

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.

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REGULAR SESSION.

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CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,  
MONDAY, MAY 11TH, 1868, 7½ 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, Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—16.

Absent—Councilmen Burgess and Colley—2.

The proceedings of the regular session held May 4th, 1868, were read and approved.

Mr. Seidensticker offered the following motion :

That the Council proceed now to the annual election of City Officers, in the following order :

1. Chief Fire Engineer.
2. Sealer of Weights and Measures.
3. Market Master.
4. City Sexton.
5. Wood Measurer for the East Market.
6. Wood Measurer for the West Market.

7. City Printer.
8. President *pro tem.* of Common Council.
9. Board of Public Improvements.
10. Board of Health.

Which was adopted.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed Councilmen Stanton and Henschen as tellers.

The Council then proceeded to ballot for the aboved named officers, which resulted in the choice of the following named persons, viz :

Chief Fire Engineer—Charles Richmann.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—S. B. Morris.

Market Master—Gideon B. Thompson.

City Sexton—Garrison W. Alred.

Wood Measurer (East Market)—Love H. Jameson.

Wood Measurer (West Market)—A. W. Jenkins.

City Printer—James G. Douglass.

President *pro tem.* of Common Council—Sims A. Colley.

Board of Public Improvements—Samuel Goddard, Henry Coburn and J. W. Davis.

Board of Health—Dr. George W. Mears, Dr. John P. Avery and Dr. Robert N. Todd.

Business was then resumed in the order in which it was left off at last regular meeting, viz :

#### ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Seidensticker called up general ordinance No. 134, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Junction Railroad Company to cross certain streets and alleys, and to lay down a single track on Louisiana street in the City of Indianapolis.

Dr. Jameson offered the following motion :

That the amendments to the pending ordinance, heretofore passed, be struck out and the following be substituted as an amendment to the 4th section thereof :

*Provided,* That said Junction Railroad Company shall not lay down a track on Louisiana street west of the east side of Illinois street; and if at any time hereafter the Junction Railroad shall be admitted into the Union Depot and on to the Union tracks, and shall enter therein or thereon, then all rights herein granted for laying said track in or across any street west of the east side of Virginia Avenue shall revert to the city.

Mr. Seidensticker offered the following as a substitute for Dr. Jameson's motion :

That the proviso to section 2 of general ordinance No. 134, and also the amendments to section 4, and the proviso to the last section of said ordinance, adopted April 27, 1868, be stricken out and the following proviso be added to section 4 of said ordinance :

*Provided*, That said Junction Railroad Company shall not lay down a track on Louisiana street, west of the east side of Illinois street; and if at any time hereafter the Junction Railroad shall be admitted into the Union Depot and on to the Union tracks, and shall enter therein or thereon, then all rights herein granted for laying said track in or across any street west of the east side of Virginia Avenue shall revert to the city.

Which was accepted and adopted.

Mr. Brown presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 11, 1868.

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

The undersigned companies, forming the organization known as the Union Railway Company, represent that they are advised that the Cincinnati and Indianapolis Junction Railroad Company seeks to procure the privilege of laying down an additional track on Louisiana street north of the Union Depot, to be occupied and used independent of the other railroads coming into the city and using the Union Depot. That this privilege is sought upon the assumption that the Companies composing the Union Railway Company deny to the Junction road the privilege of participating with them in the use of the Union Depot.

They represent that this assumption is without foundation in fact, that they are willing that the Junction Company shall enjoy all the rights and privileges enjoyed by the other companies in using the Union Depot upon the same terms extended to the companies occupying the position it does.

The companies not forming constituent parts of the original union association, as for instance the Lafayette Company, were required to pay rent for the use of the Depot, and they are willing to extend to the Junction Company the same privileges upon the same condition.

The companies forming the Union Company own the Depot, and should not be required to extend its privileges to a new company except upon these terms. They do not desire to impose any burdens of an unreasonable character upon the Junction Company, and do not think that extraordinary privileges should be granted her.

There are several very practical reasons why this privilege should not be granted the Junction Company, as we have shown there is no necessity for it.

*First.* The Junction Company will be compelled to build an additional track, crossing the existing tracks, thus burdening the street with an additional burden and endangering the passage of trains. In addition to crossing the existing railroad tracks, it will make an additional and independent crossing on the streets of the city, to that extent increasing the danger of passing citizens.

*Second.* It will wholly obstruct Louisiana street north of the Union Depot, and render it impossible for it to be used as a means of entering and going from the Union Depot.

*Third.* It is a matter of the utmost importance to the traveling public that the business done at the Union Depot should be so controlled as to produce uniformity of action by the railroads centering there. That there may be quiet and good order, that property may be protected, and that there may be no clashing between the various companies and their employers. The City of Indianapolis is largely indebted for the success of its railroad inter-

ests to the existence of the Union Depot, and the manner in which business has been conducted in it.

The policy proposed to be adopted in favor of the Junction Company will destroy the unity of interest heretofore existing between the various companies entering the city, and break up the system established by the organization of the Union Company.

The Bellefontaine Railroad Company, by  
E. KING, Vice President.  
The Columbus, Chicago and Indiana Central Railway Co., by  
J. M. LUNT, Gen'l Sup't.  
The Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette Railroad Co., by  
H. C. LORD, President.  
The Terre Haute and Indianapolis Railroad Company, by  
W. R. McKEEN, President.

Which was received.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

That the further consideration of the ordinance be postponed for one week, and if no arrangement be made within that time by which the Junction Company can obtain permission to use the Union tracks and enter the Union Depot, then this Council stands pledged to pass the pending ordinance.

Mr. Loomis moved to lay Mr. Brown's motion on the table.

Mr. Brown called for the ayes and noes.

The question being to lay on the table, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Foster, Geisel, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—11.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Davis, Goddard and Schmidt—5.

So the motion to lay on the table was adopted.

The question then being on the adoption of Mr. Seidensticker's motion,

Mr. Brown called for a division of the question.

The question then being on striking out the proviso to section 2, the ayes and noes were called.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Geisel, Goddard, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—10.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Henschen and Schmidt—6.

So the motion to strike out the proviso to section 2 was adopted.

The ayes and noes were demanded on striking out the amendment to section 4, and the proviso to the last section.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Geisel, Goddard, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—10.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Henschen and Schmidt—6.

So the amendment to section 4, and the proviso to the last section, were stricken out.

The question then being on the adoption of Dr. Jameson's motion, as amended by Mr. Seidensticker, the ayes and noes were demanded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Geisel, Goddard, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—10.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Henschen and Schmidt—6.

So the motion was adopted.

Dr. Jameson moved that the ordinance be engrossed.

Mr. Brown called for the ayes and noes.

The question being, shall the ordinance be engrossed? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Geisel, Goddard, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—10.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Henschen and Schmidt—6.

So the ordinance was ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Geisel, special ordinance No. 28—1868, was taken up, read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Seidensticker, special appropriation ordinance No. 25—1868, was taken up, read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Kappes, special appropriation ordinance No. 26—1868, was taken up, read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. MacArthur, special ordinance No. 30—1868, was taken up, read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

## ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Geisel called up special ordinance No. 23—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk on Market street, between New Jersey and Noble streets.

Which was read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—16.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Seidensticker called up general ordinance No. 134, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Junction Railroad Company to cross certain streets and alleys, and to lay down a single track on Louisiana street on the north side of the Union Depot.

Mr. Brown objected to the ordinance being placed upon its passage, as, in his opinion, it was contrary to section 9 of the ordinance prescribing rules for the government of the Council.

The Chair decided that it was in order.

Mr. Brown appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The question being, shall the decision of the Chair be sustained? the ayes and noes were demanded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—12.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Henschen and Schmidt—4.

So the decision of the Chair was sustained.

The ordinance was then read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Geisel, Goddard, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—10.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Henschen and Schmidt—6.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Brown gave notice that he would file his protest against the passage of the ordinance at the next meeting.

Mr. Seidensticker called up special appropriation ordinance No. 25—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis.

Which was read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—16.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Kappes called up special appropriation ordinance No. 26—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating moneys for the payment of sundry claims on account of the City Hospital for the month of April, 1868.

Which was read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—16.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. Seidensticker offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That Messrs. Bunte & Dickson be allowed to construct a side track from the Union Railroad track, immediately north of Market street, to their Stave Factory east of Railroad street and south of Ohio street: *Provided*, That they construct said track upon the proper grade of Railroad st., and that the space between said track, and for one foot on each side of the outer rail thereof, be at all times properly graded and graveled, and that said work be done and maintained to the satisfaction of the Civil Engineer: *And*

*provided*, That this Council reserves the right of ordering the taking up of said track after three years.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—16.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

Dr. Jameson offered the following motion :

That the Chief of Police be, and is hereby, directed to instruct the Police Force to kill all dogs that are not licensed within ten days from this date.

Which was adopted.

By consent, Mr. MacArthur, from the Board of Public Improvements, made the following report :

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }  
Indianapolis, May 11, 1868. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom the matters were referred, would respectfully report to your honorable body that the Street Commissioner be instructed to properly repair the ditch on Bright st. so as not to have the private property injured, as petitioned for by Josiah Smith.

Also, that the Street Commissioner plank the gutters on the south side of Washington street at the intersection of New Jersey street, it being highly necessary for the safety of both street and sidewalk.

Also, the remonstrance of Elizabeth Frazee and Edward Raschig against the paving of the north side of North street be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. B. MACARTHUR, }  
SAMUEL GODDARD, } *Board.*  
W. H. LOOMIS, }

The first and second paragraphs were concurred in, and the third paragraph was laid over until next meeting.

Mr. MacArthur, from same Board, also made the following report :

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }  
Indianapolis, May 11, 1868. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom were referred the bids for the improvement of Harrison street, Grant street, Jackson street, Plum street, Railroad Avenue, Ellen street and sidewalks, and Harrison st. between Coe's subdivision and Dillon street, have had the same under consideration, and report the following as being the lowest and best bidders, also recommending the awarding of the several contracts as hereinafter stated :



Ellen street and sidewalks to Thos. H. Williams, being seventeen cents on each side of the street per foot.

Plum street and sidewalks to James Stewart, being 64 cents per foot on each side.

Grant street to Thomas Carr, at 28 cents per front foot on each side.

Jackson street to John Scheier, at 62½ cents per foot on each side.

Harrison street, between Noble street and Coe's subdivision, to Welch & Shea, at 59 cents, the same being fifty feet in width.

Harrison street and sidewalks, between Dillon street and Coe's subdivision, to H. Seibert, at 48 cents on each side of street.

Railroad Avenue, to Richard Carr, his bid being 44 cents on the narrow part of said street, 190 feet in length; and also to the same party 372 feet lineal of said street, (being the wide part thereof,) at 64 cents on each side. This being the only legal bid for the improvement of Railroad Avenue.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. B. MACARTHUR, }  
SAMUEL GODDARD, } *Board.*  
W. H. LOOMIS. }

Which was concurred in and the contracts awarded, except that part referring to Ellen street sidewalks, the following remonstrance being presented by Mr. Stanton :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 11, 1868.

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

The undersigned, property owners on Ellen street, respectfully, but earnestly, protest against the sidewalks on said street being graded and graveled at this time. Labor is scarce, necessities of life hard to be had, and nearly all, if not all, of us having large families to maintain. And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

John Sullivan,  
Harison Waugh,

John Jones,  
Thomas Manning.

Which was received.

By unanimous consent the Chief Fire Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 11, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned begs leave to report that since the acceptance of the Fire Alarm Telegraph by your honorable body, he has visited the location of each of the different boxes, and has instructed three or more different persons in the neighborhood of each box how to give a Fire Alarm correctly, and have given them keys; and I have also given keys to the Chief of Police for his force, also to the Captain of the Merchants' Police Force for his men, and would respectfully recommend that your honorable body order that the same be put into service from and after the fifteenth of this month, and that notice be given in the city papers to that effect, and that persons holding keys be notified not to allow the instruments to be used after that date except for actual fires.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. BUCHANAN, *Chief Fire Engineer.*

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 11, 1868.

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

NAMES AND RESIDENCES OF PERSONS HOLDING KEYS TO THE DIFFERENT BOXES.

Box 3. Located corner of East and New York streets.

William Kuhn in the building where the box is located, 1 key.

Fred. Raisner, corner of East and Lockerbie streets, 1 key.

John McIver, south-west corner of East and New York streets, 1 key.

Box No. 6. Corner of Washington and Noble streets.

J. W. Dryer, Druggist, corner of Washington and Noble streets, 1 key.

L. C. Nicolai, No. 326 E. Washington street, 1 key.

Anthony Prange, No. 318 E. Washington street, 1 key.

Andrew Buchanan, No. 314 E. Washington street, 1 key.

Box No. 7. Corner of New York and Davidson streets.

George Trayser, at building where box is located, 1 key.

Henry Wonderly, Milliner shop, opposite corner, 1 key.

Nicholas Hofmeister, corner of New York and Noble streets, 1 key.

Victor Plogsterth, No. 207 Davidson street, 1 key.

Box 1—2. Corner of Michigan and Noble streets.

Henry Miller, 1 key.

Jacob Latz, opposite corner, 1 key.

Wm. Yaeger, corner of Michigan and Noble streets, in the building where the box is located.

Box 1—3. Corner of Noble street and Massachusetts Avenue.

Henry Geisel, in the building where the box is located, 1 key.

William Enners, No. 369 N. Noble street, 1 key.

John Fricke, corner of St. Clair street and Massachusetts Avenue, 1 key.

Box 1—4. Corner of East street and Massachusetts Avenue.

Butler, Smith & Harlan, 1 key.

Henry Syrup, same building, 1 key.

La Mott & Son, Tin Shop, corner of Massachusetts Avenue and North st., 1 key.

Box 1—5. Corner of New Jersey street and Ft. Wayne Avenue.

Goth, Brown & Co., in the building, 1 key.

Philip Kuhn, corner opposite, 1 key.

S. H. Johnson, corner of New Jersey and St. Joseph streets, 1 key.

Box 1—6. Corner of Delaware street and Ft. Wayne Avenue.

J. H. Eagle, in the building, 1 key.

John Knight, No. 304 N. Delaware street, 1 key.

Charles Reynolds, No. 339 N. Delaware street, 1 key.

Box 1—7. Corner of Pennsylvania and Pratt streets.

H. Daumont, in the building where the box is located, 1 key.

Rout & Bates, corner of Illinois and Pratt streets, 1 key.

Box 2-1. Corner of Tennessee and St. Clair streets.

Daniel Moninger, in the building where the box is located, 1 key.

Judge Hines, No. 428 N. Tennessee street, 1 key.

James Blake, corner of North and Tennessee streets, 1 key.

Box 2-3. Michigan street between Meridian and Illinois streets.

J. F. Wallack, in the house where the box is located.

W. E. Mick, corner of Michigan and Illinois streets.

Box 2-4. J. W. Davis, N. Tennessee st., bet. Michigan and Vermont sts.

Box 2-5. Corner of Indiana Avenue and Illinois street.

Drs. Woodburn and Thompson's office, 1 key.

E. L. Hutton, corner of Illinois and Ohio streets.

Moody Bros., corner of Indiana Avenue and Tennessee street, 1 key.

Box 2-6. Corner of New York street and Canal.

Helwig's Mill Office, 1 key.

August Brinkar, corner of New York and Ellsworth streets, 1 key.

John G. Waters, No. 86 N. Mississippi street, 1 key.

Box 2-7. Corner of Indiana Avenue and West street.

Thomas H. Lintner, No. 182 Indiana Avenue, 1 key.

Isnee & Spencer, corner of West and North streets.

John B. MacArthur, No. 270 North West street.

G. A. Moody, No. 180 Indiana Avenue.

Box 3-1. No. 382 Indiana Avenue.

Jacob Wood, in the building where the box is located.

E. S. Kise, No. 13 Smith street.

Box 3-2. Corner of Blake and Michigan streets.

J. T. Maloney, in the building where the box is located.

Uriah Fowler, corner of Blake and North streets.

Box 3-4. Corner of Douglass and New York streets.

Daniel Hoover, in the building where the box is located.

Daniel Burton, No. 427 West New York street.

Frank Wright, Wright's Brewery.

Box 3-5. Cotton Manufactory.

Five keys to the Company.

Box 3-6. Geisendorff's Woollen Factory.

Five keys to the Company.

Box 4-1. Corner of West street and Kentucky Avenue.

John Rupp in the building where the box is located.

Garrison W. Alred, Sexton City Cemetery.

W. W. Smith, corner of South street and Canal.

## Box 4-2. Coburn &amp; Jones' Lumber Yard.

Two keys at the Office.

Martin Byrkit, Planing Mill, corner of Georgia and Tennessee streets.

J. W. Byrkit, corner of Georgia and Tennessee streets.

Samuel Goddard, corner of Georgia and Mississippi streets.

## Box 4-3. Corner of Washington and Tennessee streets.

Emerich & Co., in the building where the box is located, 1 key.

Washington Hall, 1 key.

Watchman at the Theater, 1 key.

H. Reese & Co., Nos. 113 and 115 W. Washington street, 1 key.

## Box 4-5. Spencer House, Office, 1 key.

Jeff. Springstein, Union Depot, 1 key.

Jacob Bisbing, Union Depot, 1 key.

## Box 4-6. Osgood &amp; Smith's Factory.

Five keys to the Company.

## Box 4-7. Corner of Illinois and McCarty streets.

H. Ballman, in the building where the box is located.

Fred. Kissel, corner of McCarty and Russell streets.

Charles Schwomeyer, corner of McCarty and Meridian streets.

## Box 5-1. Corner of Bluff Road and Ray street.

Sogemeier & Co., in the building where the box is located.

Lewis Poehler, opposite corner.

## Box 5-2. Corner of Delaware and McCarty streets.

W. Stoelting, in the building where the box is located.

Chris. Helgemeier, opposite corner.

## Box 5-3. East street, near Bicking street.

John L. Linder, in the building where the box is located.

John S. Bly, No. 399 South East street.

## Box 5-4. Corner of Virginia Avenue and Bradshaw street.

Henry Rodewald, in the building where the box is located.

Henry Lensmond, No. 494 Virginia Avenue,

William Richter, No. 416 Virginia Avenue.

## Box 5-6. Corner of Virginia Avenue and Stevens street.

Fred'k Jasper, in the building where the box is located.

August Rumann, No. 332 Virginia Avenue.

L. H. Bowser, No. 275 Virginia Avenue.

## Box 5-7. Corner of Georgia and Benton streets.

James Mardick, in the building where the box is located.

Jacob Whitlinger, corner of Noble and Georgia streets.

James Jolly, watchman I. C. and L. Railroad Shops.

## Box 6-3. Gas Works.

H. Stacy, Superintendent, 1 key.  
 Charles Hennessy, Foreman, 1 key.  
 Charles Glazier, at Warehouse, 1 key.  
 Thomas Peck, at Root's Foundry.

## Box 6-4. Corner of Georgia and Pennsylvania streets.

Farley & Sinker, five keys to Company.

## Box 6-7. Corner of Washington and Delaware streets.

E. Dumon's Saloon, No. 18 South Delaware street.  
 Franz Erdelmeyer, Drug Store, No. 91 East Washington street.

Chief of Police 32 keys.

Captain of the Merchants' Police 11 keys.

I have yet in my possession 15 keys, subject to the orders of your honorable body.

GEO. W. BUCHANAN, *Chief Fire Engineer.*

Which was received.

The City Clerk introduced special ordinance No. 33—1868, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for paving with brick the sidewalk on the north side of Vermont street, between Pennsylvania and Meridian streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Brown presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, May 11, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your petitioner would respectfully call your attention to an ordinance passed by your body a short time since, taking possession of a private alley on my premises, Lot 4, Square 67, in this city, and your order to open the same to the use of the public, and in doing which my gates were removed and injured.

Your petitioner would further pray that said ordinance be rescinded, and an order made restoring my gates and making good any other damage which may have been committed upon my premises by the parties carrying out your order.

Respectfully yours,

I. H. ROLL.

In reference to which Mr. Brown offered the following motion:

That the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and that the order of the Council heretofore made be, and the same is hereby, rescinded.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Geisel introduced special ordinance No. 34—1868, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Noble street, running north and south, between Vermont and Lockerbie streets.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 11, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned citizens of the vicinity, respectfully represent to your honorable body that Walnut street and alleys, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets, are now fenced and used for the private purposes of Col. James Blake, Esq. : that from Mississippi street west, and from Tennessee street east, for several squares it is opened to the uniform width of sixty feet; that it is impossible on this account for us or the public to pass on this street west from Tennessee street or east from Mississippi street, and that if we wish to pass from the corner of Tennessee and Walnut streets to the corner of Mississippi and Walnut streets, or *vice versa*, we must either go to St. Clair or North streets, thus traveling three squares to reach one, which materially inconveniences us and depreciates the value of our property, and any property on Walnut street for several squares.

We would also represent that the public cistern, which is located on Tennessee and Walnut streets for public safety, is rendered almost valueless to those persons who reside on Mississippi street and west therefrom, on account of the said enclosure of Walnut street; and we respectfully ask therefore that the same be opened, and that your honorable body take such steps as may necessary to secure the opening of the same without unnecessary delay. All of which your petitioners do ever pray.

Geo. W. Pitts,	P. H. Fatout,
J. S. Lang,	W. H. Parmelee,
S. W. Cochrane,	And 9 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Geisel introduced special ordinance No. 35—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling the alley running north and south through out-lot 50, between Davidson and Winston streets, and between North and Michigan streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to take up the culvert at the crossing of Georgia street, on the west side of Pennsylvania street, and build a stone foundation for the same, and that such culvert be re-placed on such foundation so as to make it at least higher than it now is.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Brown, also, offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to change the gutter on South Meridian street, south of the north line of Georgia street, on the west side thereof, in such manner as to enable the water to flow down Meridian street into Pogue Run, instead of down Georgia street into Pennsylvania street, and that the Street Commissioner be governed, in making such change, by the City Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Loomis offered the following motion :

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is, directed to report to this Council a plan and the estimated cost of constructing a sewer from the east end of Fletcher Avenue, on the east donation line, south to Pleasant Run, and that he is required to report the same with plans and specifications at the next meeting of Council.

Which was adopted.

His Honor, the Mayor, introduced general ordinance No. 137, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to prohibit the running at large in the City of Indianapolis of certain animals.

Which was read the first time.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY, *Mayor*.

ATTEST :

D. M. RANSELL, *City Clerk*.