

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1870, 7 O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—Hon. John S. Newman in the Chair, and the following members:

Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Marsee, Pyle, Reagan, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, and Wiles—16.

Absent—Councilmen Locke and Woodburn—2.

Sealed proposals for putting in cement pipe on First street

were opened and read and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

Mr. Wiles made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 24, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred the proposals for building a bridge over Pogues Run on Davidson street, have examined the same and find that August Richter is the lowest bidder, his bid being \$3 48 per hundred board measure, and would recommend that he be awarded the contract.

A bid was also referred to your committee, from Hiram B. Wellman, for putting in position a wrought-iron bridge over Pogues Run on East stre. There being no competing bid, we would recommend that the same be laid on a table until the first Monday in March, 1871.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. WILES
C. E. WHITSIT, } Committee.
LEON KAHN, }

Which was concurred in.

The Civil Engineer made the following report :

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

GENTLEMEN:—I hereby report the following work finished according to contract, viz :

Patterson & Dunning, for grading and graveling, grading and paving with brick, and paving the gutters and alley and street crossings with bowlders, Illinois street from First to Seventh street :

Grading and graveling—

East side, 2,602 ft. 4 in.

West side, 2,600 ft. 4 in.

Total.....5,202 ft. 8 in., at \$1.36 per foot.....\$7,075 62

Bowldering gutters—

East side, 2,602 ft. 4 in.

West side, 2,600 ft. 4 in.

Total.....5,202 ft. 8 in., at 71 cts. per foot.....\$3,693 89

Street and alley ceossings—

East side, 173 feet.

West side, 296 feet.

Total.....469 feet, at 76 cents per foot..... \$332 99

Grading and paving, with brick—

East side, 1,579 ft.

West side, 2,169 ft. 4 in.

Total.....3,748 ft. 4 in., at 65 cts. per foot.....\$2,436 42

Total..... \$13,538 92

Also the following partial estimate of W. H. Dewey and I. E. Twerreame:

One cistern, corner of Jackson and Butler streets,	
613.52 bbls., at 58 cts. per bbl.	\$355 84
One cistern, corner of Christian and College avenues,	
473.87 bbls., at 58 cts. per bbl.	274 83
Total,	\$630 67
Deduct 15 per cent.,	94 67
Present payment,	\$536 00

Respectfully submitted,
R. M. PATTERSON,
Civil Engineer.

On motion, that portion of the report in reference to fire cisterns was referred to the Chief Fire Engineer. The remainder of the report was concurred in.

The City Clerk made the following report:

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

First and final estimate allowed Patterson & Dunning for grading and graveling Illinois street, paving the sidewalks with brick, and bowldering the gutters, from First to Tinker streets.

Respectfully submitted,

DAN. M. RANSDELL,

City Clerk.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Patterson & Dunning for grading and graveling the street, bowldering the gutters, paving the sidewalks with brick, and bowldering the crossings of streets and alleys the width of the sidewalks, from First to Tinker streets, on Illinois street, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Reagan, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, and Wiles—16.

Negative—None.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING.

Mr. Thalman introduced Special Ordinance No. 202, 1870, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and pave the sidewalks on New York street from Indiana avenue to Mississippi street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Reagan introduced Special Ordinance No. 203, 1870, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel Louisiana street from Tennessee street to Kentucky avenue, including the sidewalks.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 204, 1870, entitled :

An Ordinance to light McCarty street from Illinois to Tennessee streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Brown presented the following petition :

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

GENTLEMEN :—Your petitioners, City Commissioners for extension, etc., of streets and alleys, would respectfully ask for the repeal of section 1 of “an ordinance relative to the opening, laying out, and widening streets and alleys, passed July 16th, 1870,” as said section, in our opinion, is unjust in its operation, and of no practical benefit, and retards the operations of your Board to a great extent.

SAMUEL M. SEIBERT,
J. F. RAMSAY,
J. BROWN,
JOSEPH M. SUTTON.

Which was referred to the Committee on Revision of Ordinances.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

Moved, That all general ordinances, and all advertisements for proposals for public work for the city, be published in the *Daily Journal* and *Sentinel*, provided the publishers of those papers charge the usual rates charged individuals.

Which was referred to the Committee on Printing, with instructions to report the cost.

Mr. Brown presented the following communication :

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

The undersigned respectfully represents that he is the owner of

a copyright and a printed edition of some six hundred copies of a History of Indianapolis for upwards of fifty years from the organization of the State government, written by Ignatius Brown, Esq., which can be purchased for a very small price, and which would give a desirable completeness to the statistical matter now being printed by your order.

(Signed,)

W. H. DRAPIER.

. Which was referred to the select committee on preparing a pamphlet for the city.

Mr. Harrison presented the following petition :

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

Your petitioner, Julia Brennin, respectfully shows to your honorable body that she is the owner in fee of lot numbered eight (8), in Simon Yandes' subdivision of lot numbered 19, of Eckert's heirs' subdivision of out-lot 131; that the same has a frontage of about forty feet on Kentucky avenue; that there is situated thereon a brick storehouse about twenty feet in width, the front of which is on the front line of said lot; that on the remaining part of the front of said lot there is a tight fence, neatly painted; that there is a cellar under said storehouse, the doors of which are in front, and form a part of the sidewalk on Kentucky avenue; that the force now engaged in constructing the sewer on said Kentucky avenue threw the gravel and dirt from same on said cellar doors and against said fence and the front wall of said storehouse, piling the same up to the height of several feet, breaking and badly injuring said fence, to the damage of petitioner \$10; cracking the front wall of said storehouse so that the same will have to be taken down to the top of the doors and windows of same, to the damage of petitioner \$100; that the cellar doors are broken in, to the damage of petitioner \$5. Your petitioner further says that said embankment of dirt and gravel prevented ingress and egress to and from said building for the space of two months; that said storehouse is of the rental value of \$25 per month; that during all of said time said building could have been rented for that sum but for said embankment, to her damage \$50.

Wherefore your petitioner says that she has sustained damages, by season of the premises, in the sum of \$165, which she prays may be

inquired into by your honorable body, and that such sum may be allowed her as you deem right and proper. And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

JULIA BRENNIN.

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

Mr. Harrison offered the following motion :

City of Indianapolis to Charles D. McCoy, Dr.: For services as Policeman from the 7th day of July, 1869, to the 9th day of August, 1869—32 days, at \$2.25 per day—\$72.

Which was referred to the Police Board.

Mr. Kahn offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Watchman of the Central Alarm Tower be instructed to strike the hour of 8½ o'clock A. M.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Reagan offered the following motions :

Moved, That Hugo Mormant be permitted to flag the sidewalks in front of his property on Illinois and Georgia streets to the amount of fifty feet front, under direction of the Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be authorized to build stone abutments on West McCarty street, over Pagues Run, the full width of said street, and that the Civil Engineer set the stakes according to the plan and specifications for doing said work. Said work to be done in sixty days from this date.

Which was referred to the Committee on Bridges.

Mr. Shepherd offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby ordered to notify the Water Works Company to repair and place in as good condition as before the water mains were laid, on all streets—the same being in bad condition.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman presented the following remonstrance :

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

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Ellsworth street, between New York and Vermont streets, remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of Ellsworth street and sidewalks, from New York street to Vermont street, for the following reasons: We do not feel able to pay for the same at the present time; second, that the season is now too far advanced to make a good job of grading and graveling, as all the good gravel is now consumed in the work already done and under contract. We therefore hope you will reconsider your action and repeal the ordinance, and postpone the improvement of said street until next summer.

And your remonstrants will ever pray, etc.

AUGUST BRINKAR, 60 feet.

CHARLES HELWIG, 460 feet.

P. H. MORE, 25 feet.

Which was received and the City Clerk directed to not advertise for bids for said work.

Mr. Weaver offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the first alley north of Washington street, between Meridian and Illinois streets.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following :

Recapitulation of the Monthly Report of the City Hospital, ending September 30, 1870 :

Total Expenditures for the Month.....	\$1,051 30
Aggregate number of days for which Subsistence, etc., was furnished.....	1292
Average expense per capita per diem.....	0.45

Which was received.

Mr. Whitsit offered the following motion :

Moved, That the ordinance relative to the improvement of Daugherty be stricken from the files.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Whitsit introduced general Ordinance No. 52, 1870, entitled:

An Ordinance authorizing the issuing of ten per cent. two-years city warrants for sewerage purposes.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Wiles offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to extend the brick pavement of the sidewalks of Massachusetts avenue, New York street, Vermont street, Michigan street, North street, Walnut street, Fort Wayne avenue and St. Clair street, at their intersections with Delaware street, extending the pavement their present width across the ten-foot space to the curb-stone of the Nicholson pavement, and that the same be paid for out of the fund appropriated for the first and second wards, and that the work be done under the instructions of the Civil Engineer.

Which were adopted.

On motion the Council adjourned.

JOHN S. NEWMAN,
President pro tem.

ATTEST:

D. M. RANSELL,
City Clerk.