

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL }  
OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
*Monday, March 6, 1871, 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, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—17.

Absent—Councilman Pyle.

The proceedings of the regular session held February 27, 1871, were read and approved.

## ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING.

Mr. Locke introduced special ordinance No. 5, 1871; entitled:  
An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Ellsworth street,  
between New York and Vermont streets.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Woodburn introduced special appropriation ordinance No.  
13, 1871, entitled:

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

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Wiles introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 14,  
1871, entitled:

An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims  
on account of station house.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Wiles presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, March 6, 1871.

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

The undersigned owners of lots in Wm. H. Morrison's first and  
second additions to the city of Indianapolis, fronting on the extension  
of Meridian street through said addition, respectfully petition your  
honorable body to grade and gravel the said street and sidewalks  
with gravel, from Tinker street northward to the north line of Her-  
bert street, in a substantial manner, so as to make a permanent road-  
way.

FREDERICK W. CHISLETT,  
W. H. MORRISON,  
SAM'L R. LIPPINCOTT,  
JOS. A. MOORE,

And 18 others.

Which was received.

Mr. Wiles introduced special ordinance No. 5, 1871, entitled:

An Ordinance to provide for the grading and graveling Meridian street and sidewalks, from Tinker street to the north line of Herbert street.

Which was read the first time.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

The City Clerk made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS. March 6, 1871.

The City Clerk respectfully reports to the Council—

Contract and bond of James Mahoney for grading and bowldering the gutter, and curbing the outside edge of the sidewalk with white oak plank, the west sidewalk on New Jersey street, from the south line of lot 6, in out-lot 22, to the south ends of lots 1, 2 and 3, in out-lot 19.

Respectfully submitted.

D. M. RANSDELL,  
City Clerk.

Which was concurred in, and contract awarded and bond approved.

Also, the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS. March 6, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN — The City Clerk would respectfully report that there are on file in his office the following affidavits for the collection of street assessment by precept, as follows:

S. J. & R. S. Patterson vs. R. A. Atkinson, for.....	\$33 13
S. J. & R. S. Patterson vs. Carl Hartrall, for.....	58 13
S. J. & R. S. Patterson vs. Elizabeth Gillett, for.....	116 26

And would recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully,

D. M. RANSDELL,  
City Clerk.

Which was concurred in, and precepts ordered to issue.

The Street Commissioner made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 6, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to submit the following report of work done in the street repairing department since Feb. 1, 1871 :

FIRST WARD.

Repaired the culvert on New York and Delaware streets.....	\$14 00
Repaired the culvert on Mass. avenue and Alabama street...	9 00
Placed two foot bridges on Liberty and Vermont streets.....	8 00
Repaired the culvert on New Jersey and Michigan streets.....	17 00
Repaired the crossing on New York and Davidson streets.....	3 00
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Total.....	\$51 00

SECOND WARD.

Made a cinder crossing on Mass. avenue and Oak street.....	\$5 00
Scraped the crossing on Pennsylvania street, between First and Michigan streets.....	11 00
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Total.....	\$16 00

THIRD WARD.

Repaired the culvert on Mississippi and Market streets.....	\$3 00
Put down three foot bridges on Circle street.....	10 00
Repaired the culvert on Meridian and Circle streets.....	4 00
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Total .....	\$17 00

FOURTH WARD.

Extended the culvert on New York and Bright streets.....	\$7 00
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FIFTH WARD.

Repaired the culvert on West and Louisiana streets.....	\$27 00
Filled the holes on West street, between Kentucky avenue and Georgia street.....	13 00
Opened the gutter on McCarty and Tennessee streets.....	6 00
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Total.....	\$46 00

SEVENTH WARD.

Made foot crossing on Merrill and New Jersey streets.....	\$11 00
Made foot crossing on McCarty and New Jersey streets.....	7 00
Put a bridge over the gutter at the mouth of the first alley west of East on Merrill.....	11 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$34 00</b>

EIGHTH WARD.

Repaired the crossing on Fletcher avenue and Pine street.....	\$11 00
Made foot crossing on Huron and Pine streets.....	23 00
Made crossing on Helm and Cedar street.....	5 00
Made foot crossing on Huron and Cedar streets.....	6 00
Made foot crossing on Cedar and Hosbrook streets.....	3 00
Repaired the crossing on Virginia avenue and McCarty street.	8 00
Repaired the sidewalk crossing on Noble street, between Virginia avenue and Georgia street.....	13 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$69 00</b>

NINTH WARD.

Put down three foot bridges on Circle street.....	12 00
Put a foot bridge on Market and New Jersey streets.....	4 00
Put a foot bridge on Washington street, near Pennsylvania st..	4 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$20 00</b>

RECAPITULATION BY WARDS.

*Showing the amount on hand February 1, 1871, the amount expended since February 1, 1871, and the amount on hand at the present date.*

WARDS.	Deficit an. 1st, 1871.	Bal. on hand Jan. 1, '71.	Approp'n	Total with Appropriation.	Am't exp. since Jan. 1, '71.	Bal. on hand.	Deficit.
First.....	\$30 00				\$51 00		\$81 00
Second .....		\$278 00			16 00	262 00	
Third .....	278 00				17 00		295 00
Fourth.....	41 16				07		48 06
Fifth .....		58 00			46 00	12 00	
Sixth .....	335 00						335 00
Seventh .....		177 00			34 00	143 00	
Eighth.....		28 35			69 00		40 65
Ninth.....	211 00				20 00		231 00
Brg. fd.....	816 00						816 00
Misc. fd .....	368 00						368 00
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>\$2,079 81</b>	<b>\$541 35</b>			<b>\$260 00</b>	<b>417 35</b>	<b>2214 81</b>

Respectfully,

A. BRUNER, *Street Commissioner.*

Which were received.

The City Commissioners made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, March 6, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN—The petition of Hiram Seibert, asking that Greer Street be opened to the width of fifty-five feet, north from its present northern terminus, to Stevens Street, having been referred to us, we have reviewed the premises, and after considering the matter would report:

That the opening of said street as desired, would be very advantageous to the property in that neighborhood, and that the benefits would equal the damages for the property to be taken. We therefore recommend that Greer street be opened fifty-five feet wide, north to Stevens street, the east line of the street so opened as to be on a direct line with the present eastern line of said Greer street. The street so extended will take all of Mr. F. Wuensch's lot, (No. 32, in Coffman's sub-division of the north part of out-lot 101,) with the improvements thereon. It will also take a strip fifteen feet in width off the west side of lot 33, in Coffman's subdivision of the north part of out-lot No. 101, belonging to Margaret S. Coffman. In case the street is opened it would be advisable perhaps to vacate the 10 foot alley between lots 33 and 34, in Coffman's sub-division, as it would be of little or no use so near the line of the new street.

We submit the following assessment of damages and benefits to the property holders on the line of the street and in its vicinity:

Damages to Frederick Wuensch, for all of lot 32, in Coffman's subdivision of the north part of out-lot 101, with the improvements thereon . . . . .	\$700 00
Damages to Margaret S. and Jacob Coffman, for a strip fifteen feet in width, taken off the west side of lot 33, in Coffman's subdivision of north part of out-lot No. 101 . . . . .	52 00
Total damages . . . . .	<u>\$752 00</u>

Benefits to Margaret S. Coffman, on lot 33, in Coffman's subdivision of north part of out-lot 101, by 120 feet new frontage, and becoming a corner lot . . . . .	50 00
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Benefits to Christian Smith, on lot 48, in Coffman's subdivision of north part of out-lot 101, by new frontage and becoming a corner lot . . . . .	\$50 00
Benefits to Margaret S. Coffman, on lot 34, Coffman's subdivision of north part of out-lot 101 . . . . .	15 00
Benefit to Margaret S. Coffman, on lot 14 of Coffman's subdivision of north part of out-lot 101 . . . . .	10 00
Benefit to Thaddeus M. Stevens, on lot 11, Coffman's subdivision of n. part of out-lot 101 . . . . .	7 50
Benefit to Thaddeus M. Stevens, on lot 12, of Coffman's subdivision of north part out-lot 101 . . . . .	7 50
Benefit to Samuel Cain, on lot 13 of Coffman's subdivision of out-lot 101 . . . . .	10 00
Benefit to Samuel M. Siebert, on lot 11, Greer & Watters' subdivision of out-lot 101 . . . . .	58 00
Benefit to Hiram Siebert, on lot 10, Greer & Watters' subdivision of out-lot 101 . . . . .	51 50
Benefit to Hiram Siebert, on lot 9, Greer & Watters' subdivision of out-lot 101 . . . . .	45 00
Benefit to Robert McClintock, on lot 24, Greer & Watters' subdivision of lot 101 . . . . .	38 50
Benefit to John Wands, on lot 25, Greer & Watters' subdivision of out-lot 101 . . . . .	32 50
Benefit to John Wands, on lot 26, Greer & Watters' subdivision of out-lot 101 . . . . .	25 50
Benefit to Samuel M. Seibert, on lot 12, Greer & Watters' subdivision of out-lot 101 . . . . .	58 00
Benefit to _____, on lot 13, Greer & Watters' subdivision of out-lot 101 . . . . .	51 50
Benefit to John Maurer, on n. $\frac{1}{2}$ lot 14, Greer & Watters' subdivision of out-lot 101 . . . . .	23 25
Benefit to Catharine Maurer, s. $\frac{1}{2}$ lot 14, Greer & Watters' subdivision of out-lot 101 . . . . .	22 25
Benefit to Mary A. Thompson, on lot 23, Greer & Watters' subdivision of out-lot 101 . . . . .	38 50
Benefit to James W. Sutherland, on n. $\frac{1}{2}$ lot 22, Greer & Watters' subdivision of out-lot 101 . . . . .	16 50
Benefit to Christian Wands, on s. $\frac{1}{2}$ lot 22, Greer & Watters' subdivision of out-lot 101 . . . . .	16 00
Benefit to Henry A. Hugo, on lot 21, Greer & Watters' subdivision of out-lot 101 . . . . .	25 50

Benefit to The City of Indianapolis, for improvements bought on Wuensch's lot No. 32, above described and which may be sold at . . . . .	\$100 00
Total Benefits . . . . .	\$752 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. RAMSEY,  
IGNATIUS BROWN,  
WILLIAM S. HUBBARD,  
*Board of City Commissioners.*

Which was referred to the City Attorney.

The City Sexton made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, March 1, 1871.

*To the Major and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:*

GENTLEMEN—The following interments have been made in the City Cemetery during the month of February:

Under five years of age, . . . . .	23
From ten to twenty years of age, . . . . .	2
From twenty to thirty years of age, . . . . .	2
From thirty to forty years of age, . . . . .	2
From forty to fifty years of age, . . . . .	2
From seventy to eighty years of age, . . . . .	1
Total . . . . .	32

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. H. HEDGES,  
*City Sexton.*

Which was received.

Mr. Thalman introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 15, 1871, entitled:

An Ordinance appropriating money for the use of the Street Commissioner.

Which was read the first time.



ROLL CALL.

Mr. Reagan offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner open the gutters on the west side of Mississippi street, between Louisiana and South streets.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby instructed to notify the Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railroad Company to gravel Louisiana street, between Tennessee street and Kentucky avenue, in accordance with the provisions of the charter granting their right of way on and along said street, said work, to be done within sixty days from service of this notice.

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

Mr. Shepherd offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby ordered to clean the gutters on Washington street, south side.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

*Moved*. That H. H. Langenburg be allowed to dig a well and put in a pump in front of his business house on West Washington St.

Also, That H. W. Caldwell be allowed the same privilege in front of his property on Indiana avenue—both parties complying with the ordinance governing the same.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

*Moved*, That the City Engineer make an estimate and report to this Council what size sewer would be required to be placed in the

bed of the canal on Missouri street, between Market street and Kentucky avenue, to carry off the drainage that now empties into the canal, between the points above named.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner notify the Water Works Company to immediately protect the bank of the canal at the foot of the tail race of Lock's paper mill, as the water is now washing away the street in that locality.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thoms presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 27, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN—I have a claim against the city for taxes erroneously assessed against lot 2, in square 41, in the name of William J. H. Robinson, and I find that he never owned the property at all, and I would respectfully ask you to refer this petition to your City Attorney and Finance Committee, so that I can have justice done me in the premises, and your petitioner will ever pray.

GERARD MANY.

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

Mr. Wiles presented the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 20, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN—The following resolutions were adopted for presentation to your honorable body, at a meeting this P. M., at which the following firms were represented :

Wiles, Bro. & Co.

Talbot, Patterson & Moore.

Browning & Sloan.

Frank A. Boyd.

Andrew Wallace.

Crossland, Hanna & Co.

Kiefer & Vinton.

Severin, Schnull & Co.

A. L. Noble.

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this meeting that the legislation proposed by the ordinance now pending before the Council regarding the storage of oils, varnishes, naphtha, etc., is unwise, arbitrary to the trade, and of great detriment to the interests of the city.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Kiefer, Wiles and Talbot, present our views in this relation to the City Council, and request that body to postpone further consideration of the ordinance until the views of all interested can be obtained, at a public meeting to be held at an early date, for the purpose of devising the most proper legislation for the interest of all concerned.

Respectfully submitted.

A. KIEFER,

W. D. WILES,

R. L. TALBOT,

*Committee.*

Which was referred to the select committee appointed to investigate the oil question, etc.

Mr. Heckman offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That R. M. Patterson be allowed leave of absence for one week.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Locke offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to offer such reward as he may deem sufficient for the detection of any person or persons who shall in any way destroy or mutilate any shade tree planted along the line of any street within the city limits.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to receive for current taxes any of the city bonds which may fall due on or before the first day of April next, allowing interest thereon to the day of redemption.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Woodburn introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 16, 1871, entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims on account of City Hospital for the month of February, 1871.

Which was read the first time.

Also, the following :

Monthly report of contents of register of patients in City Hospital, ending February 28, 1871 :

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	54
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	31
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	4
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	44
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	2
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	43

E. HADLEY,  
*Superintendent.*

Monthly report of expenditures of the City Hospital ending February 28, 1871.

Total expenditures for the Month.....	\$609.16
Aggregate number of days for which subsistence, etc., was furnished.....	1,356
Average expense per capita per diem.....	44.7 cts

E. HADLEY,  
*Superintendent.*

Weekly report of contents of Register of Patients of City Hospital, ending March 4, 1871 :

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	49
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	5
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	11
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	1
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	42

E. HADLEY,  
*Superintendent.*

Which were received.

His Honor the Mayor offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That Simon McCarty be permitted to lay a cement stone walk from the alley running east and west through square 55, to the rear of the restaurant recently opened by him on Washington St. The same to be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, and at his own expense.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Marsee offered the following motion :

*Moved*. That Pat Moran be allowed to fill the well in front of his property, on East street, between South and Merrill streets.

Which was adopted.

#### ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 13, 1871, entitled :

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

Was read the second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion, the rules were suspended, and the above entitled ordinance was read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—none.

So the ordinance passed.

The following entitled ordinances were read the second time, and ordered engrossed :

Special appropriation ordinance No. 14, 1871.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 12, 1871.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 16, 1871.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 15, 1871.

Special ordinance No. 196, 1870.

Special ordinance No. 213, 1870.

Special ordinance No. 225, 1870.

Special ordinance No. 217, 1870.

Special ordinance No. 214, 1870.

Special ordinance No. 212, 1870.

Special ordinance No. 215, 1870.

Special ordinance No. 201, 1870.

Special ordinance No. 210, 1870.

Special ordinance No. 209, 1870, entitled:

An Ordinance to grade and gravel West street, from Indiana avenue to First street,

Was ordered stricken from the files.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 72, 1870, entitled:

An Ordinance appropriating money to buy the bridge on the National Road, at the crossing of White river.

Was ordered stricken from the files.

Special ordinance No. 219, 1870, and special ordinances Nos. 3 and 4, 1871, were read the second time, and referred to the City Civil Engineer to fill blanks, etc.

Special ordinances Nos. 200, 204 and 216, 1870, providing for the lighting of certain streets with gas, were read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Gas Light.

General ordinance No. 51, 1870, entitled:

An Ordinance relative to omnibus runners at Union Depot, etc.,

Was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

General ordinance No. 2, 1871, entitled:

An Ordinance providing for the working of City prisoners,

Was called up, and read the second time.

Mr. Brown moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of said ordinance.

Mr. Thoms moved to lay the motion to postpone on the table.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kennington moved to refer to a special committee of three.

During the pendency of which the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY,  
*Mayor.*

ATTEST:

D. M. RANSELL,  
*City Clerk.*