

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 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, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Wood-
burn—13.

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

The proceedings of the regular session held Aug. 31st, 1868, were
read and approved.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Mr. Geisel offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to fill up the hole on the sidewalk on
New York street near Liberty street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Geisel, also, offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to lower the gutter on Railroad street, between Vermont and Ohio streets, sufficient to carry off the water.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to build foot bridges at the crossings on Jackson, Broadway and Plum streets.

Which was referred to the Councilmen from the Ninth Ward.

Mr. Geisel presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 7, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned owners of property and residents in the immediate neighborhood of Lockerbie street, between Liberty and Noble streets, respectfully ask your honorable body to pass the ordinance now pending for grading said street, between the points named, for the following reasons :

1st. That said street is so low that it is impossible during the winter season to travel it at all.

2d. That some of the alleys running north and south and butting up on said street have been graded and graveled, and it is impossible to haul up a wood wagon from said street into said alleys, thereby preventing us from getting in our winter wood.

We do not think that this improvement should be postponed to our disadvantage, because a few property holders on said street, who are living on well improved streets, are not ready to have it done, and in our opinion never will.

John Finter,
Fred. Simon,
William Otte,

Charles Henn,
F. Reynolds,
And 5 others.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Coburn introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 43—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the use of the Fire Department.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Coburn introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 44—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the purpose of sinking a tube below the surface of the earth to procure a supply of water for fire purposes.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Goddard offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner grade and gravel Wabash street, between Delaware and Alabama streets, and that the Civil Engineer set the proper grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following motion :

That Mr. Kown be relieved from grading and graveling the south sidewalk on Kentucky Avenue, between Mississippi and Missouri streets.

Which was referred to the City Attorney for his opinion, whether the passage of the motion would vitiate the contract.

Mr. Davis offered the following motion :

That the petition now in the hands of the Commissioners on opening streets, asking an extension of John street, be recalled, for the reason that such proposed street has already been donated to the public and a plat thereof recorded.

Which was referred to the City Commissioners.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

That Coulter & White, the original contractors for erecting lamp-posts on South Meridian street, be required to repair the collar of the lamp-post on the corner of South and Meridian streets in front of the Concordia House.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

That Patrick Kirland be allowed the privilege of paving the sidewalk of Meridian street in front of his vacant lot, between Georgia and Louisiana streets, provided he obtains the written consent of the contractor for paving such sidewalk with brick, and that he does the same at his own expense, under the direction of the City Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Woodburn asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the evening.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

That the contract for the construction of a sewer from Delaware street to Pegue Run, on the line of Ray street, be awarded to Feary & Dillon, the best bidders, and that the same be made 42 inches internal diameter.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Brown introduced special ordinance No. 88—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for repairing South street, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Cottrell presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 7, 1868.

To the Committee on Fire Department of the City of Indianapolis :

We, the undersigned, consider that we have had great injustice done us in not being allowed the amount of our bill, \$551.85, for repairs on the Latta Steam Fire Engine.

One pair of lever brakes that we took in our contract at \$35 00, which was a very low figure, and were made according to the plan of Mr. Buchanan, then Chief of Fire Department, you saw fit to allow us nothing for.

Putting new ends on 10 slats to support the coil—our price in contract was \$25, for which the Committee allow us \$10; the forging on the same cost that.

Mr. Buchanan told us that the coil pipes would be taken out and put in by the city, as Mr. Curtiss, the Engineer, had more experience with that than any one else, and for furnishing a man to help him, we are allowed nothing.

For making a new tap to suit coil pipes, which is of no use for anything else, we are not allowed.

Making brass screws, fitting jacket on cylinder, making gaskets for valve covers and cylinder-heads, the bill is cut down from \$6.00 to \$1.50.

We wish nothing but justice done us, and hope the Committee will reconsider and allow us the amount of our bill, as we took the job very low, as the Committee are well aware, and we are new beginners, and consequently poor, and can ill afford to lose it. Any mechanic that looks at the work will admit that it was well done.

Yours respectfully,

HETHERINGTON & CO.

Which was received, and the Committee on Accounts directed to incorporate the unpaid balance of said bill (\$85.90) in their next ordinance of accounts.

Mr. Henschen introduced special ordinance No. 89—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for graveling Grove street and sidewalks, between Virginia Avenue and Fletcher Avenue.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Henschen introduced special ordinance No. 90—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling Noble street and sidewalks, between Washington and Maryland streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Schmidt presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 7, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN :—The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable body to grant him permission to lay a wooden sewer from his Tannery to Pogue Run. Said Tannery is situated on lot No. 27, Square 80, Wingate's subdivision. The sewer to be laid in the alley running north and south, between New Jersey and East streets, passing lots 28 and 29 and the Junction Railroad tracks.

Respectfully,

ROBERT SCHMIDT,
Per C. F. SCHMIDT.

Which was granted.

Mr. Seidensticker presented the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 31, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The resolution passed on the 4th of May last, authorizing the City Treasurer to collect from the following Railroad Companies the sums set opposite their names for work done by the Street Commissioner in planking crossings, &c., has not been complied with for the reasons that both Companies refuse to pay.

Peru and Indianapolis Railroad Company-----	\$355 92
Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette Railroad Company-----	106 01
Total-----	\$461 93

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

ROBERT S. FOSTER, City Treasurer,
Per J. W. Coons, Deputy.

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

That the City Attorney be instructed to collect the assessments against the Peru and Indianapolis Railroad Company and the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette Railroad Company by suit.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Seidensticker presented a report from the Special Committee to examine petitions for Railroad Bonds.

Which was referred back to said Committee.

Mr. Davis for Dr. Woodburn, presented a bill of \$53.05 in favor of J. W. Davis against the City of Indianapolis.

Which, on motion, was ordered to be put in the next account ordinance.

His Honor, the Mayor, offered the following motion :

That William Cossell be allowed to pave with brick the sidewalk in front of his new brick building, lot 14, Blake and Ray's subdivision, Square 148, at his own expense, under the direction of the Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS.

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, Sept. 7, 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 Charles Roney is the lowest bidder for grad-

ing and paving the east sidewalk on Alabama street, between North and Walnut streets, his bid being 48 cents per foot.

2d. That D. Root & Co. are the lowest bidders for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Noble street, their bid being \$36 for corner posts, and \$34 for intermediate posts.

3d. Richard Carr is the lowest bidder for grading and graveling New Jersey street, and grading the sidewalks, his bid being 62 cents per lineal foot.

4th. Samuel Hanway is the lowest bidder for grading and graveling the alley running north and south, between Virginia Avenue, Elm and Hosbrook streets, and running from Pine to Grove street.

5th. That L. Logsdon is the lowest bidder to gravel Virginia Avenue and sidewalks, between South and Stevens street, his bid being for the screened gravel on the street \$1.24 per yard, and for coarse gravel on the sidewalks \$1.20 per yard.

We respectfully recommend that the contracts be awarded said parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Which was concurred in.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 7, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN :—Your Committee beg leave to introduce the report of the Superintendent of the City Hospital, together with an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$438.84 on account of City Hospital.

Respectfully,

J. H. KAPPES,
HEN. GEISEL, } *Committee.*

Which was received.

Also, the following :

RECAPITULATION OF THE MONTHLY REPORT OF EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING AUGUST 31, 1868.

Total expenditures for the month	\$446 59
Aggregate number of days for which subsistence, etc., was furnished.....	931
Average expense per capita per diem.....	\$0 46

Also, the following :

RECAPITULATION OF THE MONTHLY REPORT OF THE CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL ENDING AUGUST 31, 1868.

Number of patients in Hospital at last report	23
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	23
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	3
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	23
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report	1
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	25

Which were received.

Also, special appropriation ordinance No. 45—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital, for the month of August, 1868.

Which was read the first time.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Clerk made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 7, 1868.

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

The City Clerk respectfully reports the following :

1st. The contract and bond of James Mahoney for grading and graveling Ohio street and sidewalks from Davidson street to the Corporation line east.

2d. The contract and bond of William Kown for grading and graveling Paoki alley and sidewalks, between Michigan and North streets.

3d. First and final estimate allowed Thomas Carr for grading and graveling Grant street and sidewalks from West street to the terminus of Grant street.

4th. First and final estimate allowed James Mahoney for grading and graveling Broadway street and sidewalks, between St. Clair street and the Corporation line north.

5th. By request, contract and bond of Richard Carr for grading New Jersey street and sidewalks, between Merrill and McCarty streets, and graveling the street between the same points only.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. RANSELL, *City Clerk.*

Which was received and bonds approved.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY, *Mayor.*

ATTEST:

D. M. RANSELL, *City Clerk.*