

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
MONDAY, JULY 27TH, 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 Coburn, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Henschen, Jameson,
Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Woodburn—11.

Absent—Councilmen Brown, Burgess, Colley, Cottrell, Goddard,
MacArthur, and Stanton—7.

The proceedings of the regular session held July 20th, 1868, were
read and approved.

Mr. Loomis offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to construct a sewer or culvert under Stevens street at the intersection of Greer street of sufficient capacity and depth to carry off the water that accumulates on that square, and the flow from McCarty street.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Schmidt presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 15, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, resident property holders along the line of the alley running north and south from Bicking street to W. H. Noble's estate, and between New Jersey and High streets, would respectfully petition that said alley be graded and graveled, as many lots are lower than said alley, and by heavy rain said lots are overflowed.

C. F. Schmidt, C. V. Gray,
J. J. Warner, J. S. Combs,
August Britton.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Schmidt presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 27, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, residents of the city of Indianapolis, and owners of real estate in the vicinity of the crossing of South Delaware street and McCarty street, would respectfully represent to your honorable body that the grading of the streets in this locality affords an obstruction to the free passage of the water from the gutters, as a consequence of which the water stagnates in the gutters, percolates the soil and reaches our cellars, and overflows and runs into our houses and yards, by which we are constantly liable to be damaged in our property and our health. Irreparable injuries of this kind we have hitherto endured in silence, waiting and hoping for a better condition of things whenever an improvement should be made in the bed of the streets. Seeing, however, that your honorable body has passed an ordinance for the graveled of South Delaware street upon the present grade, we would respectfully represent to you that the safety of our health and property demand that some means should be devised to prevent the accumulation of large quantities of water in this locality, and we would pray your honorable body to lay the matter before the City Engineer, with instructions to report upon the probable cost, and the expediency of constructing a sewer from this locality to the nearest outlet—or if your honorable body should deem this impracticable, to furnish us some other proper relief.

2. Your petitioners, such as are resident, or own property on South Delaware street, would further represent to your honorable body that they deem it better to modify the ordinance for the graveled of said street so as to provide for the graveled of the sidewalks with unscreened gravel.

Your petitioners respectfully submit the above hoping that the matter may receive from your honorable body a speedy and favorable consideration.

William Stalte, T. D. Megga,
C. Hilgemeier, George Woodfill,
T. F. Banening, And 7 others.

Which was referred to the City Civil Engineer with instructions to comply with the request if possible.

Mr. Seidensticker presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 27, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned respectfully informs your honorable body that C. F. Schmidt has, in accordance to his petition for the opening of a street through Roset's sub-division of out-lot 107 in the city of Indianapolis, from McCarty to Wyoming street, and the award of the City Commissioners and the order of your body appropriating lots No. 38 and 53 for that purpose, fully paid and settled with me for said lot No. 38, in Roset's sub-division of out-lot one hundred and seven (107). And the undersigned further shows that he withdraws his previous remonstrance against the vacation of the two alleys running north and south from Wyoming to McCarty street, between lots 50 and 41, and 49 and 42, and lots 40 and 51 and 52 and 39 in said sub-division and out-lot, and also of so much of the alley running east and west through said sub-division and out-lot between McCarty and Wyoming street as is bounded on the east by lots No. 40 and 51, on the west by west line of lots No. 52 and 39 in said sub-division and out-lot. And the undersigned further shows that he has signed and acknowledged his consent to said vacation, which is filed with the City Clerk.

TIMOTHY LYONS.

In reference to which Mr. Seidensticker offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS the conditions of the vacation of certain alleys in Roset's sub-division of out-lot 107, and ordered by this Council on June 3d, 1868, have been fully complied with, that said order do now take effect and be in force and said alleys be and are declared finally vacated.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were, Councilmen Coburn, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Henschen, Kappes, Loomis, Seidensticker and Woodburn—9.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Seidensticker offered the following motion :

That the Civil Engineer be instructed to advertise for proposals, and prepare specifications for building a bridge on Ohio street across Pogue's Run.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov 27, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned being property owners on each side of Muskingum alley, between St. Clair and Pratt street, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance for the grading and graveling of said alley between the specified streets.

George W. New, F. M. Herron,
T. L. Obenshain, J. W. Adams.

Which was received.

Also special ordinance No. 64—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of Muskingum street and sidewalks between St. Clair and Pratt streets.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 27, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned respectfully represent to your honorable body that they are agents of the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, an organization formed in the city of Hartford, Connecticut, for the purpose of insuring steam boilers against explosion, and also against damage to machinery and buildings when resulting from such explosion.

This is the only company of the kind in the United States, and its large and rapidly increasing business shows that it is meeting a public want, and growing in public favor.

It insures steam boilers to any amount not exceeding three-fourths their actual value, and at rates varying from three-fourths of one per cent. to two and a half per cent., according to the classification of the boiler, as made by the company's Inspector, whether first, second or third class, and according to the amount of pressure usually carried.

The company's Inspector in this city is E. T. Sinker, Esq., of the firm of Sinker & Co.

The object of this communication is to call the attention of your honorable body to the protection which the company's policy would afford to the steam fire engine boilers owned by the city, it being presumed by the undersigned that the Council will be glad to avail itself of such indemnity at once cheap and secure, against the contingency of loss and damage by explosion.

All which is respectfully submitted,

DAVIS & GREENE, Gen'l Ins. Agents.

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department and Chief Fire Engineer.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS.

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, July 20, 1868. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements to whom the bids were referred, would respectfully report that Anthony Richter is the lowest bidder for building the wooden sewer in the first alley south of Merrill street, his bid being \$2.71 per lineal foot, and would recommend that the contract be awarded him.

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

Which was concurred in and the contract awarded.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Coburn from the Committee on Accounts and Claims introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 37—1868, entitled :

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

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Kappes from the Committee on Benevolence and Hospital submitted the following report :

RECAPITULATION OF THE WEEKLY REPORT OF CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING JULY 18, 1868.

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	16
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	3
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	1
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	18

Also

RECAPITULATION OF THE WEEKLY REPORT OF CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING JULY 25, 1868.

Number of patients in the Hospital at last report.....	19
Number of patients received in the Hospital since last report.....	
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	
Number of patients died in the Hospital since last report.....	
Number of patients remaining in the Hospital at present.....	

Which were received.

Mr. Coburn from the Committee on Fire Department made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 27, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The committee on Fire Department to whom was referred the report of the Chief Fire Engineer, would respectfully report as follows :

That new sheds be erected at No. 2 and No. 3 Engine Houses for the storing of shavings, coal, &c., and that the fence be repaired, and the balance of the lot enclosed at the No. 2 Engine House with a good tight fence. The estimated cost is about \$75 each.

We would recommend the adoption of dividing the city into districts, and the running of only a part of the department to certain boxes, leaving the balance of the department to be called if needed. The districts as reported by the Chief Fire Engineer are well made, would suggest that they be adopted.

We herewith submit propositions for the removal of the old bell tower and for the erection of a tower in front of and repairing the front of No. 2 Engine House. We find after receiving several propositions, that Böttiger & Nieman's proposition for a brick tower on the house is the lowest, being

\$1,985.50. J. W. Davis (not Joe) proposes to remove the frame tower in rear of Council Chamber to No. 2 Engine House for \$500.

The plans and specifications for the proposed tower are herewith submitted.

HENRY COBURN, }
 J. H. KAPPES, } *Com. on Fire Dep't.*
 J. W. DAVIS, }

Which was concurred in.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer made the following report.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 27, 1868.

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

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

Welsh & Shea, for grading and graveling Harrison street and sidewalks between Noble street and the west line of Coe's sub-division—

Length on north side	- - - -	1,296 ft. 4 ins.
Length on south side	- - - -	1,296 ft. 4 ins.

Total length,	- - - -	2,592 ft. 8 ins.
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At fifty-nine cents per lineal foot,	- - - -	\$1,529 67
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G. W. Buchanan for curbing Meridian street between south side of Pogue's Run and south side of South street—

Length on west side	- - - -	235 feet 3 inches.
Length on east side	- - - -	351 "

Total length,	- - - -	586 feet 3 inches.
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At \$2.17 per lineal foot	- - - -	\$457 27
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Samuel Lefever for grading and bowldering Meridian street between south side of Pogue's Run and south side of South street—

Length on west side	- - - -	397 feet 11 inches.
Length on east side	- - - -	407 " 6 inches.

Total length,	- - - -	805 feet 5 inches.
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At twenty-seven and a half cents per lineal foot,	- - - -	\$1,751 76
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Respectfully, R. M. PATTERSON, *Civil Engineer.*

Which was concurred in.

The City Treasurer made the following request:

INDIANAPOLIS, July 27, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I respectfully ask that the City Clerk be directed to issue a precept against lots 2 and 3 in out-lot 151 in the city of Indianapolis, against which is an assessment of fourteen dollars for the widening of and opening of Blackford street. This will give me the power to collect the amount of assessment against said lots by levy or sale of the same.

Respectfully,
 ROBT. S. FOSTER, *City Treasurer.*

Which was granted.

The City Civil Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 27, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I hereby report the amount retained on Kruger and Roney's contract for building cistern at the corner of Walnut and Tennessee streets, one hundred and ninety-seven dollars and ninety-five cents, (\$197 95.

Also, from the same for building cistern at the corner of Gregg and East streets, one hundred and ninety-two dollars and thirty-seven cents, (\$192 37. Total, \$390 32.

Respectfully,

R. M. PATTERSON, *Civil Engineer.*

Which was received.

The City Clerk made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 27, 1868.

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

The City Clerk respectfully reports to your honorable body as follows, to-wit :

1st. First and final estimate allowed Samuel LeFever for grading and bowldering Meridian street from Pogue's Run to the south side of South street, is presented for your approval.

2d. First and final estimate allowed George W. Buchanan for curbing the outside edges of the sidewalks with stone from Pogue's Run to the south side of South street, is also presented for your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. RANSELL, *City Clerk.*

Which was received.

Also the following resolution :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 27, 1868.

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed George W. Buchanan for curbing the outside edges of the sidewalks with stone from Pogue's Run to the south side of South street be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Henschen, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Woodburn—10.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

Also the following resolution :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 27, 1868.

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Samuel LeFever for grading and bowldering Meridian street between Pogue's Run and the south side of South street be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Henschen, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Woodburn—10.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

The Street Commissioner presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 27, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned respectfully reports that some time ago he was ordered to notify owner of lot No. 223 in out-lot 97 in the city of Indianapolis, to fill said lot, or in case of failure, to do it myself and report expense. I have given the required notice to Mrs. Carlisle, the owner of said lot, but she has failed to comply therewith. I would have proceeded to fill said lot myself, but as the expense of such work would be largely in excess of 10 per cent of the taxable value, I respectfully ask for further instructions.

AUGUST RICHTER, *Street Commissioner.*

Which was referred to the Committee on Revision of Ordinances.

The City Gas Inspector submitted a lengthy communication relating to matters pertaining to his office.

Which was received and ordered not to be printed in the proceedings.

By consent Dr. Jameson introduced special ordinance No. 65—1868, entitled.

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and paving the sidewalk on the east side of Alabama street between North and Walnut streets.

Which was read the first time.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

On motion by Dr. Woodburn, special appropriation ordinance No. 37—1868, was called up, read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion special appropriation ordinance No. 36—1868, was called up, read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Loomis, special ordinance No. 51—1867, was taken up, read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

Dr. Woodburn called up special appropriation ordinance No. 34—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,000 to aid in enlarging the building known as the Indianapolis Widows and Orphans Asylum.

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 Coburn, Davis, Geisel, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Woodburn—10.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Kappes called up special appropriation ordinance No. 36—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 Councilman Coburn, Davis, Geisel, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Woodburn—10.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

On motion by Mr. Seidensticker special appropriation ordinance No. 31—1867, was stricken from the files.

By consent Mr Geisel introduced special ordinance No. 66—1868, entitled :

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

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Geisel offered the following motion :

That the Civil Engineer notify Frederick Kesler that he unlawfully occupies three feet of ground not owned by him on the corner of Plum street and Massachusetts Avenue.

Which was adopted.

Also the following motion :

That the Marshal and Chief of Police be directed to enforce the ordinance in regard to whistling of locomotives in the city of Indianapolis.

Which was referred to the Board of Police.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY, *Mayor*

ATTEST:

D. M. RANDELL, *City Clerk.*