

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 25TH, 1868, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session, and as a Board of Equalization, pursuant to the publication for two successive weeks in the Indianapolis Daily Journal of the following notice:

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the provisions of section 59 of the City Charter, the Common Council, together with the City Clerk and City Assessor, will meet at the Council Chamber, in said City, on Monday May 25th, 1868, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., as a Board of Equalization, to hear and decide all complaints, if there be any, in relation to the City Assessment for the year 1868, and equalize the same as right and justice may require.

By direction of the Common Council,  
D. M. RANSELL, *City Clerk*.

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 and Woodburn—15. And the City Assessor and City Clerk.

Absent—Councilmen Burgess, Colley and Stanton—3.

The proceedings of the regular session held May 18th, 1868, were read and approved.

The City Clerk presented the assessment list for the year 1868, as returned to him by the City Assessor.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to call the Wards, commencing with the First Ward, that the Council might hear and decide all complaints, if there be any, in relation to the City Assessment for the year 1868.

First Ward.—No complaint.  
Second Ward.—No complaint.  
Third Ward.—No complaint.  
Fourth Ward.—No complaint.  
Fifth Ward.—No complaint.  
Sixth Ward.—No complaint.  
Seventh Ward.—No complaint.  
Eighth Ward.—No complaint.  
Ninth Ward.—No complaint.

Mr. Brown moved that the Finance Committee, Assessor and Clerk sit as a Board of Equalization for one week, and examine the assessment and report thereon, and also report an ordinance fixing the assessment for the year 1868.

Which was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Brown, the Board of Equalization adjourned.

His Honor, the Mayor, announced that the special order of business was the consideration of the following resolution, introduced by Mr. Seidensticker at last meeting.

*Resolved*, That the Finance Committee be instructed to embrace in their proposed tax levy for the year 1868, a special tax of 15 cents on every \$100 of taxables for sewerage purposes.

After a lengthy discussion the vote was taken on the resolution.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt and Seidensticker—13.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

## REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Mr. Brown presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 25, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Having recently paved in front of our store, No. 59 South Meridian street, with wood, which is more suitable for our business than stone, we ask your honorable body to change the ordinance to “pave South Meridian street with stone,” so as to except twenty-one (21) feet and ten (10) inches in front of our store.

Respectfully yours,

WM. J. HOLLIDAY & CO.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Coburn introduced general ordinance No. 143, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the management and protection of the Fire Alarm Telegraph.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to have the mouth of the second alley south of South street, on the east side of Alabama street, graveled in such a manner as to prevent the water from Alabama street running into said alley.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, Great loss and injury has heretofore been done the City of Indianapolis by reason of the defectiveness and insufficiency of the Indiana Central Canal Company's culverts over Pogue Run, and under the bed of said Canal, and the safety, comfort, and convenience of said City and the inhabitants thereof is now seriously endangered by said insufficient and defective culverts, of all which said Canal Company has at divers times heretofore had due and sufficient notice: And whereas a larger, stronger and better culvert is imperatively required for the protection of said city and the inhabitants thereof: Therefore,

*Be it resolved,* That the said Indiana Central Canal Company be, and is hereby, required to so enlarge, repair, rebuild, and improve said culvert as to permit the free and unobstructed flow of water along the channel of said Pogue Run, and that the same be done without delay.

*Resolved,* That a certified copy hereof, duly attested, be issued by the Clerk to the Street Commissioner, who shall without delay deliver it to the proper officer or agent of said Indiana Central Canal Company, and at the next meeting of the Common Council thereafter make due report of his proceedings.

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 and Seidensticker—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner have the gutters on Alabama street, between Merrill and South streets properly cleaned out; also, to place about twenty (20) loads of River gravel on the street and sidewalks between the limits named. And that the Street Commissioner be further directed to have the gutters on the south-west corner of Merrill and Alabama streets opened so as to let the flow of water of Merrill street pass along said street to Delaware street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Cottrell presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 23, 1868.

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

The undersigned respectfully remonstrates against your granting the petition of C. F. Schmidt, presented to your honors on the 27th day of April, 1868, for the vacation of the two alleys running north and south from McCarty street to Wyoming street, the first bounded by lots 41 and 42, and 49 and 50; the second by 51 and 52, and 40 and 39 of Rosett's subdivision of the north-west quarter of out-lot 107, in the City of Indianapolis; and he also remonstrates against the petition of the said C. F. Schmidt to vacate so much of the alley running east and west through said lot as lies between the west line of lots 52 and 39, and the west line of lots 49 and 42, in said subdivision of out-lot 107.

He represents to your honorable body that he is the owner of lot 38 in said Rosett's subdivision of the north-west quarter of out-lot 107 in the City of Indianapolis, and that the said alleys are indispensable as an outlet from his property, and if vacated and closed up would do him great damage, as he would then have no means of access to the rear of his lot. He therefore opposes and remonstrates against the vacation of said alleys.

TIMOTHY LYONS.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That the City Clerk be directed to advertise for sealed proposals for the construction of a brick sewer of not less than five feet internal diameter, commencing at Delaware street, thence running west along Ray street a distance of 2,500 feet, the city reserving the right to refuse any and all such bids.

Mr. Seidensticker moved to refer the resolution to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Cottrell called for the ayes and noes.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Woodburn—13.

Councilman Brown voting in the negative.

So the resolution was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That from and after the passage of this resolution that the office of City Printer shall be abolished, and that the City Clerk be directed to advertise for sealed proposals for doing the city printing.

Mr. MacArthur moved to lay the resolution 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 Davis, Goddard, Jameson, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—7.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Foster, Geisel, Henschen, Kappes and Schmidt—7.

There being a tie vote, His Honor, the Mayor, voted in the affirmative.

So the motion to lay the resolution on the table was adopted.

Mr. Cottrell presented the following proposition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 10, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I hereby propose to do the City Job Printing for the coming year at the following prices :

Council Proceedings of 150 copies, at \$1 per page.

Wood Tickets (or other jobs same size), where 4,000 are ordered, at \$1.25 per thousand.

All other English Job Printing at 20 per cent. less than paid last year.

Respectfully, WM. S. CAMERON.

Which was referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Mr. Davis presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 22, 1868.

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

We, the undersigned, residents of Vermont street, petition your honorable body for the erection of two lamp-posts on Vermont street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets.

Silas T. Bowen,  
A. S. Walker,

E. T. Sinker,  
J. D. Howland.

Which was granted.

Mr. Davis introduced special ordinance No. 37—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on Vermont street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Davis introduced special ordinance No. 38—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures, complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on North street, between Meridian and Illinois streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Davis presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 25, 1868.

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

Finding the weights, measures and other articles belonging to the city insufficient for the faithful performance of my duty as Sealer of Weights and Measures, would, therefore, request that a sufficient amount of money be appropriated to procure the following articles :

One small even balance for testing from smallest to four pound weights for Druggists, &c.

One set of liquid measures, (brass or copper).

One set of figure stamps.

One 36 inch rule.

One gauge for dry measure.

One quarter ounce weight.

S. B. MORRIS.

Probable cost \$25.

Which was received, and the Sealer directed to purchase the needed articles.

Mr. Davis offered the following motion :

That H. Smith be allowed to pave the sidewalk in front of his property on the east side of North Illinois street, the same to be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Davis offered the following motion :

That J. R. Blake & Co. be permitted to erect a Hay Scale on Delaware st. in front of their place of business.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Foster presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 4, 1868.

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

Your petitioner respectfully states that he is an owner of property and a resident upon that part of Kentucky Avenue which lies between Tennessee and West streets. He further states that said Avenue is bowldered on the east side of Tennessee street, and has been recently graded and graveled on the west side of West street, but that the intermediate part of said Avenue, although much used by citizens and others, is in bad condition, and needs re-grading and graveling. Yet the owners on that part of the Avenue, excepting your petitioner, decline to join in petitioning for this much needed public improvement.

Your petitioner therefore prays your honorable body, as the guardians of the public interests, to pass an ordinance for the re-grading and graveling of said part of Kentucky Avenue between Tennessee and West streets. And he will ever pray, &c.

WILLIAM GULLIVER.

(Clean, coarse River gravel desired.)

We concur in the above petition as citizens.

Samuel Flack,  
D. Sheets,  
J. H. Hughes,

Harvey Gipson,  
Thomas Coriden,  
And 40 others.

Mr. Foster also introduced special ordinance No. 39—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for graveling Kentucky Avenue, between Missouri and West streets.

On motion, the ordinance, together with the petition, was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Foster presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 9, 1868.

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

We, the resident citizens of Maple street, do pray you to defer the grading and graveling of said street for reasons of pecuniary embarrassment and other good causes, south of Wilkens street. We, the petitioners, have not our property paid for yet, and cannot pay the grading and graveling of the same south of Wilkens street.

Timothy D. O'Sullivan,  
G. W. H. H. Bagre,  
John Murphy,

Timothy Hagarty,  
Patrick Shugana,  
And 3 others.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements, together with the ordinance.

Mr. Foster offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the proper officers of the Vincennes Railroad Company, and also the proper officers of the White River Iron Company, to extend the culvert built by the Street Commissioner under their tracks at the corner of Kentucky Avenue and West street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Geisel presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 25, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, owners of property on Jackson street, between St. Clair street and the Corporation line north, respectfully petition your honorable body to open said Jackson street, through the middle part of out-lot 181, from its northern terminus north of Arch street, to intersect the north end of said Jackson street south of Vine street.

James P. Allaire,  
D. Small,  
John F. Council,

J. C. Sample,  
Mary Burk,  
And 8 others.

Also, the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 25, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, property holders on Plum street, between St. Clair street and the Corporation line north, respectfully petition your honorable body to open said Plum street, through the middle part of out-lot 181, from its northern terminus north of Arch street, to intersect the north end of said Plum street south of Vine street.

S. Kessler, August Otte,  
G. Hyser, S. J. Pickerill.  
Joseph Moyer,

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

That the petitions, with the plat, be referred to the City Commissioners and the City Clerk, who is directed to give the proper notice.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Goddard offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be authorized to put a culvert across West street on the south side of Georgia street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Goddard offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner put two new stringers in the bridge on Washington and Missouri streets over the Canal.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Goddard offered the following motion :

That the City Marshal be authorized to give the Vincennes Railroad Company 15 days' notice to raise their track to the proper grade of the street on Kentucky Avenue, between West street and White river; and if not raised in that time said City Marshal take sufficient hands and take up said track.

Which was laid on the table.

Dr. Jameson presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 21, 1867.

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

We, the undersigned, hereby remonstrate against the grading and graveling of Vine street upon our own petition.

S. H. Johnson, Nancy Dawson,  
Mary Burk, Ellen Wallace,  
Mary C. Sanders, And 10 others.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements, together with the ordinance.



Mr. Loomis offered the following motion :

That the City Civil Engineer, in setting grade stakes for the improvement of streets hereafter, be and is directed to lower the streets at least 6 inches below the plan heretofore followed, and to follow as near as possible the original surface, so far as the same can be done consistent with proper drainage.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements and Civil Engineer.

Mr. MacArthur offered the following motion :

That the City Clerk be authorized to draw a warrant on the City Treasurer in favor of Sampson Barbee (late Market Master) for the necessary sum of money so as to make his salary \$800 per annum, as provided for by an ordinance and resolution passed September 2d, 1867.

Which was referred to the City Attorney.

Mr. MacArthur presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 21, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the subscribed residents and property holders upon California street, between Vermont and Michigan streets, would respectfully represent to your honorable body that during the early part of the summer of 1867 an ordinance was passed for the laying of gas mains upon said square, that all the requirements of said ordinance have been complied with on the part of said property holders, that the Gas Company has failed upon their part to comply with the requirements of said ordinance, wherefore we remain in darkness. We respectfully ask of your honorable body some immediate action in the matter.

E. A. Parker,	P. Sharpless,
F. Taylor,	Erie Locke.
W. H. Sullivan,	

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. Seidensticker presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 25, 1868.

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

The undersigned, property holders along the line of Ohio street, respectfully petition for the grading and graveling of said street from Davidson st. to Harvey street, (Corporation line east,) and we will ever pray, &c.

Cabinet Makers Union,	Gottlieb Schad,
Gustave Herrmann,	Frank H. Brinkman,
Joseph Eck,	And 4 others.

Which was received.

Also, special ordinance No. 40—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of Ohio street, between Davidson and Harvey streets, (Corporation line east).

Which was read the first time.

Sealed proposals for public improvements were opened and read by the City Clerk and referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS.

Mr. Davis, from the Board of Public Improvements, made the following report:

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }  
Indianapolis, May 25, 1868. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom the following matters were referred, would respectfully report to your honorable body that:

1st. For the bowldering of Meridian street, between the south side of Pogue Run and the south side of South street, Mr. S. Lefever is the lowest bidder, being \$2.17½ cents per foot on each side.

2d. For the grading and paving of Meridian street, east side, between Maryland and Louisiana streets, and setting the curb, Mr. T. A. Morris is the lowest bidder, his bid being for grading and paving 85 cents per foot, and for curbing 60 cents per foot.

The Board would also recommend that the petition of Charles Mayer for permission to construct a coal cellar under Pearl street in front of his property, be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. DAVIS, }  
SAM'L GODDARD, } *Board.*

Which was concurred in.

By consent Mr. Seidensticker offered the following motion:

That the election of Gas Inspector and of City Measurer be deferred until the next meeting of the Council, and be made the special order of said meeting.

Which was adopted.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Kappes, from the Committee on Accounts and Claims, introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 28—1868, entitled:

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

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Streets and Alleys made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, May 11, 1868.

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

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred a motion adopted by the Council on the 27th of April, 1868, report that they have examined the ground and recommend that the profile for grade of South New

Jersey and Sinker streets, in out-lots 103 and 104, as submitted by the City Civil Engineer, be adopted by the Council, and that the said streets be drained so as to throw the water on Sinker street from both ends of South New Jersey street, between Merrill and McCarty streets, and thence along Sinker street to the first alley east of Alabama street, and thence north on said alley to the first alley south of Merrill street, and thence into Alabama street, where it will easily flow into Pogue Run.

AUSTIN H. BROWN,  
*Chairman Committee on Streets and Alleys.*

Which was concurred in and the profile adopted.

Mr. Brown, from the same Committee, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 11, 1868.

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

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition and remonstrance for and against improving Maryland street, between West and Helen streets, report that they find the petition signed by owners of a little over one-fourth of the whole number of feet of ground fronting on said street, while the remonstrance is signed by the owners of nearly three-fourths of the whole number of feet. Under such a state of facts, your committee recommend that no ordinance be passed for such improvement.

AUSTIN H. BROWN,  
*Chairman Committee on Streets and Alleys.*

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Brown, from same Committee, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 25, 1868.

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

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of William Braden and others, beg leave to report the following ordinance.

AUSTIN H. BROWN,  
*Chairman Committee on Streets and Alleys.*

Which was received.

Also, special ordinance No. 41—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and paving the east sidewalk of Illinois street, between North and First streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Brown, from same Committee, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 11, 1868.

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

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of A. E. Vinton & Co., report that the custom of the Council has been for the city to pay for street stone crossings where the same intersect with sidewalks running parallel with the street or alley crossing a street, and that the claim of the petitioners comes within this rule. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the Committee on Accounts and Claims be instructed to incorporate in an ordinance allowing claims an allowance of \$122 in favor of

A. E. Vinton & Co. for the stone crossing on Pennsylvania street on the south side of Market street.

AUSTIN H. BROWN,  
Chairman Committee on Streets Alleys.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Brown, from same Committee, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 11, 1868.

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

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred a motion introduced in the Council on the 6th of April, 1868, recommend that the same be laid on the table, as the proposition is inexpedient, and is in opposition to the grant heretofore given to the Vincennes Railroad.

AUSTIN H. BROWN,  
Chairman Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Kappes, from the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 26, 1868.

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

Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of John Jenkins, respectfully report that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

J. H. KAPPES,  
HENRY GEISEL, } Committee.

On motion, the report and petition were referred to the City Attorney.

Mr. Kappes, from the same Committee, presented the following :

RECAPITULATION OF THE WEEKLY REPORT OF CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING MAY 21, 1868.

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	25
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	6
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	2
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	29

Also, the following :

RECAPITULATION OF THE WEEKLY REPORT OF CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING MAY 16, 1868.

Number of patients in the Hospital at last report.....	29
Number of patients received in the Hospital since last report.....	2
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	4
Number of patients died in the Hospital since last report.....	1
Number of patients remaining in the Hospital at present.....	26

Also, the following :

RECAPITULATION OF THE WEEKLY REPORT OF CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING MAY 23, 1868.

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	26
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.....	4
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	27

Which were received.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Bridges, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 25, 1868.

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

The Committee on Bridges, to whom was referred the recommendation that a new bridge be built over the Canal at South street, have had the same under consideration, and would report that in the opinion of the committee said bridge should be raised up in the center 32 inches, and at each end 20 inches, that the old timbers be used in making said bridge 10 feet wider on each side.

Respectfully submitted,  
 J. W. DAVIS,  
 HENRY GEISEL, } *Committee.*

Which was concurred in.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 25, 1868.

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

I hereby report a partial estimate to Thomas Navin, contractor for building fence around Military Park, of one thousand (1,000) dollars.

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

Which was concurred in.

The City Civil Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 25, 1868.

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

I hereby report the following work finished according to contract :

Samuel Lefever for curbing sidewalk and bowldering gutter on west side of Alabama street, between Cumberland street and Virginia Avenue—

688 feet 4 inches of curbing, at 90 cents per lineal foot, - - -	\$619 50
712 feet 10 inches of bowldering, at 65 cents per lineal foot, - - -	463 34

Total estimate, - - - - - \$1,082 84

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

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 18, 1868.

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

In obedience to your directions of May 11th, permit me to submit the following estimated cost of a brick sewer five feet in diameter, commencing at the east end of Flether Avenue, thence south on the Corporation line to the Gravel Road running south-east, thence on or near said Gravel Road to Pleasant Run—the whole distance being 4,400 feet.

1,047,200 brick at \$9 per thousand,	-	-	-	-	-	\$9,424	40
For laying the same at \$5.63 per thousand,	-	-	-	-	-	5,895	73
Cement at \$4.12 per thousand,	-	-	-	-	-	4,314	46
Excavation and filling,	-	-	-	-	-	8,721	18

Total estimate, - - - - - \$28,356 17  
Which would be \$6.44½ cents per lineal foot.

Respectfully, R. M. PATTRSON, *Civil Engineer.*

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 25, 1868.

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

I hereby report the following work finished according to contract :

James Mahoney for grading and graveling Merrill street and sidewalks, between Missouri and West streets—

Length on north side	-	-	-	-	-	420	feet.
Length on south side	-	-	-	-	-	428	"

Total length, - - - - - 848 feet.

At twenty-nine cents per lineal foot, - - - - - \$245 92

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

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 25, 1868.

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

In obedience to your order of May 18, 1868, permit me to submit the following estimated cost of a brick sewer five feet in diameter, commencing at Pogue Run on Railroad street, thence on said street to north side of Massachusetts Avenue.

999,000 brick at \$9 per thousand,	-	-	-	-	-	\$8,996	40
For laying same at \$5.63 per thousand,	-	-	-	-	-	5,627	74
Cement at \$4.12 per thousand,	-	-	-	-	-	4,118	35
Excavation and filling,	-	-	-	-	-	1,862	00

Total - - - - - \$20,604 49

Total length 4,200 feet. Cost per lineal foot \$4.90½ cents.

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

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

The City Attorney made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 11, 1868.

*To the Mayor and Oommon Oouncil of the City of Indianapolis :*

GENTLEMEN:—I have examined the petition of Mr. Marsee, and submit the following:

The 69th section of the City Charter contains the following provision: "That when the owner of any lot shall have made any improvement in front of his lot, he shall be entitled to a reasonable allowance therefor, which reasonable allowance shall be determined by said Engineer." From this it will be seen that the Engineer alone can legally act in the matter, and that no other officer of the city can act in the matter.

Respectfully,

B. K. ELLIOTT, *City Attorney.*

Which was referred to the City Civil Engineer, together with the petition.

On motion by Mr. Seidensticker, the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY, *Mayor.*

ATTEST :

D. M. RANSELL, *City Clerk.*