

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
MONDAY, JULY 31ST, 1865, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair, and the following members at first roll-call:

Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Loomis and Thompson—11.

Absent—Councilmen Fletcher, Jameson, Lefever, MacArthur Schmidt, Seidensticker and Staub—7.

The proceedings of the regular session, held July 24th, 1865, were read and approved.

Before calling the regular order of business, His Honor, the Mayor, stated that the buildings lately used by the United States as a Pest House near the north-west corner of the City, were being vacated by the U. S. authorities, and that they proposed to donate the same to the City; that Mr. J. H. McKernan, proposed to sell to the City the small piece of ground upon which said buildings are situated, for the sum of \$250.00 per acre, and take City orders at par in payment for the same; asking that the Council take some action in the matter.

On motion, the matter was referred to His Honor the Mayor, with instructions to contract with Mr. McKernan for the ground, provided the buildings thereon are donated to the City by the U. S. Government.

By Mr. Boaz—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 26, 1865.

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

We, the citizens and property holders on square of Palmer House, south on Illinois street, would petition the Council to grant the privilege of water pumped from a pump before J. F. Ramsay's buildings to run in the gutter instead of having a sink, as it produces and helps to keep the gutter clean, and runs off well, and is an advantage, in every way, for health, as there is more or less drainage from Palmer House in said gutter, and is a public benefit.

J. F. Ramsay,	H. Semmons,
P. R. Perine,	J. Kraus,
M. Popper,	D. Kittner,
And thirteen others.	

Which, on motion, was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

By Mr. Emerson—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 31, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The alley running north and south, through Square 32, has become an intolerable nuisance and impassable, and your petitioners humbly ask of your honorable body to have the same abated, in some way, so as to protect the life and health of our citizens; as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

Samuel Taggart,	M. A. Stowell,
Jesse Martin,	G. H. Burton,
J. E. Cropsey,	J. A. Weakly,
N. Hayden,	Wm. C. Pope.

Which, on motion of Mr. Emerson, was laid upon the table.

By Mr. Colley—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 28, 1865.

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

The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable body for the privilege of grading, curbing and paving, with good hard burned brick, the whole width of the sidewalk in front of his property; being lot one in square forty-one, on the west side of East street, between Market and Ohio streets. And asks that the Civil Engineer be directed to set the proper grade stakes for the same.

Respectfully,

O. H. P. BLY.

On motion, the prayer of the petitioner was granted and the Civil Engineer directed to set the proper grade stakes.

By Mr. Glazier—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 31, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned would respectfully ask your honorable body to make an appropriation for the purpose of purchasing two dozen good brooms.

Respectfully,

CHARLES JOHN, *Market Master.*

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Markets.

By Mr. Kappes—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 31, 1865.

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

The undersigned, a property holder on the corner of North and Alabama streets, would respectfully ask your honorable body to allow her damages done to her property on account of the natural course of water having been obstructed by the excavation necessary for the building of the church on North street, and also by turning the course of water from the gutter on Alabama street east.

Yours, very respectfully,

MRS. E. J. BACON.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims.

By Mr. Glazier—Communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 31, 1865.

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

The undersigned respectfully reports, that stands in the East Market of the city, for gardeners and country people selling vegetables, are greatly in demand. He respectfully recommends that the pavement on the south side of the Market Square, be divided into stands about eight feet in width, by erecting planed poles on the inner side of said pavement, said poles to be painted and numbered. These stands would be readily leased by applicants. The expense of erecting and fitting such posts would be more than covered by the first years' rent and a substantial increase of the market income of the city would result for the future.

CHARLES JOHN, *Market Master.*

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Markets.

By Mr. Coburn—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 28, 1865.

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

The petitioners, owners of property on St. Joseph street, between Pennsylvania and Meridian streets, respectfully pray that said St. Joseph street may, with as little delay as possible, be graded and graveled between the limits aforesaid; and that the sidewalks may be suitably graded and graveled between the same limits.

H. B. Randall,

Keziah P. Armstrong,

B. F. Haugh,

Madeline Vinnedge,

J. J. Wright.

P. S.—The petitioners would respectfully request that all the shade trees on the street now, be left standing.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

By Mr. Coburn—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 31, 1865.

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

The undersigned, owners of real estate on the north side of Michigan street, between Pennsylvania and Meridian streets, hereby petition your body to pave the north sidewalk, bordering upon the said property, with a nine (9) feet wide pavement, with the best hard brick, at as early a day as the contracts can be let.

G. SCHURMANN,
LUTHER R. MARTIN,
M. L. BRETT.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Emerson introduced special ordinance No. 63, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of James street and sidewalks, between Indiana Avenue and St. Clair street,

Which was read the first and second times, and laid over to have notice of pendency given.

Mr. Emerson introduced special ordinance No. 64, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of the alley running north and south through Square thirty-two (32), between Ohio and New York streets,

Which was read the first time, and, on motion, was read the second time and laid over to have notice of pendency given.

By Dr. Jameson, Chairman Finance Committee :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 30, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the report of the City Treasurer from May 10, to June 30, 1865, have examined the same, and find it to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

P. H. JAMESON, *Chairman Committee.*

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

By Dr. Jameson, Chairman Finance Committee :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 31, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Goddard, asking your honorable body to issue him a duplicate order for an order lost by him, which was drawn in his favor for work done

for the city, numbered 5489, for the sum of \$41.50, would report in favor of the Clerk issuing him a duplicate order for the amount of the order so lost: *Provided*, The Clerk shall require from him a bond, with good freehold security, for the sum of \$83.00, as an indemnity against any loss to the city should said order come in for redemption.

Respectfully,

P. H. JAMESON, *Chairman Committee.*

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

Dr. Thompson, from the Committee on Gas, stated that the statements in his report on Gas, made at last meeting of Council, were obtained from the Secretary of the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company and he supposed them to be all correct.

Mr. Grosvenor, from the Special Committee appointed to prepare statistics in relation to gas, &c., submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, July 31, 1865.

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

The undersigned Special Committee, appointed by your honorable body to collect and prepare statistics and facts that will afford information to capitalists, who may wish to make proposals to furnish the city with gas, from and after March 6th, 1866, at which time the charter of the present Gas Co. expires, beg leave to report:

That as per report of the Secretary of the City Gas Co., there was manufactured during the year 1864, 21,506,400 cubic feet of gas; 16,997,500 feet of which were consumed by private families, public buildings, offices, &c., as per register of meters, and 4,508,900 feet by street lamps. Eighteen miles of gas main are now in use; 533 public lamp, and 1,200 gas meters in use. The average cost of Pittsburg coal for 1864, was 31½ cents, but at the present time your Committee find that coal can be furnished here for 24 cents per bushel, and that previous to the war, coal could be delivered here at 13 cents per bushel.

The decline in price of coal of 7½ cents per bushel since 1864, must convince us that a further decline may be looked for at an early day. Our city obtains its supply of coal from the Ohio River, either from Cincinnati, Ohio, 110 miles distant, or Madison, Ind, 96 miles distant, from both of which places easy and direct communication is had by railroads, so that at no time will a Gas Co. of this city be obliged to pay exorbitant prices for transportation of its coal, since competition for its carriage must at all times keep prices down.

Lime costs here now 40 cents per bushel, which previous to the war cost 18 cents per bushel, and is obtained at several points on our railroads and not distant from the city.

Of the public buildings using gas, your Committee find the following named are using the number of burners and are paying monthly gas bills as set opposite their names:

	No. of burners.	Am't of monthly bills.
Bates House.....	221.....	\$299 83
Palmer House.....	75.....	125 00
Little House.....	60.....	75 00
Sherman House.....	40.....	75 00
Spencer House.....	29.....	80 00
Commercial Hotel.....	65.....	50 00
Union Depot.....	60.....	250 00
Theatre.....	160.....	213 50
Geisendorf's Factory.....	50.....	20 00

	No. of Burners.	Am't of monthly Bills.
Journal Office.....	61.....	100 00
Sentinel Office.....	20.....	45 00
Telegraph Office (Union).....	12.....	25 00
" " (U. S.).....	12.....	8 00
Blind Asylum.....	45.....	50 00
Museum.....	20.....	40 95

Indianapolis is fast increasing in population; the census of 1860 giving it 24,000 inhabitants, which at the present time has increased to 37,500, showing a growth in population in five years of 13,500.

And your Committee feel that with the extensive railroad communication enjoyed by the city at present, having eight railroads terminating in the city, with a prospect of the completion of two or three new roads within the next few months, together with its present large and rapidly increasing manufacturing facilities, that Indianapolis must rapidly increase in population and wealth, affording rare opportunities for capitalists to invest capital in the manufacture of gas.

Your Committee would further report that, by communication by mail and by visiting other cities, they find that the price charged for gas in all of the cities heard from, except four, is at a much less rate than now charged the citizens of this city by the present Gas Company. The fourteen cities named below are paying for gas per 1,000 feet:

	Ch'g'd June, '62.	Ch'g'd Dec., '64.
Chicago.....	\$2 50	\$3 00 per M.
Cleveland.....	2 50	3 00 "
St. Louis.....	3 30	4 50 "
Buffalo.....	2 50	3 50 "
Albany.....	3 00	3 80 "
Boston.....	2 25	3 00 "
New York.....	2 50	2 50 "
Philadelphia.....	2 00	2 85 "
Pittsburg.....	1 50	1 60 "
Wheeling.....	2 70	3 00 "
Columbus.....	3 00	3 16 "
Cincinnati.....	2 38	2 38 "
Louisville.....	2 50	3 33 "
Detroit.....	2 50	2 50 "

Average of the fourteen cities.....\$2 50 13-14 \$3 00 6-7 "

Your Committee is of the opinion that the present is an unfavorable time to make a contract to supply the city with gas for a term of years.

First. Because there is not time for a new organization to build and perfect works for the supply of gas previous to the expiration of the present Gas Company's charter, March 6th, 1866.

Second. The present is an unfavorable time to make contract, because if made now it must be made taking as a basis the present high prices of all kinds of material and labor, which, at the expiration of a few months, must decline in price very materially. To illustrate: Coal was worth in Cincinnati, before the war, 7 and 8 cents per bushel; in 1864, 30 cents; and at the present time, 18 cents per bushel. Iron, before the war, \$20 per ton; in 1864, \$30; at present, \$40 per ton. Lime 18 cents in 1862; 50 cents in 1864; and 40 cents at present.

In view of the facts, your Committee is of the opinion that it would be the wisest policy to ask for proposals from the present Gas Company to furnish the city with gas for one or two years from and after the expiration of its charter. Also, ask for proposals from said company for the sale of the present Gas Works to the city.

Your Committee also finds that in cities where the Gas Works are owned and operated by the city, gas is furnished at a much less rate than in cities where the works are owned by companies.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. GROSVENOR, *Committee.*

On motion of Dr. Jameson, the report was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes; and one hundred copies ordered to be printed in circular form.

From the Civil Engineer—Report:

INDIANAPOLIS, July 31, 1865.

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

The Civil Engineer respectfully report to the Council:

1st. The contract and bond of James Stewart for grading and graveling Walnut street and sidewalks, between Pennsylvania and Tennessee streets.

2d. The contract and bond of James Stewart for grading and graveling North street, exclusive of the sidewalks, between the east side of Delaware and Illinois streets.

3d. In the Civil Engineer's report of July 10th, 1865, he recommends that the Street Commissioner build a wooden culvert on the north side of North street, at its crossing with Pennsylvania street and Fort Wayne Avenue. As North street is about being improved by grading and graveling, I would again call the attention of the Council to the necessity of doing said work.

4th. I advertised for proposals for various street improvements, the proposals are herewith submitted to your honorable body.

5th. The contract and bond of William Cowan for grading and graveling St. Clair street and sidewalks, between Massachusetts Avenue and Chatham street.

6th. I have prepared a contract and bond for Samuel W. Patterson to whom was awarded the contract for grading and graveling New York street, exclusive of the sidewalks, between Blackford and Blake streets, but he has not come forward to sign the same.

7th. The contract and bond of John Treter, for grading and paving of the sidewalk on the east side of Illinois street between Washington street and the first alley north of said street.

Respectfully.

JAMES WOODS, *Civil Engineer.*

On motion so much of the Engineer's report as relates to Contracts and Bonds for public works was concurred in, and the Contracts and Bonds accepted and approved.

On motion so much of the Engineer's report as relates to building a wooden culvert at the intersection of North street with Ft. Wayne Avenue and Pennsylvania street was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

On motion so much of the Engineer's report as relates to the contract and bond of Samuel W. Patterson for grading and graveling New York street between Blackford and Blake streets was laid upon the table.

They also presented sundry sealed proposals for public works.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Loomis called up special ordinance No. 53, entitled

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of McCarty street and sidewalks, between Virginia Avenue and a point where the extension of the west line of New Jersey street would strike McCarty street,

Which was read the third time, and placed upon its passage.

The question then being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Staub and Thompson—13. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Dr. Jameson called up special ordinance No. 54, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for furnishing and erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on the north half of Circle street, between East Market and West Market 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 Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Staub and Thompson—12. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Coburn called up special ordinance No. 55, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of Vermont street, and grading and paving the north sidewalk, and curbing the outer edge of said sidewalk with white-oak plank, between Pennsylvania and Meridian 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 Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Staub and Thompson—12. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Loomis called up special ordinance No. 56, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of Meek street and sidewalks, between Liberty and Noble streets,

And moved to amend by inserting *Central* street instead of *Meek* street.

Which amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.

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 Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Staub and Thompson—12. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Dr. Thompson called up special ordinance No. 57, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of the first thirty feet alley north of North street, running east and west, between Illinois and Tennessee streets,

Which was read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being on the passage of the ordinance, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Staub and Thompson—12. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Dr. Thompson called up special ordinance No. 58, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of the first alley west of Illinois street, running north and south through out-lot No. 7, between North street and the first thirty feet alley north of said street.

Which was read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being upon the passage of the ordinance, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Staub and Thompson—12. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Loomis called up special ordinance No. 58, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of the alley running east and west south of South street, between Noble and School streets,

Which, on motion of Dr. Jameson, was laid upon the table.

Dr. Thompson called up special ordinance No. 60, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling Pratt street and sidewalks, between Pennsylvania and Illinois streets,

And moved that the same be amended by inserting *Meridian* street instead of *Pennsylvania* street,

Which amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.

The ordinance was then read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question then being on the passage of the ordinance, as amended, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Staub and Thompson—12. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Emerson called up special ordinance No 61, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of North street and sidewalks from the west side of Blackford street to Bright street,

And moved that the same be laid over to have notice of pendency given.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Brown moved to suspend rule number 23, requiring ordinances to be taken up in the order of their numbers.

The question being on the suspension of the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Staub and Thompson—12. Noes, none.

So the rules were suspended.

Mr. Brown called up general ordinance No. 10, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE regulating the paving of sidewalks of the streets of the City of Indianapolis,

And moved that it be referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Brown called up general ordinance No. 1, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE granting to the Indianapolis, Pittsburg and Cleveland Railroad Company the privilege of crossing Railroad, Davidson, Ohio, Winston and New York streets, and all intervening alleys, with a railroad track, and prescribing the terms thereof,

And moved that the same be stricken from the file.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Brown called up general ordinance No. 3, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the vacation of certain alleys running east and west through parts of the west half of Block 98 of the City of Indianapolis, as the same is subdivided by the Washington Hall Company,

And moved that the same be stricken from the file.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Brown called up general ordinance No. 4, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the vacation of an alley running east and west between lots numbered six (6) and seven (7) of Van Blaricum's subdivision of out-lot number fourteen (14) of the City of Indianapolis,

And moved that it be stricken from the file.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Brown called up general ordinance No. 6, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE rescinding the proviso to a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, passed June 14th, 1852, and providing for the reduction of the width of McNabb street on certain conditions,

And moved that it be stricken from the file.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Brown called up general ordinance No. 8, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE establishing and regulating the Police Force of the City of Indianapolis; establishing Police Districts for said city, and repealing all existing ordinances on the subject,

And moved that the ordinance be referred to the Committee on Police.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Brown called up general ordinance No. 11, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE to authorize the Union Railway Company, in the City of Indianapolis, to employ a Marshal at the Union Depot, and a sufficient number of Deputy Marshals to preserve good order at said Union Depot,

And moved that it be stricken from the file.

Which motion prevailed.

By Mr. Boaz:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to notify the Madison and Indianapolis Railway Company to construct a culvert under their track at or near where their track crosses the Corporation line south, under the direction of the Civil Engineer; and in case of the failure of said Railroad Company to construct such culvert within ten (10) days, then the Street Commissioner is hereby instructed to cause the same to be done at the expense of such Railroad Company.

The question being on the passage of the resolution those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Staub and Thompson—12. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

By Dr. Jameson :

Resolved, That the Soldiers' and Seamen's Home Association be authorized to occupy the City Hospital buildings, and grounds therewith connected, for the purpose of a temporary organization, until such time as they may be able to purchase and prepare suitable buildings for the use of our disabled soldiers and seamen, free of rent.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Staub and Thompson—12. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

By Mr. Loomis :

Resolved, That the property owners be allowed to grade and gravel an alley running east and west, south of South street, at their own expense, under the direction of the Civil Engineer.

The question being on the passage of the resolution those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Staub and Thompson—12. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

Mr. Brown moved—

That the Chief of Police be instructed to enforce section 9 of the "Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Police Department," adopted by the Council Nov. 21, 1864, so far as the occupancy of streets by parties having building permits.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Grosvenor moved—

That the Chief of Police be instructed to enforce, rigidly, sections 19 and 20 of an ordinance regulating and protecting streets, alleys, sidewalks, gutters, shade trees, &c., &c., passed Dec. 28, 1863, (page 174, Revised Ordinances,) especially that portion referring to deposits of vegetable matter, manures, &c., in public alleys; and that the Marshal be directed to have printed 500 hand bills, containing sections 19 and 20 of said ordinance, and have the same posted up throughout the city.

Which motion was adopted.

Dr. Jameson moved—

That the Committee on Public Buildings be directed to report what action has been taken toward completing the House of Refuge.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Loomis moved—

That the President of the Council be, and is hereby instructed to appoint a committee of four members of this Council to inquire into and examine the best means whereby the 2d, 6th, 7th and 8th Wards may be relieved of the great amount of surplus water incident to unusual heavy rains; and that said committee report at the next meeting of this Council.

Which motion prevailed.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed Councilmen Coburn, Brown, Glazier and Loomis as said Committee.

Mr. Boaz moved—

That the Civil Engineer be instructed to notify Thomas H. Sharpe to take up the wooden covering of the vault under the sidewalk fronting the old Journal office, on Pennsylvania street, and to replace the same with a good brick or stone vault.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Emerson moved—

That the Market Master be directed to notify the contractor for the improvement of Tennessee street to remove the trees and stumps off the West Market Space, placed there by him or his workmen.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Emerson moved—

That Henry J. Horn and John G. Waters be allowed to pave with brick, nine feet in width, the sidewalk in front of their property on Mississippi street, between Market and Ohio streets, and also to curb the same with stone or white oak plank—the same to be done under the direction of the Civil Engineer and to be completed in ninety days.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Loomis moved—

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair Huron and East streets where damage was done during the late high water.

Which motion was adopted.

A very strange man by the name of Cranc *alias* "Enarc," author of a work with the trite title of "A Strange Adventure, or How the Heel of a Strong Man Crushed a Human Viper;" entertained the members of the Council a few moments with his blandiloquence, and closed by asking the Council to so amend the ordinance licensing peddlers as to permit wounded soldiers to sell his strange work without license.

On motion of Dr. Jameson, the ordinance was referred to the Committee on Revision of Ordinances.

Mr. Loomis moved—

That the motion passed on Monday evening, July 17th, permitting James Johnson to flag the sidewalk in front of his building on the corner of Washington and East streets, be reconsidered, as the contract for paving had been accepted and bond approved before said motion was adopted.

Which, on motion, were referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

His Honor, the Mayor presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 31, 1865.

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

Whereas, two petitions are now pending before your honorable body—one for granting to the Danville and Crawfordsville Railroad the right of way through West Maryland street, which would effectually close the street, it being but forty feet wide; the other for the vacation of Water street between Washington street and the outlet of the canal between our mill and Merritt & Coughlin's woolen factory;

And whereas, the granting of these petitions would prevent all access to the rear of our mill by any public highway; we would most respectfully remonstrate against the passage of the said petitions.

J. McLENE & CO.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Emerson the Council adjourned.

Present at roll call on adjournment: Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Staub and Thompson—12.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.