

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1870, 7 O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

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

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

Absent—Councilmen Locke and Pyle—2.

The proceedings of the regular session, held December 5, 1870, and of the called session, held December 10, 1870, were read and approved.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The Civil Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 19, 1870.

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

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

Huffington & Faust, for graveling Vermont street and sidewalks, from East to Liberty street:

North side.....	410 feet,	
South side.....	410 feet,	
—		
Total.....	820 feet, at 50 cents per foot.....	\$410 00

Also, James Mahoney, for grading and graveling Chesapeake alley, from Pennsylvania street to Railroad street:

North side.....	202.6	
South side.....	202.6	
—		
Total	405.0 at 60 cents per foot.....	243 00

Also, same, for grading and graveling Missouri street and sidewalks, from Merrill street to McCarty street:

East side.....	882 feet,	
West side.....	882 feet,	
—		
Total.....	1764 feet, at 40 cents per foot.....	705 60

Also, Samuel Lefever, for grading and bouldering the gutter and curbing the outside edge of the sidewalk with white oak curbing the east sidewalk and gutter on Delaware street, from the north side of lot 15, in out-lot 106, to the south side of the first alley south of McCarty street:

152 ft. bouldered gutter, at 70 cts. per ft.....	\$106 40
77 yds. bouldering, at 90 cts. per yd.....	69 30
140 ft. of curb, at 30 cts per ft.....	42 00

Total estimate..... 217 70

Also, Indiana Cement Pipe Company, for laying pipe on the north side of First street, from Illinois street to Mississippi street:

915 ft. of 18 in. pipe, at \$1.35 per ft.....	\$1,235 25
2 catch basins, at \$30.....	60 00

Total estimate..... 1,295 25

Also, James S. Coyner, for building fence on Delaware street, from Massachusetts avenue to St. Clair street:

East side.....	1776.4
West side.....	1973.0

Total..... 3749.4 at $24\frac{3}{4}$ cents per foot..... 927 96

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON,

Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

The City Clerk made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 19, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN: I hereby report as follows:

First. First and final estimate allowed Huffington & Foust, for grading and graveling Vermont street and sidewalks, from East street to Liberty street.

Second. First and final estimate allowed James Mahoney for grading and graveling Chesapeake alley, from Pennsylvania street to Railroad street.

Third. First and final estimate allowed James Mahoney for grading and graveling Missouri street and sidewalks, from Merrill street to McCarty street.

Fourth. First and final estimate allowed Samuel Lefever for grading and bouldering the gutters, and curbing the outside edge of the sidewalk, on Delaware street, from the north side of lot No. 15 in out-lot No. 106, to the south side of the first alley south of McCarty street.

Fifth. First and final estimate allowed James S. Coyner for building fence on Delaware street, from Massachusetts avenue to St. Clair street.

Respectfully submitted,

DAN. M. RANSELL,

City Clerk.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Huffington & Foust, for grading and graveling Vermont street and sidewalks, from East street to Liberty 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, Reagan, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Negative—None.

Also the following:

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed James Mahoney for grading and graveling Chesapeake alley, from Pennsyl-

vania street to Railroad 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, Reagan, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Negative—None.

Also, the following:

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed James Mahoney for grading and graveling Missouri street and sidewalks, from Merrill street to McCarty 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, Reagan, Shepherd, Thalman, Weaver, Thoms, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Negative—None.

Also, the following:

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Samuel Lefever for grading and bouldering the gutters, and curbing the outside edge of the sidewalk on Delaware street, from the north side of lot 15, in out-lot 106, to the south side of the first alley south of McCarty 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, Heck-

man, Kahn, Kennington, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Negative—None.

Also, the following:

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed James L. Coyner for building a fence on Delaware street, from Massachusetts avenue to St. Clair 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, Reagan, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Negative—None.

The City Clerk made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 19, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN: I would respectfully report the following affidavit for the collection of street assessment by precept as follows:

B. F. Coleman *vs.* Noah Noble Morris.....\$24 42

And would recommend that you order the precept to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

DAN. M. RANSDELL,
City Clerk.

Which was concurred in.

The City Gas Inspector made the following report:

GENTLEMEN: I have accepted the following work, as finished ac-

ording to contract, and now recommend that estimates be allowed to issue for the collection of cost of the same, viz.:

D. Root & Co., for erecting lamp posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete to burn gas, except the service pipes, on

North Pennsylvania street, between First and King streets:

3 corner lamps, at \$30.....	\$90 00
10 intermediate lamps, at \$28.....	280 00
Total.....	<u>\$370 00</u>

East St. Clair street, between Chatham street and Bellefontaine Railway tracks:

6 corner lamps, at \$30.....	\$180 00
6 intermediate lamps, at \$28.....	168 00
Total.....	<u>\$348 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. FLEMING,

City Gas Inspector.

Which was concurred in.

The City Clerk made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 19, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN: The City Gas Inspector having certified the work as complete, according to contract, I would now report resolutions allowing first and final estimates to

D. Root & Co., for erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures, complete to burn gas, except the service pipes, on

North Pennsylvania street, between First and King streets.

East St. Clair street, between Chatham street and Bellefontaine Railway tracks.

Respectfully submitted,

DAN. M. RANSELL,
City Clerk.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimates allowed D. Root & Co., for erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures, complete to burn gas, except the service pipes, on North Pennsylvania street, between First and King streets; also, on East St. Clair street, between Chatham street and Bellefontaine Railway tracks, be and the same are hereby adopted as the estimates 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, Reagan, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Negative—None.

The Chief Fire Engineer made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 19, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN: I would respectfully report that I have examined the cisterns built by Preston Litton, and filled the same with water.

The one on the corner of Tennessee and Fifth streets I have filled twice, and there is now three feet of water out by leakage.

The one on Meridian and Second streets I have filled twice, and it has leaked out eleven feet.

The one on Tennessee and First streets I have filled twice, and it has leaked out five feet.

The one on Pine street and Forest avenue I filled last Saturday, and it has leaked out eight feet.

I respectfully refer the subject to your honorable body for further action.

Respectfully submitted,

DAN. GLAZIER,

Chief Fire Engineer.

Which was received.

The City Assessor made the following report:

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

GENTLEMEN: I hereby appoint, and ask your honorable body to confirm the appointment of H. P. Randall, E. B. Cole, John W. McVey, and H. M. Hadley Deputy Assessors of the city of Indianapolis for the year 1871.

I also ask your concurrence in the appointment of David W. Brouse, Township Assessor elect, and his deputies, Nelson Hoss, Andrew Brouse, George W. Staub, and John S. Bray, be confirmed, to legalize their assessments for the city, not to be paid by the city, as the county remunerates them for their services.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM HADLEY,

City Assessor.

Which was received.

Also, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the above appointments made by the City Assessor be confirmed.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Harrison, Heck-

man, Kahn, Kennington, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Negative—None.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING.

Dr. Woodburn introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 69, 1870,

Appropriating money for the use of the City Hospital for the month of November, 1870.

Which was read the first time.

Also, the following:

Monthly report of the City Hospital for the month ending November 30, 1870:

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	43
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	33
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	2
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report...	38
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	...
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	40

E. HADLEY,
Superintendent.

Weekly report of the City Hospital for the week ending December 10, 1870:

Number of Patients in Hospital at last report.....	42
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	6
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	4
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report....	8
Number of patients died in hospital since last report	2
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	42

E. HADLEY,
Superintendent.

Weekly report of the City Hospital for the week ending December 17, 1870:

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	42
Number of Patients received in Hospital since last report.....	9
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	...
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report...	6
Number of Patients died in Hospital since last report.....	1
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	44

E. HADLEY,
Superintendent.

Monthly report of expenditures of the City Hospital, ending November 30, 1870:

Total expenditures for the month.....	\$687 97
Aggregate number of days for which subsistence, etc., was furnished.....	1,306
Average expense per capita per diem.....	\$0 48

E. HADLEY,
Superintendent.

Which were received.

Mr. Harrison introduced General Ordinance No. 71, 1870:

An Ordinance providing for the appraisalment of real estate in the city of Indianapolis for the purpose of taxation for the year 1871.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Regan introduced Special Ordinance No. 224, entitled:

An Ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures, complete to burn gas, except the service pipes, on West Louisiana street, from Tennessee to Mississippi street,

Which was read the first time.

CALL OF THE ROLL.

Mr. Brown presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 7, 1870.

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

The undersigned, residents of the city of Indianapolis, respectfully show that the Union Starch Factory, located on East New York street, near the old corporation line, as operated and carried on, is so offensive to the senses, and such an obstruction to the free use of property, as to essentially interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property, and constitutes a nuisance to the residents of a large district in the neighborhood and for a great distance beyond in various directions; and they ask that the same be abated and removed by order of the Council.

SAMUEL C. VANCE,
WINSTON P. NOBLE,
GEORGE F. MILLER.
THOS. H. BOWLES,
GEO. A. ALBRECHT,
And 137 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also, the following petition :

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

The undersigned prays your honorable body to grant him the privilege of constructing iron stairways leading from the east sidewalk of Illinois street to the second story of the Palmer House, said stairway to occupy no more room than is now occupied by the iron railway around the entrance to the basement of said hotel.

JEFF. K. SCOTT.

Which was granted.

Mr. Harrison presented the following preamble and resolution :

WHEREAS, It appears to the satisfaction of the Common Council of the city of Indianapolis, that certain lots of land adjoining said city, have been laid off and platted, and a record of the same has been made in the Recorder's Office, in the County of Marion, and State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, The Common Council desires, in pursuance of the 84th section of the City Charter, to extend the corporate limits of said city, over such platted and recorded lots of land as are below described and defined by metes and boundaries, to wit:

Bradshaw and Butler's addition to College Corner, being a part of the southeast quarter of section 36, town 16, range 3 east, commencing at a point $1,572\frac{1}{2}$ feet north of the southwest corner of said quarter section; thence north $407\frac{1}{2}$ feet; thence east along the center of Lincoln street 702 feet 3 inches; thence south $407\frac{1}{2}$ feet; thence west 702 feet 3 inches to the place of beginning, as recorded in Plat Book, No. 3, page 107.

Alvord & Co.'s 3d Subdivision of Butler & Fletcher's addition to College Corner, commencing at a point on the corner of the north Donation Line, at the intersection of the same, with the Peru Railroad track; thence west to the center of Peru street; thence north along the center of Peru street, to the centre of Home avenue; thence east 185 feet; thence south to the Peru Railroad track; thence southwesterly to the place of beginning, as recorded in plat-book No. 3, page 120.

Ingram Fletcher's addition, commencing in the center of Home avenue, at the intersection of the same, with the center of Barrow street; thence north, along the center of Barrow street, to the north line of Lincoln street; thence east along said north line to the center of Malott or Hill avenue; thence southwesterly along the center of said avenue, to the place of beginning, as recorded in plat-book No. 3, page 115.

Ingram Fletcher's 2nd addition, commencing in the center of Barrow street, at the intersection of the same, with the north line of Lincoln street; thence north to the south line of the land of S. A. Fletcher, Jr.; thence east along said north line to the east line of Sheldon street; thence south along said east line to Hill avenue; thence southwesterly to the north line of Lincoln street extended; thence west along said north line to the place of beginning, as recorded in plat-book No. 3, page 127.

Ingram Fletcher's 3d addition, bounded on the southwest by the lands of the Cabinet Sewing Machine Company; on the southeast by the Bellefontaine Railroad; on the northwest by Ingram Fletcher's 1st addition; and on the northeast by lands belonging to said Ingram Fletcher, as recorded in plat-book No. 3, page 132.

E. T. & S. K. Fletcher's addition, commencing at the southwest

corner of the southwest quarter, of section 31, town 16, range 3 east; thence north along the west line of said quarter section to a point 282 feet south of the northwest corner thereof; thence east to the east line of Barrow street; thence south along said east line to the intersection of the same, with Malott avenue; thence in a south-easterly direction to the Pendleton gravel road; thence in a south-westerly direction to the place of beginning, as recorded in plat-book No. 3, page 106.

Albert E. Fletcher's 1st addition, commencing at a stone at the southwest corner of section 31, known as the Donation Corner; thence east along the south line of said section 1,803.81 feet; thence north to the northwest line of Brookside avenue; thence northwest to the center of the Bellefontaine Railroad track; thence southwest-erly along the center of said track to the place of beginning, as recorded in plat-book No. 3, page 135.

Murphy & Tinker's addition, commencing at a point in the center of North Delaware street at the intersection of the same with the center of Tinker street; thence east along the center of Tinker street to the center of Fort Wayne street; thence south along the center of said street to the center of Sixth street; thence west along the center of said street to the center of North Delaware street; thence north along the center of said street to the place of beginning, as recorded in plat-book No. 3, page 126.

Ridenour's 2nd addition, commencing at a point in the center of the National Road, 8 chains east of the west line of the east half of the southwest quarter of section 6, town 15, range 4 east, in the center of a 60 feet street; thence north along the center of said street 822 feet 4 inches to a point; thence east 251 feet 10 inches; thence south 127 feet $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches; thence east 341 feet 3 inches; thence south to the center of the National Road; thence southwest-erly along the center of said road to the place of beginning, as recorded in plat-book No. 3, page 141. Therefore,

Resolved, That the foregoing named and described lots of land be, and they are hereby annexed to the city of Indianapolis, and the boundary of said city is hereby extended so as to include said additions, which shall hereafter form a part of said city and be within the jurisdiction of the same.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—15.

Negative—Councilman Kennington—1.

Also, the following motion:

Moved, That a committee of seven, including his Honor the Mayor and City Attorney, be appointed for the purpose of investigating and examining the act for the incorporation of cities, passed by the General Assembly March 14, 1867, with the view of ascertaining what changes, if any, are necessary, and report the same to this Council.

Which was adopted, and Messrs. Harrison, Brown, Newman, Wiles and Cottrell appointed as said committee.

Mr. Heckman offered the following motions:

Moved, That Mr. P. L. Renard be and he is hereby permitted to boulder the sidewalk in front of his property on Buchanan street, between Virginia Avenue and Water street, and that the Civil Engineer be and he is hereby directed to set the proper grade stakes.

That Mr. John Fike be and he is hereby permitted to boulder the sidewalk in front of his property on Virginia avenue, between Stevens and McCarty streets, and that the Civil Engineer be and he is hereby directed to set the proper grade stakes.

Which were adopted.

Mr. Kahn offered the following motion:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner report what disposition was made of the West Market House, and if the same is not disposed of, that the City Clerk advertise the same for sale.

Which was laid on the table.

Mr. Kennington introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 72, 1870, entitled:

An Ordinance making an appropriation toward purchasing the National Road Bridge over White River for the purpose of making the same a bridge free from toll.

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Bridges, together with Councilman Thalman.

Mr. Marsee offered the following motion:

Moved, That the contract for bouldering the gutter, and curbing the outside edge of the sidewalk on the west side of New Jersey street, between South and Merrill streets, be declared forfeited, and that the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the contractor to remove the boulders from said street within ten days from this date.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Reagan offered the following petition and motion:

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 19, 1870.

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

I hereby solicit the laying of the flagging to be laid at the corner of Illinois and Georgia streets, in the city of Indianapolis, upon the following terms, to-wit: Thirty-eight (38) cents per foot square, the stone to be not less than four (4) nor more than six (6) inches in thickness.

JAMES MALLOY.

Moved, That Mr. Malloy be permitted to do the flagging on the corner of Georgia and Illinois streets, at the rate of thirty-eight cents per foot, as he has completed the flagging fronting Marmont's Hall.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Shepherd offered the following motion:

Moved, That the City Treasurer be authorized to cause to be published in the Daily Journal and Sentinel, for two weeks, the notice to tax payers.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Wiles offered the following motion:

Moved, That a committee of three be appointed, who, with the City Attorney, shall confer with Messrs. Lawyer & Hall and their counsel, in reference to a compromise of the case of Messrs. Lawyer & Hall against the city, and report the result of such conference to the Common Council.

Which was adopted, and the following committee appointed: Messrs. Wiles, Brown and Woodburn.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 15, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN: For the year 1869 I was assessed with, \$8,475.00 personal property by the City Assessor, who made out the tax list of 1869 from the one of 1868, without my knowledge or consent. As I did not have that amount of personal property for taxation, and as I paid the tax of \$99.83 on the same, under protest, I respectfully ask that all but the tax on \$1,815.00, with penalty, interest, &c., be refunded to me, this being the correct amount of personal property I owned for the year 1869 liable for taxation, making the amount due to me on account of erroneous taxation \$78.55, and I will ever pray, &c.

CH. HOMBURG.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of December, 1870.

JOHN W. COONS,
Notary Public.

[SEAL.]

P. S.—The County Treasurer refunded to me the amount overpaid at his office.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 17, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned, Trustees of the Public Schools, would respectfully petition your honorable body to pass the proper order to have the south sidewalk on Tinker street graveled, between Illinois and Tennessee streets, so that the children attending the Tinker street school can get there without wading through the mud.

The sidewalks on both Illinois and Tennessee streets are graveled to Tinker street, and if the improvement asked for is made, it will give the children good walks to their school.

If your honors deem it proper to grant this request, we respectfully ask that prompt action be taken, as the season for muddy roads and bad walking is now on us.

JAMES C. YOHN,
W. H. L. NOBLE,
JOHN R. ELDER,
Trustees Public Schools.

Which was received.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following petition :

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

I would respectfully ask the privilege of grading and graveling the north sidewalk of Second street, between Illinois and Meridian streets, under the supervision of the City Engineer, to proceed at once. I desire to gravel eight feet in width, next the fence, and sod or seed the two feet of border between the trees. Said work to be done within sixty days.

Respectfully,
WILLIAM S. HUBBARD.

Which was granted.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following motion :

Moved, That \$5,000 be appropriated for the purpose of building an abutment and approach for an open iron bridge across White

River, at the west end of Washington street, provided the County Commissioners will agree to build a substantial iron bridge at that point when said abutment is done, said bridge to be for ever free of toll.

Which was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Messrs. Woodburn, Shepherd, Kahn, Thoms and Harrison.

Mr. Harrison offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby instructed to clean the street crossings on North Pennsylvania street, where they need it.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner place two iron foot bridges at the crossing of Washington and Meridian streets.

Which was referred to the Committee on Bridges.

Dr. Woodburn introduced Special Ordinance No. 225, 1870, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel the south sidewalk on Tinker street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Harrison offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Council now proceed to the election of a City Commissioner to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of William Braden.

Which was adopted.

William S. Hubbard was put in nomination by Dr. Woodburn and unanimously elected.

Dr. Woodburn presented the bill for keeping prisoners at the Station House for the month of November, 1870.

Which was referred to the Committee on Contracts.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Newman made the following report :

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

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the several petitions of Mary H. Alvord and E. T. Miller, beg leave to report :

The petitioners severally complain of erroneous assessments for taxation in the city for the year 1868, and from the length of time that has intervened since the assessment, they think it would be setting an impolitic precedent to disturb the assessments complained of, and they, therefore, report against the claims of said petitioners, and beg to be discharged from the further consideration of said petitions.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. NEWMAN,
ISAAC THALMAN,
J. H. WOODBURN,
THOMAS COTTRELL,
AUSTIN H. BROWN.

Which was concurred in.

By unanimous consent the ordinances appropriating money for sundry claims and City Hospital, were read the second and third times and passed, under a suspension of the rules, by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

By consent, Dr. Woodburn introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 73, 1870, entitled:

An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following agreement:

This agreement, made this 19th day of December, 1870, between the Trustees of the "Bobbs Free Dispensary," and the City Council of Indianapolis, through their Committee on Benevolent Institutions and Hospitals,

Witnesses, That the party of the first part agree to furnish Medical and Surgical service to the city poor, including attendance upon the city prisoners, for the year 1871, it being the same service formerly performed by the "Physician for the Poor."

The party of the second part agrees to pay said Trustees of said Dispensary the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) for the performance of the above mentioned services, said amount to be paid as follows, viz.: One hundred and fifty dollars upon the 1st of January, 1871; one hundred and fifty dollars on the 1st of April, 1871; one hundred and fifty dollars on the 1st of July, 1871; and one hundred and fifty dollars on the 1st of October, 1871.

Witness our hands and seals this 19th day of December, 1870.

R. N. TODD, President of Trustees.

J. A. COMINGOR, Sec'y Board Trustees.

THAD. M. STEVENS, M. D., Sup't.

JAMES H. WOODBURN, } Committee on
WILLIAM W. WEAVER, } Benevolence
EDWARD REAGAN, } and Hospitals.

Which was accepted and adopted.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY,
Mayor.

ATTEST:

DAN. M. RANSELL,
City Clerk.