

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Indianapolis, May 25, 1863. }

The Council met in regular session this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, and Councilmen Allen, Brown, Boaz, Colley, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb, and Staub—15.

Absent—Messrs. Blake, Thompson and Wallace—3.

The proceedings of the special session held May 18th, 1863, were read by the Clerk, and approved by the Council.

By Mr. Brown—Petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, May 25, 1863.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

The undersigned, respectfully represent that at the last term of the Marion Circuit Court, the case of Robert Johnson against the undersigned for their action as Common Council of said city, in relation to the grading of Meridian street, was brought to a close in said Court, by said Court's deciding the same on demurrer to the complaint, in our favor. No appeal was asked during the term, nor has an appeal been taken from said decision—and the probability is that no appeal will be taken. We then request the Common Council to satisfy to S. Major, Esq., our attorney, his fees in said cause.

SAMUEL DELZELL,
WILLIAM MANSUR,
JAMES SULGROVE.

On motion, the above petition was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. H. A. Fletcher—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 23, 1863.

To His Honor the Mayor, and Members of the Common Council :

We, the undersigned, your petitioners, resident property holders on the alley running east and west, through Square fifty-four, respectfully ask your honorable body to pass an ordinance to grade and boulder said alley.

OWNERS' NAMES.	FEET.	INCHES.
Charles Mayer.....	35	6
Philip Woerner.....	16
Weaver & Williams.....	18	6
Benjamin Pottage.....	22	6
John W. Dodd.....	18	6
Moses Hunter.....	18
V. Butsch.....	76	6
James Muir.....	31
H. Bates, jr.....	55	6
J. D. Condit.....	105
H. A. Fletcher.....	67	8
H. Bates, Sr.....	100
Total number of feet.....	654	8

On motion of Mr. H. A. Fletcher, the above petition was laid up on the table.

By Mr. H. A. Fletcher—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 23, 1863.

To His Honor the Mayor, and Members of the Common Council :

We, the undersigned, petitioners, property holders on Walnut street, believing the convenience and appearance of our street would be much improved, and the value of our property greatly enhanced by having the street opened from Tennessee to Mississippi street, which is now occupied by an orchard, belonging to Mr. James Blake, respectfully ask you to pass such an Ordinance as is necessary to vacate so much of said orchard as is necessary for the continuance of Walnut street as above described.

D. W. CARLISLE,
E. P. VATER,

A. RASENER,
WILLIAM P. FISHBACK,
SPICER JONES.

On motion of Mr. H. A. Fletcher, the above petition was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

By Mr. Glazier—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 23, 1863.

To the Honorable, the City Council of Indianapolis :

The undersigned respectfully represents that his wife, Margaret

S., late Margaret Stevens, is the owner of that part of the north half of Out-Lot No. 101, in the city of Indianapolis, through which the water runs from the culvert across Virginia Avenue, at the intersection of Noble street, and discharges itself again through the sewer or culvert constructed by the city on the east side of East street.

And that she and the undersigned desire, and intend, to fill up said ground so as to make it the same level with the said Virginia Avenue and East street. Such filling will require a large amount of earth; and as the undersigned has *now* the opportunity to procure the necessary amount of earth from gradings of streets and alleys in the vicinity, as well as from the gradings off the highest part of his lots, he is very desirous to commence said work without delay. He suggests that such filling up will make it necessary for the Council to make some provision for carrying off the water that now flows through said culvert across Virginia Avenue, and he requests that the Council will refer the subject to the proper committee, and make provision for carrying off the water by proper sewers and drains.

JACOB COFFMAN.

On motion, the above petition was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

By Mr. Haughey—Petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, May 25, 1863.

To His Honor the Mayor, and Members of the City Council:

GENTLEMEN.—At your last meeting there was a small remonstrance against the improvement of the alley running east and west, and north of Market street. That remonstrance does not represent one-half of the property on said alley. The grading and graveling of this alley will be a great advantage to Alabama street, also to Delaware street, as it is so high that dirt runs on those side-walks.

Had I known, at the time the Ordinance was passed to grade and gravel Alabama street, that said alley would not have been improved, I never would have voted for the improvement of Alabama street. I now ask that the Committee on Streets and Alleys be instructed to open the bids for the improvement of said alley, and that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder.

Your obedient servant,

ANDREW WALLACE.

On motion of Mr. Colley, the petition was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

By Mr. Haughey, Chairman Committee on Finance:

INDIANAPOLIS, May 25, 1863.

Mr. President:—The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the statement of Ellis Barnes, City Printer, as to the cost of printing the proceedings of this Council, would report in favor of printing the same, and would recommend that the City Clerk be directed to

have 200 copies of the proceedings of every meeting printed, and place copies of the same on the desks of the Councilmen at the meeting following; and that 100 copies be preserved by the Clerk, to be bound as the Council may direct.

THEO. P. HAUGHEY,
HENRY COBURN,
H. A. FLETCHER. } *Committee.*

On motion, the above report was adopted.

By Mr. Jameson—Motion:

That the Street Commissioner be directed to construct two wooden culverts at the crossing of Alabama and New York streets; also, one culvert at the crossing of Ohio and Alabama streets.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Brown, Chairman Committee on Streets and Alleys:

INDIANAPOLIS, May 25, 1863.

Mr. President.—The Committee on Streets and Alleys report that Samuel R. Mann will haul dirt from a street he is now grading, to the gravel pit, near the intersection of Blackford and Michigan streets, at the rate of fifteen cents a yard.

AUSTIN H. BROWN.

On motion, the above report was concurred in, and the Street Commissioner was directed to contract with Samuel R. Mann to do the work.

By Mr. S. A. Fletcher, Jr., Chairman Committee on Accounts:
Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

The Committee on Accounts report the following Ordinance, and ask its adoption:

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

SECTION 1. *Be it Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,* That the following named persons be allowed the amounts set opposite their respective names, from any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, as follows:

Henry Rofert, making and repairing foot bridges.....	\$	23	00
Robert Greenfield, hauling gravel on Washington street....		10	00
H. Timmerman, “ “ “ “		5	50
John H. Stumph, 28½ days’ work on streets, at \$1 25 per day.....		35	62
James Stewart, 30 yards gravel, at 80 cents.....		24	00
John Stumph, hauling gravel.....		7	50
Hiram L. Lewis, hauling 16½ days, at \$3 00 per day.....		49	50

Amount carried over..... \$155 12

Amount brought up.....	\$155 12
James Stewart, 388 yards of dirt, at 23 cents per yard.....	89 24
Goddard & Company, 30 loads broken stone, at 30 cents per load.....	9 00
John Schoub, 26½ days' work, at \$1 25 per day.....	33 12
J. B. Wilson, nails, shovels and spikes.....	13 50
Thomas Wren, work on streets.....	141 02
Jacob S. Walker, lumber.....	16 81
James Stewart, city's portion for grading and graveling Ohio street and side-walks, between West street and the Central Canal.....	32 40
James Stewart, city's portion for grading and graveling the side-walk on the north side of New York street, between Indiana avenue and the west side of Ellsworth street.....	17 62
James Stewart, for grading and graveling Ohio street and sidewalks between the canal and Mississippi street.....	35 55
Scott, Nicholson & Company, for furnishing and setting 90 feet of flagging across alley on Pennsylvania street, at 50 cents per foot.....	45 00
William Curtis, pay in full as driver in the Fire Department to May 15th, 1863, inclusive.....	51 00
William Dawson, pay in full as driver in the Fire Department to May 15th, 1863, inclusive.....	51 00
E. H. Webster, pay in full as fireman in the Fire Department to May 15th, 1863, inclusive.....	51 00
Charles E. Curtis, one month's pay as engineer, in full to May 15, 1863, inclusive.....	65 00
August Nagle, pay in full as driver in the Fire Department to May 15, 1863, inclusive.....	49 30
Hampton Clarke, pay in full as driver in the Fire Department to May 15, 1863, inclusive.....	49 30
Frank Glazier, pay as engineer in the Fire Department to May 15th, 1863, inclusive.....	65 00
Eli Thompson, pay in full as fireman in the Fire Department to May 15th, 1863, inclusive.....	49 30
Daniel Glazier, pay in full as engineer in the Fire Department to May 15, 1863, inclusive.....	65 00
Frank Ingersol, payment in full as driver in the Fire Department to May 15, 1863, inclusive.....	51 00
Orrin Tuttle, pay in full as driver in the Fire Department to May 15th, 1863, inclusive.....	51 00
Samuel Blythe, pay in full as fireman in the Fire Department to May 15, 1863, inclusive.....	51 00
George Kentzell, pay in full as driver of hook and ladder wagon in Fire Department to May 15th, 1863, inclusive.....	51 00
Amount carried over.....	\$1288 28

Amount brought up.....	\$1288	28
Henry Buscher, 3 months' services as hoseman, in full to May 15, 1863, inclusive.....	12	50
Casper Freshour, 3 months' services as hoseman, in full to May 15th, 1863, inclusive... ..	12	50
John Shidler, 2 months' services as hoseman, in full to May 15th, inclusive.....	8	33
Frank Ingersoll, 1 month's services as hoseman, in full to March 15, 1863, inclusive.....	4	17
Charles W. Rhoads, 1 month's pay as watchman in Fire Department, in full to May 15th, 1863, inclusive.....	51	00
Milton S. Huey, 1 month's pay as watchman in the Fire Department, in full to May 15th, 1863, inclusive.....	51	00
Jesse Brown, 3 months' pay as hoseman in the Fire Department, in full to May 15, 1863, inclusive.....	12	50
Charles Richmann, repairs in Fire Department.....	7	90
Samuel Raymond, shoeing horses in the Fire Department..	21	73
John Andrew, repairing harness furnished the Fire Department.. ..	1	15
Egner & Wochner, sundries furnished the Fire Department.....	66	56
Adam Knodle, shoes furnished prisoners in the chain-gang	7	80
Bennett Brooks, lumber and work on the bridge over the canal on St. Clair street.....	100	00
August Richter, work at bridge on Virginia Avenue	22	90
Stephen Smith, posting bills for Engineer, Marshal and Street Commissioner.....	8	50
Jordan & Bennett, printing.....	18	50
Richard Henninger, printing.....	90	75
John G. Waters, stamps purchased to stamp election certificates of city officers	2	35
Joseph K. English, per centage.....	36	81
Joseph K. English, interest paid on orders redeemed.....	44	49
Nim. K. Knotts, lettering window in police office	1	75
C. Kindler, keys and locks made for offices.....	2	50
John Miller, removing dead animals from April 5th to June 12th, at \$10 per month	12	50
George P. Anderson, assisting City Clerk.....	15	25
Thos. D. Amos, 23½ days as Policeman, at \$1 75 per day...	41	12
George Taffe, 29 " " 1 75 " ...	50	75
John S. Bray, 30 " " 1 75 " ...	52	50
Thos. A. Ramsay 7 " " 1 75 " ...	12	25
John R. Cotton, 23 " " 1 75 " ...	40	25
Hannibal Taffe, 29½ " " 1 75 " ...	51	62
W. S. Johnson, 30 " " 1 75 " ...	52	50
T. J. Foos, 29 " " 1 75 " ...	50	75
Amount carried over.....	\$2253	46

Amount brought up.....			\$2253	46
R. Redmond, 30 days as Policeman at \$1 75	"	"	52	50
Samuel Baser, 30 "	"	"	52	50
Frederick Lang, 30 "	"	"	50	50
Henry Paul, 30 "	"	"	50	50
Fred Klare, 30 "	"	"	50	50
A. Unversaw, 25 "	"	"	43	75
Hubert S. Adams, 29½ "	"	"	51	62
A. E. Catterson, 30 "	"	"	52	50
J. W. Bradley, 29½ "	"	"	51	62
J. T. Murphy, 30 "	"	"	52	50
William Oyler, 29 "	"	"	50	75
Wm. Bretney, 30 "	"	"	52	50
M. L. Johnson, 21 "	"	"	36	75
Elijah Hedges, 30 "	"	"	52	50
Peter Wilkins, 25 "	"	"	43	75
G. W. Buchanan, 30 " Lieutenant		1 75	52	50
J. M. Vanblaricum, 30 days as Chief,		2 00	60	00
James Brannin, 1½ days assisting Civil Engineer, at \$1 50 per day.....			2	25
James Mahoney, 1½ days assisting Civil Engineer, at \$1 50 per day.....			1	50
M. Shea, 30 days assisting Civil Engineer, at \$1 50 per day,			45	00
Jacob Rinaker, 5 days' work on streets, at \$1 25 per day...			6	25
Kruger & Company, 280 yards new bouldering, at 80 cents per yard.....			224	00
Kruger & Company, relaying 646¾ yards of bouldering, at 45 cents per yard			291	00
W. J. H. Robinson, keeping city prisoners for month of April, 1863.....			330	80
C. W. Catterson, raising sidewalks and filling gutter on Virginia avenue.....			18	40
C. W. Catterson, 107 4-10 days hauling, to fill gravel pit near old Bellefontaine machine shop, at \$3 00 per day.			322	20
Coburn and Jones, Lumber furnished the Street Commissioner			129	19
Total.....			<u>\$4,481</u>	<u>29</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Street Repairs.....	\$1,448	85
Police Expenses.....	1,208	98
Fire Department expenses.....	949	24
Jail Expenses.....	338	60
Street Improvements	179	32
Bridges.....	122	90
Printing.....	109	25
Amount carried over.....	<u>\$4357</u>	<u>14</u>

Amount brought up	\$4357 14
Interest paid on Orders.....	44 49
Percentage	36 81
Specific Appropriations.....	30 35
Removing nuisances	12 50
Total.....	<u>\$4,481 29</u>

S. A. FLETCHER, Jr., }
STEPHEN McNABB. } Com. on Accts.

SECTION 2D. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue warrants upon the City Treasury to the persons named, and for the amounts as set forth specifically in section first, of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3D. This Ordinance to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Ordained and established this 25th day of May, 1863.

Attest: JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.

The above Ordinance was read the first time; and, on motion, was read a second time by its title.

Mr. S. A. Fletcher, Jr., then moved that the rules be suspended, and the Ordinance read a third time.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Allen, Brown, Boaz, Colley, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb, and Staub. 15. Noes, none.

So the rules were suspended and the Ordinance read a third time.

The question being: Shall the Ordinance pass? Those who voted in the affirmative were Messrs. Allen, Brown, Boaz, Colley, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb, and Staub.—15. Noes, none.

So the Ordinance passed.

On motion of Mr. Colley, the regular order of business was suspended for the purpose of receiving the report of the Board of Police.

By Mr. Boaz, Chairman of the Board of Police:

INDIANAPOLIS, May 25, 1863.

To the Mayor and Common Council, of Indianapolis:

The Police Board would respectfully submit the following as their report:

Captain of Police—DAVID POWELL,

Lieutenant of Police—ELIJAH HEDGES.

Marshal at Union Depot—JESSE M. VANBLARICUM.

DAY POLICE.

Jacob B. Power,
Joseph Prior Duvall,
Charles E. Carter,

William Bretney,
M. W. E. Doran,
Robert B. Barbee.

Deputy Street Commissioner—MICHAEL GALLIVAN.

NIGHT POLICEMEN.

- 1st District—John S. Bray, George Taffe.
- 2d District—Thomas D. Amos, William W. Loucks.
- 3d District—Hannibal Taffe, Daniel B. Charles.
- 4th District—Thomas J. Foos, Robert Redmond.
- 5th District—Samuel Buser, Frederick Lang.
- 6th District—Henry Paul, Stephen Wilson.
- 7th District—Andrew Unversaw, Hubert S. Adams.
- 8th District—Jeptha W. Bradley, Abel E. Catterson.
- 9th District—John R. Cotton, Lewis B. Reeves.

JOHN CAVEN,
HENRY COBURN,
WILLIAM BOAZ,
JOHN BLAKE. } Board of Police.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Council proceeded to ballot for the persons named in the above report, which resulted as follows:

Chief of Police—DAVID POWELL.

DAY PATROLMEN.

Jacob B. Power,
Joseph Prior Duvall,
Charles E. Carter,

William Bretney,
M. W. E. Doran,
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- 9th District—John R. Cotton.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the election of Lieutenant of Police and one Patrolman for the ninth district was referred back to the Board of Police.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the election of Marshal at the Union Depot was referred to a select committee of three and the City At-

torney, with instructions to inquire in regard to existing Ordinances on the subject, and report to the Council.

The Mayor appointed as said committee, Messrs. Brown, Colley and S. A. Fletcher, Jr.

By Mr. Brown—Motion :

That the Council now proceed to ballot for a Deputy Street Commissioner, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all prisoners sentenced to work upon the streets and alleys, who shall have no police powers, other than may be necessary to carefully watch and prevent from escaping all such prisoners when placed in his charge ; that said Deputy shall be subject to the orders of the Street Commissioner as to the places where such prisoners shall be worked ; and said Deputy shall serve one year from the date of his election.

Which motion was adopted.

M. Gallivan and James Stewart were nominated for Deputy Street Commissioner, and the Council proceeded to ballot, which resulted as follows :

James Stewart	received	8	votes,
M. Gallivan	“	6	“
George Thomas	“	1	“

James Stewart having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Deputy Street Commissioner for one year.

On motion of Mr. McNabb, the following Ordinance was taken up, and read a third time.

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and bouldering of Kentucky Avenue, between Washington and Tennessee streets.

SECTION 1. *Be it Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,* That the whole width of Kentucky Avenue between the above named points, (exclusive of the side-walks) be properly graded and paved with boulder stone, and that the expense of grading and paving such street as aforesaid, (except so much thereof as is occupied by the crossings of streets and alleys,) be assessed against, and collected from the owners of the lots bordering on said street, between the limits aforesaid, according to the provisions of sections 66 to 69, inclusive, of the City Charter.

SEC. 2. The Civil Engineer is hereby directed to set the proper stakes, and also to advertise by publication for ten days in the Indianapolis Daily Journal, and by posting up printed notices in not less than five of the most public places in the city, that sealed proposals will be received by the Common Council, at the meeting of the Council to be held on the 8th day of June, 1863, for the execution of said work.

SEC. 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Ordained and established this 25th day of May, 1863.

Attest:

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.

The question being, shall the Ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative, were: Messrs. Allen, Brown, Boaz, Colley, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Lefever, McNabb and Staub—14. Noes: Mr. Jameson—1.

So the Ordinance passed.

On motion of Mr. H. A. Fletcher, the following Ordinance was taken up and read a third time:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and paving with brick the sidewalk on the west side of Meridian street, between North street and corporation line north:

SECTION 1. *Be it Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis*, That the whole width of the sidewalk between the above named points be properly graded, and nine feet of the inner edge be paved with good hard burned brick, and that the expense of grading and paving such sidewalk as aforesaid, (except so much thereof as is occupied by the crossings of streets and alleys,) be assessed against, and collected from, the owners of the lots bordering on said street, between the limits aforesaid, according to the provisions of sections 66 to 69, inclusive, of the City Charter.

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So the Ordinance passed.

By Mr. Emerson:

Resolved, That a final estimate be allowed James Stewart, the contractor, for grading and graveling market street, between Illinois and

the west side of Tennessee street, when completed to the satisfaction of the Civil Engineer.

The question being, shall the resolution pass? those who voted in the affirmative, were: Messrs. Allen, Brown, Boaz, Colley, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., H. A. Fletcher, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb and Staub—15. Noes: None.

So the resolution passed.

On motion, the Council adjourned to meet on Monday evening, June 1st, at 7½ o'clock.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*