

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
MONDAY, AUGUST 31ST, 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, God-
dard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Seidensticker and Wood-
burn—13.

Absent—Councilmen Burgess, Colley, MacArthur, Schmidt and
Stanton—5.

The proceedings of the regular session held Aug. 24th, 1868, were
read and approved.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Mr. Brown presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 31, 1868.

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

Your petitioners respectfully petition your honorable body to provide by ordi-
nance for the grading and graveling of the alley running north and south through
Square 96, on the west bank of Pogue Run, and for protecting the embankment
of said alley along the line of Pogue Run by a stone wall.

Benedict Fisher,	Peter Kretsch,
William Essmann,	A. Seidensticker,
Christina Hoppe,	A. Naltner,

Which was received.

Also, special ordinance No. 86—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for securing the embankment and grading and graveling the alley in Square 96, on the west bank of Pogue Run, between South and McNabb streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Chief Fire Engineer be, and is hereby, ordered to require all persons connected with the Fire Department and receiving pay for services as such, to abstain from any and all employment by which they are required to be absent from the duties of the Department.

Resolved, That a failure, on the part of any employee, to comply with the requirement as above, will be recognized as a resignation of his position in the Department, and another be appointed in his stead.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution. those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Seidensticker and Woodburn—11.

Councilman Loomis voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Davis offered the following motion :

That the Chief Fire Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to dispense with the services of the men now employed in the Tower, and to remove the bell from that point to the No. 2 Engine House, and to place it on a tower of like construction to the one where the bell now is.

A division of the question being called for, the first part, dispensing with the services of the men on the tower, was adopted.

In reference to the second part of the motion, Mr Seidensticker offered the following motion :

To refer to Committee on Fire Department with instructions to solicit bids for erecting a wooden tower on No. 2 Engine House, and report which place is, in their opinion, the best, and, also, to dispose of the old tower in the most advantageous manner

Which was adopted.

Mr. Davis offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to properly open the gutters on South Tennessee street, between Merrill and Garden streets, so that the water can be taken from Tennessee street, and that the Civil Engineer be directed to set the proper grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Foster presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 31, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I am compelled to again call your attention to my contract with the City for grading and graveling of South Tennessee street, between Garden and McCarty streets.

The late James Wood, Esq., Civil Engineer, set stakes on the crossings of Garden and McCarty streets, with instructions to grade and gravel said crossings. It being my contract to do the work according to the instructions of the Civil Engineer, the work was done. The work has lately been measured by Mr. Staples, Civil Engineer, and still later by Mr. Patterson, the present City Civil Engineer, and not being satisfied with their measurement, I am willing to dig holes to the old surface at my own expense, that the City may have the work properly measured both to the satisfaction of the City and to myself. I trust something will be done at once, and thus I will ever pray, &c., &c.

THOMAS WREN,
Street Contractor.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements and Civil Engineer, with instructions to examine the matter and report :

Mr. Geisel offered the following motion :

That Frederick Kessler be permitted to grade and gravel the sidewalk on Arch street in front of lot Nos. 1, 2 and 3, near Plum street, under the direction of the Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Goddard offered the following motion :

That Mr. Robinson and Mr. Ogdon be allowed to pave with brick 15 feet wide in front of their premises on Washington street, between Missouri and West sts., on the south side, at their own expense.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Henschen offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to bowlder the gutter on the crossing of Harrison street and Forest Avenue.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Henschen, also, offered the following motion :

That the City Clerk be directed to advertise the ordinance for the re-graveling of Noble street, between Washington street and the Central Railroad.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Henschen, also, offered the following motion :

That the Market Master repair the gates in the West Market House.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Jameson introduced special ordinance No. 87—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for paving the west sidewalks of New Jersey street, between Massachusetts Avenue and Walnut street.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Jameson presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 31, 1868.

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

My daughter, Mrs. Vance, requests permission to curb with stone, and pave with hard brick ten feet wide, the sidewalk in front of her property on Market street, between Alabama and New Jersey streets, west of the alley about 104 feet, and that the City Engineer be directed to set the necessary grade marks.

Or, if the brick pavement has already been ordered and contract let, then the permission will only be for the stone curb. She would prefer, however, to do the whole if she can do so without conflicting with any order already made in reference to it.

H. BATES.

Which was granted.

Dr. Jameson, also, presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 18, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned petitioner asks your honorable body to grant him the privilege of building an office on the corner of Market and Delaware sts., north-west corner, where I am selling trees. I have no shelter from the weather. Building made of wood, say 10 by 12 feet.

Yours respectfully,

NINEVAH WHITE.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Dr. Jameson, also, presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 22, 1868.

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

We, citizens of Indianapolis, owning the number of front feet really opposite our several names, and facing on the pavement hereinafter petitioned, do hereby petition your honorable body for the construction of a brick pavement eight feet wide along the east side of North New Jersey street, from Massachusetts Avenue to St. Clair street. Respectfully submitted by the undersigned petitioners.

J. E. Ludlum,

R. L. Shilling,

B. Ward,

George K. Perrin,

E. H. Okey,

A. Sturgeon.

Butler, Smith & Harlan,

Which was received.

Dr. Jameson offered the following motion :

That the Clerk be directed to report to the next meeting of the Council the several amounts of warrants drawn since the first of April last.

1st. On account of bridges.

2d. On account of street repairs by Street Commissioner.

3d. On account of culverts by Street Commissioner.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kappes offered the following motion :

That the Indianapolis Educational Society be allowed to grade and pave with brick the sidewalk in front of their property on Michigan street, and that the Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to set the grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kappes, also, offered the following motion :

That David Macy and Thomas V. Malott be allowed to grade and pave with brick the sidewalks in front of their premises on North Delaware street and on the south side of North street, between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets, and that the Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to set the necessary grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Loomis presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 31, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, citizens of the City of Indianapolis, do most respectfully petition your honorable body to repeal an ordinance passed by your honorable body recently, entitled "An ordinance preventing the firing of cannons, burning of bonfires, fireworks," &c. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

Louis Kern,
O. R. Weaver,
A. H. Conner,

John Coburn,
Wm. M. French.

Which was received.

Also, general ordinance No. 160—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to repeal an ordinance preventing the firing of cannons, burning of fireworks, &c.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Seidensticker offered the following motion :

That the Board of Public Improvements be instructed to carry out the plan of the Civil Engineer, reported at last meeting, for relieving North Illinois street of surplus water.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following motion :

That the City Marshal take no action under the order of Council requiring him to open the sidewalk on Missouri street, between Indiana Avenue and St. Clair sts., until further orders.

Which was not adopted.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 27, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned property owners on Mississippi street, between Washington and Market streets, would respectfully but earnestly remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance now pending before your honorable body for the grading and paving of the west sidewalk on Mississippi street, between the points above named, as in our opinion said improvement is not necessary at present, and further that some of us are not able to pay for said improvement if done, &c.

James Swain,
Mrs. Scholotte,
Robert George,

H. M. Foltz,
John A. Heidlinger.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 31, 1868.

To A. P. Stanton, Esq. :

DEAR SIR:—Some weeks ago a petition was given the Council for grading and graveling our street (Fayette), which was granted. I understand that the vacant lot owners will present a remonstrance this evening. We, who have built and live on the street, desire the work done, and do not think capitalists and others who own vacant lots on said street should rule in this case. You can vote as you please, but I understand the Council has the right to order it if it wishes. There is a very muddy pond close to my house, in said street, and I want the work done.

Yours truly,

WILL H. CORBALEY.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

His Honor, the Mayor, announced that J. H. Kappes had been appointed to fill the vacancy in the Committee on Gas, vice James Burgess resigned.

Sealed proposals were opened and read and referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

On motion, the Board was instructed to report instanter upon the bids for the improvement of Ohio street, between Davidson street and the Corporation line, which they did as follows :

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, Aug. 31, 1868. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvement would respectfully report that for the improvement of Ohio street, between Davidson street and the Corporation line, that Mr. James Mahoney is the lowest bidder, his bid being \$1.35 per foot on each side of said street.

J. W. DAVIS,
SAMUEL GODDARD, } Board.
HENRY COBURN, }

Which was concurred in and the contract awarded.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Loomis, from the Committee on Railroads, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 31, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee, to whom was referred the petitions of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Exchange, and also the report of their Special Committee upon the subject of the extension of the Peru and Indianapolis Railroad north from Peru via Warsaw and Goshen, (all three points being in this State,) thence north into the interior of Michigan, have examined the papers referred to them, as also the necessary maps showing the various railroad connections bearing upon the question now before your Committee and Council, as also the mercantile charts and maps of the country, and especially the geographical position of Indiana as related to the State of Michigan, and the importance of exchange of natural and

manufactured products of the two States as they will be connected by this proposed line of railway, ask to report in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners by the introduction of the accompanying ordinance, the passage of which is hereby recommended.

W. H. LOOMIS, }
G. A. FOSTER, } *Committee.*

Which was received.

Also, general ordinance No. 161—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE subscribing stock to the extension of the Peru and Indianapolis Railroad Company.

Which was read the first time and referred to the City Attorney and Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Kappes, from the Committee on Printing and Stationery, introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 42—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 Hospitals, presented the following :

RECAPITULATION OF THE WEEKLY REPORT OF CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING AUGUST 15, 1868.

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	30
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.....	6
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 AUGUST 22, 1868.

Number of patients in the Hospital at last report.....	29
Number of patients received in the Hospital since last report.....	3
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	8
Number of patients died in the Hospital since last report.....	1
Number of patients remaining in the Hospital at present.....	23

Also the following :

RECAPITULATION OF THE WEEKLY REPORT OF CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING AUGUST 29, 1868.

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	23
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	5
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	2
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.....	28

Which were received.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The Civil Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 31, 1868.

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

I hereby report the following work finished according to contract :

Thomas Car for grading and graveling Grant street and sidewalks.

Length on north and east side ----- 788 feet.

Length on south and west side ----- 888 feet.

Total length ----- 1,676 feet.

At twenty-eight cents per lineal foot. ----- \$469 28

Respectfully,

R. M. PATTERSON, *Civil Engineer.*

Which was concurred in.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

On motion, the following ordinances were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed :

Special ordinance No. 86—1868.

Special ordinance No. 74—1868.

General ordinance No. 160—1868.

Mr. Brown moved that the rules be suspended and that special ordinance No. 86—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for securing the embankment and grading and graveling the alley in Square 96, on the west bank of Pogue Run, between South and McNabb streets,

Be placed upon its passage.

The question being on a suspension of the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Seidensticker and Woodburn—13.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the rules were suspended, and the ordinance 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, Seidensticker, and Woodburn—13.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Kappes called up special ordinance No. 74—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling Alabama street and sidewalks, between St. Joseph and St. Mary 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, Seidensticker and Woodburn—13.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Dr. Jameson called up special ordinance No. 72—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and paving the east sidewalk on New Jersey street, between Massachusetts Avenue and St. Clair street.

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, Seidensticker and Woodburn—13.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Dr. Woodburn called up special ordinance No. 18—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling Fayette street and sidewalks between North and St. Clair 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, Seidensticker and Woodburn—13.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY, *Mayor*.

ATTEST:

D. M. RANDELL, *City Clerk*.