

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

ADJOURNED SESSION

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 1870, 7½ O'CLOCK P. M. }

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke,
Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whit-
sit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Councilmen Harrison and Pyle being excused.

Business was resumed in the order in which it was left off at last
meeting viz., call of the roll.

Mr. Kennington offered the following motion :

That John Bassert be permitted to pave with brick, his sidewalk in front of his property on south Meridian street, between McCarty and Ray street, and the Civil Engineer is hereby directed to set the grade stakes.

Also, the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean all the gutters in the Sixth ward.

Which were adopted.

Mr. Locke presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 30, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Whereas, the West Market House has heretofore been condemned by the Committee on Markets, therefore, we, the undersigned, property owners in the immediate neighborhood of said Market, respectfully petition your honorable body to have the same removed and the ground enclosed with a fence corresponding with the balance of fence enclosing the lot, and also to prohibit any person from using said lot unless by special permission from your honorable body.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. WATERS,
JOHN W. COONS,
JOHN PRATHER,
E. E. CASE,

And 16 others.

Which was received.

Mr. Marsee offered the following motion :

That the Chief Fire Engineer be, and he is hereby instructed and empowered to rent a lot situated in rear of Hook and Ladder House, owned by Hiram Seibert, at a rate not exceeding fifteen dollars per annum.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Marsee introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 33, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the use of the Fire Department.

Which was read the first time.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 130, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and bouldering, paving and curbing, the outside edge of the sidewalks with stone, Cumberland street, from Alabama to East street.

Which was read the first time.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 131, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of Delaware street from South to Duncan street.

Which was read the first time.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 132, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and paving the sidewalks, and bouldering the gutters on Delaware street, between South and Ray street.

Which was read the first time.

Also, the following bill :

Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

To John Buscr, Dr.

To forty nights service as watchman at City Buildings, at \$2,25 pr night... \$90 00
June 13, 1870.

Which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims.

Mr. Newman presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 30, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, Mary Ann Bruan, represents that she is a widow, aged about fifty-three years. That she resides in Indianapolis.

That on or about the first of November, 1869, while going from her home in the evening to a store on west New York street, she stepped off the end of the plank crossing of the ditch running along the north side of New York street across Bright street, and fell a distance of some three feet, hurting herself very badly, fracturing her ankle bone, and disabling her for life. The gutter covering is at all times very unsafe and dangerous, and it was wholly without her own fault that she was injured.

She says she was confined to her bed for three months or more, and incurred great expense and endured great suffering, and she has risen from her bed to be a cripple for life, being wholly unable to support herself by any manual labor.

In her old age she is now helpless and penniless. She believes, and is informed, that the city is liable to her in damages, on account of the defective construction and exposed condition of the gutter and ditch. She believes she ought to receive damages from the city in the sum of ten thousand dollars, and she makes formal demand therefor from you as authorities of said city. And she prays that her petition may receive careful and immediate attention at your hands.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY ANN BRUAN,

By BARBOUR & JACOBS, her Att'ys.

Which was laid on the table by the following vote :

Those who voted in the affirmative were, Councilmen Brown, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Reagan, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Wiles and Woodburn—11.

Those who voted in the negative were, Councilmen Cottrell, Heckman, Newman, Weaver and Whitsit—5.

Mr. Reagan presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 30, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Louisiana between Illinois street and Tennessee street, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the grading and bouldering of the above named street and sidewalks, between the points named, according to the general plan for such improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

STREET RAILWAY CO.

The voice of the public at large demand it. It is also recommended that the sidewalk be curbed with good Flat Rock stone.

Which was received.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 133, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and bouldering Louisiana street between Illinois and Tennessee street, and paving with brick and bouldering a portion of the north sidewalk, and curbing said sidewalk with stone.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Reagan presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 30, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate between Louisiana and South street, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for grading and bouldering the first alley west of Illinois street, in square ninety-five, running north and south.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD ESSIGKE,
EDWARD RENTSCH,
A. BALLS,
G. SINDLINGER.

Which was received.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 134, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and bouldering the first alley in square ninety-five, west of Illinois street, and running north and south from Louisiana to South street.

Which was read the first time.

Also, the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 30, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The petitioners would respectfully petition your honorable body to open and widen Mississippi street from Merrill street south to the Corporation line, making said street a uniform width. Your early attention is called to the matter set forth in the petition.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MALONEY,
EDWARD MEREDITH,
HEINRICH RICHTER,
JAMES GREER,

And 30 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Reagan presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 30, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, citizens of the Fifth ward, would respectfully petition your honorable body to appoint a Day Policemen in the said ward. One who lives in the ward, and who will attend to the duties assigned him.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. BURK,
J. H. ADAMS,
F. L. FARMAN,
MICH. BURNS,
And 23 others.

Which was referred to the Board of Police.

Mr. Locke offered the following motion :

That the Committee on Printing and Stationery are hereby instructed to devise some means to improve the acoustics of this room, and that any reasonable expense incurred to that end, will be paid by a vote of this Council.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Shepherd offered the following motion :

That the Committee on Fire Department be authorized to purchase matting for the covering of the floors in the sleeping rooms of the different engine houses of the city.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby ordered to fill the chuck holes between South street and Pogue's Run, on south Illinois street.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

That a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Water Works Company, to ascertain upon what conditions they are willing to surrender their rights and privilege to the central branch of the Canal, from Market street to the Corporation line.

Which was adopted.

And His Honor, the Mayor, appointed as such committee, Messrs. Shepherd, Woodburn and Pyle.

Mr. Shepherd offered the the following motion :

That J. P. Meikel is hereby granted permission to arch underneath west Cumberland street to the width of forty feet, for the purpose of connecting his beer cellars; this privilege to be good two years from date. The work to be completed within three months from time of commencement.

Which was adopted, *provided*, the work be done under the direction of the Civil Engineer.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be ordered to immediately repair the bridge over the Canal on Indiana avenue; the same being in a very unsafe condition at present.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

That Chandler and Taylor be granted permission to take up the old, and put in a new flume, across the west extension of Market street, to their foundry.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to remove the foot bridge built across the mill race at the foot of west New York street, said bridge being a great nuisance to the residents and property holders in that vicinity, making an avenue for rowdies and loafers to raid on the ice houses and corn fields adjoining.

Which was referred to the Committee on Bridges.

Mr. Thalman offered the following from the Street Commissioner.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 30, 1870

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

GENTLEMEN :—I have the honor to report that the appropriations for some of the wards is now exhausted, and the miscellaneous fund is far behind.

I would, therefore, recommend that an appropriation be made for repairing streets; also, one for miscellaneous purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUSTUS BRUNER, Street Commissioner.

Which was received.

Also, Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 34, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the use of the Street Commissioner.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thalman presented the following bill :

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 15, 1870.

The City of Indianapolis,

To the Cleveland Fire Alarm Company, Dr.

To two Automatic Fire Alarm Boxes, furnished August, 1869, at \$100.-----\$200 00

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

Mr. Thoms presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 30, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN :—The undersigned, respectfully petitions your honorable body to grant him permission to put up and use bulletin boards at the following designated places :

Two (2) on the fence at corner of Ohio and Tennessee streets, and two (2) on the fence at the corner of Market and Tennessee streets. Also, one on each bridge crossing Pogue's Run, south of Washington street, said boards to be four by six feet in size.

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY DONOVAN.

Which was granted.

Also, the following motion :

That the City Clerk be instructed to advertise for proposals for building an iron bridge over Pogue's Run, on Davidson street, and that the Civil Engineer prepare plans and specifications for the same.

Which was referred to the Committee on Bridges.

Mr. Thoms introduced Special Ordinance No. 135, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and paving with brick, and bouldering the mouths of the alleys on west sidewalk of Noble street, between Washington and Market streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thoms introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 35, 1870, entitled :

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

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Weaver offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby instructed to build a culvert at the crossing of Illinois and Pratt street.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

That W. W. Woolen have permission to grade, and pave with brick, the sidewalk in front of his property on the corner of Indiana avenue and Mississippi street, the same to be done according to the stakes set by the Civil Engineer, and completed in sixty days from date.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Whitsit offered the following motion :

That the City Clerk advertise for proposals to build an iron bridge, (the full width of the street), over Pogue's Run, on East street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Bridges.

Mr. Whitsit offered the following motion :

That William Pansie be allowed to plank the crossings on the sidewalk in front of his property on East street, between South street and the Cincinnati Railroad.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to move the bridge from old Davidson street to new Davidson street, at the crossing of Pogue's Run.

Which was referred to the Committee on Bridges.

Mr. Wiles introduced Special Ordinance No. 136, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on College avenue between Home avenue and Christian avenue.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Wiles introduced General Ordinance No. 36, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the laying of piping in the streets and alleys of the city of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Wiles offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the owners of the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot number sixty (60) in Young's sub-division of out-lot one hundred and eighty-one, (181), in the city of Indianapolis, be and they are hereby required to fill and drain the same, as, in the opinion of this Council, there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant and noxious as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and of the inhabitants thereof, and that the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby required to notify the owners thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 23d, 1866, entitled "An ordinance, providing for the drainage and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same," and that in case of the fail-

ure of the owners thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to drain or fill said excavation, as provided in said ordinance.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 30, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on College avenue, between Home avenue and Christian avenue, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the lighting with gas, College avenue, between Home avenue and Christian avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. COLE,
JOHN B. KELLEY,
H. COLGAN,
WM W. WOOLEN,
And 4 others.

Which was received.

Mr. Wiles moved that the report of the City Commissioners in the case of opening and extending Winston street, be concurred in.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Those who voted in the affirmative were, Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Heckman, Kahn, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—15.

Negative—Councilman Kennington—1.

Dr. Woodburn introduced Special Ordinance No. 137, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and bouldering Miami alley, running east and west through square 35, and from Meridian to Illinois street.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following motion :

That the City Civil Engineer is hereby instructed not to locate or construct any flag stone crossings on any street north of North street, east of East street, west of West street, or south of South street.

Also, to place the stone foot-bridges higher over the gutters, than he is doing at present.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner is hereby instructed not to locate or construct any flag-stone crossings, except by order of the Committee on Streets and Alleys and under directions of the Common Council.

Which was referred to Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Marsee offered the following motion :

That the Chief of Police be authorized to destroy all gambling tools that have been, or may hereafter be captured. The same to be done in the presence of the Mayor and Police Board.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Heckman introduced General Ordinance No. 37, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE requiring a flagman to be stationed at the intersection of the Michigan Road, and Indiana Central and Junction Railroads.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Heckman presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 30, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on the west side of East street, between Washington street and Pogue's Run, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk on said street from Washington street to Pogue's Run, for the reason that said improvement contemplated cannot be made to be any advantage to us until after the street is

again improved, and the tracks of the different railroad companies raised up to their proper grade.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. FREUZEL,
JAMES A. BUCHANAN,
A. CHEVALIER,
DAVID MACY.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Heckman offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the owners of the following described real estate, to-wit: Thirty feet north of thirty feet off of the south ends of lots 1, 2 and 3, in out-lot 84, be and they are hereby required to fill and drain the same, as, in the opinion of this Council, there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant or noxious as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health and comfort of said city, and of the inhabitants thereof, and that the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby required to notify the owners thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 23d, 1866, entitled "An ordinance providing for the drainage and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same," and that in case of the failure of the owners thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to drain or fill said excavation, as provided in said ordinance.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Heckman offered the following motion :

That Mr. Henry Hugo be, and he is hereby permitted to grade and gravel in the rear of his lots, between East and Greer streets, and between McCarty and Merrill streets, and that the Civil Engineer be, and is hereby directed to set the proper grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner notify the owner of the lot on the west side of Benton street, between Maryland and Meek streets, to move his fence within the proper line of said street, and if not done within eight days the Street Commissioner shall remove said fence at the expense of the owners.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

That Mr. John Weis be permitted to grade and pave with brick and curb the outer edge with stone, the sidewalk in front of his property on the south east corner of Washington and Benton street, and that the Civil Engineer be and is hereby directed to set the proper grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

That the Market Master be, and is hereby instructed to take such benches as are not in use in the Western Market House, for the purpose of repairing the Eastern Market House.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

That C. E. Whitsit be allowed leave of absence on Saturday night next.

Which was adopted.

His Honor, the Mayor, offered the following motion :

That A. S. Walker, be permitted to pave with brick, the sidewalk in front of his property (two hundred feet) on Vermont street, between Illinois and Tennessee street, the same to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, and within sixty days.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following invitation :

GREENCASTLE, IND., June 28, 1870.

Hon. Daniel Macauley, Mayor City of Indianapolis :

DEAR SIR:—On Saturday, the second day of July, 1870, the Soldiers of Putnam county, Indiana, assisted by their friends, will unveil and dedicate a monument in Forest Hill Cemetery, near Greencastle, erected in memory of comrades fallen in suppressing the rebellion.

On behalf of the Committee on Invitations it becomes my duty, and it is my pleasure, to request the presence of the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, at the dedication ceremonies.

Yours respectfully,

M. A. MOORE,

Chairman Committee on Invitations.

Which was accepted.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Locke made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 30, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN :—Your Committee on Bridges submit the following report :

1. H. C. Brundage, of Buffalo, New York, declines the contract for the placing of the iron bridge over the Canal on First street. We would, therefore, recommend that the City Clerk be instructed to readvertise for the construction of a wrought iron bridge, to be placed over the Canal at that locality.

2. We have examined the bridge over the lower arm of the Canal on Washington street, and find it will be necessary to take said bridge down and reconstruct the same, by placing stone abutments on either side of the Canal, on which to place the roadway. We would, therefore, recommend that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for said work.

3. We would further recommend, that the Street Commissioner be instructed to rebuild the bridge over the waste way of the Canal on Market street, near Geisendorff's Woolen Factory. This bridge was originally built too short by almost ten feet, and now prevents the Water Works Company from effectively accomplishing their designs, besides greatly endangering the lives and property of the traveling community.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIE LOCKE,
JOHN L. MARSEE, } Committee.
AUSTIN H. BROWN,

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following motion :

That the City Clerk advertise for proposals for building stone abutments on each side of the lower arm of the Canal, the whole width of Washington street, on which to place a bridge; that bids will be received at the meeting of this Council, to be held Saturday, July 9, 1870.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair the bridge across the lower arm of the Canal, on Market street, in such a manner that it will be safe to travelers.

Which was adopted.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The Civil Engineer made the following report :

OFFICE OF CITY CIVIL ENGINEER, }
Indianapolis, June, 30, 1870. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—I find it impracticable to carry the water from Illinois along First street, (as recommended by me in a former report), owing to the character of the soil, it being gravel, which will wash and fill the water way.

The citizens on this line object to an open ditch.

Therefore, I respectfully recommend that a fifteen inch cement pipe be laid from Illinois street to the Lafayette Railway track, which pipe will carry the water from Illinois street. From Tennessee street the water can be carried in ordinary gutter.

This plan will require about twelve hundred feet of pipe, and will cost ready in the ground for service, \$1,200.

The pipe can afterwards be used for sewer purposes when Illinois street is sewerd to this point.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, Civil Engineer.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, and Civil Engineer.

The City Clerk presented the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 30, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I respectfully tender my resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees of the City Hospital, to take effect July 1, 1870.

During the four years that I have acted as President of the Board, nearly nine hundred persons have received the benefits of Hospital treatment, while over sixteen hundred applicants have been rejected. Those received into

the Hospital were either residents, or strangers temporarily in the city, while those rejected were either vagrants or impostors, in search of a free boarding house, or deserving persons who came here from all parts of the State for no other purpose than to gain admission into the Hospital. In fact many were furnished means to reach Indianapolis by Township Trustees or County Commissioners. All such cases have been promptly returned, sometimes with aid from the Young Men's Christian Association, and frequently with the assistance of Mr. Hizer, our worthy Township Trustee, and it is now quite well understood that the hospital in Indianapolis, is a city, and not a State, charity.

The medical and surgical staff of the institution deserve thanks for much valuable service rendered gratuitously.

The Superintendent, Dr. Woollen, is entitled to credit for the economical manner with which he has managed the business affairs of the Hospital.

COMPARATIVE COST.

The average expense per capita per diem in comparison with other institutions, shows the following:

	Cents per day.
Pennsylvania Hospital, Philhdelphia-----	93
City Hospital, Hartford, Connecticut-----	78½
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston-----	\$1 81
King's County Hospital, Brooklyn, New York-----	75
City Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts-----	1 07
City Hospital, Louisville, Kentucky-----	79
Cincinnati Hospital-----	55 6-10
City Hospital, Indianapolis-----	48 6-10

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. KITCHEN.

Which was accepted.

On motion, the Council adjourned to meet Saturday, July 9, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

DANIEL MACAULEY, *Mayor.*

ATTEST :

DANIEL M. RANSDALL, *City Clerk.*