

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

FIRST SESSION—AUGUST 4, 1884.

The Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, together with the City Clerk and City Assessor, met as a Board of Equalization, in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, August 4th, A. D. 1884, at eight o'clock, pursuant to the following call:

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, *Indianapolis*, July 22, 1884.

Notice is hereby given to tax payers that, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 59 of the City Charter, the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, together with the City Clerk and City Assessor, will meet in the Chamber of the Common Council, in the City of Indianapolis, on Monday evening, August 4th, 1884, as a Board of Equalization, to hear and decide complaints, if there be any, and equalize the appraisements for the year 1884, as right and justice may require.

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

A roll-call was had, with the following result:

PRESENT—Hon. John L. McMaster, Mayor, and Hon. Brainard Rorison, President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair; Geo. T. Breunig, City Clerk, Eugene Saulcy, City Assessor. Aldermen Bernhamer, Endly, King, McHugh and Pritchard. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton and Wolf—30.

ABSENT—Aldermen Cobb, Cox, Prier and Tallentire. Councilmen Cowie, Gallahue and Moran—7.

The following report from the City Assessor was read:

OFFICE OF THE CITY ASSESSOR,

Indianapolis, August 1, 1884.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit my annual report of the taxable property of the City of Indianapolis, for the year 1884:

Value of Lots.	Value of Improvements.	Value of Personal.	Total Taxables.
\$22,890,850.....	\$17,294,360.....	\$13,788,700.....	\$53,973,910.

The number of polls is 16,312.

The number of lists filed in my office to date is 22,510.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE SAULCY, Assessor
of the City of Indianapolis.

By direction of the Chairman, the City Clerk called the Wards and Aldermanic districts, for the purpose of hearing complaints against the appraisal of 1884, that may be presented. There were no complaints presented, and Councilman Thalman offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That his Honor, the Mayor, appoint a special committee of five, one from each Aldermanic district, who shall meet at the office of the City Assessor, on Tuesday, August 5, 1884, at 10 o'clock A. M., and meet from day to day for ten days, to whom shall be referred the assessment lists, and all complaints against any assessment, reporting their proceedings back to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen at their future meeting or meetings as a Board of Equalization.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 28—viz.: Aldermen Bernhamer, Endly, King, McHugh, Pritchard and President Rorison. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reincke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

His Honor, the Mayor, as per foregoing resolution, appointed Aldermen Endly and King, and Councilmen Pearson, Wharton and Wolf to act as the members of such committee.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That when this Board of Equalization adjourns, it adjourn to meet again on August 14, 1884.

On motion, the above action was reconsidered.

On motion by Alderman Bernhamer, the motion was amended by striking out "14" and inserting in lieu thereof, "13," and then adopted as amended.

On motion, the Board of Equalization then adjourned.

JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor,
Chairman Board of Equalization.

Attest: GEC. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—AUGUST 4, 1884.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, August 4th, A. D. 1884, immediately after the adjournment of the Board of Equalization.

PRESENT--Hon. John L. McMaster, Mayor, and, *ex officio*, President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 22 members, viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

ABSENT, 3--viz. Councilmen Cowie, Gallahue, and Moran.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session, held on July 21st, 1884, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

OPENING AND REFERRING SEALED PROPOSALS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Sealed proposals for making the following street improvements were opened, read and referred to the Committee on Contracts:

(S. O. 62, 1884)—For grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk of Ash street, from Christian avenue to Home avenue.

(S. O. 87, 1884)—For grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Cedar street, from Virginia avenue to Dillon street.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit a report of the fees and fines due the city, collected by me for the month of July, 1884, as follows:

Marshal's fees.....	\$307 15
Mayor's fees.....	225 45
Fines in city cases.....	11 20

\$543 80

Which said fees and fines I have this day paid over to the City Treasurer, and filed his receipt therefor with the City Clerk.

Respectfully,

JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, and the estimates (presented therewith) approved:

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following estimates of work done according to contract:

A first and final estimate in behalf of James Mahoney, for grading and paving with brick the south sidewalk of Vermont street, from the Canal to West street.

405.40 lineal feet, at 42 cents.....	\$174 27
25 50 lineal feet double walk-stone, at 49 cents.....	12 50
12.75 square yards bowldering wings, at 60 cents.....	7 65

\$194 42

A first and final estimate in behalf of Charles S. Roney, for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Pine street, from Virginia avenue to English avenue.

1,902 $\frac{6}{12}$ lineal feet, at 33 cents.....	\$627 83
291.70 lineal feet double walk-stone, at 62 cents.....	180 85
178.26 square yards bowldering, at 58 cents.....	103 39

\$912 07

A first and final estimate in behalf of David A. Haywood, for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Beaty street, from McCarty street to Buchanan street.

1,496 lineal feet, at 40 cents.....	\$598 68
50.40 lineal feet walk-stone and bowldering alley crossing, at 99c.	49 90

\$648 58

A first and final estimate in behalf of David A. Haywood, for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of McCarty street, from the first alley east of Meridian street to the J. M. & I. Railroad tracks.

540 lineal feet, at 41 cents.....	\$221 40
27.70 lineal feet walk-stone and bowldering alley crossings, at 99c.	27 52

\$248 92

A first and final estimate in behalf of Richter & Twiname, for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of West street, from McCarty street to the first alley north of McCarty street.

188 lineal feet, at 42 cents.....	\$ 78 96
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A first and final estimate in behalf J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick the south sidewalk of Walnut street (where not already done), from Pennsylvania street to Alabama street.

173.25 lineal feet, at 35 cents.....	\$ 60 64
23 lineal feet curbing, at 45 cents.....	10 35
36.30 lineal feet double walk-stone, at 64 cents.....	23 23
26.22 square yards bowldering, at 60 cents.....	15 73

\$109 95

A first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of Walnut street, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street.

236 lineal feet, at 36 cents.....	\$ 84 96
30 lineal feet walk-stone, at 65 cents.....	19 50
18.33 square yards of bowldering, at 60 cents.....	11 00

\$115 46

A first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of St. Joseph street, from Alabama street to Fort Wayne avenue.

257.25 lineal feet, at 46 cents.....\$118 30

A first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of North street, from the first alley west of Tennessee street to Mississippi street.

199 30 lineal feet, at 47 cents.....\$ 93 67

A first and final estimate in behalf of Richter & Twiname, for grading and paving with brick the south sidewalk of South street, from Delaware street to Pennsylvania street.

372 75 lineal feet paving, at 58 cents.....\$216 16

36 50 lineal feet double walk-stone, at 62 cents..... 22 63

30.41 square yards bowdizing, at 60 cents..... 18 25

\$257 04

A first and final estimate in behalf of David A. Haywood, for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk of Union street, between Hanway and Hill streets.

535.10 lineal feet, at 40 cents.....\$214 07

A first and final estimate in behalf of S. W. Patterson, for grading and bowldering the roadway, curbing with stone, and paving with brick the sidewalks of Roanoke street, from Michigan street to North street.

894 60 lineal feet bowldering, at \$65 cents..... \$ 581 49

865.50 lineal feet curbing, at 40 cents..... 346 20

807.10 lineal feet paving, at 30 cents..... 242 13

62.85 lineal feet double walk-stone, at 65 cents..... 40 85

12.22 square yards of bowldering wings, at 65 cents..... 7 95

\$1,218 62

A first and partial estimate in behalf of Richter & Twiname, for building three 1200 barrel cisterns, at the following points:

One 1200 barrel cistern corner First and West streets, at 48 cents...\$576 00

One 1200 barrel cistern cor. Meridian and Palmer streets, at 48c... 576 00

One 1200 barrel cistern cor. Paca and Fourth streets, at 48 cents... 576 00

\$1,728 00

Less 25 per cent. reserve.....432 00

\$1,296 00

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of James Mahoney, for grading and paving with brick the south sidewalk of Vermont street, from the Canal to West street, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 17—VIZ. Councilmen Benjamin, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Charles S. Roney, for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Pine street, from Virginia avenue to English avenue, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of David A. Haywood, for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Beaty street, from McCarty street to Buchanan street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of David A. Haywood, for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of McCarty street, from the first alley east of Meridian street to the J., M. & I. R. R. tracks, be, and same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Wharton and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Richter & Twiname, for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of West street, from McCarty street to the first alley north of McCarty street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote;

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick the south sidewalk of Walnut street (where not already done), from Pennsylvania street to Alabama street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of Walnut street, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of St. Joseph street, from Alabama street to Ft. Wayne avenue, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of North street, from the first alley west of Tennessee street to Mississippi street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Richter & Twiname, for grading and paving with brick the south sidewalk of South street, from Delaware street to Pennsylvania street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of David A. Haywood, for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk of Union street, between Hanway and Hill streets, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of S. W. Patterson, for grading and bowldering the roadway, curbing with stone and paving with brick the sidewalks of Roanoke street, from Michigan street to North street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, the contracts concurred in, and the bonds approved:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following contracts and bonds:

Contract and bond of Geo. W. Buchanan, for grading and bowldering the first alley west of New Jersey street, from Ohio street to the first alley north of Ohio street. Bond, \$1,000.00; Henry C. Adams, surety.

Contract and bond of Geo. W. Buchanan, for grading, bowldering the roadway, curbing the gutters and paving the sidewalks of Wabash street, from Illinois street to Tennessee street. Bond, \$2,500.00; Henry C. Adams, surety.

Contract and bond of Charles S. Roney, for grading and paving with brick the south sidewalk of North street, from Noble street to Pine street. Bond, \$400.00; surety, James W. Hudson.

Contract and bond of Chas. S. Roney, for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of West street, from McCarty street to Merrill street. Bond, \$400.00; James W. Hudson, surety.

Contract and bond of John Schier, for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of Arsenal avenue, from Washington street to Ohio street. Bond, \$400.00; Jas. W. Hudson, surety.

Contract and bond of R. P. Dunning, for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of Fourth street, between Meridian and Illinois streets. Bond, \$600.00; surety, J. D. Hoss.

Contract and bond of Richter & Twiname, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of First street, from Illinois street to Meridian street. Bond, \$1,200.00; surety, D. V. Burns.

Contract and bond of John H. Freaney, for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Beaty street, between McCarty and Buchanan streets. Bond, \$50.00; surety, Allen Fletcher.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—In obedience to your instructions, I have prepared an ordinance for the re-improvement of Washington street by lowering the crown and re-bowldering, and have handed the same to His Honor, the Mayor, for introduction.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

His Honor, the Mayor, introduced the following entitled ordinance, as per foregoing report; which was read the first time:

S. O. 97, 1884—An ordinance to provide for re-grading and re-bowldering the roadway and curbing the gutters, and placing a gutter stone therein, of Washington street, from Tennessee street to East street.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was referred to the Finance Committee:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit an itemized statement, showing the amount of orders drawn on the city treasury during the month of July, 1884, viz:

For Board of Health.....	\$ 100 00
Bridges.....	1,551 61
City Assessor's Department.....	507 00
City Civil Engineer's Department.....	165 00
City Dispensary.....	258 92
City Hall.....	501 80
City Hospital and Branch.....	1,019 05
City Treasurer's per centage.....	191 66
City Hospital addition.....	3,578 50
Fire Department.....	5,419 63
Gas.....	5,447 50
Incidentals.....	242 25
Judgments and costs.....	26 15
Markets.....	16 50
Market Masters' fees.....	296 58
Parks.....	136 45
Police.....	4,751 02
Printing.....	206 70
Salary.....	5,561 25
Station House.....	219 71
Street improvements.....	2,709 27
Street repairs.....	4,136 97
Taxes refunded.....	21 40
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	\$ 37,064 92
Sinking fund.....	\$ 81 55
School fund.....	598 09
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	679 64
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Total.....	\$ 37,744 56

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The City Treasurer submitted the following report; which was referred to the Finance Committee:

Report of I. N. PATTISON, City Treasurer, for the month of July, 1884.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand July 1st, 1884.....	\$213,060 35
From benefits.....	53 60
From coal licenses.....	16 00
From dog licenses.....	684 00
From dray licenses.....	245 00
From express licences.....	524 00
From fines and fees.....	512 10
From hack licenses.....	168 00
From huckster licenses.....	948 00
From liquor licenses.....	1,296 75
From Market-masters' fees.....	438 90
From market rents.....	541 00
From peddiers' licenses.....	72 00
From sale of old material from Fire Department.....	30 70
From show licenses.....	36 66
From tapping sewers.....	2 00
From taxes delinquent.....	3,295 60
From vault cleaners' licenses.....	395 00
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	\$222,319 66

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Board of Health.....	\$ 100 00
For bridges.....	1,551 61
For City Assessor's department.....	465 00
For City Civil Engineer's department.....	135 00
For City Dispensary.....	260 27
For City Hall.....	501 80
For City Hospital and Branch.....	4,685 08
For Fire Department.....	5,428 14
For incidentals.....	240 00
For judgments and cost.....	26 15
For markets.....	16 50
For Market-masters' fees.....	296 58
For parks.....	136 45
For police.....	4,676 02
For printing.....	211 70
For salary.....	5,367 50
For school fund.....	598 09
For sinking fund.....	81 55
For Station House.....	218 07
For street improvements.....	2,709 27
For street repairs.....	4,239 14
For taxes refunded.....	21 40
Balance on hand August 1, 1884 (including interest, \$60,000.00).....	190,354 34
	<u>\$222,319 66</u>

TOMLINSON ESTATE.

Receipts.

Balance on hand July 1, 1884.....	\$ 64,657 56
Rents.....	101 33
	<u>\$ 64,758 89</u>
Balance on hand August 1, 1884.....	\$ 64,758 89

ADDITIONAL CITY HALL FUND.

Balance on hand July 1st, 1884.....	\$ 28,368 80
Balance on hand August 1st, 1884.....	\$ 28,368 80

SINKING FUND.

Balance on hand July 1, 1884.....	\$ 30,463 23
From June taxes.....	81 55
	<u>\$ 30,544 78</u>
Balance on hand August 1, 1884.....	\$ 30,544 78

I. N. PATISON, City Treasurer.

To GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The City Clerk submitted the following report:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I submit herewith the following affidavits, now on file in my office, for the collection of street improvement assessments by precepts, to wit:

Richter & Twiname vs. David Reynolds, for.....	\$16 31
Richter & Twiname vs. Charles Lahey, for.....	13 50
Fred. Gansberg vs. Caroline Morris, for.....	43 10
Fred. Gansberg vs. Caroline Morris, for.....	44 52

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

Which was received, and the precepts ordered to issue, by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS, 2—viz. Councilmen Edenharter, and Thalman.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the first clause of Section 14 of G. O. 41, of 1882, "An ordinance to increase the public revenues of the City of Indianapolis, by licensing Saloons," etc., ordained May 23, 1882, I herewith report the amount of money realized by the city from licenses issued under the provisions of said ordinance, viz:

From Liquor Licenses from Aug. 6, 1883, to Aug. 4, 1884, inclusive.....	\$17,237 14
From Western Union Telegraph Co. (for Mutual Union Telegraph Co.)	144 00
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Total for one year to August 4, 1884	\$17,381 14
Amount reported August 4, 1883.....	28,368 80
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Total to date.....	<u>\$45,749 94</u>

I have also delivered to the City Treasurer a statement showing the amount received from August 6th, 1883, to August 4th, 1884, as is required by said ordinance.

Respectfully,

August 4, 1884.

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The City Clerk presented the following communication; which was received:

Indianapolis, Aug. 2, 1884.

HON. GEORGE T. BREUNIG:

Dear Sir:—At the regular meeting of the School Board, held August 1st, the following action was had:

Resolved, That the tax-levy for 1884 be adopted and established as follows:

- For Tuition Fund, 9 cents on the hundred dollars.
- For Special Fund, 11 cents on the hundred dollars.
- For Library Fund, 2 cents on the hundred dollars.

Total..... 22 cents on the hundred dollars.

And that the President and Secretary be directed to certify the action of the Board to the City Clerk, and cause the same to be placed on the tax duplicate against all property assessed for school purposes and against all property transferred for school purposes.

Respectfully,

R. BROWNING, Pres't.

Attest: E. P. THOMPSON, Sec'y.

The City Attorney and City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was approved:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—We have complied with your instructions in reference to closing the bargain with August H. W. Minkner, for a strip of land for a street along the west bank of White River, north from Ray street, in Indianola. We hand his deed and abstract therefor to the Clerk herewith, for final action by your honorable bodies.

The land conveyed by said deed gives a street 50 feet wide at the narrowest point. Mr. Minkner contends that the amount staked off and included in the description, is considerably more than he pointed out to the committee when the bargain was conditionally made; but the chairman of your Council Committee was present with us when the survey was made and fixed the lines as he understood the contract, which was finally agreed to by Mr. and Mrs. Minkner.

We also succeeded in procuring a deed from Christian F. Lentz and wife to the city, without cost, for a strip along his land north of Mr. Minkner's, sufficient to continue the street the desired width to the northern point.

If the deeds be accepted, we suggest that the Clerk be directed to have them recorded, and also to deliver to Mr. Minkner a warrant for the purchase price of his land, which has, as we are informed, already been appropriated.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. DENNY, City Attorney.

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The City Attorney submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—I was directed by the Board of Aldermen, at its last meeting, to prepare and cause to be presented to the Council, the necessary papers, looking to the disannexation of all that unimproved territory in the Fourth Ward west of the east banks of the Mill Race and Fall Creek and north of the south line of the C. & I. R. R. Co.'s addition.

I have complied with said order, and hand the papers to the Councilman of said ward for presentation to the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. DENNY, City Attorney.

Councilman Smither presented the following petition, accompanied with a resolution:

To the Honorable, the Board of Commissioners of Marion County, Indiana:

Gentlemen:—The Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, desire to reduce the corporate limits of said city,⁵ by disannexing and excluding therefrom the following described real estate, now constituting a part of said city, in the County of Marion, and State of Indiana, to wit: Commencing at the southeast corner of lot number one (1) of the Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railroad's subdivision of the middle part of the southeast quarter of section three (3), township fifteen (15), range three (3), a plat of which subdivision is recorded in Plat-Book No. 1, at pages 340 and 341, in the Recorder's office of said county; and running thence north along the east line of said lot to the east bank of the Mill Race; thence northwardly along the east bank of said Mill Race to its intersection with the south and east bank of Fall Creek; thence northwardly along the east and north bank of said creek to its intersection with the present north corporation line of said city; thence west along said north corporation line to White River; thence south and east along said river to the south line of lot number seven (7) in said Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railroad's subdivision; thence east along the south line of said lots seven (7) and one (1), to the place of beginning.

Therefore, your petitioners, the members of said Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city, whose names are subscribed hereto, pray your honorable Board to cause an order to be made and entered upon the proper records of your Board, declaring said real estate above described, disannexed from said city from the date of such order, and that the same shall be relieved from the control of said city, and no longer subject to its jurisdiction, subject, however, to the rights of said city with reference to the collection of taxes now due, and accrued to the time of disannexation, as set forth in the statutes in such cases made and provided.

And the said City of Indianapolis hereby formally surrenders all claims to the control of, and jurisdiction over, such lands and territory heretofore described.

Respectfully submitted,

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis to reduce the corporate limits of said city, by excluding and dis-annexing therefrom the following described lands and territory, which now forms a part of said city, to-wit: Commencing at the southeast corner of Lot number one (1) of the Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railroad's subdivision of the middle part of the southeast quarter of Section three (3), Township fifteen (15), Range three (3)—a plat of which subdivision is recorded in Plat Book No. 1, at pages 340 and 341, in the Recorder's office of said County—and running thence north along the east line of said lot to the east bank of the Mill Race; thence northwardly along the east bank of said Mill Race to its intersection with the south and east bank of Fall Creek; thence northwardly along the east and north bank of said Creek to its intersection with the present north corporation line of said city; thence west along said north corporation line to White River; thence south and east along said River to the south line of Lot number seven (7), in said Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railroad's subdivision; thence east along the south line of said lots seven (7) and one (1) to the place of beginning, the same being situate in Marion County, in the State of Indiana; therefore,

Be it Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying petition be signed by the Mayor, members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the said city, asking the Board of Commissioners of Marion County, Indiana, to enter an order disannexing the territory above and in said petition described, from said city; and that the City of Indianapolis hereby surrenders all claims to control of, and jurisdiction over, said territory, from and after such order of dis-annexation.

And Resolved further, That the City Clerk be, and he is hereby, directed to file with the Board of Commissioners of said County, a certified copy of these resolutions and the original petition above referred to, together with the action and vote of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen hereon; and that he also give due notice of the filing and pendency of said petition before said Board of Commissioners, and the substance thereof, as required by law.

Which resolution failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 2—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, and Smither.

NAYS, 16—viz. Councilmen Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reynolds, Sheppard, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

Councilman Spahr was excused from voting on the above matter.

The City Attorney submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—On the 2d inst, a motion to dissolve the restraining order theretofore issued against the Chief Fire Engineer at the suit of the members of the Fire Board elected in January last, prohibiting him from exercising the powers conferred by the ordinance of July 14th, was argued before Judge Taylor. He overruled the motion and continued the order till the first day of the September term, when the case will be presented to the full bench for final determination. At least Judge Taylor promised to give the parties such a hearing at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. DENNY, City Attorney.

The City Attorney submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—As a member of the Committee appointed to notify the contractor not to proceed with the work of painting the city bridges, until the further order of the Council, I beg leave to report, that I served such a notice on Mr. Bassett be-

fore he had commenced the work. He assured me that he would take no further steps in the matter until the Council again acts.

Respectfully submitted, C. S. DENNY, City Attorney.

The Rental Agent submitted the following report; which was received:

Indianapolis, Aug. 4th, 1884.

To His Honor, the Mayor, Members of the Council, and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen.—I herewith submit report of the collections of rents from Tomlinson Estate for the month of July, 1884, viz:

Mrs. Mary Dwyer, No. 113 north Illinois street.....	\$ 30 00
W. H. Mahan, No. 115 north Illinois street	30 00
Mrs. H. C. Overman, No. 117 north Illinois street.....	30 00
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	\$ 90 00
Less repairs.....	4 00
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	\$ 86 00
Less 3½ per cent. commission.....	3 15
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	\$ 82 85

Respectfully submitted, WM. HADLEY, Agent.

The Superintendent of the City Dispensary submitted the following report; which was received:

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

Gentlemen.—The following reports of the City Dispensary for the month of July, 1884, are respectfully submitted:

Number of Patients treated at Dispensary.....	183
Number of Medical cases at Dispensary	113
Number of Surgical cases at Dispensary.....	2
Number of Disease of Nervous System.....	4
Number of Disease of Eye and Ear.....	3
Number of Diseases of the Throat.....	1
Number of Out-door Patients treated	97
Number at Station House.....	0
Number of Patients sent to Hospital.....	9
Total number of Patients treated during month.....	412
Total number of Visits made during month.....	260
Total number of Prescriptions filled during month.....	828
Number of Births during month.....	4
Number of Deaths during month.....	3

EXPENDITURES FOR MONTH.

J. J. Garver, Superintendent.....	\$70 00
Geo. W. Combs, Assistant Physician.....	41 66
A. F. Wright, Assistant Physician.....	41 66
Ralph St. J. Perry, druggist.....	30 00
H. Frank & Co, one mattress.....	4 50
Ward Brothers.....	52 53
Chas. G. Haag, sprinkling street.....	1 00
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Total expenditures for month.....	\$241 35

J. J. GARVER, M. D., Superintendent.

The Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch submitted the following report; which was received:

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

Gentlemen:—The following reports of the City Hospital and Branch, for the month of July, 1884, are respectfully submitted:

	First Week.	Second Week.	Third Week.	Fourth Week.	Three Days.	Monthly Total.
No. of paid officers, nurses and employes in Hospital... 24						
No. of paid officers, nurses and employes in Branch... 2						
No. of beds in Hospital..... 100						
No. of beds in Branch..... 20						
No of adult patients in Hospital at beginning of week.....	42	45	45	45	43	42
No of infant patients in Hospital at beginning of week.....	10	7	7	5	3	10
No o. adult patients received.....	10	12	10	14	3	49
No. of infant patients received.....	1	1	1	1	1	2
No. of infant patients born.....	1	1	1	1	1	3
No. of adult patients discharged.....	7	9	10	16	3	45
No. of infant patients discharged.....	1	2	1	4	1	8
No. of adult patients who died.....	2	1	1	1	1	4
No. of infant patients who died.....	2	1	1	1	1	4
No. of adult patients in Hospital at end of week.....	43	45	45	43	42	42
No. of infant patients in Hospital at end of week.....	7	7	5	3	3	7
No of adult patients in Branch at beginning of week.....	4	2	3	3	3	4
No. of infant patients in Branch at beginning of week.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
No. of adult patients received at Branch.....	2	1	1	1	1	3
No of infant patients who died at Branch.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
No. of infant patients born at Branch.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
No. of adult patients discharged from Branch.....	4	4	3	3	3	7
No. of infant patients died from Branch.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
No. of adult patients in Branch at end of week.....	2	3	3	3	3	3
No. of infant patients in Branch at end of week.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
No. of patients in Hospital during month.....						106
No. of patients in Branch during month.....						7
No. of days of patients in Hospital during month.....	360	368	368	363	142	1601
No. of days of patients in Branch during month.....	16	21	21	3	3	61
No. of days of employes in Hospital & Branch during month.....						759
No of prescriptions filled during month.....						778
Aggregate number of days subsistence furnished.....					2,421	
Total expenditures for month.....						\$1,144 66
Average daily cost of each patient.....						68+cts.
Average daily cost of patients, officers and employes.....						49+cts.

W. N. WISHARD, M. D., Superintendent.

REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES.

Councilman Pearson, in behalf of a certain Special Committee, submitted the following report; which was approved:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, your Special Committee, to whom was referred the motion ordering an investigation “into the workings of the Board of Health, paying especial attention to the workings of the Board in the matter of meats sold on our public markets, and other matters that may be properly brought before said

committee," beg leave to report that they have held several meetings, and have thoroughly investigated the matter specially mentioned in said motion, and do not find anything in the conduct of the members of said Board, or its working force, in reference to such sales, to condemn or criticise.

We also fully investigated charges of misconduct made against Health officer W. D. Griffin and ex-officer Williamson, but none of said charges were sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Pearson,
Preston C. Trusler,
Jas. T. Dowling,
Special Committee.

Councilman Edenharter, in behalf of a certain Conference Committee, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, members of your Conference Committee, appointed to consider the question of the extension of Massachusetts avenue line of the Citizens' Street Railway, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the action had by the two bodies, and would recommend that the original resolution ordering said company to extend its line from the corner of Peru street and Home avenue, along Home avenue to Columbia avenue; thence on Columbia avenue to Seventh street, and thence to Newman street, be adopted, first adding thereto the following:

"*Provided, however,* That said company may, if it so elect, construct said line from Massachusetts avenue across the Wabash Railroad track to Macy street; thence on Macy street to Malott avenue; thence on Malott avenue to Columbia avenue; thence on Columbia avenue to Seventh street, and thence east on Seventh street to Newman street."

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. F. Edenharter,
Robert McClelland,
M. M. Reynolds,
Council Committee.

H. J. Prier,
Thomas E. Endly,
Aldermanic Committee.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read, the action of the Board of Aldermen approved, and Councilmen McClelland, Newcomb and Curry appointed to act as the Council members of such committee:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening July 28th, 1884, adhered to their former action as to the extension of the sewer pipe from Railroad street to Massachusetts avenue, and appointed a Conference Committee, consisting of Aldermen Cobb, Endly and King, and the Common Council was requested to appoint a like committee.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

The following message was read, the first motion concurrently adopted, and the second motion failed of adoption:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening July 28th, 1884, adopted the following motions:

- 1st. That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, instructed to notify the
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Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railway Co. to immediately proceed to build the span bridge across Pogue's Run at Liberty street, heretofore agreed to by its officers; and that if the same is not done at once, said Street Commissioner is hereby ordered tear out the present structure, as heretofore ordered.

2d. That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to dis-mantle the lamp-post at the southeast corner of East and Daugherty streets, and re mantle the one on the west side of East street, opposite the center of Daugherty street.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

The following message was read, and on motion, the Common Council recessed from their former action, and concurred in the action of the Board of Aldermen :

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, July 28th, 1884, recommended that action be postponed on the resolution requiring mains to be laid in Broadway, from Christian avenue to Home avenue.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

The following message was read:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening July 28th, 1884, recommended that the following motion be referred back to the Common Council, with the recommendation that the Councilman introducing it designate the repairs he wants done.

“That the Citizens' Street Railroad Company be, and is hereby, directed to fill all cavities or low places on the line of their roads to a height sufficient to drain all water therefrom.”

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

And the action of the Board of Aldermen was concurred in by the following vote :

AYES, 18—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, and Wolf.

NAYS, 4—viz. Councilmen Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

The following message was read, and the matter referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, with instructions to report at the next meeting the necessary papers:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening July 28th, 1884, concurred in the following recommendation of their committees:

“Your Committee on Streets and Alleys and Judiciary, to whom was referred the boundary resolution, recommend that it be sent back to the Council with the recommendations that a plat be made of the several additions and parcels of lands attempted to be annexed by the resolution, and an accurate description of each addition and parcel of land attempted to be dis-annexed.”

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

The following message was read:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening July 28th, 1884, awarded the following contract for the City Bill Posting:

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

Gentlemen:—Concerning the City Bill Posting, I make you the following bid, to-wit: I hereby offer and propose to do all the bill posting of the city, for the period of one year, for nothing, and will give you the sum of fifty-five dollars (\$55), for said privilege; *Provided*, that in consideration of said sum, and doing said bill posting for nothing, the city shall allow me the exclusive right of bill posting of all the places owned and controlled by the city, where bills are permitted to be posted. Upon the acceptance of this bid, I will furnish a satisfactory bond to do such work.

Very respectfully, JOHN R. FOHL, Bill Poster."

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

Councilman Haugh moved to non-concur in the action of the Board of Aldermen.

On motion by Councilman Spahr, the matter was referred to the Committee on Printing, with instructions to receive bids, and report at the next meeting.

The following message was read, and the action of the Board concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening July 28th, 1884, non-concurred in your action as to the report of the City Civil Engineer in regard to the alley between Shelby and Olive streets, and instructed the Street Commissioner to notify the persons causing the obstructions, to remove the same; also, to notify the persons to remove the obstructions in the first alley south of Fletcher avenue, running east from Dillon street, and the alley between Michigan and North streets, running from the first alley west of Meridian street to Illinois street.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

The following message was read:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen in, regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, July 28th 1884, non-concurred in your action in adopting the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, The lease of the present West Market Space has expired; and whereas, it is necessary that the City of Indianapolis should enter into a lease for a term of years for permanently establishing a West Market; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Reagan Market Space be leased for three years, at the rate of fifty dollars per month, with the privilege of leasing it for five years; and that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare the necessary papers; it being the intention

that the present market be removed to the Reagan Market Space, and being under the control of the present Market Master."

I submit the above for your consideration.

For the Board of Alderman:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

Councilman Thalman moved that the Common Council adhere to their former action.

Which motion was laid on the table, on motion by Councilman Rees, by the following vote:

AYES, 12—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Mack, Rees, Reinecke, Sheppard, Spahr, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS, 10—viz. Councilmen Coy, Downey, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reynolds, Smither, Thalman, and Trusler.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

This being the regular appropriation night, the following entitled Appropriation Ordinances were introduced and placed upon their final passage without a suspension of the rules.

The Fire Board introduced the following entitled ordinance, which was read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

Ap. O. 37, 1884—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$1,291.85.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Downey, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS, None.

The Hospital Board introduced the following entitled ordinance, which was read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

Ap. O. 38, 1884—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch. [Amount appropriated, \$1,144.31.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilman Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Downey, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

By the Committee on Accounts and Claims, through Councilman McClelland, the following entitled ordinance was introduced, and read the first and second times:

Ap. O. 39, 1884—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

On motion by Councilman Newcomb, the claims of Peter Routier, \$4,250.00, and Chas. G. Mueller, \$148.75, were ordered inserted.

The ordinance was then ordered engrossed, read the third time (amount appropriated, \$18,499.18), and passed by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Downey, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

By the City Clerk, on behalf of the Police Commissioners, the following entitled ordinance was introduced, read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

Ap. O. 40, 1884—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Station House. [Amount appropriated, \$208.00.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Downey, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business the following entitled ordinances were introduced, and severally read the first time:

By Councilman Benjamin:

G. O. 64, 1884—An ordinance authorizing the Citizens' Street Railway Company to stand a transfer car at or near the intersection of Washington and Illinois streets.

By Councilman Coy:

G. O. 65, 1884—An ordinance repealing Section forty-seven (47) of an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance relative to streets, alleys, sidewalks, and public places of the City of Indianapolis" etc., ordained September 2, 1878.

By Councilman Edenharter, accompanied with petition and remonstrance:

S. O. 98, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Hanna street and sidewalks, from Market street to Washington street.

S. O. 99, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Hanna street and sidewalks, from Ohio street to Market street.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owner of real estate fronting on Hanna street, between Ohio street and Washington street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for grading and graveling Hanna street, between Ohio street and Washington street; and your petitioner will ever pray.

JOHN HEITKAM.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owner of real estate fronting on Hanna street, between Market and Ohio streets, respectfully remonstrates against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of Hanna street.

CHARLES R. PHIPPS, Administrator
of the estate of I. N. Phipps, dec'd., 417 feet.

By Councilman Rees:

S. O. 100, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick the south sidewalk of North street, from Wood street to Indiana avenue.

By Councilman Reynolds, with petition:

S. O. 101, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the roadway of Greenbrier Lane, from Fernway street to the Belt Railroad.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owner of real estate fronting on Greenbrier Lane, between Fernway and the Belt Railroad, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of the roadway of said street; and your petitioner will ever pray, &c

INGRAM FLETCHER.

S. O. 102, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the roadway of Bloyd street, from Greenbrier Lane to Fountain street.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owner of real estate fronting on Bloyd avenue, between Greenbrier Lane and Fountain avenue, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of the roadway of said street.

S. K. FLETCHER,
Adm'r. of E. T. Fletcher's estate.

By Councilman Sheppard:

S. O. 103, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Minerva street and sidewalks, from New York street to its southern terminus.

By Councilman Smither:

S. O. 104, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Douglass street, from North street to Indiana avenue.

By Councilman Spahr:

S. O. 105, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Delaware street, from Seventh street to Eighth street

G. O. 66, 1884—An ordinance regulating the supply of water in buildings, the alterations of water fixtures or pipes, the inserting of ferrules and manipulating stop-gates, the making of any attachment to any old water-pipe or fixture, from which the supply of water has been shut off, making of new water fixtures in buildings, extension or additions to old ones, and turning of water therein, and prescribing penalties for the violations of its provisions and requirements.

On motion, the above ordinance was referred to the Committee on Water, to report at next meeting.

By Councilman Wolf:

S. O. 106, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering, and curbing the east gutter of Delaware street, from Wyoming street to Ray street.

The Board of City Commissioners submitted the following *majority* and *minority* reports, which were received, and the majority report concurred in:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, members of the Board of City Commissioners of said City, duly appointed, qualified, and acting under the provisions of the Statutes of the State of Indiana in relation to laying out, widening, opening, altering and vacation of streets and alleys, beg leave to submit the following report on the matter of vacation of a certain alley, running from Highland street to the first alley east, as more particularly described in the petition and plat herewith filed:

1st. We met in pursuance of notice of the City Clerk, on the 30th day of May, 1884, which notice and return of the Superintendent of Police endorsed thereon, is filed herewith as a part hereof, and marked Exhibit "A."

2d. We immediately proceeded to view the alley proposed to be vacated and the property contiguous thereto, and the surrounding property along the line of said alley, and find that the following persons and corporations owning the property herein described are interested in said vacation, viz: A. F. Ostermeyer, the owner of lot 1 of Ostermeyer & Peel's subdivision of part of lot 2 in Davidson's third addition; Chas. F. Meyer, the owner of lot 2 in Ostermeyer & Piel's subdivision of part of lot 2 of Davidson's third addition; Joseph R. Haugh, the owner of 72 feet on on Ohio street, 210 feet deep, commencing 180 feet east of the west end of lot 2 in Davidson's third addition; Charles Nerge, the owner of 40 feet on Ohio street, 210 feet deep, commencing 252 feet east of west end of lot 2 in Davidson's third addition; City of Indianapolis, the owner of 136 feet on Ohio street, 210 feet deep, commencing 298 feet east of west end of lot 2 in Davidson's third addition; Georgiana Smith, Smith's subdivision of lots 1 to 6 inclusive; James L. Mitchell, the owner of lot 42 of C. C. & C. C.'s addition; Mariah G. Cooper, the owner of 45 feet by 165 feet southwest corner of lot 2 in Davidson's third addition. We made due report of said facts to the City Clerk, and required said Clerk to have the petitioners notify said interested parties to meet the City Commissioners on the 25th day of July, at 10 o'clock A. M., in room 6 of the City Clerk's office, when evidence would be heard as to said matters. Said report is filed herewith as a part hereof, marked Exhibit "B."

3d. We further report that we met at the time and place named, and that none of said interested parties made any objection to said proposed vacation. Then adjourned to Tuesday, July 29th, 1884, 10 o'clock A. M.

4th. We now, on the said 29th day of July, 1884, further report that the length, width, and location of the alley proposed to be vacated is as follows, viz: The first alley south of Ohio street, running east from Highland street one hundred and seventy feet to the first alley east, 14 feet in width.

5th. The value of the land on which said alley is situated is \$300.00.

6th. The benefits to the persons desiring the vacation is \$100.

7th. There is no person objecting to said vacation.

8th. The expenses attending said vacation to be paid by said petitioners amounts to the sum of \$42.

We therefore recommend the prayer of the petition be granted, on condition that the dedication of the strip of ground be not less than ten feet the entire length.

Jas. C. Yohn,
Aug. M. Kuhn,
John L. F. Steeg,
William Hadley,
City Commissioners.

I object to the vacation of said alley, unless the strip of ground proposed to be donated shall be of the same width as the alley proposed to be vacated, to-wit: fourteen (14) feet the entire length.

July 29th, 1884.

F. W. HAMILTON, City Commissioner.

The following resolution, presented with the above report, was read :

Resolved, That the report of the City Commissioners in the matter of the petition for the vacation of the first alley south of Ohio street, running east from Highland street one hundred and seventy (170) feet to the first alley east, be, and the same is hereby, in all things accepted, adopted and approved; and that, in accordance with said report, the first alley south of Ohio street, being fourteen (14) feet wide, and running from Highland street one hundred and seventy (170) feet east, be, and the same is hereby vacated, subject to the condition contained in said report, based on the proposition accompanying the petition of A. F. Ostermeyer and others, upon which this preceeding is based.

And Resolved, further, That the petitioners be, and they are hereby, required to pay to the City Treasurer, within twenty days from the adoption of this resolution, the sum of one hundred dollars, the benefits reported by said Commissioners; and that said petitioners also be, and are hereby, required to procure and have recorded in the office of the Recorder of Marion County, the proper certified copies of proceedings and maps, as required by law, at their own expense; and, also, that said petitioners, Charles F. Meyer and A. F. Ostermeyer be, and they are hereby, required to execute and deliver to the City Clerk on behalf of the City of Indianapolis, within said twenty days, a deed of donation to said city, for the purposes of a public alley, a strip of ground not less than ten feet wide, from the east end of the alley hereby vacated, north to Ohio street, between the ground of petitioners Haugh and said Meyer and Ostermeyer, as shown on the map accompanying said petition, together with a sum of money sufficient to record said deed; and that until such sums of money are paid, deed executed, and proceedings recorded, as aforesaid, said alley shall not be closed or used, otherwise than as now.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 19—viz.: Councilmen Benjamin, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman and Wolf.

NAYS, 1—viz.: Councilman Trusler.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Benjamin presented the following communication, which was received:

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

Gentlemen:—We would respectfully call your attention to the fact that about one year ago, at the urgent request of your honorable bodies, the Citizens' Street Railway Company adopted the present system of transfers, by which passengers on its cars could be transferred from cars on one of said company's lines to the cars on any other of its said lines. That in order to enable said Street Railway Company to effect such transfers, your honorable bodies authorized said company to place a transfer car at or near the intersection of Washington and Illinois streets. That in pursuance of such authority, said company, at considerable expense, made arrangements suitable for such purpose, and is now so running its cars on all of its lines as to give all the said lines the benefit of such transfer. That since the adoption of said transfer system, said company has for one fare given passengers so transferred one continuous ride from any point on one of its said lines to any point on any other of its said lines. This transfer system gives accommodation and advantages not enjoyed by any other city, and has so grown in popular favor that now from 2,500 to 6,000 persons are so transferred daily, many of whom are day laborers, who have occasion to daily take advantage of such transfer. Besides losing one fare for each person so transferred, the company has the additional expense of the several men whose services are constantly required to manage the same, for all of which it is compensated only indirectly, if at all, by whatever additional patronage it may thus gain from these additional accommodations. This system which said company adopted voluntarily, has become so popular with the public that the company is willing to continue the same, if it can be permitted to do so.

But the attention of your honorable bodies is called to the fact that one Thos. Hood has filed an affidavit before the Hon. John L. McMaster, Mayor of said city, charging A. W. Johnson, the President of said company, with violating some ordinance of said city, by allowing said transfer car to stand at said point without a team attached thereto, and that said Johnson has been arrested under the warrant of said Mayor, and prosecuted by said city through her Attorney, for leaving said transfer car standing at said point, as said company was authorized and directed to do by said Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

The only practicable way in which a transfer system can be maintained, is by the use of said transfer car; and if the company is compelled to remove the said transfer car, the transfer system itself will, necessarily, have to be discontinued. Therefore, if it is the wish of your honorable bodies that said car remain, and that said system be continued, you are respectfully requested to take such action as will make it impossible for any one single person, who may be wholly irresponsible, and having no interest in the city, nor regard for its welfare, and who may be actuated by malice, or some worse motive, to use the name, authority and officers of the city government to annoy and vex the officers of said company by arrests for doing what the city has authorized and requested to be done, and now desires to be continued.

Respectfully,

A. W. JOHNSON, Pres't.
Citizens' Street Railway Company.

Councilmen Downey moved a suspension of the rules for the purpose of placing G. O. 64, 1884, on its final passage.

Which motion was adopted and the rules suspended by the following vote:

AYES, 22—viz.: Councilmen Benjamin. Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was then read the second time, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

G. O. 64, 1884—An ordinance authorizing the Citizens' Street Railway Company to stand a transfer car at or near the intersection of Washington and Illinois streets.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 21—viz. Councilmen Coy, Curry Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS, 1—viz. Councilman Benjamin.

Councilman Benjamin offered the following motion; which was adopted :

That the Street Commissioner, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, fix the grade of the east gutter on Madison avenue up to the Fountain, so as to carry off the water.

Councilman Benjamin offered the following motion, which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, fix the grade of the east gutter of Illinois street, from McNabb street to South street, so as to carry off the water.

Councilman Benjamin offered the following motion, which was referred to the Committee on Public Property:

That the Committee on Public Property be instructed to purchase fifty seats for University Park, so as to accommodate the ladies who attend the Park concerts.

Councilman Coy presented the following petition, which was granted, and the quit-claim deed ordered recorded:

To City Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen.—We, the undersigned property holders, respectfully petition your honorable bodies to the following effect :

Whereas, heretofore there has been no public alley running north and south through Out-lot twenty-one, situated between New Jersey street on the west, East street on the east, and Merrill street on the south; and whereas recently Mrs. M. S. Coffman has deeded to the City of Indianapolis a strip of ground described as follows: commencing 125 feet west of the west line of East street and on the north line of Out-lot 21; thence south parallel with East street to a 35 feet alley; thence west on the north line of said alley 15 feet; thence north parallel with East street to the north line of Out lot 21; thence east to place of beginning. Said conveyance is for purpose of an alley.

Now therefore we ask that said alley be surveyed by the City Civil Engineer and opened up to public use; and we also petition for an ordinance authorizing the grading and graveling of the same. All such grading and graveling, and other improvements to be done at the expense of the persons owning property abutting on the east line of said proposed alley. And thus we will ever pray.

Louis Nessler, William Maisoll, C. J. Clayton.

Councilman Dowling offered the following motion; which was adopted :

That a special committee of three be appointed, consisting of Councilmen Sheppard, Thalman and Smither, on the subject-matter of dis-annexing the unimproved territory west of Fall Creek and the Mill Race, and between the C. & I. R. R. Co.'s addition and the north corporation line of the city.

Councilman Doyle offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, directed to proceed at his earliest convenience, to level and properly gravel the road or street along the west bank of White River, from Ray street north to the north line of the land donated by Christian F. Lentz, according to stakes to be set by the City Civil Engineer, and that he remove and reset the fences of Messrs. Minkner & Lentz on the new line when fixed and designated by the Engineer; all to be done at the expense of the city.

Councilman Haugh offered the following motions; which were severally adopted:

That Frederick W. Simon be allowed to lay a single stone crossing in front of his property across Noble street, at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That the Street Commissioner be ordered to notify the parties owning the property on the corner of Alabama street and Massachusetts avenue, known as the Shively Block, to repair the sidewalk on the west side of their property, at once.

Councilman Mack offered the following motion, which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the pipes running from gutters into the sewer at the southeast corner of Illinois and Ray streets, be replaced by larger ones, as the present pipes are not large enough to take the water from the gutters.

Councilman McClelland presented the following petitions; which were referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned respectfully petition your honorable bodies for the vacation of two alleys fully described herein, and according to the plat hereto annexed, to-wit: The alley (12 feet wide) running from Railroad street to Peru street or avenue, between lots one hundred and thirty (130) and one hundred and thirty-one (131), in Out-lot forty-five (45), Indianapolis; also, the alley (12 feet wide), running from said Railroad street to Peru street or avenue, between lots one hundred and twenty-nine (129) and one hundred and thirty (130), in said Out-lot forty-five (45), Indianapolis, and between North and Walnut streets; and your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Roderick A. King, Edward King, W. B. Allen & Co,
C. B. Hitchcock.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, residents and property owners in the northeastern portion of the city, would respectfully petition your honorable bodies to cause Massachusetts avenue to be straightened, widened and extended at and near the junction thereof with the Pendleton Pike, by condemning and appropriating for said purpose the following triangular strip of ground, belonging to John W. Ray, situate in said City of Indianapolis, in the County of Marion and State of Indiana, to-wit: Commencing at the intersection of the north line of Massachusetts avenue and the old Donation Line, and running thence east along the south line of lots 73 and 75 of Ovid Butler's second addition to the City of Indianapolis, fifty-nine and seven-tenths (59.7) feet, to the southeast corner of said lot No. 75; thence north along the east line of said lot No. 75, fifty-one and eight-tenths (51.8) feet, to a point; and thence southwesterly in a direct line, to the place of beginning,—the

same being a part of each of said lots 73 and 75, as shown by the plat herewith filed, which is made a part hereof.

Your petitioners show to your honorable bodies, that it is necessary to make such appropriation and improve and maintain such piece of ground as a part of said avenue, in order to afford a convenient and safe crossing over the many railroad tracks on to the Pendleton Pike and Clifford avenue, which are the only convenient means of getting out of the city in an easterly and northeasterly direction, and of getting into said city from said directions; and your petitioners will ever pray.

G. W. Vansickle, Henry Munsell, Ezra Munsell,
A. H. Barnes.

Councilman Newcomb offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair the gutter in front of the north end of Bushman's Block, on Fort Wayne avenue.

Councilman Rees offered the following motion, which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, authorized to place a double stone crossing at the first alley north of New York street, on the west side of Illinois street, and raise the crossing on or near a level with the sidewalk adjoining thereto.

Councilman Reinecke offered the following motion; which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The gutter of Yeiser street and that part of East street, between Yeiser and Buchanan streets, are insufficient to allow the water to flow freely, thereby causing an overflow and damaging adjoining property holders, as well as causing the formation of ponds of water in Martindale & Stiltz's addition which become stagnant and detrimental to health; therefore

Moved, That Councilmen Reinecke and Wolf, Aldermen Bernhamer and McHugh, Street Commissioner Fulmer and City Civil Engineer Shearer, be, and are hereby, appointed a special committee to investigate and report the best and most expedient relief, and report by ordinance or otherwise.

Councilman Reynolds offered the following motion, which was adopted:

That the Belt Railroad Company be instructed to put in culverts at the crossing of Elliott street.

Councilman Sheppard offered the following motion, which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That Michigan street, from the Michigan street bridge to Blake street, the chuck-holes, &c, on said Michigan street, be filled, and otherwise improved.

Councilman Spahr offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Water:

Resolved, That the Indianapolis Water Company be allowed credit for all water mains which said company may lay this year, on the water mains which said company, under its contract, may be required to lay next year.

Councilman Trusler offered the following motion, which was laid on the table:

That the City Clerk be instructed to notify Mr. Love that he will be allowed thirty minutes at the next regular meeting of the Council, in which to explain his plans for the draining of Pogue's Run.

Councilman Wharton, in behalf of the Committee on Markets, submitted the following report, accompanied with proposition:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Markets herewith submit a proposition from the agent of the property on which the West Market is located, and recommend the same be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Wharton,
Wm. Curry,
Committee on Markets.

To the Market Committee of the City Council:

Gentlemen:—We are authorized by the owners of the property to offer you the ground known as the "West Market Space," for a term of one year from August 8, 1884, on the same terms as now exist—that is, the city to pay all taxes and assessments and a rental of \$75.00 per quarter.

Very truly yours,

C. E. COFFIN & Co, Agents.

An early answer to our proposition will be a favor, as private parties desire the ground.

Which report was non-concurred in, and the proposition failed of acceptance by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Councilmen Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Mack, Rees, Reinecke, Spahr, and Wharton.

NAYS—12, viz.: Councilmen Benjamin, Downey, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Thalman, Trusler and Wolf.

It being now nearly eleven o'clock, on motion by Councilman Dowling, the time was extended by the following vote:

AYES, 18—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler and Wharton.

NAYS, 1—viz.: Councilman Newcomb.

Councilman Wolf offered the following motions, which were severally adopted:

That the City Civil Engineer instruct the Water Works Company to move the water plug on the corner of McCarty and Delaware streets to its proper location.

That C. F. Schmidt be granted permission to put down a double stone crossing on McCarty street, at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Dowling offered the following motion, which was referred to the Committee on Water:

That the Committee on Water and City Civil Engineer be requested to report to this Council at its next meeting, the names of the streets and number of feet on each street wherein mains have been laid within the last two years; the names of the streets and the number of feet of mains contemplated to be laid on the said streets mentioned in the now pending resolution, or in resolutions passed and not as yet laid by the said Indianapolis Water Company.

PENDING ORDINANCES.

The following entitled ordinances were ordered stricken from the files :

G. O. 56, 1883—An ordinance authorizing Daniel E. Reagan to erect, construct and maintain a public market, &c., on west Washington street.

G. O. 34, 1884—An ordinance making it unlawful to hereafter erect, establish or superintend any hospital in the City of Indianapolis, within one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) miles of the intersection of Meridian and Washington streets.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time:

G. O. 38, 1884—An ordinance concerning the removal of dead animals from the city.

Councilman Thalman moved to strike out the word "including," in the eleventh line of Section one, and insert in lieu thereof the word "excepting."

Councilman Trusler moved to strike the ordinance from the files.

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 5—viz. Councilmen Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Thalman, and Trusler.

NAYS, 13—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Downey, Edenharter, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, and Wharton.

On motion by Councilman Dowling, the ordinance was referred to a special committee; and the Chair appointed Councilmen Dowling, Spahr and Thalman to act as the members of such committee.

Councilman Wharton was excused for the remainder of this session.

Councilman Dowling moved to recall G. O. 58, 1884, from the Committee on Water.

Councilman Newcomb moved to lay the above motion on the table.

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz. Councilmen McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Smither, Spahr, and Thalman.

NAYS, 14—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, and Trusler.

The Committee on Water, through Councilman Reynolds, submitted the following report:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Water, to whom were referred G. O. Nos. 58, 59, and 60, of 1884, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the

same. At one meeting held by your Committee, representatives of the Water Company and the plumbers were present and fully stated their respective grievances.

We have concluded that the Council has no power to settle and should not attempt to settle any disputes or differences between the company and the plumbers, growing out of any existing or proposed rules of the company, which affect only the rights of said company and plumbers. The charter of the company seems only to rest authority in the Council to review and approve rules of the company in so far as they refer to the rights of consumers.

We therefore recommend that said ordinance No. 60 be stricken from the files.

We think it is manifestly to the interest of the citizens, who may hereafter desire to use the water of the company, to have the undoubted right to employ any plumber they see fit, to put in the necessary service pipes, etc, from their premises to the mains of the Company, and that no monopoly of this business should be allowed.

We therefore believe that G. O. No. 58 should be passed; but in order that no forced construction of its language may be attempted, we recommend that the following words be added to Section 1 thereof, by way of amendment, before such passage, to-wit:

“Provided, however, That nothing hereinbefore contained shall be so construed as to give any plumber the right to tap any main of any water company, without special leave, so to do, first obtained from said company.”

If said ordinance should pass, with said amendment, we then recommend that G. O. No. 59 be also stricken from the files, as its provisions are fully covered by said amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Reynolds,
W. C. Newcomb,
Jno. T. Downey,
Committee on Water.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time:

G. O. 58, 1884—An ordinance supplemental to an ordinance entitled, “An ordinance regulating the digging of trenches and the making of other forms of excavations in the streets, alleys, sidewalks, and public places of the City of Indianapolis, and requiring certain persons to be duly licensed and under bonds before undertaking such work;” ordained April 23, 1878.

Councilman Trusler moved that the report be received, and the ordinance placed on its passage.

Councilman Spahr moved an amendment to the *proviso*, as recommended by the Committee, so as to insert the words “or service pipes” after the word “main.”

Which was laid on the table, on motion by Councilman Trusler, by the following vote:

AYES, 16—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Trusler, and Wolf.

NAYS, 5—viz. Councilmen McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Spahr, and Thalman.

The amendment, as recommended by the Committee, was then adopted.

Councilman Thalman offered the following amendment:

Provided, That said plumbers be required to report to Water Works Co. what pipes have been laid and what they are intended to supply.

Which was laid on the table, on motion by Councilman Dowling, by the following vote:

AYES, 12—viz. Councilmen Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Reinecke, Sheppard, Trusler, and Wolf.

NAYS, 9—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, and Thalman.

Councilman Thalman offered the following amendment; which was adopted:

Be it further provided, That nothing herein shall be construed to allow any person to extend the service pipes of any Water Company without notice to them.

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

AYES, 21—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor,
President of the Common Council.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.