

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
MONDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 1868, 7 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, MacArthur, Seiden-
sticker and Woodburn—14.

Absent—Councilmen Burgess, Colley, Schmidt and Stanton—4.

The proceedings of the regular session, held Jan. 4th, 1869, were
read and approved.

Business was resumed in the order in which it was left off at last
regular meeting.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Engineer made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 4, 1869.

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

I hereby report the following work finished according to contract:

David Sylvester for graveling the west sidewalk on Alabama street, be-
tween Duncan and Merrill streets:

Length of sidewalk 353 feet, at 15 cents per lineal foot, - - \$52 95

Also, James Stewart, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Gregg street, between New Jersey and East streets:

Length on the north side,	-	-	-	-	394 feet.
Length on the south side,	-	-	-	-	394 feet.
Total length,	-	-	-	-	788 feet.
At 21½ cents per lineal foot,	-	-	-	-	\$169 42

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

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 11, 1869.

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

According to your directions, I have examined Virginia Avenue, and find by calculation that two hundred and sixty yards of pit gravel will cover a space of ten feet in width on each side of the railway track from South street to the Corporation line to the depth of one inch, which will be sufficient to make the coarse gravel pack and form two good tracks, and will cost one hundred and eighty-five dollars.

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

Which was concurred in, and the Street Commissioner directed to do the work in accordance therewith.

The City Clerk made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 11, 1869.

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

The City Clerk respectfully reports to the Common Council the following Estimates:

1st. First and final estimate allowed James Stewart for grading and graveling the first alley north of Gregg street, between New Jersey and East sts., is presented for your approval.

2d. First and final estimate allowed David Sylvester for graveling the west sidewalk on Alabama street, between Duncan and Merrill streets, is also presented for your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

DAN. M. RANSELL, *City Clerk.*

Per JOHN G. WATERS, *Deputy.*

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed David Sylvester for graveling the west sidewalk on Alabama street, between Duncan and Merrill streets, 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 passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell,

Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed James Stewart for grading and graveling the first alley north of Gregg street, between New Jersey and East streets, 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 passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.

The City Clerk made the following report :

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, }
Indianapolis, Jan. 11, 1868. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The City Clerk respectfully reports to the Council that there is on file in his office the following affidavits for the collection of street assessment by precept, as follows :

Samuel Hanway	vs. Wm. Y. Wiley,	for \$25.60.
"	vs. John Stuckmeyer,	for \$57.24.
"	vs. Wm. S. Demotte,	for \$37.56.
"	vs. John Birch,	for \$64.09.
"	vs. Jane Haggerty,	for \$15.74.
"	vs. Fred'k Sutter,	for \$25.19.
"	vs. Beverly Carey,	for \$19.00.
"	vs. Geo. W. Robinson,	for \$12.82.
"	vs. B. M. Spicer,	for \$20.00.
"	vs. Eliza Williams,	for \$39.33.
"	vs. A. Brown,	for \$12.89.
Cogill & Huffington	vs. J. Lucher,	for \$32 10.
"	vs. Margaret A. Callehan,	for \$21.40.
"	vs. Alfred Pollard,	for \$32.10.
"	vs. C. Mayer,	for \$5.35.
"	vs. Deloss Root,	for \$32.10.
"	vs. C. H. Wehling,	for \$15.30.
D. & J. B. Root	vs. Jacob S. Durst,	for \$5.84.
Charles Roney	vs. Sarah Okey,	for \$10 00.
James Stewart	vs. Henry Ewald,	for \$17.19.
"	vs. Harvey Gibson,	for \$8.88.
"	vs. William Kown,	for \$16.09½.
"	vs. Charles A. Seaman,	for \$15.49½.
Richard Carr	vs. Joseph Atkinson,	for \$17.19.
"	vs. James Griffin,	for \$19.54.

Thomas Wren vs. Tim. O'Riley, for \$9.00.
 " " vs. Tim. O'Riley, for \$35.61.
 " " vs. Tim. O'Riley, for \$35.61.

And would respectfully recommend that you order the precepts to issue.
 Respectfully, D. M. RANSELL, *City Clerk.*

Which was concurred in.

The City Gas Inspector made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS Jan. 4, 1869.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City Indianapolis:

GENTLEMEN:—Herewith I submit a table of statistics, setting forth, in a condensed form, a portion of my official duties during the month of November; and I would respectfully ask that the same, as heretofore, be ordered published in the proceedings of your honorable body, without reading.

AN EXHIBIT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1868, of the Time at which the Public Lamps were Lighted and Extinguished; the Pressure of the Gas (by tenths of an inch) in the Street Mains at the Times of Lighting and Extinguishing; the Maximum, Minimum, and Average Pressures during the Hours of Burning; the Average Pressure of the Gas during entire Night; and Candle Power of the Gas furnished.

Days of Month and Week.	Time for lighting.*	Time for extinguishing.*	Hours of burning.	Press. at lighting.	Press. at extinguishing.	Maximum pressure.	Minimum pressure.	Average pressure.	Avg pressure during night.	Candle power.
Nov'ber 30. Monday	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	12.22
Dec'ber 1. Tuesday	5 30	7 15	1 45	13	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	13	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	13.27
2. Wednesday	5 30	8 15	2 45	11	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	11	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	9	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	12.92
3. Thursday	5 30	9 15	3 45	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	13.44
4. Friday	5 30	10 30	5 —	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	13	9	10	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
5. Saturday	5 30	11 30	6 —	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	13	13	9	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	12.65
6. Sunday	5 30	12 45	7 15	18	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	12.10
7. Monday	5 30	1 15	7 4	15	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	15	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	13.44
8. Tuesday	5 30	2 —	8 3	15	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	15	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	13.53
9. Wednesday	5 30	3 15	9 4	12	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	12.37
10. Thursday	5 30	4 15	10 45	17	8	17	8	9	9	12.00
11. Friday	5 30	5 15	11 —	15	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
12. Saturday	5 30	5 45	12 15	16	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	16	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	9	13.02
13. Sunday	5 30	5 45	12 15	19	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	12	11.91
14. Monday	5 30	5 45	12 15	17	8	17	7	10	10	12.33
15. Tuesday	5 30	5 45	12 15	14	8	15	7	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	12.95
16. Wednesday	6 15	5 45	11 30	12	8	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	13.36
17. Thursday	7 15	5 45	10 30	12	8	15	8	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	12.23
18. Friday	8 —	6 —	10 —	12	9	15	7	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	—
19. Saturday	9 —	6 —	9 —	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	10	12.55
20. Sunday	10 —	6 —	8 —	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	—
21. Monday	11 —	6 —	7 —	14	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	—
22. Tuesday	11 30	6 —	6 30	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	—
23. Wednesday	12 —	6 —	6 —	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	10	—
24. Thursday	1 —	6 —	5 —	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	9	13.24
25. Friday	2 —	6 —	4 —	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	13.40
26. Saturday	3 15	6 —	2 45	10	9	10	9	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	11	14.06
27. Sunday	4 15	6 —	1 45	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	8	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	14.61
28. Monday	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—
29. Tuesday	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—
30. Wednesday	5 45	7 15	1 30	—	—	—	—	—	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	13.41

* Forty-five minutes are allowed both for lighting and extinguishing after the time here given.
 † Lamplighters omitted to light.

Which was received.

The Street Commissioner made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 11, 1869.

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

Since the last statement (Nov. 30, 1868) I have done as follows:

1. Refloored the bridge on Georgia street across the Canal.
2. Laid two foot bridges on Washington and Noble streets.
3. Laid one foot bridge on New York and Blackford streets.
4. Laid two foot bridges on Illinois and First streets.
5. Laid four foot bridges on Ash and Cherry streets.
6. Laid two foot bridges on Fletcher Avenue and Cedar street.
7. Laid one foot bridge on Huron street and Virginia Avenue.
8. Laid two foot bridges on Alabama and Maryland streets.
9. Laid one foot bridge on Noble street and Fletcher Avenue.
10. Filled the crossings on Kentucky Avenue and Georgia street with spalts and gravel.
11. Filled the crossings on Madison Avenue with the intersection of the Jeffersonville Railroad.
12. Filled the crossings on Virginia Avenue and Stevens street with spalts and gravel.
13. Filled the crossings on Kentucky Avenue with the intersection of the Central Canal.
14. Filled the crossings on Illinois and Market streets with gravel.
15. Filled the crossings on Fletcher Avenue and Cedar street with gravel.
16. Raised the sidewalk on Market street between Mississippi street and the Canal.
17. Hauled 189 yards of gravel on Virginia Avenue in the Citizens' Street Railway track.
18. Repaired the culverts on Massachusetts Avenue between New Jersey and Pennsylvania streets.
19. I hired a man for receiving the gravel on South street between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets.
20. Filled the holes on North street, between Alabama and Delaware streets, with gravel.
21. Repaired the sidewalk on Delaware street between Duncan and Wyoming streets—it took on the east sidewalk 73 cubic yards, and on the west sidewalk 34 yards.
22. Cleaned McNabb street.
23. Cleaned Meridian street between Louisiana and South streets.
24. Moved the locust trees on Blackford street.
25. Laid two foot bridges on Cherry and Pine streets.
26. Repaired the bridges on East street across Pogue Run.
27. Repaired the bridges on Washington street and the arm of the Canal.
28. Repaired the culvert on Vermont street with the intersection of New Jersey street.
29. Filled up the end of the bridge on Georgia street across the Canal with spalts.
30. Built a culvert on Wood and North streets.
31. Built a culvert in front of the alley on the first alley south of Wood street.

The following statement shows the amount of expenditures in each Ward since November 30, 1868, also, the amount of credit or deficit of each Ward on money appropriated :

WARDS.	Expenditures since Nov. 30, 1868.	Balance of credits.	Deficits.
1st Ward -----	\$3 00-----	-----	\$98 98
2d Ward -----	20 00-----	-----	271 25
3d Ward -----	12 00-----	-----	303 70

4th Ward -----	112 00-----	225 39-----	
5th Ward -----	27 00-----		44 48
6th Ward -----	136 00-----		243 37
7th Ward -----	83 00-----		28 09
8th Ward -----	78 00-----	63 69-----	
9th Ward -----	35 00-----	24 08-----	

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUST RICHTER, *Street Commissioner.*

Which was received.

The City Treasurer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 23, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the instructions of the Common Council I made a demand on the Treasurer of the Indianapolis Street Railroad Company for the sum of \$568.39, being the costs of raising the track of said Company from South street to Corporation line, as per report of the Street Commissioner.

I respectfully report that said Treasurer refuses to pay the amount, for the following reason given by said Treasurer, to-wit: "That the above amount, \$374.00, was expended in removing obstructions placed on the track by the Street Commissioner."

Respectfully, &c.,

ROBT. S. FOSTER, *City Treasurer.*

Which was referred to the City Attorney, with instructions to confer with the Company and report to the next meeting.

The City Marshall made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 8, 1869.

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

In regard to an order from your honorable body directing me to move a house obstructing an alley in out-lot 160, I should like to ask further instructions in regard to its removal. The house is occupied by an old colored lady by the name of Vestal, who says she has bought and paid for said property. Now the question is, shall I throw her goods into the street? And farther, shall I tear said building down, and if I do where shall I place the wreck? The old lady says she has no vacant lot to place said building upon, and I have none.

JOHN UNVERSAW, *City Marshal.*

Per SCUDDER, Deputy.

Which was received.

The City Commissioners made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 21, 1868.

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

The Commissioners of Streets and Alleys respectfully submit the following report in the matter of opening Georgia street to make it a uniform width from West street to Helen street, said street to be sixty feet wide; that pursuant to notice issued and served they met at the office of the City Clerk on the 21st day of December, at 9 o'clock, A. M., 1868, and proceeded to view the ground to be appropriated for the opening of said street, and find—

That the value of the property to be appropriated is \$200.

That no part of the expense of opening said street shall be borne by the City of Indianapolis. That the person benefitted is below named:

William Sheets, 60 feet in width off of south end of out-lots 137 and 138, 80 feet and 6 inches in length, \$200.

That the person below named is damaged upon the real estate described in the sum set opposite his name.

William Sheets, owner of 60 feet in width off of south end of out-lots 137 and 138, 80 feet and 6 inches in length, in the City of Indianapolis, \$200.

We assess the said sums against the person aforesaid.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL M. SEIBERT,	} Com'rs.
JAMES C. YOHN,	
WILLIAM BRADEN,	
JAMES N. RUSSELL,	

Which was concurred in.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

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

General ordinance No. 157—1868.

General ordinance No. 1—1869.

Special ordinance No. 1—1869.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 58—1868.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 1—1869.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 2—1869.

Mr. Cottrell called up general ordinance No. 165—1868, entitled:
AN ORDINANCE concerning the Police Department of the City of Indianapolis.

Which was read the second time.

Mr. Loomis moved to indefinitely postpone the ordinance.

Dr. Jameson moved to amend by striking the ordinance from the files.

Mr. Loomis accepted the amendment.

Mr. Brown called for the ayes and noes upon the motion to strike from the files.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Goddard, Jameson, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—7.

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

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

So the motion to strike the ordinance from the files was adopted.

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Loomis called up general ordinance No. 157—1868, entitled: AN ORDINANCE granting a license to the Trustees of Masonic Hall.

Mr. Brown called for the following report of the special committee to whom was referred the general license ordinance.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 11, 1869.

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

The undersigned, Special Committee, to whom was referred an ordinance entitled "An ordinance granting a license to the Masonic Hall," with instructions to report an amendment to the general license ordinance, respectfully report said ordinance back for the consideration of Council, as the same is independent of the general ordinance, and ask time for complying with the other instructions of Council.

A. SEIDENSTICKER, }
THOMAS COTTRELL, } *Committee.*
DAN. M. RANSELL, }

Which was concurred in.

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 Brown, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—13.

Mr. Coburn voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Geisel called up special appropriation ordinance No. 1—1869, appropriating money to the City Hospital for the month of December, 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, Seidensticker and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Geisel called up special ordinance No. 57—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling Michigan street and sidewalks, between Winston and Davidson 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, Seidensticker and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Brown called up special ordinance No. 1—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on Madison Avenue between Meridian street and the south side of the alley running east and west between out-lots Nos. 16 and 25 of 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, Seidensticker and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Brown called up special appropriation ordinance No. 58—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, Seidensticker and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Brown, also, called up special appropriation ordinance No. 2—1869, 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, Seidensticker and Woodburn—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

By unanimous consent, His Honor, the Mayor, was added to the Special Committee on Water Works.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Mr. Brown presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 11, 1869.

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

Your petitioners would respectfully represent that they are the owners of the following tract or parcel of land, to-wit, being a tract 50 feet wide, running north and south through the center of the south half of Block 96, from South street north to McNabb street, situate south of the Union Depot in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Your petitioners are informed, and believe, that your honorable body has heretofore taken such action as to order and decree that the banks of Pogue Run, where such stream passes through the above land, should be protected with a heavy stone wall of solid masonry, costing a considerable sum of money, the contractor's estimate being the sum of \$——.

Your petitioners are informed that the entire cost of this wall has been, by order of the Council, assessed against the property holders immediately adjoining, and that a precept is likely to issue against the property for the payment of the work.

Your petitioners would respectfully represent that they have been unable to find any authority in the City Charter which gives the right to charge the property adjoining a water course within the City limits with improvements to the banks or bed of such natural water course, or the conversion of the same into a common sewer, and charging the adjoining property with all the cost of the improvement.

Your petitioners would, in addition, respectfully submit to the consideration of His Honor, the Mayor, and the members of the Council, that the above mentioned stream, Pogue Run, is not only a natural water course, draining a large portion of the city extending from the north-eastern to the south-western city limits, but that it is a common sewer of great advantage to more than two thirds of the city, and that the improvement or protection of its banks, widening, deepening, or changing its natural channel so as to make it more permanent and effective for the object sought to be accomplished, are improvements in the nature of a general sewer which in justice should not be charged to the immediate property but to the whole city.

Your petitioners, therefore, respectfully ask the Council to review their former action upon this subject and make a recision of their former orders in reference to charging the property adjoining, and that such order be passed as will make the levy for this improvement out of the general fund.

JAMES BLAKE,
ELIZA BLAKE.

Which was referred to the City Attorney.

Mr. Brown presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 11, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN :—The undersigned, owners of property on Norwood street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets, respectfully petition your honorable body to order the widening of Norwood street by appropriating 25 feet of out-lot No. 122, so as to make said Norwood street a uniform width of 50 feet. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

S. B. Morris,	John Morton,
John W. Byrkit,	Jacob Grube,
Thomas Arthur,	Thomas Wren.

Which was referred to the City Commissioners.

Mr. Brown offered the following motions :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to place spawls and gravel on both sides of Pennsylvania street at the Maryland street crossing.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to place sufficient gravel on the sidewalks on west side of Meridian street, between McNabb and Merrill sts., to fill up a few mud holes thereon.

Which were adopted.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is now inexpedient for the City to complete the construction of a House of Refuge for Abandoned Females on the ground donated by S. A. Fletcher, Sr., and that the Mayor be directed to make a conveyance deeding back said ground to Mr. Fletcher.

Which was referred to the Committee on Benevolence.

Mr. Davis offered the following motions :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to plank the gutter near the Cistern at the corner of Tennessee and Market streets.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to place not to exceed four loads of gravel upon the sidewalk in front of lot No. 2, out-lot No. 6, on North st., between Meridian and Illinois streets, north side, to fill mud holes, almost impassable in wet weather.

Which were adopted.

Mr. Geisel offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to build a culvert at the intersection of Railroad street and Massachusetts Avenue.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Geisel, also, offered the following motion :

That the Special Committee appointed to investigate the Water Works in the Eastern Cities bear their own expenses.

Mr. MacArthur moved to lay the motion on the table.

Mr. Geisel called for the ayes and noes.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Kappes, Loomis and MacArthur—5.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Seidensticker and Woodburn—9.

So the motion to lay on the table was lost.

The question then being on the adoption of the motion, Mr. Geisel called for the ayes and noes.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Seidensticker and Woodburn—11.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Coburn, Loomis and MacArthur—3.

So the motion was adopted.

Mr. Brown moved that the Committee on Water Works be discharged, and called for the ayes and noes.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur and Woodburn—10.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Coburn, Henschen, Jameson and Seidensticker—4.

So the Committee was discharged.

Mr. Goddard offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be authorized to put gravel across Louisiana street on Tennessee street sufficiently wide for foot passengers.

Which was adopted.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY, *Mayor.*

ATTEST :

D. M. RANDELL, *City Clerk.*