

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—APRIL 9, 1883.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, April 9th, A. D. 1883, at half-past seven o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. James T. Layman, President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and Tucker—8.

ABSENT, 2—viz. Aldermen Rorison, and Wood.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the regular session, held March 26th, 1883, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, said Journals were approved as published.

The following special message was read, and on motion by Alderman Tucker, the Board of Aldermen adhered to their former action; and on further motion, the Common Council was requested to appoint a Special Committee for investigation:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The Common Council, in regular session, held in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, April 2d, 1883, non-concurred in your action of March 26th, 1883, by adding the amendment "and that South street, east of East street, be changed to Fletcher avenue," to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the street running from Nebraska street to Lincoln Lane, be named Dean street.

For the Common Council:

Jos. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The following special message was read, and by unanimous consent, the Board of Aldermen reconsidered their former action; and, on motion by Alderman DeRuiter, the whole matter was referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage, with power to act:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The Common Council, in regular session, held in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, April 2d, 1883, adhered to their former action in granting the prayer of D. H. Prunk (see page 995, *ante*), and "directing the Street Commissioner to do the crossings, as asked for, it being the city's portion, and necessary to make the improvement complete."

For the Common Council:

Jos. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The following message was read and received:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit for your consideration, the following papers, favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its regular session, held April 2d, 1883.

For the Common Council:

Jos. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The following report from His Honor, the Mayor, (see page 1027, *ante*), was read and received:

Indianapolis, Ind., April 2, 1883.

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I report collections for the month of February, as follows:

Policemen's witness fees	\$ 29 80
Mayor's fees	25 65

Total	\$ 55 45
-------------	----------

Which amount I have this day paid to the City Treasurer, and deposited his receipt therefor with the City Clerk. Respectfully,

D. W. GRUBBS, Mayor.

The contract and bond of S. W. Patterson, for improving Indiana avenue (see page 1028, *ante*), was read and approved.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see pages 1027 and 1028, *ante*), was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report a fourth and partial estimate in behalf of Henry C. Roney for building a brick sewer, at the expense of the city, in and along Reid street from English avenue to Pleasant Run.

700 lineal feet at \$1.87	\$1,309 00
3 Manholes, \$30.00 each	90 00
	<hr/>
	\$1,399 00
Less 15 per cent. reserve	209 85
	<hr/>
Amount allowed	\$1,189 15
Amount of sewer completed 3,521 40 ft. 10 man-holes and cutting through atutments, amount allowed in four estimates	\$5,860 77
Amount 15 per cent. reserve on four estimates	1,034 25
	<hr/>
Cost of amount completed	\$6,895 02

Respectfully submitted, S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The following report from the Street Commissioner (see page 1030, *ante*), was read and received:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—In obedience to your instructions, I have served the railroad companies and others named in the resolutions adopted by your honorable bodies, ordering obstructions removed from Pogue's Run, and have made due return thereof to the City Clerk.

April 2, 1883.

L. A. FULMER, Street Commissioner.

The report of the City Assessor, showing appointments of Deputy Assessors to serve the city without pay, (see page 1030, *ante*), was read and approved.

The communication from the P., C. & St. L. R. R., as to obstructions in Pogue's Run (see pages 1030 and 1031, *ante*), was read and received.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 1032, *ante*), was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:— I herewith report the first and final estimate in behalf of John Schier, for building one 1,200-barrel cistern, at or near the corner of East street and Lincoln Lane:

1,181 64-100 barrels, at 52 cents..... \$614 45

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The report from the rental agent (see page 1032, *ante*), was read and received.

The reports from the Superintendents of the City Dispensary and City Hospital and Branch (see pages 1032 and 1033, *ante*), were read and received.

The following clause from the report of the Committee on Sewers (see page 1035, *ante*), was read, and on motion by Alderman Hamilton, was referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage, with power to act:

1st. Is a motion that the Street Commissioners lay an 18-inch sewer pipe through the grounds of Catherine Bobbs for the drainage of Bates street, etc.

Recommend that this matter be referred to the City Civil Engineer and Street Commissioner, and that they be authorized to make such improvements as may be necessary to give relief to said locality.

The following report from the Committee on Streets and Alleys, was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 1036, *ante*), was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of A. J. Stewart and Thomas Darmody, asking that the first alley north of McCarty street, from the first alley east of Alabama street to the first alley west of New Jersey street, be opened regular width, have examined said locality, and recommend the prayers of said petitioners be granted, and that the accompanying resolution relative thereto be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

George Weaver,
B. W. Cole,
Sim. Coy,

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The following resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 1036, *ante*), was read:

Resolved, That the petition of A. J. Stewart and Thomas Darmody, praying for the laying out and opening the first alley north of McCarty street, from the first alley east of Alabama street to the first alley west of New Jersey street to a regular width, be referred to the Commissioners, with instructions to assess benefits and damages, and to make due report; and that for the purposes of such opening the Common Council and Board of Aldermen do propose to appropriate such real estate and property as may be necessary therefor. The said Commissioners are instructed to return, as part of their report, all petitions and notices. The City Clerk is hereby directed to issue, and the City Marshal to serve the proper notices upon the Commissioners and property owners.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

The following report from the Committee on Streets and Alleys was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 1038, *ante*), was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of C. G. Weiss and Indianapolis Cabinet Co for the opening and extension of Columbia avenue from Pendleton Road to Brookside avenue, recommend that the prayers of said petitioners be granted, and the accompanying resolution relative thereto be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

George Weaver,
B. W. Cole,
Sim Coy,

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The following resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see pages 1038 and 1039, *ante*), was read:

Resolved, That the petition of Christ. G. Weiss and Indianapolis Cabinet Co., praying for the laying out and opening and extension of Columbia avenue from Pendleton Road to Brookside avenue, together with the plat showing said proposed opening and extension, be referred to the City Commissioners, with instructions to assess benefits and damages, and to make due report; and that for the purposes of such opening the Common Council and Board of Aldermen do propose to appropriate such real estate and property as may be necessary therefor. The said City Commissioners are instructed to return, as part of their report, all petitions and notices. The City Clerk is hereby directed to issue, and the City Marshal to serve the proper notices upon the City Commissioners and property owners.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 7—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

The following report from the Committee on Streets and Alleys was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 1036, *ante*), was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of C. Merrill, Anna M. Merrill and Merrill Moores, asking that the alley commencing on the north line of Merrill street at a point two hundred and five feet east of the southwest corner of Out-lot twenty-two, and running thence north one hundred and ninety one feet to the south line of the first alley north of and parallel with Merrill street; thence east fifteen feet, thence south one hundred and ninety-one feet to the north line of Merrill street, thence west fifteen feet to the place of beginning, be vacated.

We would recommend that said alley be vacated, providing a 15-foot alley be opened between said alley and Alabama street.

Respectfully submitted,

George Weaver,
B. W. Cole,
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The following resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 1037, *ante*), was read:

Resolved, That the petition of Catharine Merrill, Anna M. Merrill and Merrill Moores, praying for the vacation of the alley described as follows, to-wit: Commencing on the north line of Merrill street two hundred and five (205) feet east of the southwest corner of out-lot twenty-two in the City of Indianapolis, thence north 191 feet (more or less) to the first alley north of and parallel with Merrill street, thence east fifteen feet, thence south one hundred and ninety-one feet (more or less) to the north line of Merrill street, thence west fifteen feet to the place of beginning, be referred to the City Commissioners, with instructions to assess benefits and damages, and to ascertain what persons are interested in the vacation of said alley, and to make due report; and that for the purposes of such vacation the City Commissioners be empowered to take such action as the law may require; and the Common Council and Board of Aldermen for the purposes of such vacation do propose to appropriate such real estate and property as may be necessary thereon.

The said Commissioners are instructed to return, as part of their report, all petitions and notices.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to issue, and the City Marshal to serve the proper notices upon the Commissioners, and the petitioners are hereby required to serve the proper notices upon all interested parties as may be designated by the City Commissioners.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

The following clauses from the report of the Committee on Streets and Alleys were read (see pages 1037 and 1038, *ante*), and on motion by Alderman Hamilton, were referred to the Committees on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage, and Finance and Accounts & Claims:

1st. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to repair North Tennessee street, from Ohio street to Tinker street, during the months of March and April.

Recommend the work be done and paid for out of the Street Repair fund.

3d. The proposition of August H. W. Minkner to give sufficient ground for a roadway along the west bank of White River for the sum of \$700.

Recommend that the sum of \$500 be paid for enough land to make a 65-foot street running west from the present river bank.

The following report from the Committee on Judiciary (see page 1034, *ante*), was read:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The following communication was referred to your committee:

Indianapolis, March 26, 1883.

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—We have been appointed Police Commissioners of this city. The duties of our position make it necessary that we should have a legal adviser. We are informed that the City Attorney is our proper legal counselor. Are you willing that he should act in that capacity? Your immediate attention is respectfully requested.

Jno. W. Murphy,
V. T. Malott,
J. P. Frenzel.

We recommend that the request of the Commissioners be granted, and the city consent that the City Attorney act as their legal counselor.

James A. Pritchard,
John W. Fultz,
N. Yoke;
Judiciary Committee.

Alderman Tucker moved to refer above report to the Committee on Judiciary and Ordinances, and City Attorney.

Alderman Mussmann moved to lay the motion to refer, on the table.

Which failed of adoption by the following vote:

AYES, 3—viz. Aldermen Mussmann, Newman, and President Layman.

NAYS, 5—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Seibert, and Tucker.

The report was then referred, by the following vote:

AYES, 5—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Seibert, and Tucker.

NAYS, 3—viz. Aldermen Mussmann, Newman, and President Layman.

The following report from the Committee on Water, and the resolution accompanying the same (see page 1039, *ante*), was read; and on motion by Alderman Tucker, was referred to the Committee on Water and Public Health:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gents:—A resolution offered by Councilman Fultz, directing the Indianapolis Water Works Company to lay mains in and along Morris street, from West street to, and connecting with, the main in Meridian street, was referred to your Committee on Water.

A large number of manufacturers and other property owners petition for the extension of the said water main, claiming that the extension is very much needed in order to protect their establishments from fire. Your Committee fully concur in this claim. We would therefore recommend the adoption of the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Ward,
E. H. Dean,
F. Hartmann,
Committee on Water.

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the Indianapolis Water Company be and is hereby, directed to lay water mains in and along Morris street, from West street to and connecting with the mains at Meridian street.

The following report from the Committee on Finance was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 1033, *ante*), was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bids of various parties for re-building the stone abutments under the Reid street bridge over Pleasant Run, have had the same under consideration, and recommend that Thos. Cummings be awarded the contract, he being the lowest and best bidder.

As to the other matters referred to us, we ask for further time.

John R. Pearson,
Isaac Thalman,
B. Ward,
E. H. Koller,
Finance Committee.

The following communication (see page 1043, *ante*), was read:

Indianapolis, March 31, 1883.

To City Hall Commissioners, Indianapolis, Ind.:

Gentlemen:—We hereby accept the appointment as architects of City Hall subject to the conditions as set forth in the ordinance passed by the Common Council March 19th, 1883, and approved by the Board of Aldermen March 26th, 1883.

Respectfully,

J. H. & A. H. STEM.

And it was received, by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen Drew, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS, 2—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, and Hamilton.

The following motions (adopted by the Common Council—see page 1048, *ante*), were read and concurrently adopted:

That Charles Kruger have permission to pave the sidewalk with brick in front of his property, corner Coburn and High streets, at his own expense, and according to stakes set by the City Civil Engineer, who is instructed to set the same.

That the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to advertise for bids for the removal of dead animals from within the city limits.

That J. L. Spaulding be allowed to grade and gravel the first alley east of Decatur street, from Beacon to Everett, the work to be done at his own expense and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to place a wooden culvert over the gutters at the intersection of Georgia and Dillon streets, also one at the intersection of Meek and Dillon streets.

The following resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 1049, *ante*), was read:

WHEREAS, The report of the City Commissioners recommending the vacation of Bobbs street, between Bates and Meek streets, was heretofore accepted and confirmed, but no resolution formally *vacating* the same has ever been adopted by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen ; and

WHEREAS, Catharine Bobbs, who is the owner of the real estate on each side of said street, has fulfilled all her agreements with the city in relation to the donation of certain real estate to widen Dillon street, in consideration that said Bobbs street should be vacated, etc ; now therefore be it

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That Bobbs street, from Bates street to Meek street, in the City of Indianapolis, be, and the same is hereby vacated, in accordance with the recommendation of the City Commissioners, heretofore made.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS—None

The report from the Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, showing expenses in the Street Department (see pages 1050 and 1051, *ante*), was read and received.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

This being the regular appropriation night, the following entitled Appropriation Ordinances (passed by the Common Council), were placed upon their final passage without a suspension of the rules.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and read the third time:

Ap. O. 24, 1883—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$809.10.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times:

Ap. O. 25, 1883—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch.

On motion by Alderman Hamilton, the claim of "E. F. Houghton & Co., \$19.78," was stricken from the ordinance, and referred to the Committee on Hospital and Dispensary.

The ordinance was then read the third time (amount appropriated \$1,324.71), and passed by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and President Layman.

NAYS, 2—viz. Aldermen Hamilton, and Tucker.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and read the third time:

Ap. O. 26, 1883—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Station House. [Amount appropriated, \$195.61.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, and President Layman.

NAYS, 2—viz. Aldermen Seibert, and Tucker.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times:

Ap. O. 27, 1883—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

On motion by Alderman Hamilton, the claim of "August H. W. Minkner, \$500.00," was stricken from the ordinance.

The ordinance was then read the third time (amount appropriated \$88,921.70), and passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and read the third time:

Ap. O. 28, 1883—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery and Advertising. [Amount appropriated, \$1,187.12.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and read the third time:

Ap. O. 29, 1883—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of the compensation of the officers and members of the Fire Department of the City of Indianapolis.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times:

Ap. O. 30, 1883—An Ordinance appropriating the sum of One Thousand Dollars, on account of the Street Department of the City of Indianapolis.

Alderman Tucker moved to so amend the above ordinance "that the amount appropriated be expended under the direction of the Street Commissioner;" which was adopted.

The ordinance was then ordered engrossed as amended, read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinances (passed by the Common Council) were severally read the first time:

G. O. 19, 1883—An ordinance granting the Indiana Foundry Company the right and privilege to construct and maintain a railroad switch on Louisiana street, commencing forty feet west of the west line of Pine street, and extending thence west to the rear of Lot 88, in the I. & C. R. R. Co.'s subdivision of Out-lot 90.

G. O. 20, 1883—An ordinance granting C. H. Gillett & Company, the right to lay a switch across Gatling street, from the Belt Railroad to the building formerly occupied by the Shaw Carriage Company.

By consent, Alderman Tucker introduced the following entitled ordinance, which was read the first time:

G. O. 22, 1883—An ordinance granting Drew & Wasson the right to construct and maintain a switch across west North street, in the City of Indianapolis.

On motion by Alderman Tucker, the rules were suspended for the purpose of placing the foregoing ordinances on their final passage, by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

G. O. 19, 1883, was read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

G. O. 20, 1883, was read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

G. O. 22, 1883, was read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts & Claims, through Alderman Hamilton, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, held on the 26th day of February, 1883, the following report (concurred in by Council February 19th, 1883), was referred to the Finance Committee:

To the Mayor, Members of Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen.—I herewith report the following affidavits, now on file in my office, for collection of street improvement assessments by precepts, viz:

James W. Hudson vs. Caroline P. DeWolf, for..	\$79 95
James W. Hudson vs J. F. Klenk (christian name unknown), for..	32 50
James W. Hudson vs J. F. Klenk (christian name unknown), for..	17 22
Fred Gansberg vs. Annie E. Bills, for.....	17 92
Fred. Gansberg vs. Alfred Rossman, for.....	17 92

And recommend you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

April 9th, 1888. We recommend that foregoing precepts be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Hamilton,
Hiram Seibert,
D. Mussmann.

Finance Committee.

And the precepts (see page 887, *ante*), ordered to issue by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

Alderman Hamilton, in behalf of the same committee, submitted the following report; which was received, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 965, *ante*), concurred in:

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, held on the 26th day of March, 1883, the following report was referred to the Finance Committee and City Attorney (approved by Council March 9th):

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—In making the estimate of the Delaware street sewer, I assessed the sum of \$303.75 against the Trustees of Roberts Park Church, the same being the amount due for constructing sewer in front of $2:12\frac{5}{10}$ feet of ground owned by said Trustees. At the time of making said estimate, I was fully aware that, *legally*, the said Trustees were not bound to pay said assessment, but I thought they should pay it, and therefore assessed it against them.

I submit, herewith, a letter from Robert N. Lamb, attorney for said Trustees, stating it to be the intention of them not to pay said assessment.

Clause 42, of Section 53 of the Charter, as construed by the Supreme Court, in the case of the First Presbyterian Church of Ft. Wayne vs. The City of Ft. Wayne, 36 Ind., 338, covers the case exactly.

If it is the city's intention to pay said amount, I ask to be instructed to include the same in the bill for the city's portion.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

April 9th, 1883. According to law, Roberts Park Church can not be *compelled* to pay the assessment.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Hamilton,
Hiram Seibert,
D. Mussmann,
Finance Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman DeRuiter offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Citizens' Street Railway Company be permitted to station a car at the intersection of Washington and Illinois streets, for the purpose of facilitating the system of transfers recently inaugurated, subject to such future action and regulations as the Board of Aldermen and Common Council may order.

Alderman Hamilton offered the following motions; which were severally adopted:

That the Clerk of this Board notify each department of the City Government the amount of estimate of each, for the fiscal year ending June 1st, 1883, and the amount expended by each to March 1st, 1883, as shown by report of Finance Committee.

That the City Attorney report whether or not the city can, under the provisions of law, call in her bonds before maturity, and pay or fund them by re-issue.

Alderman Hamilton offered the following motion; which, on motion by Alderman Seibert, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Ordinances, and City Attorney:

WHEREAS, The General Assembly, at its recent session, passed an act providing for the construction of a sewer from the Reformatory Institution for Women and Girls, through the streets of this city, connecting with a public sewer of said city near the intersection of Washington street and Pogue's Run; and

Whereas, Said act was passed, containing, as it does, provisions for a sewer which

can never be of any possible use to said city or its citizens, contrary to the expressed wish of many representatives of said city, made to committees and members of said General Assembly; and

Whereas, The city sewer into which it is proposed to empty said Reformatory sewer, is none too large to accommodate the uses of said city for which it was designed, and it is believed that the State of Indiana has no right to arbitrarily appropriate the city's property without compensation, as contemplated by the act referred to, and it is believed that such appropriation would be a very great detriment to said city and her sewerage system; therefore.

Moved, That the City Attorney be, and he is hereby, directed to take such steps as he may deem necessary, to test the power of the State authorities to construct said sewer connecting with said city's sewer.

Alderman Tucker offered the following motions; which were severally adopted:

That the Pan-Handle Railroad Company have the time extended ninety days to remove the obstructions in Pogue's Run, and that the City Clerk notify said company of this action.

That the Street Commissioner and City Civil Engineer be, and are hereby, directed to immediately take such action as may be necessary to have placed in good condition the arches over Pogue's Run under Meridian street; and if it is not the city's duty to do the work, to report to the Council whose duty it is, and also to report whether the same is in good condition or not.

Alderman Tucker offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Attorney be, and is hereby, requested to prepare and present to the Council at their next meeting, an ordinance abolishing all of the official boards, and that new boards or committees be appointed or elected for the several departments, consisting of five members of the Council each, and that no board or committee be appointed or elected unless there be two members from the democratic party placed on each board or committee.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 5—viz. Aldermen Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and Tucker.

NAYS, 3—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, and President Layman.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

JAMES T. LAYMAN, President.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.