

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 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 Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Staub—14.

Absent—Councilmen, Allen, Colley, Schmidt and Thompson—4.

The proceedings of the regular session, held December 11th, 1865, were read and approved.

His Honor, the Mayor, announced that the first business in order was the consideration of the resolutions extending the corporation limits of the City of Indianapolis, which were offered at last meeting of Council, and made the special order of business for this meeting.

Mr. Seidensticker moved—

That the consideration of the resolutions be postponed, and that they be made the special order of business at the next regular meeting of Council.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Brown asked and obtained leave of absence.

By Mr. MacArthur—Remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 16, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, property holders on New York street, from West to Blake street, would respectfully remonstrate against the passage of the following ordinance, introduced by Mr. Emerson, at the last meeting of Council: "An ordinance to provide for the grading of New York street, from West to Blake streets, and the north sidewalk, from the east side of the first alley west of Bright street to Blake street; also, the alley upon the south side of said street, from Blake street to the north-west corner of military grounds."

The property holders have not asked for this improvement, nor can they discover any public advantage demanding it at the present time. The first knowledge they had of the contemplated improvement was its publication in proceedings of Council.

John Douglass' Heirs,
S. E. Perkins,
James Skillen,

Oscar B. Hord,
Mrs. Dr. Prunk,
And 7 others.

Which, on motion, was laid upon the table.

By Mr. MacArthur—Remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 18, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned property-holders on Blake street, from New York to the north side of Vermont street, respectfully remonstrate against the grading and graveling of the said street between said New York and Vermont streets. They are not aware of any advantage to be gained by said improvement, and the first notice they had of the work being contemplated, was in the published Council proceedings.

J. B. McCHESNEY,
JAMES M. RAY,
JOHN DOUGLASS' HEIRS.

Which, on motion, was laid upon the table.

By Mr. Emerson—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 18, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—At your tax sale for city property in 1864, I purchased the property of C. G. McLeans' heirs, known as the Female Seminary for the city taxes of 1863 and 1864, the amount paid to your City Treasurer as the taxes of said years amounted to the sum of two hundred and ninety-nine dollars and fifty-six cents, as the certificate from under his hand will show, a copy of which is herewith submitted for your consideration. All I ask at your hands is to refund me the amount paid with six per cent. interest from date. I am unable, as you all know, to lose that amount of money. I paid the amount named above to your City Treasurer, and believing that the Council do not desire to take money from any person for which they have not rendered an equivalent, I therefore pray you to refund back the amount paid with six per cent. interest from date of payment, which I believe to be only just and right.

G. W. ALLRED.

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

By Dr. Jameson—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 18, 1865.

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

In accordance with a lease given to the city for 30 feet of ground, lot No. 6, Square 60, the city was to pay city taxes on the 30 feet. It was allowed in 1860, but during the rest of the time it was not.

The city's portion is as follows:—

In 1861.....	\$3 67
1862.....	2 10
1863.....	2 47
1864.....	4 20
1865.....	6 21

Making.....\$18 65

Which amount please allow.

The above is as taken from the books of the City Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID SIBERT.

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

By Mr. Seidensticker—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 18, 1865.

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

The undersigned respectfully represents, that on last year's duplicate of the city taxes, the east half of lot 12 and the West half of lot 11, in out-lot sixty, owned by the widow of James Dawson, was omitted; that the undersigned went to the City Treasurer's office three times, without succeeding to find said real estate assessed; that he afterwards requested the City Treasurer to assess the same, and send the amount to him, when the taxes would be paid, which the Treasurer promised; that in consequence of the oversight of said Treasurer, this was not done by him, and said widow is now required to pay penalty and interest on her taxes. The undersigned respectfully asks for the remission of the penalty and interest.

GEO. F. MEYER.

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

By His Honor, the Mayor—Communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 14, 1865.

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

You are hereby notified, in behalf of the city, that the ten feet of ground north side of Engine House, on New Jersey street, occupied by the Hook and Ladder, that if the city wants it any longer they may empower some man to make a contract for the same with me; if not, I want the ground.

DAVID SIBIRD.

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

By Mr. Coburn—Remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 18, 1865.

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

The undersigned, owners of the property bordering on the alley in out-lot 170 between Pratt and First streets, noticing the proposition to grade and

gravel said alley, would respectfully remonstrate against said improvement, not believing any public, or even private, interest would be subserved thereby.

Jas. M. Tomlinson,	D. H. Shaneberger,
E. W. Sloan,	S. O. West,
J. L. Fatout,	A. J. Hinesley.

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

By Mr. Loomis—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 18, 1865

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned respectfully requests the privilege of paving with brick so much of Fletcher Avenue sidewalk as fronts on his property, on said street.

FREDERICK RICHTER.

Granted, provided the work be done under the direction of the Civil Engineer.

Mr. Lefever moved—

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to build a culvert on Garden street, with the intersection with Illinois street.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Loomis moved—

That the City Attorney be and is hereby requested to report an ordinance regulating the speed of railroad engines and railroad trains through this city, and also in reference to the enforcement of such ordinance.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Loomis moved—

That when this Council adjourn it be to Saturday evening, December, 23d proximo.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Coburn moved—

That the Civil Engineer report to this Council his reasons why in grading New York street, between Alabama and Meridian, he graded the street up to the level of Pennsylvania street and Massachusetts Avenue, and there placed the gravel sixteen inches higher than the above named bouldered streets.

Which motion was referred to the Civil Engineer.

Mr. Coburn moved—

That the Marshal be instructed to open that part of Pratt street between Delaware and Alabama which was lately vacated by the Commissioners.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Coburn moved—

That the Civil Engineer be instructed to notify the contractor for the grading and graveling New York street, between Alabama and Meridian streets, to remove the stuff put on said street west of Pennsylvania street, as it is not what the contract calls for.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Loomis:

Resolved, That His Honor the Mayor be, and is hereby, requested to appoint a special committee of three members of this Council, to report at the next meeting, all railroad crossings of streets in the city of Indianapolis that require planking, wherein the several Railroad companies in their right of way through said city have agreed to plank such crossings, or otherwise.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were, Councilmen Boaz, Coburn, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grovenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—14. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed as such Committee Councilmen Loomis, Grosvenor and Boaz.

Mr. Seidensticker, for Mr. Brown, introduced general ordinance No. 28, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE regulating the repairs of streets, alleys, sidewalks, bridges and culverts, and the keeping and adjusting the accounts for costs of such repairs,

Which was read the first time, and, on motion, was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

By His Honor, the Mayor, for the City Attorney:

INDIANAPOLIS, December 11, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith enclose ordinance amendatory of the sections of the ordinance referred to me.

I have so amended section nineteen as to make it valid in all its parts, and to correspond with the exposition of the law, as given by His Honor, the Mayor, in a recent trial.

Section twenty-three has been amended according to your directions.

Respectfully,

B. K. ELLIOTT, *City Attorney.*

Also, general ordinance No. 29, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE to amend sections nineteen and twenty-three of "An ordinance regulating and protecting streets, alleys, sidewalks, gutters, shade trees, &c., &c.," passed December 28, 1863,

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, December 18, 1865. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom the bids were referred, would respectfully report to your Honorable Body that, Catterson and Williams are the lowest bidders on the grading and graveling of Union street, between Merrill and McCarty streets. Their bid is forty-nine cents for grading, and one dollar and twenty-three cents for graveling.

Coulter & White are the only bidders to erect lamp posts, lamps and fixtures on Alabama street, between Vermont and North streets. Their bid is forty-four dollars and eighty-five cents, (\$44.85.)

We would recommend that the contracts be awarded them.

H. COBURN,
ADOLPH SEIDENSTICKER, } Board.

Which, on motion, was concurred in, and the contracts awarded as recommended.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 18, 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 18th day of December, 1865, and respectfully recommend the passage of the same.

HENRY COBURN,
J. HENRY KAPPES, } 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:

James Stewart, street improvement, grading North street.....	\$759 20
Andrew Stewart, " " " James street.....	172 67
James Huffer, " " " Noble street.....	469 70
Dorsey & Mahoney " " " Bates street.....	364 80
Thos. Wren, " " " Georgia street.....	378 60
" " " " " Winston street.....	727 39
Hiram Siebert, " " " Louisiana street.....	54 38
Wm Cowen, " " " Pratt street.....	247 27
C. E. Whitsit, " " " paving Pennsylvania street.....	31 68
Coulter & White, " " " lamp posts, Circle street.....	19 23
" " " " " East street.....	63 26
" " " " " Mississippi street.....	73 80
" " " " " Noble street.....	130 70
C. S. Roney, " " " paving Michigan street.....	30 50
Alex. Wood, assisting Civil Engineer.....	60 00
Wm. Wood, Cisterns.....	839 09
Moses McLaine, removing nuisances.....	50 00
Levi Comegys, Fire Department, raising bell tower.....	165 00
John Stumph, street improvement, paving Massachusetts avenue.....	461 20
Charles Hawthorn, specific.....	1 00
William Bretney, specific.....	3 25

Amount carried forward\$5,102 72

Amount brought forward.....	\$5,102 72
Frederick Stein, salary, Board of Engineers.....	87 75
L. B. Wilson, " " ".....	75 00
James W. Brown " " ".....	320 50
W. J. H. Robinson, jail expenses.....	1,543 10
W. H. Craft, interest on orders.....	502 86
" " percentage.....	488 25
" " specific.....	10 25
Geo. W. Mears, Pest House.....	508 00
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	\$8,638 43

RECAPITULATION.

Street improvements, city's portion of sundry estimates.....	\$3,984 38
Jail expenses, boarding city prisoners.....	1,543 10
Cisterns. for fire purposes.....	839 09
Pest House, services of Dr. Mears.....	508 00
Interest on orders paid by Treasurer.....	502 86
Per centage allowed city Treasurer.....	488 25
Salary Board of Engineers, making plat and taking levels of city.....	483 25
Fire Department, raising central alarm bell tower.....	165 00
Assisting Civil Engineer, for rod carrier and stake driver.....	60 00
Removing nuisances, one month's salary of scavenger.....	50 00
Specific, sundries for city offices.....	14 50
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Total.....	\$8,638 43

SEC. 2. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue a warrant 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 18th day of December, 1865.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.

Which was read the first and second times.

Mr. Coburn 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 Boaz, Coburn, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—14. Noes, none.

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 Boaz, Coburn, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—14. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Coburn, from Committee on Accounts and Claims, presented accounts of sundry persons for street and alley crossings of work done under private contract.

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

Also accounts of Elder, Harkness & Bingham for advertising.

Which were referred to Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Mr. Emerson, from the Committee on Public Buildings, reported verbally that the Committee had no further report to make in relation to the piece of ground proposed to be sold to the city by Messrs. McKernan & Pierce, upon which stands the old abandoned Government Pest House, for a City Pest House and grounds; but desired the Council to give the Committee instructions in relation to the matter. And that the Committee had made no recommendations in relation to the purchase of same.

Dr. Jameson moved—

That the Committee on Public Buildings and the Mayor, be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to purchase of Messrs. McKernan & Pierce the piece of ground upon which stands the old Government Pest House, to be used by the city as a Pest House and grounds.

Which motion prevailed.

By Mr. MacArthur, from Special Committee from Fourth Ward :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 18, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your Special Committee from the Fourth Ward beg leave to report, that in their opinion the following alleys are very much in need of being cleaned, or graded and graveled, to-wit: The alley running north and south from Washington to Market streets, between West and California streets; the alley running north and south from Ohio street to New York street, between Mississippi street and Canal; the alley running east and west from West street to Canal, between New York and Vermont streets. Those alleys have been an eyesore for some time, and we hereby urge their improvement. All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. B. EMERSON,
JOHN B. MACARTHUR, } *Committee.*

Which was accepted and approved.

By Mr. Loomis, from Special Committee from Eighth Ward :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 18, 1865.

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

To boulder Virginia Avenue from Pogue's Run to the east side of South street 90 feet in width, exclusive of sidewalks.

To boulder Virginia Avenue between South street and the south-east corner of Donation line, being 80 feet in width, exclusive of sidewalks.

There is in the whole length of said Avenue 5 full street crossings and one half street crossing, with the same number of alleys.

To grade Pine street from Virginia Avenue to Harrison street. There are two crossings.

To grade Cedar street from Huron street to Donation street. One crossing.

To grade and gravel Huron street from Cedar street to Donation street. One crossing.

To grade and gravel Elm street from Noble street to Donation line. One crossing.

To allow property holders on Pine street, between Fletcher Avenue and Forest Avenue, to grade said street at their own expense.

To extend Cady and Benton streets to Harrison street. Both streets crossing the Indianapolis and Cincinnati Railroad.

To grade Merrill street from East street to Virginia Avenue.

To grade Stevens street.

To grade Bradshaw street.

To grade Dougherty street.

To grade Coburn street.

McCarty street is already under contract.

Respectfully submitted,

LOOMIS & ALLEN, *Committee.*

Which was accepted and approved.

On motion of Dr. Jameson, further time was granted the Committees from other Wards to make like reports.

From the Civil Engineer—Report:

INDIANAPOLIS, December 18, 1865.

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

The Civil Engineer would respectfully report that on the 31st day of July, 1865, a contract was awarded James Stewart for grading and graveling Walnut street and sidewalks, between Tennessee and Pennsylvania streets, and that the contract and bond for the completion of the work was properly made out and approved by the Council, and the work already began by the contracting party, when, owing to some misunderstanding of the Council in regard to the right to pass an ordinance to improve said street, running through out-lots 5 and 36, the contractor was compelled to abandon the work. I would now recommend that he be allowed the sum of one hundred dollars, (\$100), to cover expenses of work already done on said street.

At the last meeting of the Council the Engineer was censured for not notifying Samuel Hanway that the contract was awarded him for grading and graveling Washington street, between Pogue's Run and the Corporation line east. In answer to the above I would state that on the 7th day of August, 1865, the Council awarded the contract to said party, and that the contract and bond was duly made out, and the contracting party notified of the fact. For reasons unknown to me, he failed to come forward and sign the same. In corroboration of the above statement I herewith submit the original contract and bond, which was made out for his acceptance, and also a copy of the proceedings of the Council, dated August 14th, 1865, containing a report from the Civil Engineer in relation to the matter.

In accordance with instructions, the Civil Engineer has made a rough estimate of the number of yards of grading that is necessary to be done on North street, between Alabama and East streets, and also on East street, between St. Clair and Cherry streets. On the former it will require about 1,300 yards, and on the latter about 4,000 yards.

I do not know of any place where dirt can be procured for the grading of said streets nearer than Fletcher's Addition, in the south part of the city.

The contract awarded to Messrs. Carr and Richter for grading and graveling McCarty street, and sidewalks between Virginia Avenue and the extension of the west line of New Jersey street, has not been completed in consequence of the Engineer not being able to determine which way the water should flow. I would respectfully ask for instructions from the Council whether the report from the Board of Engineers, appointed by the Council last spring, shall be considered the legal profile of the city?

Messrs. Aldag and Gerstner, bondsmen of Messrs. Carr and Richter, for grading and graveling McCarty street, and sidewalks between Virginia Avenue and the extension of the west line of New Jersey street have come forward with their written consent to continue as bondsmen for the same until July 6th, 1866.

Messrs. D. Root & Co., the contractors for furnishing and erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures, on Illinois street, between St Clair street and the corporation line north, have completed the same, according to contract.

Also Michael Shea, the contractor for grading and graveling the alley running north and south through square 23, has completed the same, according to contract.

First and final estimates in favor of the above named parties are herewith submitted for your approval.

Bids for various street improvements are also submitted.

JAMES WOOD, *Civil Engineer.*

On motion, so much of the report as relates to the grading and graveling of Walnut street and sidewalks, between Pennsylvania and Tennessee streets, was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims.

On motion, so much of the report as relates to McCarty street and sidewalks, between Virginia Avenue and the extension of the west line of New Jersey street, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

On motion, the report, as a whole, was accepted and approved.

Resolved, That the first and final estimate allowed Messrs. D. Root & Co., for furnishing and erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures, on Illinois street between St. Clair street and the corporation line north, 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 Boaz, Coburn, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Staub—13. Nocs, none.

So the resolution passed.

Resolved, That the first and final estimate allowed Michael Shea, for grading and graveling the alley running north and south through square 23, between Mass. Avenue and Vermont 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 Boaz, Coburn, Emerson,

Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Staub—13. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

On motion, the sealed proposals presented by the Civil Engineer were referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

From the City Attorney—Report:

INDIANAPOLIS, December 18, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The ordinance granting the Indiana Central Railway Company the right of way through the city, requires the Company to build at the junction of East and Maryland streets two good and substantial bridges across Pogue's Run, and to maintain said bridges in good repair and proper condition. The terms proposed by this ordinance having been accepted by the Company, the ordinance becomes a contract.

The city can compel the Railroad Company to perform the contract thus made, and can, therefore, compel the Company to erect and keep in proper condition for use the number of bridges named, and of the dimensions specified in the fifth section of the ordinance. [See Revised Ordinances, page 223.]

Respectfully,

B. K. ELLIOTT, *City Attorney.*

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

From the City Treasurer—Reports:

INDIANAPOLIS, December 18, 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 Nov. 13th, 1865 to Dec. 12th, 1865, inclusive:

RECEIPTS.

Current taxes collected.....	\$6,310 20
Delinquent taxes collected.....	1,963 22
From Mayor Caven, 7-30 U. S. Bonds.....	3,000 00
From Mayor Caven, fines.....	1,011 87
Printing on precepts.....	2 75
Total receipts.....	\$12,288 04
Balance from last report.....	5,999 41
Total receipts and balance.....	\$18,287 45

DISBURSEMENTS.

War fund.....	\$5,500 00
Salary.....	637 50
Fire Department.....	567 00
Police.....	457 25
Assisting Civil Engineer.....	450 00
Street improvement.....	438 45
Street repairs.....	300 00
Jail expenses.....	200 00
Amount disbursements carried forward.....	\$8,550 20

Amount brought forward.....	\$8,550 20
War fund, substitutes.....	100 00
Printing.....	90 00
Pest House.....	64 50
Specific.....	50 00
Total disbursements.....	\$8,854 70
Balance to next report.....	9,432 75
	<u>\$18,287 45</u>

WM. H. CRAFT, *City Treasurer.*

INDIANAPOLIS, December 18, 1865.

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

The City Treasurer herewith submits the following Quarterly Report, for the quarter commencing Sept. 13th, 1865, and ending Dec. 12th, 1865, inclusive:

RECEIPTS.

Current Tax collected.....	\$8,803 76
Delinquent tax collected.....	6,243 66
From Mayor Caven, fines.....	3,003 58
From Mayor Caven, 7-30 U. S. Bonds.....	3,000 00
From Chas. Rickmann, part of proceeds of sale of Fire Engine to City of Fort Wayne.....	200 00
From Chas. Johns, market rents.....	200 45
From John Unversaw Marshal, sale of old decoration muslin.....	160 00
From Chas. Rickmann, rent, and pumping water for Skillen & Bro.....	70 00
Printing on Precepts.....	10 00
Total receipts.....	\$21,691 45
Balance from last Report.....	9,917 63
	<u>\$31,609 08</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

War fund.....	\$5,500 00
Interest on loans.....	4,800 00
Police.....	2,187 49
Fire Department.....	1,909 00
Street improvement.....	1,654 01
Salary.....	1,153 35
Rent of city offices.....	1,000 00
Bridges.....	900 00
Street Repairs.....	900 00
Percentage.....	593 79
Assisting Civil Engineer.....	450 00
Jail expenses.....	356 05
War fund, substitutes.....	215 00
Interest on Bonds.....	200 00
Printing.....	90 00
Specific.....	80 87
Markets.....	64 65
Pest House.....	64 50
Interest on Orders.....	53 62
Elections.....	3 00
Taxes refunded.....	1 00
Total Disbursements.....	\$22,176 33
Balance to next Report.....	9,432 75
	<u>\$31,609 08</u>

Respectfully,

WM. H. CRAFT, *City Treasurer.*

Which, on motion, were accepted and approved.

From the Chief Fire Engineer—Report:

INDIANAPOLIS, December 18, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I would herewith respectfully present you with a statement of expenditures for the Fire Department, for the three months ending December 11th, 1865:

	Co. No. 1.	Co. No. 2.	Co. No. 3.	Hook and Ladder.	Watch Tower.	General Expenses.
Salary of Members for 3 Mos	\$1061 63	\$1082 50	\$1082 50	\$227 50	\$455 00	.....
For Hay	49 87	53 44	44 71	28 06	.....	.....
Corn	18 77	16 10	23 39	.....	.....	.....
Oats .....	.....	.....	5 50	12 50	.....	.....
Sheaf Oats	12 85	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....
Fuel	46 41	32 92	39 92	.....	.....	.....
Engine repairs	172 38	.....	75	.....	.....	.....
Brass castings for suction and hose	22 56	.....	4 50	.....	.....	.....
Copper work .....	.....	1 75	3 58	.....	.....	.....
Horse-shoeing & blacksmith work	7 50	15 00	10 00	5 15	.....	.....
Harness repairs .....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oils, grease, etc	6 05	2 20	6 10	.....	.....	.....
Sundries .....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Pasturage for horses .....	.....	.....	.....	16 40	.....	.....
Stoves and pipes .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 12	.....
Lumber .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 00	.....
Repairs on steam pump .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 25
Horse bedding and dryage .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 25
Ship-stuff and bran	15 50	8 00	8 00	4 50	.....	.....
Discount on \$500.00 city orders .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90 00
Chief Fire Engineer's salary .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	250 00
Total.....	\$1408 11	\$1220 49	\$1234 53	\$294 11	\$496 12	\$360 50
Total for three months.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5013 86
Being a grand total for seven months.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11872 86

RECEIPTS.

To city orders allowed October 2, 1865 \$500 00
 Which has been expended by me for the following articles:

1865.

Cash paid to balance due me as per last report, Sept. 25.....	\$12 12
Oct. 11, cash paid J. M. Kouffman for hay.....	11 96
" " Charles Meyers for kindling.....	10 00
" 17 " Joseph Langbein for boxes.....	2 50
" 23 " Benjamin Woodrow for hay.....	9 46
" 30 " Simon Foltz for hay.....	65 95
Nov. 11, " Steward & Morgan for oils.....	1 30
" 21, " Eli Spray for sheaf oats.....	32 85
" 25, " Wood & Foudry for pasturage.....	16 40
" 27, " J. M. Buchanan for hay.....	88 53
" 29, " Discount on \$500 city orders.....	90 00

Amount carried forward..... \$341 07

Amount brought forward.....	\$341 07
Dec. 8, cash paid Christ. Wishmeyer for lumber.....	16 00
“ 8, “ J. R. McDougal for ship-stuff.....	24 00
“ 8, “ Charles Glazier for corn and oats.....	88 26
“ 8, “ E. H. Webster for horse bedding.....	2 15
“ 8, “ Daniel Glazier for rags.....	1 00
“ “ “ Louis Ostermeyer for drayage.....	1 75
Total.....	<hr/> \$474 23
Leaving a balance in my hands, Dec. 11, 1865.....	<hr/> \$25 47

Most respectfully submitted,

CHARLES RICHMANN,
Chief Fire Engineer.

On motion, referred to Committee on Fire Department.

From the City Clerk—Report:

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK,
Indianapolis, Dec. 18, 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 assessments by precept, as follows, to-wit:
James Stewart against C. C. Campbell, for - - - - - \$47 60
M. Shea for Coulter & White against John B. Stumph, for - - - 10 12½

And respectfully recommend that you order precepts to be issued.

Respectfully,

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*

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

Mr. Glazier called up the following ordinance, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE appropriating five hundred dollars to the Chief Fire Engineer for the use of the Fire Department of the City of Indianapolis.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,* That the sum of five hundred dollars be allowed to Charles Richmann, Chief Fire Engineer, to be expended by him for forage, and other articles needed for the use of Fire Department.

SEC. 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to issue an order in favor of Charles Richmann to the full amount above named.

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

Ordained and established this 18th day of December, 1865

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

Attest:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*

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 Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticke and Staub—14. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Coburn called up the following ordinance, to-wit :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the repairing and cleaning of streets and gutters, and the rebuilding and repairing of bridges, and construction of foot-bridges and culverts.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,* That the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000,) be appropriated for the use of the Street Commissioners, to be expended by said officer under the direction of the Board of Public Improvements, in the repairing and cleaning of streets and gutters, and repairing bridges and culverts, and to be accounted for by him in the same manner as other money heretofore appropriated.

SEC. 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Ordained and established this 18th December, 1865.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, City Clerk.

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 Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Staub—14. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Loomis called up special ordinance No. 86, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling the first alley south of South street, running east and west through out-lot No. 94,

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 Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Staub—14. Noss, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Emerson called up special ordinance, No. 88, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading of New York street from West to Blake streets, and the north sidewalk from the east side of the first alley west of Bright street, to Blake street; also, the alley upon the south side of said street, from Blake street to the north-west corner of Military Grounds,

And moved to amend by inserting after the word "grading," in the first line of the title, the words "and graveling;" also, by inserting after the words "also the," in the third line of the title, the word "sidewalk," instead of the word "alley."

Which amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.

The ordinance was then laid over.

Mr. Emerson called up special ordinance No. 87, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of Blake street and sidewalks, between the National Road and the north side of Vermont street,

And moved to amend by striking out the word "Vermont," in the second line of the title, and insert in lieu thereof the words "New York;" also, by inserting after the words "good river or creek," in the ninth line of the first section, the words "or screened pit gravel."

Which amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.

The ordinance was then laid over.

Mr. Loomis called up special ordinance No. 84, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of the sidewalk on the west side of East street, between Virginia Avenue and Louisiana street,

And moved to amend by striking out the words "grading and," in the second line of the title, and in the second and fifth lines of the first section.

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 Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis MacArthur, Seidensticker and Staub—14. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Brown called up special ordinance No. 85, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and cindering of Illinois street, between the north line of McCarty street and the north line of Ray street,

And moved to amend by striking out the word "cindering," wherever it occurs, and insert the word "graveling."

Which amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.

Dr. Jameson then moved to postpone the further consideration of the ordinance.

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

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn and Jameson—2.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Boaz, Brown, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Staub—12.

So the ordinance was not postponed.

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 Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Staub—14. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Dr. Jameson moved that the order of business be suspended in order to make a motion in relation to the Gas ordinance and proposed amendments.

The question being on the suspension of the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Staub—14. Noes, none.

So the rules were suspended.

Mr. Seidensticker moved that the Gas Ordinance and all pending amendments be referred to the Special Committee on Gas.

Which motion prevailed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Dr. Jameson—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 18, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN :—I desire to set a telegraph pole in front of Temperance Hall, just at the edge of the curb stone; the pole to be about eighteen feet high and eight inches at the base. I am under the necessity of establishing telegraph communication between my school in Temperance Hall, 30½ Washington street, and its initiatory department, Room No. 10 Blackford's Block, corner of Washington and Meridian streets.

The telegraph Company have kindly permitted us to use two poles erected for their use, and I can, by your permission to erect one pole, carry out my plan, and further the interests of my business.

Respectfully,

P. R. SPENCER.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. MacArthur moved—

That the City Engineer be instructed to re-advertise for bids for the grading and graveling of Mississippi street and sidewalks, between North and First streets. Bids to be received 8th January, 1866.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Grosvenor moved—

That the resignation of the City Civil Engineer, heretofore tendered to this Council, be, and the same is hereby accepted.

Mr. Loomis moved to lay Mr. Grosvenor's motion on the table.

The ayes and noes were called for.

The question being on laying Mr. Grosvenor's motion on the table, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Boaz, Emerson, Glazier. Loomis and MacArthur—5.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Fletcher, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Seidensticker and Staub—9.

So the motion was not laid upon the table.

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

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

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Boaz, Emerson, Glazier, Lefever, Loomis and MacArthur—6.

So the motion was adopted.

Mr. Brown then moved to reconsider the vote on the adoption of the motion.

Mr. Coburn moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

The question being on the adoption of the motion to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, the ayes and noes were called for.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Fletcher, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Seidensticker and Staub—9.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Boaz, Emerson, Glazier, Lefever and MacArthur—5.

So the motion to reconsider the vote on the adoption of the motion was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Council adjourned.

Present at roll-call on adjournment: Councilmen Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Staub—14.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.