting damage to Mr. King.....	\$2,165 00

To George W. Stout, we estimate the benefit on 78 $\frac{3}{4}$ feet on Washington street, (next east of Edward King's lots,) at.....	\$8 00
To A. A. Culver, on 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet on Maryland street 78 $\frac{3}{4}$ feet on alley in south half of out lot 143	13 00
To Sarah Moseley, 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet on Maryland street, by 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet on alley in south half of out lot 143.....	7 00
To Simon L. Wiseman, on 50 feet front on Washington street and 195 feet front on 60 foot street, on east side of north half of out lot 144.....	105 00
To John Lowery and Robert Lowery, on 40 feet front on Washington st., west of 50 off east side of north half of out lot 144	7 00
To Winslow S. Pierce, on 40 feet front on Washington street, west of 90 feet off east side of out lot 144	5 00
To Winslow S. Pierce, on 159 feet 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches in part of east side of south half of out lot 144.....	85 00

To William Sheets, on 80½ feet front on Maryland street and 80½ feet front on West Georgia street, in west end of out lot 138-----	\$10 00
To Stoughton A. Fletcher, on the undivided half of 240 feet, off north side of out lot 137 -----	10 00
To the Indiana and Illinois Central Railroad Company, on the undivided half of 240 feet, off north side of out lot 137 -----	10 00
To the Terre Haute and Indianapolis Railroad Company, on 270 feet off south side out lot 137-----	20 00
To Ephraim Wisbe, on 50 feet off west side of south half of out lot 142-----	15 00
To Terre Haute and Indianapolis Railroad Company, on 230 feet east and west, by 242 feet north and south, in the north-east corner of out lot 135	75 00
To the Terre Haute and Indianapolis Railroad Company, on 242 feet off the north side of out lot 134 -----	150 00
To Samuel and Thos. D. Kingan, on lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, and block a, b, c, d, and lots 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, in out lot 239, and lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, in out lot 136-----	830 00
To Jason S. Carey, on lots 10, 11, 12, in out lot 139 -----	45 00
To James C. Ferguson, on lots 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, in out lot 136, and block e, f, in out 139, and on lots 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, and block g, in out lot 136 -----	435 00
To the Terre Haute and Indianapolis Railroad Company, on lots 19, 20, 21, 22, 59, 60, 61, and block h, in out lot 136 -----	345 00
Making the aggregate amount of benefits-----	\$2,165 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL M. SEIBERT,	} Board of City Commissioners.
WM. BRADEN,	
IGNATIUS BROWN.	

Which was referred to the City Attorney.

Mr. Marsee from the Committee on Fire Department, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar. 7, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Fire Department recommend the acceptance of the proposition of Gramwell & Co., to put up their Fire Alarm Telegraph Boxes, and apparatus for striking the Central Alarm Bell, viz: \$4,000 for 40 boxes, and \$1,500 for the bell apparatus, provided Gramwell & Co., will agree to take one-half of the amount on the completion of the work to the satisfaction of the Council, and one-half at the end of one year, deferred payment to draw six per cent. interest; the bell striking apparatus to be tested six months before payment is made.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. MARSEE,	} Committee.
AUSTIN H. BROWN.	
ISAAC THALMAN,	

Also the following proposition:

SPECIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR THE AMERICAN FIRE ALARM AND POLICE TELEGRAPH FOR THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 7, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned proprietors of the American Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph respectfully propose to put in readiness for operation their system of Automatic Fire Alarms in your city, according to the following specifications and conditions, to wit:

For the Central, or Battery Station, one of our Automatic Electro Magnetic Repeaters, arranged for at least four (4) independent circuits, sounding a general alarm on the engine house gongs, and large tower bell (if used), and giving the return signal in the street boxes.

Four (4) Galvanometers, the indicating needle of which will at all times disclose the condition of the battery and lines. All the lightning arresters necessary for the proper protection of the foregoing apparatus, together with all the necessary commutators for changing circuits, or testify the integrity of the same. A sufficient quantity of the improved sulphate of copper battery to successfully work the entire system.

For the Signal, or Street Boxes, forty (40) cottage-shaped, cast-iron boxes with hinged doors and combination locks—five keys to each; locks and keys to be uniform throughout the city; each station to contain the necessary mechanism and electrical arrangements for indicating (by simply moving a slide) its exact locality, and receiving signals of danger in other portions of the city. Each station to contain a telegraph key and electro magnetic call-bell for police purposes or engineer's signals, and to be furnished with lightning arresters, and proper ground escapes for the same. The wires entering and leaving each station to be inclosed in gas-pipe at least fourteen (14) feet above the ground.

For the Engine House Gongs, four (4) of our best Electro Magnetic Mechanical Gong Strikers, with Gongs at least thirteen (13) inches in diameter, neatly encased, and provided with lightning arresters and proper ground escapes for the same.

The foregoing proposal contemplates a very thorough and complete system of municipal telegraph for your city, combining the best features of the various telegraphs erected by us and now in operation in some forty (40) cities in this country, dispensing with the expense of a regular central station, and requiring but a portion of the time of one intelligent person to inspect the Galvanometers and keep up the Batteries, yet so arranged that if any accident happens to the wires or apparatus in any part of the city, it only affects that immediate circuit, leaving the balance of the system in perfect working order. The average time required to communicate a definite and general alarm is within twenty (20) seconds, or less than one-third of a minute.

We propose to complete the whole in our usual thorough and workmanlike manner, so that the ordinary repairs for years to come will be a nominal matter; and do hereby convey, transfer and assign to the city on the completion of and payment for the work herein proposed to be done, the absolute

and unrestricted right to use and perpetuate the apparatus to the extent herein enumerated, and all extensions to the same, during the full term of our various patents, and have the entire system completed and in readiness for operation within four (4) months after the date of the contract herein contemplated, for the sum of four thousand (\$4,000) dollars, upon the following conditions, to-wit:

The City of Indianapolis, represented by its Fire Department Committee of the Common Council, shall place at the disposal of the undersigned, within one month after the signing of the contract (if required) a suitable room for the Central or Battery Station; a sufficient quantity of the proper wire to make the necessary connections, and shall furnish from their Fire Department, or otherwise, sufficient labor, under the direction of the undersigned, to complete the work; and, finally, when said Fire Department Committee have been notified of the completion of the work, they shall immediately examine and test the same, when, if found completed to their satisfaction, in accordance with the foregoing specifications and proposals, they shall accept the same, and pay to the undersigned the aforesaid sum of four thousand (\$4,000) dollars, and shall deliver, free of cost, to the undersigned, all the street boxes, engine-house gongs, battery, etc., in use at the present time.

ADDENDA.—Should you desire to have your large tower bell struck, we will furnish and put in operation, at our own cost and expense, one of our large Electro Magnetic Bell Strikers, of sufficient capacity to draw the full tone of such bell, so arranged that the same alarm which is struck on the engine-house gongs will be sounded on the large bell at the same time, thereby enabling you to dispense with the expense of your present watchmen, and yet have the alarm sounded with mechanical exactness.

We will leave the apparatus in your possession six (6) months, when at the end of that time it perform all that we claim for it to your entire satisfaction you shall pay us the sum of fifteen hundred (\$15,000) dollars. If it does not so perform we will remove it, without cost to the city.

Respectfully submitted,

GAMEWELL & CO.

Which were referred to the Committee on Fire Department, City Attorney, and Councilmen Cottrell and Woodburn.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 10, 1870—entitled:

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis.

Was read a second time.

Mr. Brown moved to amend as follows:

That the City Civil Engineer, Chief Engineer, Market Master and Joseph W. Davis, be each allowed twenty-five dollars for their expenses to and from Peoria, Illinois.

Which was adopted, and the ordinance so amended.

Mr. Thabman offered the following amendment:

Moved to amend by adding two thousand dollars, (\$2,000,) to be expended in improving Military Park, as the Commissioners may direct. *m.*

Which was adopted, and the ordinance so amended.

The ordinance as amended, was then ordered engrossed.

Also Special Appropriation ordinance No. 11, 1870—entitled:

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the purchase of posts and lanterns for the public gas lamps.

Was read the second time.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion.

That the ordinance be referred to the City Treasurer, with instructions to report whether any, and how much, money has been refunded to the City Treasury under the late plan of furnishing gas posts.

The question being on the adoption of the motion, the ayes and noes were demanded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Marsee, Shepherd, Whitsit and Woodburn—9.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Harrison, Newman, Pyle, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver and Wiles—7.

So the motion was adopted.

General ordinances Nos. 11 and 12,—1870, in regard to expressmen, runners, etc.

Were read the second time, and referred to the Councilmen from the 5th and 6th wards, Mr. Brown as Chairman.

Special Appropriation ordinance No. 12—1870.

Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

Special Appropriation ordinance No. 10, 1870, entitled :

a AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis.

Was read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass ?

Those who voted in the were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kennington, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Negative—none.

So the ordinance passed.

Special ordinance No. 27, 1870, entitled:

5 5 AN ORDINANCE to provide for planting, maintaining and protecting shade trees (where not already planted), on Illinois street, between Ohio and First streets.

Was read the third time 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, Kennington, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—15.

Negative—none.

So the ordinance passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. Thalman presented the following communication :

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

GENTLEMEN:—In consequence of several unforeseen circumstances, we fear we shall be unable to place one of our engines in your city on the fifteenth of March, as proposed by resolution of your Honorable Body. We, therefore, ask an extension of time of thirty days. We will use our best endeavors to put our engine in your city on or before the fifteenth of March, but failing in that will deliver the engine into your hands as soon thereafter as possible.

Very respectfully,

ALBERTON IRON WORKS MFG CO.

PER W. H. DYER, Agent.

72 West Third St., Cincinnati, Ohio, March 5, 1870.

Which was received, and on motion by Mr. Thalman, thirty days additional time was granted.

CALL OF THE ROLL.

Mr. Brown presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 28, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on First, between Illinois street and Canal, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the graveling of said street, with coarse river, or creek gravel, fifteen (15) inches deep in the center of the street, to five (5) at the side, and eight (8) inches deep on the sidewalks.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS MADDEN,
JOHN H. KEFERS,
WM. H. DENNIS,
J. W. IRNIN,

And 5 others.

Which was received.

Mr. Brown introduced Special ordinance No. 35—1870, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling First street between Illinois street and the Canal.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following motion:

Resolved, That the Gas Inspector be, and he is hereby, instructed to light the street lamps north of Washington street before those on the south side of said street, every alternate month, and on alternate months to light the south part of the city before that of the north side. Commencing the new system on the south side on the first day of April next.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby instructed to notify in writing, each and all the Railroad Companies crossing New Jersey street, between Pogue's Run and Washington street, to have all space between their tracks properly planked the full width of the streets and sidewalks, and should said Railroad Companies fail to plank the said streets and sidewalks, after giving thirty days notice, then the Street Commissioner shall proceed to plank the same and present the bills to the different Railroad Companies in exact proportion as each Railroad Company may owe for such improvement, and should the said Companies fail, refuse, or neglect to pay the same that he notify the City Attorney to institute actions therefor.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Gimber presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 28, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your petitioners, owners of two-thirds of the real estate on West street between the south line of Root street and the south Donation line, respectfully request that an ordinance be passed for grading and graveling said part of West street and the sidewalks of same, with good river gravel.

Respectfully submitted,

Heirs of N. M. McCARTY,
per N. M. McCARTY,
J. H. MCKERNAN,
S. YANDES.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Gimber presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar. 7, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—It is my intention to go to work on Tennessee street right away. I want you to set me stakes on it, and I would like to get Jas. Woods and Staples' measurement. I should think it no more than right that I should have their measurement. When Staples measured it, the street was deeper than the lots. I am willing to get an Engineer and have him with the City Engineer, measure the whole of the work; I would also like to get a report of the Committee on Streets and Alleys in regard to the crossings at Pogue's Run bridge on Illinois street. James Wood set the stakes for me at the crossing of McCarty and Tennessee street, and told me to work to them. I have never received pay for either of the above jobs.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS WREN.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Gimber offered the following motion :

That a select committee be appointed to investigate whether the City Scavenger is taking proper care of the city ground used by him.

Which was adopted.

His Honor appointed as such Committee,

Messrs. Gimber, Weaver and Shepherd.

Mr. Heckman introduced Special ordinance No. 36, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading, graveling and curbing the outside edge of the sidewalk with white oak plank, the south sidewalk on the National Road, or Washington street, from where the Michigan Road intersects Washington street or National Road, to the east line of the corporate limits.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Heckman introduced Special ordinance No. 37, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading, graveling and curbing the east sidewalk on the Michigan Road from Washington street, or National Road, to the corporation line east.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Heckman offered the following motion :

That the Marshal notify the Indianapolis Junction Railroad Company and the Indiana Central Railroad Company with the ordinance regulating the running of trains inside the city limits.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Marsee offered the following motion :

That the Committee on Printing and Stationery, with His Honor, the Mayor, be instructed to make such necessary arrangements as they may deem proper in fitting up the offices, Council Chamber and Police Court in the new building soon to be occupied by the City Government.

Mr. Newman introduced Special ordinance No. 38, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on New York, Michigan and North streets, between Illinois and Alabama streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Newman presented the following remonstrances:

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar. 7, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your petitioners represent that they are property holders on Delaware street (representing the number of feet lineal opposite their names) between St. Clair and St. Mary's street.

And we further represent that the said street has been very recently graded and graveled, at a considerable cost, in compliance with an ordinance from your honorable body, and said street is now in good repair.

And your petitioners would further beg leave to say that they are decidedly opposed to putting down the Nicholson pavement on said street, as the additional expense of said improvement would be really oppressive to the property holders at this time to be compelled to pay.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES BALS.
J. & P. GRAMLING.
L. F. KIEFER.

And fifteen others.

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar. 7, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your petitioners represent that they are property holders on Delaware street, between Massachusetts avenue and St. Clair streets, and desire to have that portion of said street improved with coarse screened river gravel, and the gutters bowldered seven feet in width.

They therefore ask your honorable body to pass an ordinance to gravel that part of said street, between Massachusetts avenue and St. Clair street, with coarse screened river gravel, and to bowlder the gutters seven feet wide; the gravel to be fifteen (15) inches deep in the center of said street, sloping to five inches at the bowldered gutters.

And your petitioners would further beg leave to say that they are decidedly opposed to putting down the Nicholson pavement on said street, for the reason that it is too expensive for its durability, and for property holders at this time to be compelled to pay.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

DAVID MACY.
GEORGE F. MEYER.
ABNER POPE.

And fifteen others.

Which were referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion:

That Charles Harmon be allowed to dig a well and put in a pump in front of his property on the National Road, near White River Bridge, he complying with the city ordinance regulating the same.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thoms presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar. 3, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, property-holders on Delaware street from Massachusetts Avenue south to Washington street, remonstrate against putting down Nicolson pavement on our street, at our expense, as our street is now in good repair from New York street to Washington on Delaware. We are now heavily taxed. The putting down of Nicolson pavement, would be burdensome to us. We pray your honorable body will not force any such costly improvement upon us.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW WALLACE,
And 19 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Thoms offered the following preamble and resolution :

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar. 7, 1870.

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

WHEREAS, Your honorable body has ordered the opening of Vermont street between East and Liberty streets, through out lot No. 52, in the city of Indianapolis,

AND WHEREAS, The Sisters of Providence have purchased the ground through which said street was ordered to be opened, at a large cost, for a public institution, for which they have not received any compensation whatever,

AND WHEREAS, The Sisters relying upon your generosity and your wish to act justly towards all, do now ask of your honorable body, the privilege of grading said street between said points, and also to use the dirt to defray the expense of this part of said street of improving the same, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Sisters of Providence be and are hereby granted permission to grade Vermont street between East and Liberty streets, through out lot No. 52, in the city of Indianapolis, and to use all surplus dirt or earth taken therefrom, for the purpose of defraying their part of the expense of grading said street. The City Engineer is hereby instructed to set the proper grade stakes.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Thoms introduced Special ordinance No. 39, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling Market street and sidewalks, from old corporation line to Highland street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Whitsit offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to build a temporary wooden culvert across Pine street, at the intersection of Virginia river, of sufficient capacity to carry the water of that stream.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Wiles presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 4, 1870.

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

The undersigned citizens of Indianapolis respectfully petition your honorable body for the grading and graveling Davidson street, from the north line of North street to the north end of said Davidson street, the said petitioners being property owners of that part of Davidson street.

NICHOLAS TORION.
ANDREW HEINZ.
E. B. MARTIN.
DAVID MONTEITH.
LOUIS KOSS.

Which was received.

Mr. Wiles introduced Special ordinance No. 40, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling Davidson street and sidewalks, from the north side of North street to the north end of Davidson street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Wiles offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Greenleaf & Co. be allowed to lay and construct a railway switch from their foundry, crossing Tennessee street diagonally, and connecting with the Indianapolis Rolling Mill railroad track, at or near the intersection of said track and Merrill street.

This grant is made upon these conditions :

That the said track be so laid and maintained as to correspond to the grade of said streets, as the same now are, or may be hereafter established; that the said tracks shall be planked the entire width of the streets which it crosses, and for two feet from the outer edge of each of the rails thereof; and that said Greenleaf & Co. shall keep and maintain the said crossings in good and perfect repair, and in such order that they shall at all times be safe and convenient for use and passage.

Mr. Brown offered the following amendment :

Amend by striking out "Resolved" and inserting:

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,*

Both of which were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Wiles offered the following motion :

That the Committee on Judiciary, City Attorney and W. D. Wiles are appointed to report as to whether the City Cemetery can be condemned for burial purposes.

Which was referred to the Judiciary Committee, City Attorney and W. D. Wiles.

Dr. Woodburn introduced Special ordinance No. 41, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and bouldering Pennsylvania street, (exclusive of sidewalks,) from the North side of Michigan street, to the north side of north street.

Which was read the first time.

The City Treasurer made the following report :

OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER, }
Indianapolis, March 7, 1870. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to report that I have made demand against the property holders who were assessed for benefits in the case of opening of Gregg street through lot 66, out lot 181, and that the following property holders have failed to pay such assessments, to-wit:

E. A. Seaton (now owned by Mrs. Austin), Martin Burton, Louis Neis, Martha Oliver, Sidney Johnson, Sarah T. Avery, F. Rafert and Elizabeth Fiscus, and I therefore suggest that your honorable body order precepts issued against said property, so that the same may be lawfully offered for sale, to pay the benefits assessed against such lots, and I request that if it is the desire of the Council, that the damages of \$410 be paid out of the City Treasury, in accordance with the resolution offered at the last meeting of Council (February 28), that the necessary appropriation be made, to enable me to pay the amount out of the City Treasury.

The money, \$15, due from Poabody & Hare, on account of leasing of the lot of ground owned by the City on Maryland street, has not yet been paid by said gentlemen, although demand has been made at divers times.

Respectfully, etc.,
ROBERT S. FOSTER, *City Treasurer.*

Which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Daniel Macauley
DANIEL MACAULEY, *Mayor.*

ATTEST:

D. M. Ransdell
~~D. M. RANSELL~~, *City Clerk.*