

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—JANUARY 18, 1886.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, January 18th, A. D. 1886, at 7:30 o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Caleb S. Denny, Mayor, and *ex officio* President of the Common Council in the Chair, and 24 members, viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

ABSENT, 1—Councilman Cummings.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the adjourned session held December 29th, 1885; the special session held December 30th, 1885, and the regular session held January 4th, 1886, 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 below described improvements, were opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts:

(S. O. 138, 1884)—For grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of Walnut street, from East street to Park avenue.

(S. O. 86, 1885)—For grading and bowldering the south gutter of North street, from Pennsylvania street to Meridian street, where not already done.

(S. O. 89, 1885)—For grading and graveling the first alley south of Prospect street from Olive street to the first alley west of Olive street.

(S. O. 90, 1885)—For grading and graveling the first alley south of Bicking street, from Davis street to the first alley west of Davis street.

(S. O. 114, 1885)—For grading and graveling the roadway and sidewalk of Illinois (or Chicago) street, from Morris street to Wisconsin street.

(S. O. 120, 1885)—For the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures, (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Park avenue, between Ninth and Eleventh streets.

(S. O. 121, 1885)—For grading and graveling the first alley south of McCarty street, from Illinois street to Maple street.

(S. O. 122, 1885)—For grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of McCarty street, from Tennessee street to Ann street.

(S. O. 123, 1885)—For grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Missouri street, from Merrill street to McCarty street.

(G. O. 31, 1885)—For the construction of an eighteen (18) inch Akron pipe sewer in and along Michigan street, from Massachusetts avenue to the first alley east of East street.

The following communication from His Honor, the Mayor, and the City Clerk, was read and approved:

Indianapolis, Jan'y. 12, 1886.

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—We respectfully report that in pursuance of the action had by your honorable bodies at your last sessions, we did on this day sign three time-warrants for eleven thousand dollars each, payable to Hiram W. Miller, May 12th, 1886, with five per cent. interest per annum from date, and that on delivery of said warrants to said Miller, he placed to the credit of the city said sum of thirty-three thousand dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. DENNY, Mayor.

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

The following report from the City Clerk was read :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

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

Henry C. Roney vs. Patrick Doyle, for.....	\$15 20
George W. Seibert, Jr., vs. John D. Condit, for.....	8 12
George W. Seibert, Jr., vs. Frank McWhinney, for.....	7 60
George W. Seibert, Jr., vs. Kate C. Steere, for.....	7 60
John L. Spaulding vs. Stoughton J. Fletcher and Francis M. Churchman, for.....	39 90
George W. Seibert, Jr., vs. Ellis Pugh, for.....	7 60
Richter & Twiname vs. Levina D. Athon, for.....	28 64

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

And the precepts ordered to issue, by the following vote :

AYES, 23—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Dell, Dunn, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thaman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read and approved:

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

A first and final estimate in behalf of Richter & Twiname, for painting the following city bridges :

Morris street bridge over Pogue's Run.....	\$45 00
Ohio street bridge over Pogue's Run.....	55 00

Total.....\$100 00

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Board of Health submitted the Mortality report for the two weeks ending January 15th, 1886; which was read and received.

Councilman Thalman offered his resignation as a member of the Special Committee on Fire Department; which, on motion, was accepted.

His Honor, the Mayor, submitted the following; which was approved:

To the Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—I hereby appoint Councilmen Mack and Newland to fill the vacancies on the Special Committee on Fire Department, and respectfully ask that said appointments be approved.

C. S. DENNY, Mayor.

The Board of Health submitted their annual report for 1885; which, together with the Chief Fire Engineer's report, and the report of the City Dispensary Board, were referred to the Committee on Printing, with instructions to have them printed in pamphlet form, the same not to exceed five hundred copies.

The Board of City Commissioners submitted the following report; which was received:

Report of the Board of City Commissioners in the matter of opening and extending the first alley west of Shelby street, from its present terminus through Lot 1, Dougherty's subdivision of Out lot 99, to Coburn street.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, Board of City Commissioners, respectfully report to your honorable body:

1st They were duly appointed by the Judge of the Circuit Court of Marion County, Indiana, to act as Commissioners to assess benefits and damages accruing to the owners of lands and lots through which any street or alley is proposed to be extended. They are acting under the Statutes of the State of Indiana, approved March 17th, 1875, and acts amendatory thereto.

2d. That on the 5th day of November, 1885, they met (a full Board being present), in the City Clerk's office, pursuant to a notice of the City Clerk, which notice is herewith attached, and marked "Exhibit A."

That they did, at the time and place aforesaid, enter upon the consideration of opening and extending the above described alley, in accordance with the petition herewith filed. Having examined the papers, found them in regular order; but on account of heavy rain, adjourned to meet to view the ground, on Monday, the 9th of November, 1885

3d. On the 9th inst, a full Board of Commissioners met, and proceeded at once to view the ground, and were agreed that the following persons owning the property herein described, are interested in opening and extending said alley, viz:

Louis H. Mueller, the owner of Lot 1, Dougherty's subdivision of Out-lot 99; Wm. H. Carle, Lot 3, Munson's subdivision of Burkermeyer's addition; Wm H. Carle, 25 $\frac{3}{8}$ feet north side of Lot 4, Munson's subdivision of Burkermeyer's addition; August Richter, Lots 1 and 2, Munson's subdivision of Burkermeyer's addition; Fidelia Hodge, 12 $\frac{3}{8}$ feet south side of Lot 4, and 12 $\frac{3}{8}$ feet north side of Lot 5, Burkermeyer's addition; John and Ann Heron, 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet south side of Lot 5, of said addition; Algernon S. Patterson, Lot 6, Munson's subdivision of Burkermeyer's addition; John T. and Mary A. Pressley, Lots 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of said addition; Mary Burgman, Lot 12, of Munson's subdivision of said addition.

4th. That we made due report of said facts to the City Clerk, and directed him

to have the proper notices issued to the foregoing parties to meet the City Commissioners on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1886, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in the City Clerk's office. Said report is filed herewith, and marked "Exhibit B."

5th. That they did meet on the said 4th day of January, 1886, at the place designated, a full Board being present, and entered upon the further consideration of opening and extending said alley, by examining various witnesses and interested parties in relation to said extension and opening, and then adjourned to meet on the 8th day of January, 1886, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

6th. We now on said 8th day of January, 1886, report that there is no damage to any property on account of said proposed extension of said alley, except to Lot 1, in Dougherty's subdivision of Out-lot 99, where a portion of said lot is taken for said alley.

7th. The ground appropriated for said alley extends from the first alley south of Coburn street, through said Lot 1, to the north line of said lot at its intersection with Coburn street, a distance of about forty feet, and is twelve feet wide.

8th. No part of the damages are to be paid by the City of Indianapolis.

9th. The name of the owner of the ground taken, is Louis H. Mueller, and we assess his damages at.....\$150 00

Total amount of damages.....\$150 00

10th. The names of the owners and description of property beneficially effected by said proposed change of opening and extending said alley, are as follows:

August Richter, the owner of Lots 1 and 2, Munson's subdivision of Lot 1, Berker-meyer's addition. Benefits to said lots.....	\$ 25 00
Wm. H. Carle, the owner of Lot 3, and 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet north side of Lot 4, in said subdivision.....	20 80
Fidelia Hodges, the owner of 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ feet south side of Lot 4, and 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ feet north side of Lot 5, in Munson's subdivision of Berker-meyer's addition.....	8 35
John and Ann Herron, the owners of 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet south side of Lot 5, in Mun-son's subdivision of Lot 1, Berker-meyer's addition.....	8 35
Algernon Patterson, Lot 6, Munson's subdivision Berker-meyer's addition..	12 50
John T. and Mary Pressley, the owners of Lots 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, in Mun-son's subdivision of Lot 1, Berker-meyer's addition.....	62 50
Mary Burgman, the owner of Lot 12, Munson's subdivision of Lot 1, Ber-ker-meyer's addition.....	12 50
Total amount of benefits.....	\$150 00

TABLE A.

Damages to be paid as follows:

Louis H. Mueller, damages to Lot 1, Dougherty's subdivision Out-lot 99....	\$150 00
Total damages	\$150 00

TABLE B.

Benefits to be collected from:

August Richter.....	\$ 25 00
Wm. H. Carle.....	20 80
Fidelia Hodges.....	8 35
John and Ann Herron.....	8 35
Algernon S. Patterson.....	12 50
John T. and Mary Pressley.....	62 50
Mary Burgman.....	12 50
Total benefits.....	\$150 00

The cost to be paid by the petitioners, is \$60.00.

We therefore recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, and said alley opened accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

William Hadley,
John L. F. Steeg,
Wm. Johnson,
James Renihan,
Jos. T. Magner,
City Commissioners.

January 8th, 1886.

The following resolution was introduced:

Resolved, That the report of the City Commissioners in the matter of opening and extending the first alley west of Shelby street, from its present terminus through Lot one, in Dougherty's subdivision of Out-lot ninety-nine (99), to Coburn street, be, and the same is hereby, in all things accepted and approved; that the benefits assessed, and damages awarded by said Commissioners, be, and the same is hereby, approved; that the real estate therein described for the opening of said alley be and the same is hereby, appropriated; that the City Clerk be, and he is hereby, directed to certify to the Treasurer of Marion County, Indiana, so much of said report as assesses benefits and awards damage upon real estate, giving the description thereof; *Provided, however*, That said Treasurer shall not tender or pay any part of the damage or costs occasioned by said opening, as shown by said Commissioners' report, nor shall said alley be opened, until the benefits assessed shall have all been paid to said Treasurer; the collection of which benefits and costs the said Treasurer is hereby directed to make, as soon as said certified copy of the Commissioners' report comes to his hands.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES 21—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Cov, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Herig, Howes, Mack Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Councilman Thalman, in behalf of the Finance Committee, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the following resolution:

Resolved, That Eugene Sauley be, and he is hereby, directed to continue the preparation of the city plats heretofore ordered while he was City Assessor, to their final completion, the compensation of himself and assistants engaged in said work to be fixed by the Finance Committee and reported to the Council at its next meeting."

Recommend that the resolution be concurred in, the expense for the work complete, including binding, not to exceed five hundred dollars.

We also recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be allowed for making copies of tax sales that have been made in the past two years, and that H. H. M. Patton be employed to do said work.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Thalman,
John R. Pearson,
H. L. Smith,
Jos. H. Howes.

Councilman Rooker, in behalf of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom sundry papers were referred, would report thereon as follows:

1st. Is the petition of Albert Ross, asking that five dollars be refunded him, the same being erroneously paid for peddlers' license.

Inasmuch as the petitioner procured said license on his own opinion and judgment, and said license fee paid by him, was a voluntary act on his part, recommend the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

2d. Is a bill for \$23.70, judgment and cost, in favor of M. G. McLain, County Clerk, in case of Benjamin et al., vs. Webster, et al.

In our opinion, the above claim is not a just claim against the city, therefore recommend the same be not allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. Rooker,
Geo. F. Edenharter,
Committee on Judiciary.

The Committee on Public Light, through Councilman Rooker, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Public Light, to whom the following motion was referred: "That the City Civil Engineer re advertise for the erection of lamp-posts on Roe and Grant streets," recommend said motion be not adopted, for the reason that there are no gas mains on said streets.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. Rooker,
Chas. E. Haugh
Theo. F. Smither,
Committee on Public Light.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read, and referred to the Committee on Bridges:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, at a special session, held January 8, 1886, adopted the following motion:

"That a committee consisting of two Aldermen, three Councilmen, the President of the Board, the Mayor, City Attorney, City Civil Engineer, and three citizens to be designated by the Mayor, be appointed for the purpose of ascertaining and reporting back to the Board of Aldermen and Council, the best plan for the accommodation of the business interests of the city from delays, and relief of the citizens from the dangers of the railroad crossings. And particularly to inquire into the practicability of lowering the railroad tracks so as to enable the city to bridge the same, if necessary, at each street and alley crossing; and if necessary to carry out this purpose, to consider the propriety of sewerage Pogue's Run, and widening the present right of way of the railroad companies through the city. Such committee is requested to invite the co-operation of the railroad companies."

I submit the foregoing for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

JOSEPH T. FANNING, Clerk.

The following message was read, and the resolution was concurrently adopted:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, at its regular session held January 11th, 1886, adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That Tilman A. Johnson be permitted to exhibit Winnie Johnson, at No. 68 west Washington street, in this city, for one month, upon the payment of fifteen dollars to the Treasurer, and securing a license from the City Clerk, who is hereby authorized to issue the same upon presentation of Treasurer's receipt for fifteen dollars."

I submit the foregoing for your consideration and action.

For the Board of Aldermen:

JOSEPH T. FANNING, Clerk.

The following motion was read, and the action of the Board non-conferred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, at its regular session held January 11th, 1886, adopted the following motion:

"That any member of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen who appears under the influence of liquor in these Chambers, shall be fined by the Mayor in any sum not more than twenty-five dollars, nor less than five dollars, to which expulsion may be added."

I submit the foregoing for your consideration and action.

For the Board of Aldermen:

JOSEPH T. FANNING, Clerk.

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 Haugh:

G. O. 1, 1886—An ordinance requiring owners, occupiers and agents, to keep the sidewalks and gutters in front of and adjoining their property, free from snow and ice, and providing penalty for violating any of its provisions.

By Councilman Markey:

G. O. 2, 1886—An ordinance providing for the election of a City Boiler Inspector, prescribing his powers and duties, the manner of his election and means of compensation.

By Councilman Rooker:

S. O. 9, 1886—An ordinance to provide for the erection of two lamp-posts, lamps and fixtuers (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Fourth street, between Illinois and Meridian streets.

S. O. 10, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Fifth street, from Illinois street to Mississippi street, where not already done.

S. O. 11, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Seventh street, from Mississippi street to Meridian street, where not already done.

By Councilman Smither:

S. O. 12, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of California street, from North street to Indiana avenue.

By Councilman Swain:

- S. O. 13, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of Seventh street, from Meridian street to Central avenue.
- S. O. 14, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of Second street, from Meridian street to Pennsylvania street.
- S. O. 15, 1886—An ordinance to provide for the erection of two lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Fifth (or King) street, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets.
- S. O. 16, 1886—An ordinance to provide for the erection of two lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Home avenue, between Delaware and Alabama streets.

On motion, the above S. O. 15, 1886, and S. O. 16, 1886, were referred to the Committee on Public Light.

- S. O. 17, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Park avenue, from Tenth street to the State Ditch.
- S. O. 18, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Tenth street and sidewalks, from Central avenue to Greenwood street.
- S. O. 19, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Park avenue, from Eleventh street to a point 168 feet south of Eleventh street.
- S. O. 20, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Park avenue, from a point 168 feet south of Eleventh street to Tenth street.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Coy offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the compensation of each member and officer, except the Chief and Assistant Chief Engineer of the City Fire Department, is hereby increased twenty-five cents per day in advance of their present compensation; and be it further

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Assistant Chief Fire Engineer, in addition to his present duties, to inspect all public buildings in the City of Indianapolis; and be it further

Resolved, That the salary of the Assistant Chief Fire Engineer is hereby increased so as to make it one hundred dollars per month.

Councilman Rooker offered the following substitute for the above:

Resolved, That the pay and compensation of the Fire Department, from the 1st of January, 1886, to January 1st, 1888, shall be as follows:

Chief Fire Engineer, (per annum).....	\$1,800 00
Assistant Chief (per annum).....	1,000 00
Engineers and Foremen (per month, each).....	85 00
Hosemen, stokers, truckmen and drivers (per month, each).....	75 00

On motion, the above resolutions were referred to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Fire Department.

Councilman Dunn offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner place double stone crossings across New York street, at California street, Bright and Douglass streets; also, across Bright street on both sides of New York street.

Councilman Dell offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to put down double stone crossings across Washington street, at Oriental and Davidson streets.

Councilman Dell offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner notify Mr. John Martin to repair his brick sidewalk fronting the old Vance property, on east Washington street; and if not done within fifteen days, to do the work and collect the cost from the property owner.

Councilman Haugh offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to notify the property holders on and along Vermont street, between Alabama and New Jersey streets, to repair the sidewalk in front of their property.

Councilman Mack offered the following motions; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be directed to lay stone crossings on the east side of Meridian street, across Ray and Wilkins streets.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to lay double stone crossings on the east side of Illinois street, across Ray, Wilkins and Morris streets.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to lay stone crossings across Meridian street, at or near the second alley north of Ray street, on the east side.

Councilman Markey offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be directed to lay double stone crossings on the north end of High street, across McCarty street.

Councilman Markey presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Alabama street between Merrill and McCarty streets, pray your honorable bodies to cause said Alabama street to be widened to the width of sixty feet from Merrill street to McCarty street because the present width of said street is insufficient for the general use; and that the necessary fifteen feet be taken from the real estate along the east line of said Alabama street. A plat of said proposed opening or widening is herewith filed, and made a part of this petition.

Win. Blume, owner of 26 feet 3 inches front on the west side of Alabama street; J. W. Robinson, owner of 34

feet 3 inches front on the east side of Alabama street; Sarah D. Duvall, owner of 34 feet 3 inches front on the east side of Alabama street; Mrs. Josephine Fieber, owner of the undivided one-third interest of 99 feet 4½ inches front on the east side of Alabama street.

Councilman McClelland presented the following remonstrances; which were filed with the ordinances (S. O's. 1 and 3, 1886.)

Indianapolis, Jan. 12, 1886.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen: The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting Vine street, between Park avenue and Ash street, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the bowldering and curbing of said street.

Helen Van Laningham, 140 feet; Thos. W. Brouse, 140 feet; Sarah A. Martin, 28½ feet; Nancy Wiles, 28½ feet; R. B. Braden, 28½ feet; G. T. Coonz, 28½ feet; Edith Lane, 28½ feet; Nancy Deneen, 30 feet; Agnes T. Vermeule, 28½ feet; Catharine and Nancy Shea, 56 feet; Eliza P. Newcomb, 140 feet; R. M. Foster, 140 feet; John G. Stilz, 28½ feet; Anna E. Harper, 28½ feet; M. C. Davis, 28½ feet; Wm. A. Hanna, administrator of the estate of John Hanna, deceased, 68 feet; Ernst Dilter, 40 feet; Fred. W. Brandt, 40 feet; Mary E. Ditemore, 101 feet; Sarah Stiarwalt, 28½ feet; Ellen Wallace, 28½ feet; Mrs. M. L. Beerbower, 28½ feet; Ellen Hancock, 28½ feet; Mary A. Coburn, 202 feet; Catherine C. Bobbs, by Dyer & Rassmann, agents, 28½ feet; J. W. Scott, 28½ feet; M. S. Huey, 70 feet; Mrs. James A. Buchanan, 40 feet.

Indianapolis, Jan. 8th, 1886.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Broadway street, between Christian avenue and St. Clair street, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the curbing and bowldering the gutters along said street.

Amos W. Parrish, 66 feet; Elizabeth A. Parker, 73 feet; Geo. F. Meyer, 40 feet; Thomas W. Brouse, 165 feet; Helen Van Laningham, 30 feet; Wm. Thorn, 40 feet; H. H. Thompson, Pastor of Allen Chapel, 40 feet; Mrs. Maria Parrish, 40 feet; Geo. M. Bishop, 40 feet; Ruth M. Springer, 24 feet; Elizabeth A. Wiles, 80 feet; M. H. Field, M. D., 122 feet; Charles Haag, 39 feet; C. H. Gillett, 39 feet; Henrietta Long, 40 feet; Margaret Everson, 80 feet; Edwin A. Wert, 40 feet; W. E. Rockwood, 40 feet; M. S. Raymond, 99 feet; M. C. Davis, 120 feet; Charles E. Coffin, 40 feet; V. T. Malott, 40 feet; Merit Wells, 70 feet; Laura F. Hyde, 120 feet; T. S. Rollins, 37 feet; Catharine Nancy Shea, 120 feet; J. H. Helm, 38 feet; Barbara Blount, 140 feet; J. W. Hoagland, 38½ feet; Wm. H. English, 30 feet; Emily R. Hoffman, 37½ feet.

Councilman Newland presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Indianapolis, January 18, 1886.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned would respectfully show to your honorable bodies, that since the 28th day of March, 1882, he has been the owner of the following real

estate in said city, to-wit: Lots 27, 28 and 29, in Hubbard, Martindale & McCarty's subdivision of Lots 1 and 2, in Block 13 of the southeast addition to said city, and situate near Pleasant Run, at the end of Laurel street, near the corner of Willis street. That since he became the owner of said real estate, about thirty-five feet off the ends of said lots, together with a portion of his improvements, have been washed away by said Pleasant Run, to his damage in the sum of \$300.00. That said washing away was caused by the manner in which the street improvements have been made in that part of said city, and because persons not entitled to, have been permitted to remove the gravel and sand from the bed of said stream. That October 2, 1882, he petitioned your honorable bodies to take immediate steps to secure and protect the banks of said creek at said point to save the street near said point and private property; but that no action was had on his said petition, except to refer it to the Committee on Streets and Alleys and the City Attorney.

If action had been taken at that time at least twenty-five feet in width of said lots might have been saved. That your petitioner is a poor man, yet notwithstanding his poverty, he has spent about \$50,00 in trying to protect his property from the further washing of said stream, but without avail. That he has been taxed upon a full value for said real estate for city purposes, and has paid his taxes promptly. That the City Civil Engineer has examined said stream, and has said that it ought to be straightened.

Your petitioner therefore prays that he may be remunerated for the damages that he has sustained, and that something may be done to protect his property, and that of others in the immediate neighborhood of his, who have not joined him in this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES CLANCY.

Councilman Pearson presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, freeholders of the City of Indianapolis, respectfully pray an order from your honorable body, vacating all that portion of Fifth street lying and situate east of Illinois street, in the City of Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the southeast corner of Lot number six (6) in Square or Block number twenty-one (21), in James P. Drake's addition to the City of Indianapolis, recorded in Plat Book No. 1, page 95, of the records in the Recorder's office of said Marion County; thence south fifty (50) feet; thence west one hundred and nine and one-half (109½) feet, to the east line of Illinois street; thence north fifty (50) feet, to the southwest corner of said Lot six (6); thence east along said Lot six (6) to the place of beginning.

Your petitioners would respectfully show and urge in support of this petition, that they are the owners in fee-simple of all the real estate immediately adjoining and bordering upon the above described portion of Fifth street; that your petitioners, and no other person whomsoever, can be affected by said proposed change or vacation; that said described portion of Fifth street has never been used by the public, and has never been improved as one of the streets of the city, and is of no value or benefit to the public, and is practically closed as a public thoroughfare; that immediately south of said portion of Fifth street, and adjoining the same, lies a public street, improved and now used as a thoroughfare by the inhabitants of said city; that the vacation of the above described portion of Fifth street will not interfere with the convenience of the public in any respect whatever; that we deem it expedient for the public interests of the city that such vacation be made; that no damages or injury will result from said vacation, and no costs occasioned thereby to the city.

Your petitioners attach hereto, and make a part hereof, the following plat of the premises described, and of the property adjoining the same, marked "Exhibit A."

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. SNIDER,
WM. HENDERSON,
J. D. CONDIT.

Councilman Reinecke offered the following motions; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be directed to fill the chuck-holes in Virginia avenue, from South street to the south end of the avenue.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to place a double stone crossing at the intersection of the north side of Cedar street and Virginia avenue.

Councilman Reinecke offered the following motions; which was adopted:

That the Citizens' Street Railway Company be, and is hereby, notified to hereafter open up all street crossings which the said company blockade by cleaning the snow off of the street car tracks.

WHEREAS, The books of the late City Treasurer are left in the City Treasurer's rooms apparently without any one being responsible for them; therefore be it

Moved, That all books not turned over to the Auditor, be placed in the care of the City Clerk.

Councilman Reinecke offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

WHEREAS, By the order of the former Council, the owners of the building known as the "Shelby House," were notified by the Street Commissioner to remove said building; and

Whereas, No attention has been paid to said order; therefore

Moved, That the Street Commissioner again notify said owner to remove said building; and if the work is not done by the first of April, that the Commissioner remove said building at the owner's expense.

Councilman Rooker offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the employment and pay of Park Policemen, be discontinued until April 1st, 1886.

Councilman Smither moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Public Property.

A vote being demanded, was taken, and resulted as follows:

AYES, 12—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Dunn, Herig, McClelland, McGroarty, Pearson, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Swain, and Thalman.

NAYS, 12—viz: Councilmen Burns, Coy, Dell, Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Mack, Markey, Newland, Reinecke, Stuckmeyer, and Waterman.

There being a tie vote, and the name of His Honor, the Mayor, being called, and voting in the affirmative, the motion to refer, was declared adopted.

Councilman Smither offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the portion of the Mayor's message delivered at our last meeting, relating to the straightening of our corporate boundaries, be referred to the City Civil Engineer and City Attorney, with instructions to at once prepare the necessary plats,

petitions and resolutions to carry out the changes designated in the report of the Boundary Committee of December 7, 1885, and present all such papers to the Council at its next meeting for action.

Councilman Smither presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

To the Hon. Committee on Streets and Alleys, Common Council, Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners and residents on all the lots in Miley's second addition to the City of Indianapolis, would respectfully represent to your honorable body that when said addition was platted, the second street running north from Washington street to Decatur street, in said addition—it being the first street west of Miley avenue—was not named, consequently there is embarrassment in the delivery of our mail, and in our addresses, &c. We respectfully request you therefore, to name said street "Elder Avenue," (that being the name attached to it by the residents along it), and cause the proper record of the same to be made; and your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

The Indiana National Bank of Indianapolis, by Volney T. Malott, Pres't.; Mrs. Sarah T. Dye, 82 feet; M. D. W. Bruce, J. W. Ross, Mrs. May Barnes, E. S. Elder, Lots 40 to 47, 328 feet; F. Q. Hazelton, 3 Elder avenue; L. Miller, Geo. W. Rathsam.

Councilman Stuckmeyer offered the following motions; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to place double stone crossings at the intersection of Harrison street and English avenue

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to place a double stone crossing at the crossings of Pine street and Harrison street, on the north side of Pine street.

Councilman Swain presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, resident freeholders of the City of Indianapolis respectfully petition your honorable bodies to vacate the following alleys and portion of street in said city, to-wit:

The first alley east of Pennsylvania street, from Seventh street to Coram street; also, the short alley midway between Seventh and Coram streets, from Talbott avenue west to said alley above described; and also twenty-eight (28) feet off of the north side of Coram street, between Talbott avenue and the first alley east of said Talbott avenue, both of said alleys and said street being in Elizabeth Talbott's Revised Addition to said city.

All the surrounding property belongs to the petitioner, Elizabeth Talbott, and no other persons are interested or will be benefited in keeping said alleys open; and as to said twenty-eight feet of Coram street which is asked to be vacated, the petitioner, Elizabeth Talbott, who is the owner thereof, proposes to dedicate to the public and open a thirty (30) foot street through the north part of Lot "223" of said Elizabeth Talbott's Revised Addition, from said Talbott avenue to the first alley east thereof, in lieu of said vacation of the twenty-eight feet of Coram street as aforesaid—thus leaving a twelve (12) foot alley at the south side of said Coram street, as now laid out from said alley east of Talbott avenue to Delaware street on the east.

A plat of the streets, alleys and surroundings, is filed herewith, as a part hereof, marked exhibit "A." Said plat shows by appropriate lines and statements, the al-

leys to be vacated, the part of street to be vacated, and the location of the street which said Elizabeth Talbott proposes to open in lieu of said vacations.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Talbott, Geo. B. Wright, Byron K. Elliott,
John C. Wright.

Councilman Thalman presented the following petition :

Honorable CALEB S. DENNY, Mayor of the City of Indianapolis :

We, the undersigned, citizens and resident tax payers of the City of Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, would respectfully ask and petition your Honor, that in the exercise of a wise discretion, your petitioners be allowed to drive upon a street certain (to be designated and set apart by your Honor), at a faster rate of speed than is customarily permitted, between the hours of two and half-past four, P. M., during the sleighing period, and at no other time or times whatsoever.

Edw. Schurmann, D. K. Folsom, John Scudder, C. E. Carter, L. W. Moses, J. H. Coffee, E. B. Martindale, H. A. Walker, A. R. Angle, I. J. Richardson, V. L. Shuler, W. F. Bird, E. C. Egan, J. W. Williams, Ad. Hereth, W. O. Patterson, J. H. Aldrich, J. C. Adams, Wm. F. Keay, Charles Becker, Horace F. Wood, John M. Moore, John A. Bridgland, H. P. Wetsell, Wesley B. Burford, S. J. Fletcher, F. M. Churchman, D. B. Shideler, J. T. Burford, Jos. Becker, Jas. R. Ross, Chas. Mayer, Jr, Christian Koepfer.

We approve the foregoing, and request the Superintendent of Police to designate some street, and instruct the members of the force not to make arrests for fast driving thereon, during the hours named in the above petition.

John R. Pearson, Councilman 5th Ward; M. L. Brown, Alderman 3d District; James A. Pritchard, Alderman 2d District; Isaac Thalman, Councilman 11th Ward; Edward Dunn, Councilman 13th Ward; M. M. Reynolds, Councilman 1st Ward; Thomas E. Endly, Alderman 1st District; Cal. Rooker, Councilman 3d Ward; D. F. Swain, Councilman 2d Ward; R. McClelland, Councilman 7th Ward; G. S. Wright, Alderman 3d District. (I recommend the amendment of ordinance as above); M. M. Cummings, C. E. Haugh, Henry L. Smith, 6th Ward; C. Waterman, 9th Ward; F. E. Benjamin, Isaac King, Alderman 4th District; Cornelius McGroarty, Councilman 16th Ward; Jos. Howes, Councilman 14th Ward; H. W. Laut, Alderman; Chas. H. Stuckmeyer, Councilman 20th Ward; Abner L. Newland, Councilman 21st Ward; Frank M. Dell, Councilman 19th Ward; Fred. J. Mack, Councilman 24th Ward; Lorenz Schmidt, Alderman 5th District; Julius F. Reinecke, Councilman 22d Ward.

And it was concurred in, by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Dell, Dunn, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS, 4—viz: Councilmen Burns, Edenharter, Rooker, and Swain.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motion; which was adopted :

That the portion of the Mayor's message relating to the building of a street car line to Crown Hill Cemetery, be referred to the Committee on Railroads, with instructions to confer with the officers of the Citizens' Street Railway Company as to their intentions concerning the building of such line, and to report to this Council the result of such conference as soon as possible.

Councilman Waterman offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to lay double stone crossings on both sides of Ohio street, across New Jersey street,

Councilman Swain was, on motion, granted leave of absence for the evening.

PENDING ORDINANCES.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time:

S. O. 125, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of John street, from Massachusetts avenue to Hanna street, and repealing S. O. No. 99, of 1885.

Councilman McClelland moved that the ordinance be engrossed.

Which motion failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 7—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Dunn, McClelland, McGroarty, Pearson, Rooker, and Smither.

NAYS, 15—viz: Councilmen Burns, Coy, Dell, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, Newland, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, and Waterman.

On motion, the ordinance was then referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

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

S. O. 2, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Ash street, from Christian avenue to Massachusetts avenue.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Dell, Dunn, Herig, Howes, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS, 3—viz: Councilmen Burns, Haugh, and Reynolds.

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

S. O. 6, 1886—An ordinance to provide for the repealing of an ordinance, No. 113, 1885, entitled "An ordinance for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Rose street, from West street to the second alley west of West street."

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Dell, Dunn, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS, 1—viz: Councilman Rooker.

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

S. O. 7, 1886—An ordinance to provide for the repealing of ordinance No. 111, 1885, entitled "An ordinance for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of West street, from McCarty street to Morris street."

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Dell, Dunn, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS, 1—viz: Councilman Rooker.

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

S. O. 8, 1886—An ordinance to provide for repealing an ordinance, No. 123, 1885, entitled "An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Missouri street, from Merrill street to McCarty street."

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Dell, Dunn, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS, 1—viz: Councilman Rooker.

Councilman Reinecke offered the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

WHEREAS, The Common Council and Board of Aldermen are uninformed as to the state of accounts between the city and its former Treasurer, Mr. I. N. Pattison (except the report of said Treasurer); therefore, be it

Resolved, To employ two experts to examine the books of said Treasurer, the experts to be appointed one from each political party, and the same to report as soon as possible.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

C. S. DENNY, Mayor,
President of the Common Council.

Attest: MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.