

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
MONDAY, APRIL 23D, 1866, 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 Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—15.

Absent—Councilmen Allen and Fletcher—2.

Stephen McNabb, Esq., councilman elect from the Fifth Ward, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Samuel Lefever, Esq., having filed his certificate of election and oath of office with the City Clerk, in compliance with the provisions of the City Charter in such cases made and provided, appeared and took his seat as a member of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis.

The proceedings of the regular sessions, held April 9th and 16th, 1866, were read and approved.

By Mr. Brown—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23, 1866.

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

The undersigned, owners of lots bordering on the west side of Delaware street, between Pogue's Run and McCarty street, petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance for the paving with brick and curbing the outer edge thereof of the sidewalk on the west side of said street, between the streets named.

Mathew Simpson,	Julius Richer,
C. H. Wehling.	Jacob Frankenstein,
Robert Kennington,	And 14 others.

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

By Mr. MacArthur—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23, 1866.

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

The undersigned has, for the year 1865, twice paid taxes on lot 17, in out-lot 170, and respectfully petition your honorable body to refund the amount (sixty-four dollars and fifty cents) which he has overpaid, and he shall ever pray, &c.

DAVID STEVENSON.

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

By Mr. Seidensticker—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned would respectfully state to your honorable body that lot 56, in out-lot 107, in Roset's sub-division, was sold for the taxes of 1864 and 1865, by your City Treasurer, and that there was assessed on it an improvement of 500 dollars; the permit accompanying this will show you when the improvement was made. I therefore ask you to refund me the taxes on the 500 dollars, as I am a poor widow woman and cannot afford to lose it. I have redeemed the property from Messrs. Seidensticker and Kappes, who purchased it at the tax sale on the 16th of December last.

Yours truly,

FREDERICKE DIERBERG.

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

By Mr. Colley—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23, 1866.

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

Your petitioners, inhabitants of said city along the line of, and property holders on Massachusetts Avenue, would respectfully represent to your honorable body that the expense of grading and graveling Massachusetts Avenue, pursuant to notice of letting now pending, to be done the current year, would be terribly burdensome to many property holders on the line, causing them to make greater sacrifices than would be necessary in some future years.

Your petitioners would further remonstrate against accepting bids for, and the putting under contract the grading and graveling Massachusetts Avenue, for the reason that the requisite majority of names of property holders on

the line of said Avenue, were never signed to a petition for such grading and graveling, and that had the property holders been consulted they would have remonstrated against the passage of said ordinance; and that to force the letting and completion of the said work, during the current year, would be burdensome in the extreme, and produce great and unnecessary sacrifice on the part of your petitioners.

Your petitioners would, therefore, pray your honorable body to postpone the acceptance of the bids and putting the work in operation this present season, and your petitioners will ever pray.

D. G. Cale,	Henry Syerup,
Bennet Brooks,	James H. Brown,
Layton Mills,	Peter L. Bray,
Wm. E. Featherston,	And 24 others.

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

By Mr. Colley—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23, 1866.

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

The undersigned most respectfully represents that he is the owner of lot No. 4, in out-lot 62, in said city, together with the improvements thereon; that said property was assessed for the year 1864 at a valuation of \$3,800, and without any additional improvements having been made thereon, at a valuation of \$7,400, for the year 1865; that he has paid to the city for 1865 \$119.22 as city taxes; that said property together with all the improvements thereon is not worth \$7,400, but is in fact worth a much smaller sum. Wherefore your petitioner prays your honorable body to reimburse him for all excess of tax so paid by him for 1865 over what shall be held and determined to be just and proper.

SAMUEL KAHN.

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

By Mr. Schmidt—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23, 1866.

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

The undersigned, owning lots Nos. 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48 and 49, in Roset's sub-division of out-lot No. 107, in the City of Indianapolis, respectfully represents that the alleys running north and south and east and west, between said lots, are of no public utility, and that said alleys are, on the contrary, preventing him from extending his buildings according to the wants of his business, wherefore he asks that said alleys be vacated between said lots.

C. F. SCHMIDT.

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

By Mr. Loomis—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23, 1866.

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

The undersigned, your petitioners, ask for the grading of the south sidewalk on Huron street, between Virginia Avenue and Noble street, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, and as such we will ever pray.

WILLIAM W. WEAVER,
ISAAC E. JOHNSON.

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

By Mr. Loomis—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23, 1866.

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

The undersigned, property holders on Louisiana street, between East and Noble streets, do petition your honorable body to pass the necessary ordinances to compel the Indianapolis and Cincinnati Railroad Company to grade and gravel Louisiana street on the north side of their track, between East and Noble streets, according to contract with said city, as it is now impassable, and has been for eight years. Your petitioners respectfully ask your honorable body to attend to the matter at once, as we wish to enjoy the rights and privileges we should by paying our city taxes.

W. A. Cuykendall,
Anthony Wellerding,
Geo. Johnson,

William Hughey,
John Blattner,
And 4 others.

Which, on motion, was referred to the City Attorney with instructions to report an ordinance.

By Dr. Jameson—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned are the owners of property lying on the east side of New Jersey street, between New York and Vermont streets, each owning the number of feet placed opposite his name, and would respectfully petition your honorable Council to grant us permission to pave the sidewalk with brick to the width of nine feet, at our own expense, and under the direction of the Civil Engineer, and as in duty bound will ever pray.

J. C. Geisendorff,
G. A. Wells,
Jos. R. Haugh,
J. P. Patterson,

C. Resener,
Socrates Byrkit,
J. F. Ridgway.

On motion the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

By Mr. Seidensticker—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23, 1866.

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

The undersigned, owning lots 324 and 325 in Noble's sub-division of outlots 45, 50, 55, 56 and 61, in the City of Indianapolis, respectfully ask permission to grade the alley between said lots, and that the Engineer be directed to set the proper stakes for grading said alley.

JOHN HELM,
JOHN NIEBERGALL.

By Mr. Seidensticker—Motion :

That John Helm and John Niebergall be allowed to grade the alley between lots 324 and 325 in Noble's sub-division, and that the Engineer be directed to set the grade stakes.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Coburn—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23, 1866.

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

Your petitioners would respectfully represent that they are owners of Real Estate situated on Delaware street between Ohio and New York streets ; that the square between Ohio and New York Streets is without any Provision for being lighted with gas, and that Delaware street both north and south of said square is lighted with gas.

Your petitioners desire to have the street lighted and to have provision for lighting their houses.

They therefore ask for the passage of an ordinance requiring the Gas Company to lay mains on Delaware street, between Ohio and New York streets.

R. F Bence,
A. R. Miller.
N. Daubenspeck,
Henry Coburn.

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

By Mr. Emerson—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 20, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned respectfully petition your honorable body to cause California street and sidewalks, between north side of New York street and south side of Vermont street, to be graded and graveled with pit gravel, and that for that purpose you pass the accompanying form of an ordinance.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth B. Smith, by Watt J. Smith,
H. A. Elliott,
W. P. Bingham,
Wm. Coughlen, per B. K. Elliott,
George Merritt.

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

Mr. Loomis offered the following motion :

That the matter of an over assessment of city taxes, assessed against and collected from Frederick Jasper, on lot No. 101, Virginia Avenue and Stevens street, be referred to the City Auditor for adjustment.

Which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Grosvenor offered the following motion :

That the property holders on the alley running north and south through out-lot No. 28, between Tennessee and Willard streets, be permitted to grade said alley so that the lots may be drained.

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

Mr. Loomis moved—

That the matter of assessment on Railroad street, being in the interest of Thomas Wren vs. Samuel Dunlop, where the assessment had been made

against the Railroad Company and afterwards changed to Samuel Dunlop without authority from the City Council, be referred to the City Engineer and City Attorney, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Council, and that all proceedings in said case be and are hereby suspended until such report is made.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Grosvenor moved—

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to require the Gas Company to repair the pavement on Kentucky Avenue, between Illinois and Tennessee streets, where the pavement has been taken up to put down gas pipes.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Brown moved—

That the Clerk issue a license in favor of Frazee & Burns (No. 77 West Washington street to carry on the business of Auctioneers, on the payment of the regular license fee.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Loomis moved—

That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, directed to furnish the City Attorney, Marshal, Engineer and Street Commissioner a certified copy of all Motions, Resolutions, or other matters passed by this Council, wherein such officers are interested, within twenty-four hours after the passage thereof by the Council.

Which motion was adopted.

By Dr. Jameson—Resolution :

WHEREAS, The health of the city depends, in some measure, on the keeping of our streets and alleys thoroughly cleansed of filth and garbage of all kinds ; and,

WHEREAS, The ordinances of the city make ample provision for the keeping of the streets and alleys in a good condition, by providing penalties against the deposit of all noxious substances therein ; and,

WHEREAS, The Day Police force of the city is insufficient for the enforcement of said provisions of the ordinances : Therefore,

Resolved, That all good citizens be requested to aid the authorities of the city in enforcing sections ninety and twenty of an ordinance regulating and protecting streets, alleys, &c. Page 174, Revised Ordinances.

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

So the resolution passed.

Mr. Loomis offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the parties owning property on Pine street, between Fletcher Avenue and Forest Avenue, be, and are hereby, permitted to grade said street between the points aforesaid, and that they be allowed to use the surplus earth therefrom to fill up low vacant lots, streets or alleys in the vicinity.

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

Mr. Grosvenor introduced the following ordinance :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the use of the Fire Department.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis*, That the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) be, and is hereby, appropriated to Charles Richmann, Chief Fire Engineer, for the purchase of horses and other things needed for the Fire Department.

SEC. 2. The City Auditor is hereby directed to issue orders on the City Treasury in favor of Charles Richmann to the above named amount.

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

Ordained and established this 23d day of April, 1866.

J. CAVEN, *Mayor*.

Attest:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.

Which was read the first time by its title, and, on motion, was read the second time.

Mr. Grosvenor 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, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub, and Thompson—16. 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, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—16. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Emerson introduced special ordinance No. 45—1866, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling New York street, between Blackford and Blake streets; also, the sidewalk on said street, on

the north side between the first alley west of Bright street, and Blake street; also, the sidewalk on the south side of said street, between Blackford and Blake streets,

Which was read the first time by its title, and, on motion, was read the second time.

Mr. Loomis introduced general ordinance No. 49—1866, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to establish and maintain a flagman at the crossing of Indiana Avenue, by the Lafayette and Indianapolis Railroad Company,

Which was read the first time by its title, and, on motion, was read the second time.

Mr. Loomis 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, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—16. 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, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—16. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Loomis introduced special ordinance No. 46—1866, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading Cedar street and sidewalks, between Huron and Donation streets,

Which was read the first time by its title, and, on motion, was read the second time.

Mr. Emerson introduced special ordinance No. 47—1866, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling California street and sidewalks, between the north side of New York street and south side of Vermont street,

Which was read the first time by its title, and, on motion, was read the second time.

Mr. Loomis introduced special ordinance No. 48—1866, entitled :
 AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading Huron street and sidewalks, between Cedar street and Donation line.

Which was read the first time by its title, and, on motion, was read the second time.

Mr. Loomis introduced special ordinance No. 49—1866, entitled :
 AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading Grove street and sidewalks, between Virginia Avenue and Fletcher Avenue,

Which was read the first time by its title, and, on motion, was read the second time.

Mr. Coburn introduced special ordinance No. 50—1866, entitled :
 AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of Michigan street and south sidewalk, between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets,

Which was read the first time by its title, and, on motion, was read the second time.

Mr. Coburn, from the Board of Public Improvements, called up the report made by the Board at last meeting in relation to the remonstrances against the bowldering of Virginia Avenue, and moved that the report be accepted.

Which motion was adopted.

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
 Indianapolis, April 18, 1866. }

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

The following are the lowest bidders on street improvements, and we recommend that contracts be awarded them :

Thomas York, to pave and curb the south sidewalk of Washington street, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets; paving \$1.00, curbing 85 cents.

Cogill, Smock & Cogill, to grade and gravel Madison Avenue, between Railroad and Corporation line south; grading 31 cents, graveling 84 cents.

Seibert & Buchanan, to bowlder and curb Virginia Avenue, between South and Noble streets; to bowlder \$1.34, stone curb 95 cents, wood curb 30 cents,

John Stumph, to bowlder Virginia Avenue, between Noble and Bradshaw streets; to bowlder \$1.50, stone curb 95 cents, wood curb 30 cents.

James Stewart, to grade and gravel St. Joseph street, between Pennsylvania and Meridian streets; grading 34 cents, graveling \$1.34.

Henry Myers, to grade and gravel East street, between St. Clair and Cherry streets; grading 40 cents, graveling \$1.60.

Coulter & White, to erect lamp-posts and fixtures on North street, between Delaware and Alabama streets, at \$44.45 cents.

HENRY COBURN,
 AD. SEIDENSTICKER, } Board.
 J. A. GROSVENOR, }

On motion of Mr. Seidensticker the report was concurred in and the contracts awarded as recommended, except so much as relates to

the grading and bouldering of Virginia Avenue, which part of said report was, on motion laid upon the table.

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, April 18, 1866. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements, would respectfully report to your honorable body that the motion of Mr. MacArthur, to have the Street Commissioner clean certain alleys in the Fourth Ward, are of the opinion that this kind of work should not be done by the Street Commissioner. There is a great deal of this work to be done, more than this officer or any assistance we can give him can do, and do it promptly, carrying on the ordinary work which is required of him. Your Board are of the opinion that the property holders and occupants are the proper persons to clean the alleys; and we would suggest that Councilmen instruct the policemen of their Wards to see that this work is attended to immediately.

HENRY COBURN, }
AD. SEIDENSTICKER, } *Board.*
J. A. GROSVENOR. }

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, April 21, 1866. }

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 C. F. Schmidt be allowed to put down a wooden gutter in the gutter of Delaware street, south of Wyoming street, provided the same is not an obstruction.

H. COBURN, }
AD. SEIDENSTICKER, } *Board.*
J. A. GROSVENOR, }

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, April 18, 1866. }

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 Jacob Dunn, to have the contractor for Mississippi street stopped from taking earth from St. Clair street, we are of the opinion that the Civil Engineer should stop him, as the earth will be wanted in improving said street between Mississippi street and the Canal.

HENRY COBURN, }
AD. SEIDENSTICKER, } *Board.*
J. A. GROSVENOR, }

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, April 18, 1866. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements would respectfully report to your honorable body that they herewith submit the monthly report of the Street Commissioner, showing the work of the past month. Also, his financial report of expenses for same time. We have examined the same and the vouchers correct, and have filed them with the Clerk.

HENRY COBURN, }
AD. SEIDENSTICKER, } Board.
J. A. GROSVENOR, }

Report of the Street Commissioner to the Board of Public Improvements :

1. Put one foot bridge down on Fort Wayne Avenue and East street.
2. Put six foot bridges down on Fort Wayne Avenue and Alabama streets.
3. Put four foot bridges down on Davidson and New York streets.
4. Put one Foot bridge down on Noble and New York streets.
5. Repaired tumbler on Washington street by Bates' Mill.
6. Repaired the bridge on Virginia Avenue across Pogue's Run.
7. Cleaned Washington street, between New Jersey street and Canal.
8. Filled the crossing on New Jersey and St. Clair streets, with cinders.
9. Filled the crossing on Delaware street and McCarty street with cinders.
10. Filled two crossings on Huron and Noble street, with cinders.
11. Filled the mouth of the alley on north Oho, between Illinois and Meridian streets, full width of the sidewalk.
12. Filled the mouth of the alley on Illinois between Ohio and Market streets, east side full width of the sidewalk.
13. Put two foot bridges down on south Tennessee street.
14. Put three foot bridges on Tennessee and Louisiana streets.
15. Put foot bridges on Market and Mississippi streets.
16. Filled the crossing on Noble and Georgia streets with cinders.
17. Filled the crossing on California and Michigan streets with cinders.
18. Built a culvert on Market street first alley next to Canal, south east.
19. Put three foot bridges on Fort Wayne Avenue and New Jersey streets.
20. Put three foot bridges on Maryland and Tennessee street.
21. Put two foot bridges on Fort Wayne Avenue and Delaware street.
22. Made two crossings on Fort Wayne Avenue and Delaware street, with gravel.
23. Made two crossings on Fort Wayne Avenue and Alabama street with gravel.
24. Filled the crossing on Pennsylvania and South streets with cinders.
25. Cleaned Tennessee street, between market and Washington streets.
26. Filled the crossing on Tennessee and South streets with cinders.
27. Shortened the bridge on Market street across the Canal 15 feet; put two new trestles under the same and laid a new floor; hauled 135 yards dirt and cinders on the same.
28. Cleaned Illinois street between Ohio and Louisiana streets.
29. Opened the gutters on Maryland street, between Meridian and Illinois streets, and hauled the dirt away.
30. Repaired the bowldering on Meridian street, between Washington and Louisiana streets.
31. Cleaned the alley running north and south between Delaware and Alabama streets.
32. Put one foot bridge on East and Louisiana streets.
33. Filled the crossing of Meridian and Ohio streets.
34. Cleaned Pearl street, between Pennsylvania and Meridian streets.

35. Cleaned the alley running south and north, between Washington and Pearl streets.
36. Repaired the bowldering on Washington, between New Jersey and Illinois street.
37. Cleaned Kentucky Avenue, between Washington and Tennessee sts.
38. Opened the gutters on East street, between McCarty and South sts., hauled the dirt away, and repaired the sidewalks which the water washed through.
39. Filled the crossing on Market and New Jersey streets.
40. Filled the crossings on Alabama and New Jersey streets with spalts and cinders.
41. Filled the crossings on Noble and Market streets with cinders.
42. Opened the gutters on East street, between Market and Washington streets, and hauled the dirt away.
43. Laid 196 feet of flag stone on the corner of Meridian and Georgia sts., and 20 feet of curbing—cost \$147.70.
44. Repaired the bowldering on Illinois street, between Washington and Louisiana streets.
45. Repaired the culvert on New Jersey street and Virginia Avenue.
46. Opened the gutters on Market street, between New Jersey street and Pogue's Run.
47. Built the culvert on Illinois and Garden streets.
48. Made crossings on St. Clair and Chatham streets.
49. Put one foot bridge on Elm and Cedar streets.
5. Built the bridge across the arm of the Canal on National Road; put in four new stringers and seven of the best old ones, sawed off the rotten end of those that came off the bridge across Pogue's Run on Illinois street, and widened the bridge four feet and shortened the same five feet; put on new flooring and new hand rails—everything is now in good order on the same.

AUGUST RICHTER, *Street Commissioner.*

Which, on motion, was received, and the report of the Street Commissioner accepted and approved.

By Mr. Coburn from the Board of Public Improvements :

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, April 18, 1866. }

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 petition of property holders on Stevens street, between East street and Virginia Avenue has been forestalled by the passage of an ordinance for the improvement.

That the Street Commissioner level the dirt on the Park south of Michigan, between Liberty and East streets; also, that he open the gutters of Market street, between Alabama and New Jersey streets, and on Delaware street south of South street; also, fix the foot bridges on Illinois and Ohio streets.

The motion to have the Board instruct Street Commissioner to repair bridge on Virginia Avenue, we would report has been done and the bridge is as good as any temporary repairs can make it.

The petition of T. J. Vater for the improvement of Walnut street is fully satisfied by the passage of an ordinance for its improvement.

The petition of G. A. Wells to remove earth from alley, to private property we would recommend be not granted as it will be wanted to grade streets or alleys at no distant day in that vicinity.

HENRY COBURN,
AD. SEIDENSTICKER, } *Board.*
J. A. GROSVENOR, }

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

By Mr. Coburn from the Board of Public Improvements :

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, April 18, 1866. }

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 they herewith report an ordinance for grading and graveling the alley petitioned for in the within petition.

HENRY COBURN, }
AD. SEIDENSTICKER, } Board.
J. A. GROSVENOR, }

On motion the report was received.

Also, special ordinance No. 51—1866, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling the alley running east and west, between Washington and Market and Liberty and Noble streets, from Liberty street to its termination east,

Which was read the first time by its title, and, on motion, was read the second time.

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, April 18, 1866. }

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 they herewith report an ordinance for bowldering west Washington street and repealing the ordinance now in force on said subject.

We desire to express no opinion in favor of repealing the old ordinance and the passage of the present one, but simply report the ordinance to expedite the improvement, if the Council determine to repeal the old ordinance in accordance to the wishes of the property holders and the petition of the contractor.

HENRY COBURN, }
AD. SEIDENSTICKER, } Board.
J. A. GROSVENOR, }

On motion the report was received.

Also, special ordinance No. 52—1866, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the bowldering of West Washington street, between Missouri street and the west side of the first alley west of West street, and curbing the outer edge of the sidewalks between the limits aforesaid,

Which was read the first time by its title, and, on motion, was read the second time.

Mr. Emerson then moved that rules 19 and 24 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, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—16. 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, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub, and Thompson—16. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Coburn, from the Committee on Accounts and Claims, reported that the Committee had examined the ordinance reported by the City Auditor at last meeting and referred to them, and found the same correct and recommended that the ordinance be passed.

Which report was received and concurred in and the ordinance laid over to be taken up in regular order of business for ordinances on third reading.

By Dr. Thompson, from Committee on Gas :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23, 1866.

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

The Committee on Gas, to whom was referred the petitions of citizens living on Tennessee street, between Michigan and First streets, and on Virginia Avenue, between South and Bradshaw streets, asking this Council to cause the aforesaid streets within said limits to be lighted with gas, have had the same under consideration, and now make the following report: That as soon as the said petitioners shall enter into satisfactory bonds with the Gas Company to secure the requisite number of gas burners to the square, that this Council shall then cause the prayer of the petitioners to be complied with.

W. CLINTON THOMPSON, }
C. F. SCHMIDT, } *Committee.*

Which, on motion, was referred to the City Attorney with instructions to report forms of bond, &c., as required by the gas ordinance.

By Mr. Seidensticker, from Committee on Revision of Ordinances :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23, 1866.

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

The Committee on Revision of Ordinances, to whom was referred the petition of Martin L. Coyner and others, in reference to an excavation in the north-east part of the city; also, of Dr. Klein and others, in reference to a

pond of standing water, and sundry other petitions and motions on that subject, herewith report an ordinance of general character, which, in their opinion, will provide remedies for all similar complaints.

A. D. SEIDENSTICKER, }
P. H. JAMESON, } *Committee.*
S. A. COLLEY, }

Which report was received.

Also, general ordinance No. 50, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE providing for the drainage and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to drain or fill up the same, -

Which was read the first time by its title, and on motion, was read the second time.

Mr. Seidensticker 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, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emersom, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—16. 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, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—16. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

By Mr. Seidensticker, from Committee on Revision of Ordinances :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23, 1866.

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

In accordance to instructions, the Committee on Revision of Ordinances herewith report an ordinance defining and punishing vagrancy, embracing in the same ordinance several offences, which, in our opinion, ought to be adopted in the penal code of the city.

A. D. SEIDENSTICKER, }
P. H. JAMESON, } *Committee.*
S. A. COLLEY, }

On motion the report was received.

Also, general ordinance No. 51, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE defining sundry offences and prescribing punishment therefor.

Which was read the first time by its title, and, on motion, was read the second time.

Mr. Brown, moved to amend by inserting between the words "houses of ill-fame," and the words "shall be deemed," &c., in the seventh line of the first section, the following: "or who shall be in the habit of driving in, hacks or other vehicles, persons to houses of ill fame."

Which amendment was adopted.

By Mr. Brown, from select committee :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23, 1866.

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

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council to examine and report what ponds or sink-holes in and about the city, if any, require drainage or filling, beg leave to report that the committee made a tour of all the Wards of the city, and find the following ponds, &c., that require draining or filling up :

1. Two ponds north of the old Government Stable, (now torn down,) between East and Noble streets, and Walnut and St. Clair streets.
2. Pond north of St. Clair street, near Massachusetts Avenue and Noble street.
3. The pond in the gravel pit of the Bellefontaine Railroad, south of St. Clair street, and between the Peru Railroad and Railroad street.
4. Pond on the corner of Noble and Washington streets, on east and west sides of Noble street.
5. Pond on corner of Cady and East Georgia streets.
6. Two ponds near Harrison street, between Lord street and east Corporation line.
7. Pond near Lord street—an old brick yard pond.
8. Pond north of South street, near the first alley west of Noble street—an old brick yard.
9. Virginia River (so called) at its crossing of Huron street.
10. Pond on lot near alley between Hosbrook and Cedar streets, (near No. 127 Hosbrook street.)
11. Pond near intersection of Fletcher Avenue and Pine street.
12. Pond near corner of Virginia Avenue and Dougherty street.
13. Pond near St. Mary's Catholic Church.
14. Pond in Buchanan street, one square west of Virginia Avenue.
15. Lake Yandes and ponds in its vicinity, between Dougherty and McCarty streets, and east of East street.
16. Pond between Dougherty and Coburn streets, east of No. 21 Dougherty street.
17. Pond east of East street, near intersection of Wyoming street.
18. Ponds on out-lot 103.
19. Pond west of Union street, between McCarty and Ray streets.
20. Pond in rear of Soldiers' Home.
21. The gutters of streets leading from Man's, Smith's and Gagg & Co.'s Breweries.

The committee recommend that the City Auditor report the names of the property owners on which the aforesaid ponds are located.

W. H. LOOMIS,
AUSTIN H. BROWN, } Committee.
J. H. KAPPES,

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

By Dr. Jameson, from select committee :

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, }
Indianapolis, April 16, 1866. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—In answer to a communication from the Common Council of Evansville, referred to special committee, we would respectfully refer your honorable body to the inclosed Circular issued by the State Board of Education. It will be seen that this Circular embraces all the points suggested in the communication aforesaid.

Respectfully,
A. C. SHORTRIDGE,
Superintendent Public Schools.
P. H. JAMESON,
Member Committee on Education.

CIRCULAR TO BOOK PUBLISHERS.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF INDIANA, }
Indianapolis, Ind., March 16, 1866. }

By an act of the General Assembly of the State, approved March 6, 1865, it is provided that there shall be assessed and collected on the list of property taxable for State purposes, one-tenth of one mill on each dollar, to be applied exclusively to the purchase of books for the Township School Libraries of the State.

This tax, if all collected without any deduction for cost of collection, will yield \$52,562 65. Making a very liberal allowance for delinquencies and expenses of collection, it may be safely estimated that the tax will yield a net fund of \$40,000, to be invested in books and the distribution of the same to the several townships.

For the purpose of procuring the books on the most advantageous terms to the State, and at the same time to afford fair competition among the book houses of the country, the Board of Education proposes to receive separate sealed proposals covering the following points, viz :

First. For furnishing such books as may hereafter be selected by the Board of Education for said Libraries, the books to be furnished in sheets unbound, and each bidder to state in his proposal at what per centum below the regular wholesale catalogue, or trade list prices for the bound volumes, he proposes to furnish the sheets ready for binding; said catalogue prices to be those set forth in the last catalogue issued prior to the time of making the proposal.

Second. To do the binding of the same volumes, and deliver them at Indianapolis, Indiana; the binding to be in good Sheep and uniform, and to be stamped "Indiana Township Library;" the work to be of the best quality, according to specimens to be furnished by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Third. For the boxing and distribution of the books to the several counties of the State, the packing to be carefully and well performed, and the books to be safely delivered to the County Auditors of the several counties, the books belonging to each township to be in a separate package, properly marked with the name of the township, as the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall direct.

Fourth. Any person proposing to furnish the books, or to do the binding, or both, may couple with his bid or bids a proposition that, in the event that the contract for furnishing the books, or for the binding, or either of them, shall be awarded to him, he will box and distribute the books for a price different from that for which he proposes to do the work, in the event of the boxing and distribution being alone awarded to him.

The proposals to be addressed to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Indianapolis, Indiana, sealed and indorsed respectively, as follows :

- " Proposals for furnishing books for Township Libraries."
- " Proposals for binding books for Township Libraries."
- " Proposals for boxing and distributing books for Township Libraries."

Proposals will continue to be received until the 5th day of June, 1866, when the Board of Education will meet at the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Indianapolis, Indiana, and the proposals will be opened in the presence of the Board, and the contract or contracts will be awarded to the bidder or bidders whose proposals shall, all things being considered, be deemed most advantageous to the State, upon such reasonable security being given for the performance of the contract or contracts, as the Board may require; the Board, however, reserving the right to reject all propositions, if the terms are deemed unreasonable.

There are 92 counties in the State, and 979 townships, and one Library to each of the State Prisons.

The books will not be selected until after the contract for furnishing them is awarded, and when the selections are made, the list will be furnished to the person or persons to whom the contract for furnishing them may be awarded, and will not be made known to any other person or persons, until the contractor shall have made his purchase.

A. C. SHORTRIDGE, Secretary.

GEORGE W. HOSS, President.

On motion the report was received.

From the Civil Engineer—Report :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23, 1866.

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

The Civil Engineer would respectfully report that Messrs. Williams & Catterson, the contractors for grading and graveling Union street and sidewalks between Merrill and McCarty streets, have completed the same according to contract, and a first and final estimate is herewith submitted for your approval.

Also the first and final estimate in favor of Herman Timmermann, for grading and graveling Meek street and sidewalks, between Noble street and the corporation line east, is respectfully submitted for approval.

JAMES WOOD, *Civil Engineer.*

Resolved, That the first and final estimate allowed Hermann Teimmerman for grading and graveling Meek street and sidewalks, between Noble street and the corporation line east, be 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 Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—16. Noes, none.

So resolution passed.

Resolved, That the first and final estimate allowed Messrs. Williams & Catterson for grading and graveling Union street and sidewalks, between McCarty and Merrill streets, be 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, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—16. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

From the City Attorney—Report :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 21, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have examined the report of the Commissioners in the matter of the opening of Walters street, and respectfully report that in my opinion the report is defective in not setting forth the names of the persons who have sustained damage, and should be amended.

Respectfully,

B. K. ELLIOTT, *City Attorney.*

On motion of Mr Brown, the report was concurred in, and the report of the Commissioners and papers in the case were referred back to the Commissioners with instructions to amend their report.

From the City Clerk—Report :

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK,
Indianapolis, April 23, 1866. }

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

GENTLEMEN:—The City Clerk would respectfully report that an affidavit has been filed for the collection of street assessment by precept as follows, to-wit: Thomas Wren against William Biddle as the owner of lot numbered five (5), in out-lot numbered forty-five (45), for an unpaid sum of forty-eight (48) dollars and eighty-eight (88) cents, and would respectfully recommend that you order precepts to issue.

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

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented sundry bills of Joseph K. English, late City Treasurer, against the city, for per cent., interest, extra services, &c., on final settlement with the city as Treasurer.

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

Mr. Coburn called up Ordinance on Accounts, as follows, to-wit :

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 :

Merrill & Co., books and stationery.....	\$26 45
J. H. Ross, fuel for Auditor's office.....	6 00
J. H. Ross, fuel for Pest House.....	30 00
I. L. Frankem, sundry articles for Auditor's office.....	35 60
Thomas R. Shea, assisting Civil Engineer.....	32 50
Alexander Wood, " " ".....	60 00
Cottrell & Knight, Dog Checks and Rings 1,000.....	100 00
Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company, Gas.....	1,258 05
Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co., Internal Revenue on Gas, cash..	100 65
Bennett Brooks, bridge over St. Clair street..	480 00
Coulter & White, Street Improvements.....	94 42
C. S. Roney, Cisterns.....	1,627 98
Mary Hoss, Pest House.....	20 00
Viney Hays, " ".....	25 00
— Warren, " ".....	30 00
John M. Kemper, Discount on City Orders.....	168 49
Andrew Curti, Costs.....	18 75
J. Marsee & Son, Lumber.....	37 35
Adams Express Co., Express charges.....	175 00
William Sheets, Book furnished J. M. W. Langsdale.....	16 00
J. M. W. Langsdale, taking City Census.....	500 00
Total.....	\$4,842 24

SEC. 2. The City Auditor 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.

Ordnained and established this 23d day of April, 1866.

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, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—16. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

On motion of Mr. Brown, general ordinance No. 45, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to amend section 3d of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance prescribing rules and regulations for the government of the Council, its officers, and officers connected with the city government," passed June 12, 1865,

Was taken up and stricken from the files.

On motion of Mr. Brown, all the special ordinances were laid over.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Dr. Thompson offered the following motion :

That the Board of Police be instructed to have the old Hook and Ladder House, on the East Market Square, divided into two apartments, and converted into suitable quarters for the reception of persons charged with petty offenses.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Board of Police.

Mr. McNabb presented the accounts of the Inspectors, Judges and Clerks of the special election, held in the Fifth Ward, for the election of one Councilman.

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

By Mr. Seidensticker—Remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN :—Your petitioners, representing property holders on Vermont street, between Liberty and Noble streets, would respectfully remonstrate against the ordinance, passed by your honorable body, to grade and gravel said street, between said Liberty and Noble streets, unless provided that your honorable body would pass an additional ordinance to grade and gravel said street also from Liberty to East streets, which would supply the dirt for filling, and also make the street more efficient and useful than in its present condition.

Augustus Spiegel,
George Stiedel,
David W. Snider.

Thomas Vann,
John Monroe.

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

Mr. Loomis moved—

That the Committee on Streets and Alleys be directed to prepare an ordinance or resolution defining the names and bounds of such streets as have two or more names within the city limits.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Loomis moved—

That the City Auditor be directed to re-advertise the ordinances recently passed to bowlder Virginia Avenue.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Council adjourned.

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

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*