

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 1865, 7 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, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Staub and Thompson—17.

Absent—Councilman Seidensticker—1.

The proceedings of the regular session, held November 13th, 1865, were read and approved.

By Mr. Brown—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 20, 1865.

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

The undersigned, residents and property holders in the vicinity of the hereinafter mentioned nuisance, respectfully represent that there are a great number of unburied bodies, of all kinds of animals, lying about a quarter of a mile outside of the south-western corner of the city, the malarial from which is extremely prejudicial, not only to persons outside of the city, but to a great number living inside of the corporate limits. The undersigned respectfully request the city authorities to take immediate action for the removal of the said nuisance.

Henry Paul,  
H. Altman,  
A. Ruschhaupt,

C Jager,  
J. W. Davis,  
And 135 others.

Which, on motion, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Councilmen Grosvenor and Lefever.

By Mr. Schmidt—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 15, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your humble petitioner would make the following proposition to your honorable body, in regard to the removal of dead animals from the streets of the city of Indianapolis, which proposition he thinks will be as acceptable as it will prove beneficial to the city in future.

My proposition is as follows: I will remove all carcasses of dead animals found within the city on the shortest notice, and will dispose of them, by the aid of steam power, in such manner that they shall not cause any just fear as to the sanitary interests of the community. And I will do this under the following conditions, to-wit:

*First.* The City of Indianapolis shall pay to the petitioner the same salary which was allowed for a similar purpose up to this time, to-wit, sixty dollars per month.

*Second.* That the City of Indianapolis will lease to me the "Bone-Yard,"—the place at present used as a burial-place for dead animals—for the term of ten (10) years.

And I promise to exert the utmost of my care and energy to satisfy all reasonable expectations, if your honorable body should entrust me with the job above mentioned.

Most respectfully,

CHRISTIAN SCHMIDT.

Which, on motion, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Councilmen Grosvenor and Lefever.

By Mr. Coburn—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 20, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have bouldered the alley in the rear of my house on Maryland street, and, also, bouldered the crossing out to Maryland street, to connect with a bouldered gutter on same. Will you allow me for doing the same, 15 yards, at 85 cents, \$12.75. This is lower than contractors have done like work for.

Your obedient servant,

ANDREW WALLACE.

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

By Dr. Jameson—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 20, 1865.

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

The Indianapolis Typographical Union, No. 1, beg leave to ask of your honorable body the privilege of holding their regular monthly meeting, on Saturday evening the 25th inst., in the Council Chamber.

The Union was unexpectedly disappointed in the use of the room usually occupied by them, and have been unable to obtain another in time. Therefore, the members of the Typographical Union would feel under lasting obligations should you grant the privilege.

Yours, ever,

C. E. BRONSON,  
*Com. on behalf of T. Union.*

The question being on granting the request, the ayes and noes were called for.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Staub and Thompson—15.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Grosvenor and Lefever—2.

So the request of the I. T. U. was granted.

By Mr. Brown—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 20, 1865.

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

The undersigned beg leave of your honorable body to construct a 200 barrel cistern in front of his property, under the sidewalk, on Maryland street, north side, one hundred feet remote from Meridian street, agreeing hereby to put in a cistern ring, and allow the city to use the same when necessary.

Respectfully,

ELLIOTT, RYAN & CO.,  
By HOLBROOK.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the prayer of the petitioners was granted, provided the work be done to the satisfaction of the Civil Engineer.

By Mr. Loomis—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 20, 1865.

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

We, the undersigned property owners on Pratt street, between Meridian and Illinois streets, would respectfully ask your honorable body to authorize a change to be made in the contract for graveling said Pratt street, from creek or river gravel to bank gravel, the contractor agreeing to gravel said street at 30 cents per cubic yard less than his original contract price.

Deloss Root,	Bates Hosbrook,
John H. Ohr,	Charles Brummer,
A. D. Rose,	And 2 others.

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

By His Honor, the Mayor—Communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 20, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I hereby tender my resignation of the position as one of the Board of five Commissioners "to appraise the damages and benefits accruing to the owner of any land or lot through which any street is proposed to be constructed or altered," etc.

This resignation is tendered because of my being unable physically to attend to its duties.

I also tender my best wishes to you individually and collectively.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

D. V. CULLEY.

Which, on motion, was referred to the City Attorney.

By Mr. Brown—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 20, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned asks the privilege of removing Hay Scales from Pearl street (Square 66) to Maryland street, in front of his place of business, (Square 65,) the same to be placed on the street to the satisfaction of the Street Commissioner.

JACOB LANDIS.

Which, on motion, was granted.

By Mr. Brown—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 20, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your petitioner would respectfully represent to your honorable body that through a double assessment he has paid into the city Treasury the sum of two dollars and two cents, and now prays that the same may be refunded.

Respectfully,

DAVID E. MORGAN.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims, with instructions to embrace same in ordinance on accounts.

Mr. Allen moved—

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to fill up the holes in Cady street, between Bates and Washington streets, which was caused by the heavy hauling of dirt from Bates, Georgia and Meek streets.

Which motion was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Staub moved—

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to notify the Bellefontaine Railroad Company to build two culverts on their road, between New York and Ohio streets.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Staub moved—

That the Street Commissioner fill up the holes on East Washington street, between the Corporation line and Pogue's Run, so that said road will be passable this winter.

Which motion was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Boaz moved—

That the Committee on Accounts and Claims be instructed to report an ordinance appropriating the sum of eight hundred dollars in favor of the Street Commissioner, such sum to be expended in repairing and constructing bridges over the Canal on North and Market streets.

Which, on motion of Mr. Loomis, was referred to the Board of Public Improvements, with instructions to make a demand on the Canal Company for the construction of the bridges.

Mr. Fletcher moved—

That whereas Dr. Miller has for some time past occupied ground in front of Humphrey Griffith's property on Illinois street, which is not included in his permit, therefore the Street Commissioner is hereby instructed to remove all the building material, sand and rubbish at said point, at the expense of Dr. Miller.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Kappes moved—

That the City Clerk be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to subscribe, in behalf of the City of Indianapolis, for a sufficient number of copies of the New City Map now being published by Messrs. Asher & Adams to supply the City Offices and Engine Houses of the City of Indianapolis, to be paid for on delivery, providing said map shows the location of Engine Houses and Cisterns used by the city for fire purposes.

Which motion was referred to the Finance Committee.

Dr. Jameson moved—

That the City Attorney be directed to institute an action against the Indianapolis and Cincinnati Railroad Company for the cost of erecting the bridge at the point where the track of the Company intersects Noble street, and that the Civil Engineer and City Clerk be directed to place the proper papers in the hands of the Attorney.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Grosvenor moved—

That James W. Brown be employed to take levels from some point in the city to the level of the water in Fall Creek, at the point where the Bellefontaine and Indianapolis Railroad crosses said creek, and report to this Council the difference in the elevation of the water in said creek, at Railroad crossing, above the city.

Mr. Brown moved to lay the whole matter on the table.

The ayes and noes were called for.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Fletcher, Jameson, Kappes, Schmidt, Staub and Thompson—9.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Allen, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Lefever, Loomis and MacArthur—8.

So the motion to lay on the table prevailed.

Mr. Fletcher moved—

That the vacant lots on north-east corner of Illinois and Pratt streets is hereby declared by this Council to be a dangerous nuisance, and that the owner or owners of said lot or lots, is hereby notified to grade said lot or lots so as to abate the nuisance.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Locmis moved—

That the Street Commissioner be directed to cause the removal of the gravel on Virginia Avenue, near the Pogue's Run Bridge, without delay.

Which motion prevailed.

By Mr. Coburn, from the Board of Public Improvements :

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }  
Indianapolis, November 15, 1865. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom the matter was referred, would respectfully report to your honorable body, that in relation to the petition of James Huffer and others to have the sidewalks on Fletcher Avenue graveled, would report the following ordinance.

H. COBURN, }  
W. CLINTON THOMPSON, } Board.

Special ordinance No. 83, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the graveled of the sidewalks on Fletcher Avenue, between Noble and Cedar streets,

Which was read the first and second times, and laid over.

By Mr. Coburn, from the Board of Public Improvements :

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }  
Indianapolis, November 15, 1865. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom the matter was referred, would respectfully report to your honorable body that there is no need of a culvert at the intersection of School street with South street. The crossing is washed out deep at present but can be filled with cinders much cheaper than building a culvert, and will make the crossing good.

HENRY COBURN, }  
W. CLINTON THOMPSON, } Board.

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

By Mr. Coburn, from the Board of Public Improvements :

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }  
Indianapolis, November 15, 1865. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom the matter was referred, would respectfully report to your honorable body that the following named persons are the lowest bidders on work advertised by the Civil Engineer, and we recommend that the contracts be awarded them.

Coulter & White to erect lamp posts and fixtures on South street, between Delaware and New Jersey streets, for forty-five dollars and sixty-five cents (\$45.65) per post.

H. Seibert, to grade and gravel the north sidewalk of Louisiana street, between New Jersey and East streets: grading 95 cents per cubic yard; graveled \$1.90 cents per cubic yard.

HENRY COBURN, }  
W. CLINTON THOMPSON, } Board.

Which, on motion, was concurred in, and contracts awarded.

By Mr. Coburn, from the Committee on Accounts and Claims :

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 20, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Accounts and Claims report the following ordinance allowing accounts for the month ending on the 20th day of November, 1865, and respectfully recommend the passage of the same.

HENRY COBURN,  
J. HENRY KAPPES,  
W. CLINTON THOMPSON, } Committee.

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 City Treasury not otherwise appropriated, as follows, to-wit:

John Miller, removing dead animals.....	\$137 50
Moses McClain, removing dead animals.....	50 00
Werden & Sumwalt, drawing paper.....	17 50
C. S. Butterfield, postage stamps.....	3 10
C. C. Williams, Pest House.....	64 50
Barbour & Howland, Attorneys' Fees.....	40 00
J. H. Jordon, Printing.....	98 75
W. J. H. Robinson, Jail Expenses.....	1,058 15
Citizens' Street Railroad Company, Bridges on Massachusetts Avenue..	2,625 00
Seibert & Stewart, Street Improvements.....	33 28
John Treter, " " .....	28 33
Daniel Mahoney, " " .....	797 86
William Kown, " " .....	72 00
William Kown, " " .....	316 25
William Kown, " " .....	375 90
John Stumph, " " .....	138 05
C. E. Whitsit, " " .....	396 81
Seibert & Catterson, " " .....	448 52
Coulter & White, " " .....	225 52
Charles Steffins, fixing the Civil Engineer's Tool.....	18 00
Alexander Wood, Assistant Civil Engineer.....	75 00
John G. Waters, " " " .....	225 00
H. J. Craft, " " " .....	225 00
William Wood, Cisterns.....	297 70
Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co., Gas, &c.....	3,945 79
J. A. Burkhart, Ice .....	62 50
Indianapolis Gas Light and Cokd Co., Repairing Lamps .....	174 80
Browning & Sloan, Fire Department.....	13 05
Gates & Lemon, " " .....	38 15
Cottrell & Knight, " " .....	14 83
Tutewiler Bros., " " .....	25 12
Brinkmeyer & Schneider, Fire Department.....	27 06
Sinker & Co., " " .....	173 13
Sulgrove & Reynolds, " " .....	4 00
Hasselmann & Vinton, " " .....	10 50
J. & W. C. Burk, " " .....	103 00
Charles Glazier, Grant's Reception.....	30 00
Total.....	<u>\$12,389 65</u>

## RECAPITULATION.

Street Improvements—City's portion of estimate, &c.....	\$5,457 52
Gas—consumed by City in Street Lamps and City Offices; and Engine Houses .....	2,768 50
Jail Expenses—Boarding City Prisoners.....	1,058 15
Lighting and Extinguishing Street Lamps.....	730 95
Assisting Civil Engineer—Clerk hire, &c.....	525 00
Fire Department—Sundries per Chief Engineer .....	408 84
Repairs of Street Lamps.....	316 70
Internal Revenue on Gas.....	304 44
Cisterns.....	297 70
Removing Nuisances.....	187 50
Specific—Sundries .....	153 60
Printing .....	98 75
Pest House—Sundries .....	64 50
Stationery—For Board of Civil Engineers .....	17 50
Total.....	<u>\$12,389 65</u>

SEC. 2. 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.

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

Ordained and established this 20th day of November, 1865.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.

Which was read the first and second times.

Dr. P. H. Jameson moved to strike out the account of the Street Railroad Company for building bridges over gutters on Massachusetts Avenue.

The ayes and noes were called for.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Jameson, Lefever and Loomis—3.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, MacArthur, Schmidt, Staub and Thompson—14.

So the account was not stricken out.

Mr. Coburn then moved that the rules be suspended and the ordinance read the third time and placed upon its passage.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Lefever, MacArthur, Schmidt, Staub and Thompson—15.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Jameson and Loomis—2.

So the rules were suspended and the ordinance 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, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, MacArthur, Schmidt, Staub and Thompson—16.

Councilman Loomis voting in the negative—1.

So the ordinance passed.

By Mr. Coburn, from the Committee on Accounts and Claims :

AN ORDINANCE for the payment of claims for the advertising of proposals to furnish the city with gas.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,* That the City Clerk be authorized to issue warrants on the City Treasury to the following named persons for the amounts set opposite their respective names, and that the Treasurer cash said orders on presentation.

C. O. Rogers, (Boston Journal,) - - - - -	\$42 75
Tribune Association, (New York Tribune,) - - - - -	94 50
Cincinnati Gazette Co., - - - - -	90 00
Morton McMichael, (Philadelphia North American,) - - - - -	92 50
<hr/>	
Total, - - - - -	\$319 75

SEC. 2. This ordinance to be in force from and after its passage.

Ordated and established this 20th day of November, 1865.

J. CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*

Which was read the first and second times.

Mr. Coburn then moved that the rules be suspended and the ordinance read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being on the suspension of the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, MacArthur, Schmidt, Staub and Thompson—16.

Councilman Loomis voting in the negative—1.

So the rules were suspended, and the ordinance 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, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, MacArthur, Schmidt, Staub and Thompson—16.

Councilmen Loomis voting in the negative—1.

So the ordinance passed.

By Mr. Coburn, from the Committee on Accounts and Claims :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 20, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Accounts and Claims, to whom the bill of John Stumph, for bouldering Circle street was referred would report that as legal proceedings are now pending by other property holders on said street, we would recommend that it be withheld until the decision in the case is known.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY COBURN,  
J. HENRY KAPPES,  
W. CLINTON THOMPSON, } *Committee.*

The question being on concurring in the report, the ayes and noes were called for.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Fletcher, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Staub and Thompson—8.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur and Schmidt—9.

So the report was not concurred in.

From the Committee on Public Buildings :

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT, U. S. A., }  
*Indianapolis, November 18, 1865. . }*

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

GENTLEMEN;—You are respectfully informed that the buildings comprised in the Indianapolis City General Hospital will be turned over to you, in conformity with arrangements made between yourselves and Capt. James Wilson, A. Q. M., and in accordance with instructions received from the Quartermaster General, to-wit:

1 Building 18, 12, 58,	1 Building 10, 12, 14,
1 " 21, 12, 72,	1 " 16, 8, 30
2 " 37, 30, 104,	

The property thus transferred will cover all the claims you may have against the Government for occupation of land, loss or damage.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

L. CASS FORSYTH, Capt. and A. Q. M.

Which, on motion, was referred back to the Committee, together with all papers on the subject, with instructions to report same recommendations at next meeting of Council.

From the Civil Engineer—Report and Resolutions :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 20, 1865.

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

The Civil Engineer would respectfully report that Messrs. Coulter and White have completed their contract for erecting lamp-posts and lamps on East street between the first alley north of New York street on the west side of East street and North street. Also,

The same parties have completed their contract for furnishing and erecting

lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures, on Mississippi street between Washington and Ohio streets. Also,

The same parties have completed their contract for furnishing and erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures, on Noble street between Market and Michigan streets. Also,

That Messrs. Serbert and Stewart have completed their contract for grading and graveling Maryland street between Delaware and Alabama streets. Also,

That James Stewart has completed his contract for grading and graveling North street between Illinois and the east side of Delaware streets. Also,

That Daniel Mahoney and Thomas Dorsey have completed their contract for grading and graveling Bates street and sidewalks, between Noble street and the corporation line east. Also,

That Thomas Wren has completed his contract for grading and graveling Georgia street and sidewalks, between Benton street and the corporation line east.

Estimates, and Resolutions for their approval, are herewith submitted.

The contract and bond of William Cowan for grading and graveling Pratt street and sidewalks, between Meridian and Illinois streets, is herewith submitted for your approval. Also,

The contract and bond of D. Root and Co., for furnishing and erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures, on Illinois street, between St. Clair street and the corporation line north, is herewith submitted for your approval.

Respectfully,

JAMES WOOD, *Civil Engineer.*

*Resolved,* That the first and final estimate allowed Coulter and White for furnishing and erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on East street, between the first alley north of New York street and North street, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property-owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Staub and Thompson—16. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

*Resolved,* That the first and final estimate allowed Messrs. Coulter & White for furnishing and erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Mississippi street, between Washington and Ohio streets, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Staub and Thompson—16. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

*Resolved,* That the first and final estimate allowed Messrs. Coulter and White, for furnishing and erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Noble street, between Market and Michigan streets, be, and the same is hereby

adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Staub and Thompson—16. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

*Resolved*, That the first and final estimate allowed Messrs. Seibert & Stewart for grading and graveling Maryland street, between Delaware and Alabama streets, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Staub and Thompson—16. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

*Resolved*, That the first and final estimate allowed James Stewart for grading and graveling North street, exclusive of the sidewalks, between Delaware and Illinois streets, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property holders are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Staub and Thompson—16. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

*Resolved*, That the first and final estimate allowed Messrs. Dorsey and Mahoney, for grading and graveling Bates street and sidewalks, between Noble street and the corporation line east, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property-owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Eletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Rappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Staub and Thompson—16. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

*Resolved*, That the first and final estimate allowed Thomas Wren, for grading and graveling Georgia street and sidewalks, between Benton street and the corporation line east, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property-owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Curn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazeir, Grosvenor, Rappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Staub and Thompson—16. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

On motion, the contracts and bonds reported by the Civil Engineer were accepted and approved.

From the City Treasurer—Report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 20, 1865.

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

The City Treasurer herewith submits the following report of Receipts and Disbursements, from September 12th, 1865, to November 12th, 1865, inclusive :

RECEIPTS.

To balance from last report.....	\$9,917 63
Delinquent taxes collected.....	4,280 44
Current taxes.....	2,493 56
Mayor Caven, fines.....	1,991 71
Charles Richman, part of proceeds of sale of fire engine to city of Fort Wayne .....	200 00
Charles John, market rent .....	200 45
City Marshal, sale of decoration muslin.....	160 00
Charles Richman, rent, and pumping water for Skillen and Bro.....	70 00
Printing on Precepts.....	7 25
	<hr/>
	\$19,321 04

DISBURSEMENTS.

Interest on loan.....	\$4,800 00
Police .....	1,730 24
Fire department.....	1,342 00
Street improvement.....	1,215 56
Rent on city offices.....	1,000 00
Bridges.....	900 00
Street repairs.....	600 00
Percentage.....	593 79
Salary.....	515 85
Interest on bonds.....	200 00
Jail expenses.....	156 05
War fund substitutes.....	115 00
Markets.....	64 65
Interest on orders.....	53 62
Specific.....	30 87
Elections.....	3 00
Taxes refunded.....	1 00
Balance to next report.....	5,999 41

---

---

\$19,321 04

I would also report that pursuant to an ordinance passed by your honorable body, authorizing the City Treasurer to borrow one hundred thousand dollars to pay off the bank loan of the city. I have borrowed the amount of the banking house of S. A. Fletcher and Co., for the period of one year, and at the rate of one pr. cent. per month, interest, payable quarterly, and that with the same I have paid off the bank loan made by the former City Treasurer, as follows: S. A. Fletcher and Co., \$20,000 00; A. and J. C. S. Harrison, \$20,000 00; First National Bank, \$20,025 00; Citizens' National Bank, \$20,025 00; and the Indianapolis National Bank, \$20,025 00, and as the said loan has been entered upon the treasury books as receipts in the treasury, I would pray your honorable body to direct the City Clerk to draw warrants in favor of the City Treasurer, for the amounts thus paid, in order to show a correct balance of the Treasurer's books.

Yours respectfully,

WM. H. CRAFT, *City Treasurer.*

On motion, so much of the report as relates to the Bank Loan of \$100,000.00, was referred to the Finance Committee, with instructions to report an ordinance in compliance with the request of the Treasurer; and so much of the report as relates to receipts and disbursements was accepted and approved.

#### From the Chief Fire Engineer—Report:

INDIANAPOLIS, November 20, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I would most respectfully call your attention to the condition of the new cisterns, lately built by Charles Roaney. It appears that a part of the arch of the cistern on the corner of the Bluff road and Ray street, gave way and fell in. The cistern near the Union depot on Louisiana street, a number of brick in the arch gave way, and were near ready to fall in, when it was discovered by the contractor, who has since repaired the same. In my opinion, the arches in the above named cisterns are entirely too flat, and especially the one near the Union depot is hardly able to bear up its own weight. In turning the arches the brick were not bedded in mortar, which should have been done to cement the whole arch together, but were simply set together and then mortar poured over them. The fact that the arches were too streight, the brick in the same did not give sufficient opening on the top to allow the mortar to run in between them; consequently, there are many places without any mortar between the brick at all, while at other places the mortar being very thin, and after the water running out until so little is left that it would do scarcely any good.

I would most respectfully recommend that you instruct the committee on Fire Department to examine and report as to the condition and safety of the above named, as well as two other cisterns built by the same contractor.

I would furthermore state that on the 13th of December, a large quantity of 2½ inch rubber hose belonging to the Government, will be sold at Nashville, Tennessee. As these hose are all new, and of the kind that we want, I would suggest that Mr. Thomas Cotrell be appointed an agent for the city, to attend the sale, and purchase from one to two thousand feet of the above named hose, for the city, at such prices as the committee on Fire Department may agree upon. I have no doubt that the hose at this sale can be bought at near one-half the manufacturers prices.

Most respectfully submitted,

CHARLES RICHMANN,  
*Chief Fire Engineer.*

Which, on motion of Mr. Brown, was concurred in.

From the City Clerk—Report :

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK,  
Indianapolis, Nov. 20, 1865. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—I would respectfully report that affidavits have been filed with me for the collection of street assessment by precept as follows, to-wit :

William Kown against Elizabeth and Ellen Hanna for	- - -	\$275 00
William Kown against Wm. Y. Wiley for	- - -	74 75
William Kown against Langsdale and Hamilton for	- - -	74 75
		\$424 50

And would respectfully recommend that you order and direct precepts to issue.

Respectfully,  
C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*

Which, on motion, was accepted and approved, and precepts ordered.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Mr. Brown :

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 20, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned Commissioners appointed by the Court of Common Pleas of Marion County, to assess damages and benefits where property is appropriated for the opening of streets, &c., beg leave to report in the matter of the petition of Henry Raymond, Edward T. Sinker and others, that, owing to the vagueness and informality of the petition and the notice given under it, the Commissioners are not able to determine who are the owners of the property proposed to be appropriated by the opening of New Jersey street between Merrill and McCarty streets, and therefore cannot make a legal assessment of damages and benefits. They herewith return the papers for further action. The Commissioners desire to inform the Council that their term of service has expired by limitation.

JAMES SULGROVE,  
D. L. BEATY,  
L. VANLANNIGHAM,  
ÆGIDIUS NALTNER.

Which, on motion, was referred to the City Attorney.

By Mr. Lefever—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 20, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—On the 11th day of February, 1865, I purchased, at public sale, from the City Treasurer, the north half of lot No. 2, in square No. 35, for the sum of \$299 56.

It having been decided by the Supreme Court that said property was not liable to taxation; would respectfully ask you to authorize the City Clerk to issue an order for the above amount, together with interest from date of sale, in my favor.

Respectfully,  
G. W. ALLRED.

Which, on motion, was referred to the City Attorney.

By Mr. Colley :

*Resolved*, That the City Attorney be instructed to prepare and report an ordinance at the next meeting of the Council, providing for the election, by Council, of special policemen to the number of nine, to act as a sanitary police only, unless otherwise directed by the Mayor of said city.

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

On motion, the Special Committee on Revision of City Charter, consisting of His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, and Councilmen Brown, Colley, Jameson and Loomis, were instructed to meet with like committees from other cities, in the Council Chamber, on Tuesday, November 21st, 1865, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for business.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

Present at roll-call on adjournment: Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Staub and Thompson—16.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

ATTEST :

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.