

# PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

SPECIAL SESSION—JULY 13, 1885.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, July 13th, A. D. 1885, at eight o'clock, in special session, pursuant to the following call:

*Indianapolis, Ind.*, July 11th, 1885.

To the Hon. JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor of the City of Indianapolis:

*Dear Sir:*—We, the undersigned, members of the Common Council of said city, would respectfully petition your honor to call a special meeting of said Council next Monday evening, July 13th, 1885, at the hour of eight o'clock, for the purpose of considering matters relating to the Telephone trouble.

George W. Spahr,  
Fred. J. Mack,  
Sim. Coy,

R. H. Rees,  
F. E. Benjamin.

As per foregoing request, signed by five Councilmen, as required by law, I hereby notify the members of Council to meet in special session, on Monday evening, July 13th, at 8 o'clock.

July 13th, 1885.

JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor.

PRESENT—Hon. John L. McMaster, Mayor, and *ex officio* President of the Common Council in the Chair, and 21 members, viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

ABSENT, 4—viz. Councilmen Downey, Moran, Smither, and Wolf.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session, held July 6th, 1885, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

Councilman Spahr introduced the following entitled ordinance; which was read the first time:

G. O. 26, 1885—An ordinance to repeal an ordinance entitled "An ordinance granting E. W. Gleason and his associates, under the name and style of the 'Indiana District Telephone Company,' the privilege of using the streets and alleys of the City of Indianapolis, in constructing, operating and maintaining lines of Telephones in said city;" said ordinance being in force from and after February 17, 1879.

Councilman Edenharter offered the following motion; which was adopted:

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That Charles Goodman be, and he is hereby, authorized to continue the exhibition of his Museum of Anatomy, at No. 5 east Washington street, during the month of July, for the sum of \$16.67, which amount has already been deposited with the City Clerk.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Reynold submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, your Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Brush Electric Light Company, asking permission to erect certain towers, beg leave to report that we have carefully considered the same. When the matter was referred to our committee some time ago, Mr. Caven, President of the Brush Electric Light Company, was present at our meeting, and failed to give your committee any information regarding the kind of iron poles or towers he was going to erect; and on account of not having any idea regarding their structure, your committee saw fit to refuse them the right to erect iron poles or masts. But since the erection of the tower in Circle Park, we recommend that said company be authorized to erect four towers; one at the corner of Washington and Pennsylvania streets; one at the corner of Washington and Illinois street; one at the corner of Illinois and Ohio streets, and the other at the corner of Pennsylvania and Ohio streets, provided that said company shall erect and maintain the same at its own expense, furnish light therefrom without cost to the city, and provide further, that the city shall have the right to require said towers to be removed from said streets whenever the Common Council and Board of Aldermen shall determine that the same are too great an obstruction to the public uses of said street or become dangerous to life and property.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Reynolds,  
J. W. Wharton,  
Julius F. Reinecke,  
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

#### MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read, and the matter laid on the table:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Alderman Chamber, Monday evening, February 9th, 1885, concurred in the following recommendation of their Committee on Streets and Alleys:

“That Rouse Bros. be granted the privilege to erect Scales in front of their place of business, No. 72 south Delaware street.”

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

The following messages were read, and the action of the Board severally concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Alderman Chamber, Monday evening, June 22d, 1885, adopted the following motion:

“That the Street Commissioner and City Attorney be, and are hereby, directed to put John R. Fohl in possession of all places and city privileges of advertising, per his contract with the city.”

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen.*—The Board of Aldermen, at its regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, June 22d, 1885, amended your action of June 1st, 1885, as to the oil storage building recently erected at the corner of Ohio and Davidson streets, so as to provide that all gasoline, coal oil and oils of a kindred nature, be ordered removed from said building at once; and if not done, that said building will be ordered removed without delay, unless said building is immediately remodeled so as to strictly comply with the provision of the ordinance now in force.

It was further ordered, that the Street Commissioner investigate, and serve notices on all merchants who deal in oils, that they will be hereafter prosecuted for any violation of the provisions of the ordinances limiting the amount of oil authorized to be kept at a time in one place.

The Council action, as amended, was then concurred in.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk,

The following message was read, and the Common Council receded from their former action:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen.*—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, June 22d, 1885, non-concurred in your action in granting J. R. Robinson, 349 Massachusetts avenue, permission to paint a barber's sign on the lamp-post in front of his residence.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

The following message was read:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen.*—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, June 22d, 1885, amended your action of June 15th, 1885, requiring the crossings of Dougherty street, between East street and Virginia avenue, to be made of gravel, by substituting in lieu of gravel, stone crossings.

The Council action, as amended, was then concurred in.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

Councilman Pearson moved the Common Council adhere to their former action.

Councilman Reinecke moved to lay the above motion on the table; which failed of adoption.

Councilman Pearson's motion was then adopted.

The following message was read, and the Common Council adhered to their former action:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen.*—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, June 22d, 1885, non-concurred in your action of June 8th, 1885, in adopting the following motion:

"That the Street Commissioner be instructed to examine the crossing at the intersection of California street and Indiana avenue, and to do what is necessary to make the same passable."

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIFLEY, Clerk.

Councilman Trusler offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to change the grade of English avenue, from Linden street to Reid street, so that the street will be drained by the Reid street sewer; the work to be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, and that he be directed to set the stakes without unnecessary delay.

Councilman Doyle introduced the following entitled ordinance, accompanied with petition; which was read the first time:

G. O. 27, 1885—An ordinance authorizing the Indianapolis & St. Louis Railway Company to construct and maintain a certain side track or extension thereof, across West street and along Georgia street, in the City of Indianapolis.

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

*Gentlemen:*—Your petitioner, the Indianapolis & St. Louis Railway Company, respectfully shows that it is desirous of extending a certain side track belonging to it, and located south of its main track, and west of West street, in the City of Indianapolis, eastwardly across West street, and along Georgia street, south of and nearly parallel with its main track, as the same is now located, and entering Lot number one (1), in Block number ninety-one (91), in the said city, at about the same point where said main track now enters upon said lot, and connecting with said main track thereon, the said lot being owned by your petitioner.

And your petitioner prays the passage of an ordinance by your honorable body, giving to your petitioner the right and privilege of laying and extending said side track across and upon the streets, and at the place aforesaid.

INDIANAPOLIS & ST. LOUIS RAILWAY COMPANY,  
By JOHN T. DYE, Attorney.

Councilman Benjamin offered the following motion:

That the Union Railway Company be granted an extension of time for the improvement of Pogue's Run, until next spring.

Councilman Haugh moved to lay the above motion on the table.

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz. Councilmen Cowie, Curry, Doyle, Haugh, Reinecke, and Thalmän.

NAYS, 15—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Dowling, Edenharter, Gallahue, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reynolds, Sheppard, Spahr, Trusler, and Wharton.

On motion by Councilman Thalmän, the motion was referred to the Committee on Railroads and City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Reinecke offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair Shelby street, between Pleasant Run, to the Belt Road, as the street is now almost impassable.

Councilman Mack offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to open the gutters on Morris street, from Chestnut to Meridian streets.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, the contracts concurred in, and the bonds approved:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith report the following contracts and bonds:

Contract and bond of Richter & Twiname, for paving with brick the south sidewalk of Second street, from Illinois street to Tennessee street. Bond, \$300.00; surety, Peter Fritz.

Contract and bond of Richter & Twiname, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters, and paving with brick the sidewalks of Pine street, from Washington street to the C., I., St. L. & C. Railway tracks. Bond, \$6,000; surety, Peter Fritz.

Contract and bond of Richter & Twiname, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Broadway street, from the first alley north of Seventh street to Eighth street. Bond, \$1,200; surety, Peter Fritz.

Contract and bond of J. L. Spaulding, for grading, bowldering and curbing the south gutter of Vermont street, and paving with brick the sidewalk thereof, from Tennessee street to Indiana avenue. Bond, \$800.00; surety, James W. Hudson.

Contract and bond of J. L. Spaulding, for grading, bowldering and curbing the east gutter, and paving with brick the east sidewalk of Wood street, from Michigan street to North street. Bond, \$800.00; surety, James W. Hudson.

Contract and bond of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of St. Clair street, from Mississippi street to the Canal. Bond, \$300.00; surety, James W. Hudson.

Contract and bond of J. L. Spaulding, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters, and paving with brick the sidewalks of Maryland street, from West street to Helen street. Bond, \$2,400; surety, James W. Hudson.

Contract and bond of J. L. Spaulding, for paving with brick the south sidewalk of Nebraska street, from Madison avenue to East street. Bond, \$600.00; surety, James W. Hudson.

Contract and bond of J. D. Hoss & Co., to grade and gravel the first alley east of Ash street, from Seventh street to Eighth street. Bond, \$500.00; surety, J. L. Spaulding.

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Spahr moved a suspension of the rules for the purpose of placing G. O. 26, 1885, on its final passage.

The ordinance was then read for the information of the members.

Councilman Spahr offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, By the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the concurrent resolution, granting certain rights-of-way to the Central Union Telephone Company, adopted September 21st and October 3d, 1883, be, and the same is hereby, repealed, rescinded and forever held for naught.

On motion by Councilman Cowie, G. O. 26, 1885, and the above resolution, were referred to a Special Committee of five members, with instructions to report at the next regular meeting.

The Chair then appointed Councilmen Cowie, Edenharter, Reynold Haugh, Thalman and the City Attorney, to act as the members of such committee.

Councilman Newcomb offered the following motions; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill up the chuck-holes in Alabama street, from Walnut street to St. Clair street.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill up the chuck-holes in Ohio street, between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets.

Councilman Dowling offered the following motion; which was adopted

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to make the proper approaches for the Eddy street bridge.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

**JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor,**  
President of the Common Council.

**Attest: GEO. T. BRUNIG, City Clerk.**

# PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—JULY 13, 1885.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, July 13th, A. D. 1885, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

**PRESENT**—Hon. Brainard Rorison, President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire—9.

**ABSENT**, 1—viz. Alderman Cobb.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the regular session, held June 22d, 1885, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, said Journals were approved as published.

The following message was read and received:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen

*Gentlemen*.—I submit herewith the following papers for your consideration, favorably passed upon by the Common Council at its session, held July 6th, 1885.

For the Common Council:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The report of the Building Committee of the City Hall (see page 371, *ante*), was read.

Alderman Pritchard presented the following communication:

*Indianapolis, Ind., July 13th, 1885.*

To the Hon. Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen*.—Hereby I would respectfully ask for a non-concurrence with the action of the Council in letting the contract for the erection of the City Hall and Market House, or at least that the matter be referred to a new committee.

I have based my proposal with the view to employ labor, and to purchase material, etc., all from Indianapolis, and I shall not be subject to sub-contractors. Since my proposition is the lowest, I think I should be awarded the contract accordingly; sureties to be provided either from this State or from any other, and the buildings to be constructed according to the plans and specifications.

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. GOBEL.

Alderman Prier moved that the communication be received.

Alderman Pritchard moved the matter in the communication be concurred in, and the whole subject be referred back to the Building Committee of the City Hall.

On motion by Alderman McHugh, the above motion was laid on the table, by the following vote:

**AYES**, 6—viz. Aldermen Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

**NAYS**, 3—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, and Pritchard.

Alderman Pritchard moved that action be postponed until the next regular meeting.

Alderman King moved that the action of the Common Council be concurred in.

Alderman Bernhamer offered the following as a substitute:

That the report, and all papers pertaining to the proposed letting of the building of the new City Hall, be referred back to the committee, with instructions to award the contract to Jungclaus & Schumacher, they being the lowest bidders who have complied with the advertisement by naming all their sub contractors.

Which was laid on the table, on motion by Alderman Prier, by the following vote:

**AYES**, 6—viz. Aldermen Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

**NAYS**, 3—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, and Pritchard.

The action of the Common Council on the report, was then concurred in.

The report from the Committee on Contracts, awarding sundry and various contracts for street improvements (see pages 373, 374, 375, 376 and 377, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The report from the City Civil Engineer, submitting certain estimates (see pages 377 and 378, *ante*), was read, and the estimates (presented therewith), approved.

The following estimate resolution (see page 378, *ante*), was read:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of John H. Freaney, for erecting four lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Meridian street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

**AYES**, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

**NAYS**—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 378, *ante*), was read:



*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* that the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Fred. Gansberg, for grading and graveling Beecher street and sidewalks, from Shelby street to the first alley east of Shelby street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

**AYES**, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

**NAYS**—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 379, *ante*), was read:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* that the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of J. H. Forrest, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Arsenal avenue, from Market street to Arsenal avenue, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

**AYES**, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

**NAYS**—None.

The report from the City Civil Engineer, submitting certain contracts and bonds (see page 379, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The following report from the City Clerk was read:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I submit herewith the following entitled affidavits, now on file in my office, for the collection of street improvement assessments by precepts, to-wit:

Richter & Twiname vs. Isabella R. Munson, for.....	\$16 38
Richter & Twiname vs. Isabella R. Munson, for.....	16 38
Richter & Twiname vs. Isabella R. Munson, for.....	9 45

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

And the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 382, *ante*), was concurred in, and the precepts ordered to issue, by the following vote:

**AYES**, 7—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire.

**NAYS**, 2—viz. Alderman Cox, and President Rorison.

The report from the City Clerk, showing an acceptance by the I., B. & W. Railway Company, (see page 382, *ante*), was read and received.

The semi-annual report of the Chief Fire Engineer (see page 390, *ante*), was read and received.

The following clauses from the report of the Board of Public Improvements (see page 390, *ante*), were read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in:

1st. "That the Street Commissioner be ordered to examine the alley between Second and Third streets, and fix the same so as to allow water to flow off of West street." Recommend the work be done.

2d. "That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill the chuck-holes on St. Clair street, between Park avenue and Broadway street." Recommend the work be done.

3d. "That the Street Commissioner repair the alley crossings at Pratt street with broken stone between Tennessee and Mississippi streets." Recommend that the work be done.

4th. "That the street Commissioner be instructed to fill the chuck-holes with gravel, on north Mississippi street from North street to Second street." Recommend the work be done.

5th. "That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair the bowldered alley between Pendleton and Brookside avenues." Recommend the work be done.

6th. "That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to fill chuck holes on Madison avenue as soon as possible." Recommend the work be done.

7th "That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to fill chuck hole on the corner of Merrill and New Jersey streets as soon as possible." Recommend the work be done.

8th. "That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair the alley between Sullivan and Beaty streets, south of McCarty street, and raise the same to the proper grade to drain the same." Recommend the work be done by ordinance.

9th. "That the City Civil Engineer be directed to advertise for proposals to build a stone protection wall on both sides of Pogue's Run from Eddy street to Willow street"

Recommend said advertisement be made for building said wall on north side of Pogue's Run from Tennessee street to first alley east of Tennessee street

12th. "That the Street Commissioner be directed to fill the chuck-holes of Davidson street, between Ohio and North streets." Recommend the work be done with gravel.

The petition as to Laurel street, and the following report from the Board of Public Improvements, were read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 391, *ante*), was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—We have examined the locality designated in the accompanying petition of resident property owners, and recommend that the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair the damage without delay.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Reynolds,  
John R. Cowie,  
Wm. Curry,  
Board of Public Improvements.

The report from the Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner (see pages 391 and 392, *ante*), was read and received.

The report from the Committee on Markets (see pages 392 and 393, *ante*), was read and received.

The following report from the Committee on Public Property (see pages 393 and 394, *ante*), was read:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Public Property, to whom was referred the proposition of the Fertilizing Company, as stated in their communication dated May 14th, 1885, would recommend that the proposition be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred. J. Mack,  
Wm. Curry,  
Theo. F. Smither,  
Committee on Public Property.

Alderman Pritchard offered the following proposition as a substitute:

*Indianapolis*, July 13, 1885.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen and City Council:

*Gentlemen:*—Being desirous of leasing the Sellers Farm, I hereby make you the following proposition: Will lease the Farm for two years, with the privilege of five, at the rate of eight hundred dollars per year. Security given, if so required. The city shall not be held responsible for any wash-outs or damage by floods.

Yours respectfully,

LUTHER MEHRING.

On motion, the whole matter was referred to the Committee on Markets and Public Property.

The petition for the improvement of William street, from State street to Arsenal avenue, (see page 397, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The petition of S. W. & R. H. Patterson, asking for an extension of time on their contract (see page 398, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The resolution in relation to the Central Union Telephone Company, (see page 400, *ante*), was read; and on motion by Alderman Pritchard, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Ordinances.

The following motion (see page 395, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Water and Public Health:

That the Indianapolis Water Company be, and is hereby, instructed to remove the fire hydrant from in front of the Smith Block on Virginia avenue, to a point sixty feet either north or south, to be designated by the Chief Fire Engineer.

The following motions (see pages 396, 397, 398, 399 and 402, *ante*), were read and concurrently adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair the road, so far as has been improved by ordinance, and that for the other portion, the City Civil Engineer be directed to prepare an ordinance to grade and gravel the same.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to notify the J. M. & I. R. R. Co. to plank their tracks the full width of Hanway street.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to make a proper approach at Hanway street on the west side of the J. M. I. tracks.

That L. S. Thayer be granted the privilege of placing a bowldered driveway across the sidewalk in front of his residence, at his own expense and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to designate the most available location for the public fountain at the south end of Virginia avenue.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to erect the public fountain at the south end of Virginia avenue, and to make the proper and necessary connections within thirty days after having been notified of its arrival on the ground.

That W. R. Terry, A. M. DeSouchet, D. M. Bradbury, and Mrs. Arbuckle be and are hereby, granted permission to lay a brick pavement, at their own expense on Yandes street, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That W. T. Covert, at 408 north West street, be allowed to change his driveway at his own expense, and under supervision of City Civil Engineer.

That the penalty of the bond to be filed by the Treasurer of Marion County, Indiana, before entering upon the discharge of his duties as Treasurer of and for the City of Indianapolis, as provided for in the act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, entitled "An act concerning taxation for city and school purposes, in cities containing a population of over seventy thousand, as shown by the last census of the United States," etc., approved February 21, 1885, be, and the same is hereby, fixed at the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), the same being a sum not less than the estimated amount of all taxes, including delinquent, to be levied and collected for municipal purposes in such city for the current year.

That William H. Morrison, the owner of 195 feet of property on the south side of Vermont street, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets, be, and is hereby granted permission of putting down, at his own expense, the curbing and a seven foot bowldered gutter in front of his property, said gutter to be placed five feet north of the present gutter by extending the curb five feet north. All of said work to be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

The following motion see (page 398, *ante*), was read:

That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, directed to suspend action in the matter of removing the Morrell Scales, near southeast corner of Washington and West streets, until further order of the Council and Board of Aldermen.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

**AYES, 7**—viz. Aldermen Cox, Endly, King, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

**NAYS, 2**—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, and McHugh.

#### APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

This being the regular appropriation night, the following entitled Appropriation Ordinances (passed by the Common Council) were placed on their final passage without a suspension of the rules.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time:

Ap. O. 32, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$5,283.04.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

YES, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time:

p. O. 33, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch. [Amount appropriated, \$1,557.18.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

YES, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time:

p. O. 34, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$24,558.21.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

YES, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time:

p. O. 35, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station House. [Amount appropriated, \$237.89.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

YES, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinances (passed by the Common Council) were severally read the first time:

p. O. 11, 1885—An ordinance in relation to tapping Sewers.

p. O. 23, 1885—An ordinance granting Dr. J. I. Lighthall permission to give theatrical performances.

p. O. 25, 1885—An ordinance authorizing the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad Company to lay and maintain two additional tracks across New Jersey street.

- S. O. 40, 1883—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Pleasant street, between Dillon and Linden streets.
- S. O. 74, 1883—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the north gutter of New York street, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets.
- S. O. 18, 1884—An ordinance to provide for the erection of three (3) lamp-post lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Louisian street, between East and Noble streets.
- S. O. 1, 1885—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Michigaa street, between Noble and Pine streets.
- S. O. 4, 1885—An ordinance providing for the construction of a brick sewer in an along McCarty street, from Delaware street to Madison avenue, connecting with the sewer now in said Madison avenue.
- S. O. 47, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Arsenal avenue, from Washington street to Market street.
- S. O. 49, 1885—An ordinance to provide for curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks of North street, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street.
- S. O. 51, 1885—An ordinance to provide for re-paving with brick the north side walk of Massachusetts avenue, (where not already properly paved with brick, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street.
- S. O. 52, 1885—An ordinance to provide for the erection of one lamp-post, lamp and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Mississippi street between Herbert and Twelfth streets, to be located on the west side of said Mississippi street.
- S. O. 54, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Eighth street, from Central avenue to the Wabash Railroad tracks.
- S. O. 55, 1885—An ordinance to provide for graveling the roadway of Hall Place street, from Seventh street to Eighth street.
- S. O. 56, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley north of Eighth street, from the first alley west of Illinois street to the second alley west of Illinois street.
- S. O. 59, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Douglass street, between New York and North streets.
- S. O. 62, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of West street, from Pratt street to First street.

On motion by Alderman King, the rules were suspended for the purpose of placing G. O. 25, 1885, and S. O. 47, 49, 52 and 54, 1885, on their final passage, by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire.

NAYS—None.

G. O. 25, 1885, was then read the second time, read the third time and passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

S. O. 47, 1885, was then read the second time, read the third time and passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

S. O. 49, 1885, was then read the second time, read the third time and passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

S. O. 52, 1885, was then read the second time, read the third time and passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

S. O. 54, 1885, was then read the second time, read the third time and passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

On motion by Alderman Bernhamer, the rules were suspended for the purpose of placing S. O. 4, 1885, on its final passage, by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

S. O. 4, 1885, was read the second time, and referred to the Aldermen of the Fifth District.

Later in the session, on motion by Alderman King, the rules were suspended for the purpose of placing S. O. 18, 1884, and S. O. 1, 1885, on their final passage, by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

S. O. 18, 1884, was then read the second time, read the third time and passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

S. O. 1, 1885, was read the second time, read the third time and passed by the following vote:

**AYES**, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

**NAYS**—None.

The following message was read and received:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen*:—I submit the following papers for your consideration, favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its special session, held this evening, July 13th, 1885.

For the Common Council:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The following motions (see pages 406, 408 and 410, *ante*), were read and concurrently adopted:

That Charles Goodman be, and he is hereby, authorized to continue the exhibition of his Museum of Anatomy, at No. 5 east Washington street, during the month of July, for the sum of \$16.67, which amount has already been deposited with the City Clerk.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to change the grade of English avenue, from Linden street to Reid street, so that the street will be drained by the Reid street sewer; the work to be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, and that he be directed to set the stakes without unnecessary delay.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to make the proper approaches for the Eddy street bridge.

The following report from the Committee on Streets and Alleys was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 406, *ante*), was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—The undersigned, your Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Brush Electric Light Company, asking permission to erect certain towers, beg leave to report that we have carefully considered the same. When the matter was referred to our committee some time ago, Mr. Caven, President of the Brush Electric Light Company, was present at our meeting, and he failed to give your committee any information regarding the kind of iron poles or towers he was going to erect; and on account of not having any idea regarding their structure, your committee saw fit to refuse them the right to erect iron poles or masts. But since the erection of the tower in Circle Park, we recommend that said company be authorized to erect four towers: One at the corner of Washington and Pennsylvania streets; one at the corner of Washington and Illinois streets; one at the corner of Illinois and Ohio streets, and the other at the corner of Pennsylvania and Ohio streets, provided that said company shall erect and maintain the same at its own expense, furnish light therefrom without cost to the city, and provided further, that the city shall have the right to require said towers to be removed from said streets whenever the Common Council and Board of Aldermen shall determine that the same are too great an obstruction to the public use of said streets, or become dangerous to life and property.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Reynolds,  
J. W. Wharton,  
Julius F. Reinecke,  
Committee on Streets and Alleys.



The report from the City Civil Engineer, submitting certain contracts and bonds, (see page 409, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

PENDING ORDINANCES.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time :

G. O 70, 1884—An ordinance providing for the construction of a brick sewer in and along Massachusetts avenue, from Bellefontaine street to Alabama street.

On motion, the ordinance was amended in the third and fourth lines of Section two, by striking out the word "January," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "August."

Almerman Prier offered the following amendment; which was adopted :

After the word "feet," in line eight of Section one, insert the following: "To the east line of East street; thence to the east line of Bellefontaine street, three and one-half ( $3\frac{1}{2}$ ) feet."

The ordinance was then ordered engrossed as amended, read the third time and passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time:

G. O. 20, 1885—An ordinance granting Jacob Miller, Levi L. Miller and Martin L. Best the right to erect and maintain posts and appliances for furnishing Vapor street light on the streets and alleys of the City of Indianapolis. and making provision for the lighting of certain portions of said city with said light.

Alderman King offered the following amendment:

*Provided, however,* and it is mutually agreed, that should the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, at any time during the existence of this contract, adopt Electric Light for the general lighting of the city, the said city may rescind this contract by giving at least ninety (90) days' notice to said Vapor Light Company; and from and after such rescision, and the expiration of such notice, this contract shall be null and void

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 4—viz. Aldermen Endly, King, Prier, and President Rorison.

NAYS, 5—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, McHugh, Pritchard, and Tallentire.

The ordinance was then read the third time and passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

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## REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Railroads and Public Charities, through Alderman Pritchard, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen.*—Your Committee to whom was referred the following motion:

“That the Street Commissioner notify all Railroad companies that are required to maintain and operate safety-gates at the crossings of their tracks and the streets of the city, by provisions of any ordinance heretofore passed, that a strict enforcement of the penalties for failure so to maintain and operate the same, will hereafter be had and that prosecutions will be instituted against each and every company failing to comply with the provisions of the ordinances aforesaid for five days after service of this notice, and will be repeated for each days' delay.”

Recommend concurrence in the action of the Council. (See page 268, *ante*.)

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Pritchard,  
Will F. A. Bernhamer,  
Committee on Railroads.

## INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman Pritchard moved that a Special Committee of three be appointed for the purpose of considering the matters connected with the Telephone trouble.

Which was adopted, and the Chair appointed Aldermen Pritchard, Endly and McHugh to act as the members of such committee.

President Rorison offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That H. M. Socwell be, and is hereby, granted permission to re-lay the sidewalk in front of his property, 294, 296, 298 and 300 east Market street; said work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

On motion by Alderman Prier, it was ordered that the City Civil Engineer be instructed to re-advertise for the erection of lamp-posts, &c., on Yandes street, between Malott avenue and Seventh street. (See page 269, *ante*).

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

BRAINARD RORISON, President.

Attest: FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.