

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
MONDAY, MAY 21ST, 1866, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—Hon. Sims A. Colley, President *pro tem.*, in the chair,
and the following members at first roll-call:

Councilmen Allen, Brown, Coburn, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes,
Loomis, MacArthur and McNabb—10.

Absent—Councilmen Boaz, Emerson, Fletcher, Jameson, Schmidt,
Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—8.

The proceedings of the regular session held May 14th, 1866, were
read and approved.

By Mr. Grosvenor—Petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, May 21, 1866.

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

Your petitioner desires to grade and gravel the sidewalk in front of his
property, lots 18 and 19, on North West street, between St. Clair and Walnut
streets, said work to be done at my own expense and under the directions
of the City Engineer.

REUBEN KLINGENSMITH.

On motion, the prayer of the petitioner was granted.

By Mr. Loomis—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 21, 1866

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

GENTLEMEN:—I respectfully petition your honorable body to grade the alley between Merrill and Stevens streets, fronting on Virginia Avenue, being between the said Avenue and East street, in this city. As in duty bound I will ever pray.

JOHN B. KELLEY.

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

By Mr. Colley—Remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 21, 1866.

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

We, the undersigned property owners along the line of New Jersey street, between St. Clair and Gregg streets, respectfully, but earnestly, remonstrate against the vacation of any part of said street, as petitioned for by John W. Brown and others at the meeting of your honorable body held May 14, 1866, for the reasons that said street, occupied as it is by the Street Railway, is already narrow enough between the points above named, being about five feet narrower now than the regular width of the street south of St. Clair, occasioned by a jog on the west side of the street; so by vacating that part petitioned for on the east side, would narrow the street ten feet, which would very much depreciate the value of the property of the undersigned, as well as to be a source of inconvenience to the citizens of our populous and growing city.

John C. Burton,
John Carter,
Minerva Van Laningham,
James Loucks,
David Powell,

Albert Reinken,
Henry Reinken,
John Wunst,
Daniel Stilz,
Wm. Turner.

Those persons whose names appear both in the petition and remonstrance signed the petition without considering the disadvantages that would arise from vacating said street, and have, therefore, upon due deliberation, signed the remonstrance against said petition.

JOHN C. BURTON.

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

By the City Clerk—Communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 14, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, Commissioners appointed by your honorable body under section 59 of the City Charter, to appraise and assess damages and benefits accruing to any lands or lots through which any streets are proposed to be constructed or altered, &c., not being in a condition to perform the duties of said trust, do hereby respectfully resign the same.

D. S. BEATY,	} Commissioners.
ÆGIDIUS NALTNER,	
WILLIAM COUGHLIN.	
J. W. DAVIS,	
T. L. ROBERTS,	

On motion of Mr. Brown, the resignation of the City Commissioners was accepted.

By Mr. Allen—Remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 21, 1866.

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

The undersigned are totally opposed to the bowldering of two squares from Noble to Bradshaw streets, on Virginia Avenue.

Michael Muntaz,
Christ. Eska,
John Brennan,

Henry Prasse,
John Hughes,
And 24 others.

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

By Mr. Seidensticker—Communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 21, 1866.

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

The undersigned is respectfully praying the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis to give him authority to place one of his Gas Regulators and Purifiers in the City Hall and Engine Houses, without any compensation, until it will be satisfactorily proven that his apparatus saves over thirty (30) per cent. in the consumption of gas, and gives a good and steady light, as his certificates show that he did obtain in the Cities of Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis Buffalo, Albany, Cincinnati, &c.

PETER FONTAIN.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Gas, with instructions to confer with the petitioner as to the propriety of using the gas regulators, and, if deemed advisable, to have same applied in City Offices and Engine Houses.

By Dr. Thompson—Communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 11, 1866.

To James B. Cunningham, Esq. :

DEAR SIR:—The question of Water Works and sewerage for this city has assumed importance, and in a short time will become matters of necessity, and, in my opinion, we should commence making some investigation in reference thereto, as of course some time will be consumed in discussing plans, and I would be glad to procure some facts and approximations to which to refer any parties contemplating an organization for either of the above purposes.

As you have a valuable experience on these subjects, I would request you, if you can do so without too much labor on your part, to answer the following questions :

1. Is it practicable to furnish the city with water from any source at justifiable cost to the consumer, embracing say, pumping by water, steam power, or an aqueduct to Muncie, tapping White River.
2. If from more than one, what are they, and which in your opinion, all things considered, is the best?
3. Can the water be raised from White River by water power?
4. If not, but steam is required, would the expense be so great as to make the water charges too great to induce a sufficient consumption to remunerate the necessary outlay?
5. Could a sufficient base be obtained on Crown Hill, at a sufficient height, for a distributing reservoir?

6. If a sufficient head could be obtained from a dam across White River, at Muncie, would the interest on the prime cost of an aqueduct exceed the expense of steam or water-pumping machinery located at the nearest point to the city?

7. Would you be prepared to give an approximate estimate of the cost of each plan named in some tabular form easy of comparison?

8. If the necessary head could be obtained at Pendleton from Fall Creek, how would this plan compare with the others? You will observe that if this would be sufficient for some years that the pipes could be extended to Muncie without abandonment of the work already done. You will also observe that the head might, with but a slight increase of length of time, be located some two or three mile above Muncie, as shown by the map, unless there are natural obstacles, and I am not familiar enough with that region to state.

9. Would you be willing to make a survey to Pendleton and Muncie and ascertain the levels, and make a topographical map, and upon what conditions?

10. What is the average daily quantity of water required in cities which have water works to each 50,000 inhabitants, or do the conditions vary so in different cities as to preclude the adoption of a standard?

11. Please embrace in your estimates of plans, and in your choice of plans, the element of the probable necessities of a city of 100,000 inhabitants, as of course everything should be planned with reference to the future of a rapidly growing city.

12. When water can be raised and furnished at a price which enables consumers to use it for ordinary purposes, can it be profitably employed as a motive power in various kinds of light manufactures, and can machinery be employed so as to receive the full power of the column?

13. If it cannot be so raised by pumping when it could be obtained from a natural head, and the source of the supply was abundant, would its use as a motive power justify the increased enlargement of the channel of supply necessarily consequent?

14. I have probably propounded questions difficult to answer definitely, and when this is so I shall only expect an answer as your general information and observation will enable you to give

15. Have you any acquaintance with the plan of supplying water without a reservoir, and by continuous pressure adopted in Auburn, New York, and what is your opinion of its merits, and could we likely adopt it in preference to any other?

16. As sewerage is a demonstrated necessity in all large cities, and as an approach to estimates of cost could only be arrived at by measurements and calculations which would only be reliable for the present, I will only ask you if you do not consider this city, in view of location, fall to low water mark of the river, material to be excavated, and the cost of necessary material favorable in an unusual degree to cheap and efficient sewerage, and, if you can, to specify in general terms its favorable or unfavorable peculiarities?

Mr. Woodruff, who is familiar with the Auburn Works, is at the Bates House, and I would be obliged to you if you would see him in reference thereto.

Yours truly,

J. CAVEN, *Mayor*.

OFFICE OF CUNNINGHAM & BAILEY, CIVIL ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS, }
Indianapolis, Ind., May 14th, 1866. }

To the Hon. John Caven, Mayor:

DEAR SIR:—I have your favor of the 11th inst, asking my opinion upon several points connected with the sources and manner of supplying this city with pure, soft water, and in reply will state to you such ideas as appear to me conclusive, regarding the practicability of the enterprise, and much regret that I am not prepared with such facts, as a careful instrumental examination only can afford, to go more minutely into details.

The amount of water required for the present uses of the city is much too

small to justify the construction of an aqueduct to supply water by gravitation from Muncie, or even a much less distance. It can, however, be supplied in ample quantities to meet the requirements of a population of 200,000 inhabitants by *pumping* from the *White River*, if the exclusive use of the river for that specific purpose can be secured to the city, the river furnishing both store and power water. I had proposed with this water power to elevate the water by stand-pipe to a receiving and distributing reservoir on Crown Hill, which could be constructed there at a comparatively small cost, capable of holding nine millions, U. S. standard, gallons, with a distributing head of about 106 feet (if I am correctly informed as to the levels) at the lowest water line, and 121 ft. at the highest. I would, with a supply main of 24 inches, bring the water to the city, using the wrought iron cement-lined pipe of the Jersey City Pipe Company for all mains, distributing and service pipe. Taking distances from the map and from all the information at my command, I had roughly estimated the cost of these works complete in every particular at \$320,000. I had also calculated, taking the water rates established by other cities as the standard, that the revenue derived therefrom for the first year would be not less than \$28,000.

As you suggested in the conclusion of your communication the probable advantage of an interview with Mr. Woodruff, of Auburn, N. Y., now here on business, I will state that Mr. W. did me the favor to call on me and to furnish me with the general outline of the Auburn Works. The supply of water there is inexhaustable and of most excellent quality. With a 16 foot head they run 3 duplex pumps with 3 turbin wheels, have about 5 miles of distributing pipe, the works being about one mile from the business center of the place; they preserve a uniform pneumatic pressure of about 33 pounds; when the flow of water is increased by the discharge of a fire hydrant the lever of the valve rings a bell and informs the superintendent of the works, and also opens the water gates to furnish more power to increase the speed of wheels and pumps; the pipes are protected against going beyond a pressure of 88 pounds per square inch, by safety valves, at different points. I can see no reason why the same principle cannot be applied with perfect success to our works, if we have ample power; this can be determined by instrumental surveys, to the making of which, or any maps or diagrams necessary to explain the matter, I will readily devote a week of my time if the city will furnish two assistants and conveyance for that purpose. I should prefer seeing the practical operation of the Auburn Works before I could be convinced of its superiority in *all respects* to the gravitating pressure. A great saving in prime cost and maintainance would be accomplished by this plan.

In answer to your final interrogatory, I will say that I know of no city so well adapted by its almost monotonous level, character of material to be excavated, and of building stone, fall to low water mark of river, to a cheap and efficient system of sewerage as this city is, and a proper consideration of this subject seems to be inseparably connected with the water works.

Most heartily wishing both of these enterprises that success which their pressing importance seems to demand, I remain,

Most respectfully yours,

JAS. B. CUNNINGHAM

Which, on motion, was referred to a select committee of five Councilmen, to be appointed by the chair.

The chair appointed as such committee Councilmen Brown, Jameson, Kappes, Seidensticker and Thompson.

By Mr. Colley—Communication :

OFFICE UNION RAILWAY COMPANY, }
Indianapolis, May 21, 1866. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—J. J. Bisbing has been appointed Depot Marshal for one year. Will you please confirm this appointment, and oblige,
Yours respectfully,

E. J. PECK, President.
W. N. JACKSON, Sect'ry.
C. B. ROBINSON, Sup't.

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

By Mr. Schmidt—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 21, 1866.

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

The undersigned respectfully petitions for permission to grade the west half of High street, between McCarty and Wyoming streets, under the direction of the Civil Engineer. Also to bowlder the gutter in front of my property on Wyoming street. Respectfully yours,

C. F. SCHMIDT.

Which, on motion, was granted.

Mr. MacArthur moved—

That the Lafayette and Indianapolis Railroad Company be allowed to erect a small frame building at the intersection of Indiana Avenue and Canal for their flagman at that point.

Which motion was adopted.

Dr. Jameson offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to abate nuisance (in the form of a big mud-hole) situated on Broadway street a little south of Vine street.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements :

Mr. Schmidt offered the following motion :

That the Board of Public Improvements be instructed to report what, if any, changes in the grade of McCarty street, between Alabama and East sts., have been made by the Civil Engineer, and why such changes have been made.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements :

Mr. Loomis moved—

That the regular order of business be, and is hereby, suspended, and the report of the special committee in reference to Railroad petitions be read.

The question being on the suspension of the order of business, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz,

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

So the order of business was suspended.

By Mr. MacArthur, from Select Committee :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 21, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN :—Your Committee, who were appointed to confer with the Citizens' Committee on the proposed line of Railroads, would respectfully report that, having met as agreed with the Citizens' Committee, it was deemed best to order an election to be held at the different Ward School Houses of the city on Saturday, 19th inst., so as to give every tax payer the opportunity to sign a petition to the City Council to appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars as a donation, to be divided as follows: Sixty thousand dollars to the Indianapolis and Vincennes Railroad; forty-five thousand dollars to the Indianapolis, Crawfordsville and Danville Railroad; and forty-five thousand dollars to the Indiana and Illinois Central Railway Company. The said donations to be in City Bonds, payable in twenty years from date of issue, drawing 6 per cent. interest per annum, and no bonds to be issued till the several Companies have completed forty miles of their road from Indianapolis. We would further report that said election was held, and the petitions will be presented to your honorable body by the Secretary of the meeting.

JOHN B. MACARTHUR,
J. HENRY KAPPES,
W. CLINTON THOMPSON, } Committee.

On motion, the report was received.

Mr. MacArthur, on behalf of the Secretary of the Select Committee of Councilmen and Citizens, presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 21, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN :—The undersigned, resident tax payers of the City of Indianapolis, respectfully petition your honorable body to issue bonds of the City of Indianapolis, payable twenty years after date, with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, for one hundred and fifty thousand dollars; sixty thousand dollars of which shall be delivered to the Indianapolis and Vincennes Railroad Company; forty-five thousand dollars to the Indianapolis, Crawfordsville and Danville Railroad Company; and forty-five thousand dollars to the Indiana and Illinois Central Railway Company. The said bonds, to the amount so specified, to be paid each Company, shall be issued and delivered to such Railroad Company when its Road shall have been completed, in running order for the cars, for the distance of forty miles from the City of Indianapolis.

Your petitioners further petition your honorable body to levy a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest on said sum, when said roads shall have been so completed for the said distance, and to take such steps in said matter as may seem just and proper. Respectfully,

James H. McKernan,	J. W. Murphy,
Winslow S. Pierce,	John B. MacArthur.
Gustave Schurman,	Julius A. Grosvenor.
William Wallace,	And 6,889 others.

Which, on motion of Dr. Jameson, was referred to a select committee consisting of the City Auditor, City Assessor, Mayor, Treasurer,

Attorney, and two members of the Council, to be appointed by the chair.

The chair appointed Councilmen Kappes and MacArthur members of said Committee.

Mr. MacArthur moved that when the Council adjourn it adjourn to meet at 7½ o'clock on Tuesday evening, the 22d inst., to receive report of select committee on railroad petition.

Mr. Brown moved, as a substitute, that the select committee be instructed to report at next regular meeting of Council.

Mr. Brown's motion was adopted.

Mr. Seidensticker moved—

That all petitions in favor of the appropriation of \$150,000 for the three new Railroads to Indianapolis, which are filed with the City Clerk before the next regular meeting, are hereby referred to the committee on the other petition, to be embraced in their report.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

That the City Assessor and Auditor be directed to examine the petition relative to a railroad tax, and they are hereby authorized to place upon the assessment lists for 1866, the names of all such petitioners as are not found on such assessment list.

Dr. Jameson moved to lay the motion on the table.

Mr. Brown called for the ayes and noes.

The question being on laying the motion on the table, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Coburn, Colley, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt, Sidensticker and Staub—13.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Boaz, Brown and Thompson—3.

So the motion was laid upon the table.

On motion the regular order of business was resumed.

Mr. Thompson moved—

That the Street Commissioner is hereby instructed to have the culverts on the crossings of Washington and Illinois streets cleansed.

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

Mr. Loomis offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to build such culverts as may be necessary on Stevens street, between East street and Virginia Avenue.

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

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, May 16, 1866. }

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 they find the following persons the lowest bidders :

1. Whitsitt & Hubbard, to curb and bowlder Virginia Avenue between South and Noble streets ; wood curb 25 cents ; stone curb 90 cents per lineal foot ; bowldering \$1.26 per superficial yard.

2. Whitsitt & Hubbard to curb and bowlder Virginia Avenue, between Noble and Bradshaw streets. Wood curb 25 cents ; stone 90 cents per lineal foot ; bowlders \$1.26 per superficial yard.

3. Blum & Naltner to grade and bridge Elm street, between Noble and corporation line east, for 53 cents per lineal foot, each side.

4. Hanway & Kown to grade and gravel the alley running north and south, through square No. 36, for 47 cents per lineal foot, each side.

5. James S. Coyner to build the addition to the East Market House, and to re-cover the old one, for the sum of twelve hundred and forty-five dollars (\$1,245).

6. James S. Coyner to build a fence around the West Market House for 37½ cents per lineal foot.

Fletcher Rubush to build a fence around the Pest House for 25 cents per lineal foot.

H. COBURN,
J. A. GROSVENOR, } *Board.*
JNO. B. MACARTHUR. }

The question being on the adoption of the motion to concur in so much of the report as relates to the bowldering of Virginia Avenue, between South and Noble streets, the motion did not prevail.

Mr. Brown moved—

That no award of contract be made for bowldering Virginia Avenue, between Noble and Bradshaw streets, and that the Board of Public Improvements be instructed to report an ordinance repealing the existing ordinance on that subject.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion the balance of the report was concurred in and the contracts awarded as reported on by the Board.

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, May 16, 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 as North street, between Mississippi st. and the Canal, is about to be graded and graveled, we would recommend that it be so graded as to put the water from all the north-western part of the city east of the Canal and north of North street, into the Canal at North street.

We would further recommend the deepening of the gutters on North st., between Mississippi and Illinois streets, so as to relieve Illinois street from the flood of water now flowing down it. Culverts will have to be built at the crossings of Illinois, Tennessee and Mississippi streets, and the cost of them will be considerable; but as a number of the streets north of North street are being improved this year, a great amount of water that has heretofore been left standing in the low grounds, or sunk in sinks, will have to be carried off, and it can only be done by letting it come down Illinois street, as at present, or putting it into the Canal at North street. Illinois street has now more water than can be carried off without flooding the sidewalks and crossings. We ask that Council give Civil Engineer and Board some instructions.

HENRY COBURN, }
J. A. GROSVENOR. } *Board.*
JNO. B. MacARTHUR, }

Which, on motion, was concurred in and the Board authorized and directed to have the grade of North street changed as recommended.

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, May 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 they herewith return the contract and bond of Samuel Lefever to bowlder the alley running east and west, through square 55, amended in accordance with instructions of the Council.

HENRY COBURN, }
J. A. GROSVENOR, } *Board.*
JNO. B. MacARTHUR, }

On motion the report was received and the contract and bond referred back to the Board.

By Mr. Brown, from Committee on Streets and Alleys :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 21, 1866.

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

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the report of the Commissioners of Streets and Alleys, relative to the matter of straightening Pogue's Run, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and believe the damages assessed to be excessive. They, therefore, recommend that the report be rejected.

AUSTIN H. BROWN, }
HENRY COBURN, } *Committee.*
P. H. JAMESGN, }

The question being on concurring in the report of the Committee on Streets and Alleys, and rejecting the report of the City Commissioners, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—15. Noes, none.

So the report was concurred in.

By Mr. Boaz, from Board of Police :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 21, 1866.

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

The Board of Police would respectfully report that the small buildings on the north-west corner of the East Market Space are unfit for a station house, and would respectfully recommend that said buildings be removed from the grounds, and that the Street Commissioner be directed to sell the material.

Respectfully,

WM. BOAZ,
J. STAUB,
P. H. JAMESON, } Committee.

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

Dr. Thompson from the Committee on Gas, to whom was referred the petitions for gas mains of Fred. Smith, and others, R. F. Bence, and others, and George Ilg, and others, reported the same back with blank form of bond to be signed by petitioners.

By Mr. McNabb, from Select Committee :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 21, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee, to whom was referred the petition of Moses Musgrove, and others, in out-lot 138, to have the alley running east and west through said out-lot opened, have examined the said alley, and would recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be complied with, and that the Marshal be directed to cause said alley to be opened at once.

S. McNABB,
J. A. GROSVENOR,
AUSTIN H. BROWN, } Committee.

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

By Mr. Kappes, from Select Committee :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 21, 1866.

Hon. John Caven, Mayor of the City of Indianapolis :

SIR:—In accordance with the ordinance of City Council, adopted May 2d, 1866, I visited Jeffersonville, Indiana, on the 11th inst., and conferred with Dr. Swift, the Medical Director, in reference to the purchase of supplies for

our City Hospital. At the time of my visit the Doctor declined making sale until the application made by the Freedmen's Bureau, to have all the stores turned over to them, was passed upon by the War Department.

The goods were advertised to be sold on Tuesday, the 15th instant. Not having been advised by Dr. Swift as to any decision, I went down again on the evening of the 14th inst., and found that the goods were to be sold at the time designated.

I attended the sale, and purchased such articles as were deemed best, for the use of the City Hospital. In some instances larger amounts were purchased than was indicated by the Council. This was owing to the fact of the auctioneer refusing to sell in less quantities than those purchased. No loss need occur to the city, as the surplus can be readily sold at the cost, or even an advance on cost. Most of the articles were purchased at from one to three hundred per cent. less than their real value.

The purchases and expenses, as you will see, have exceeded the appropriation a small sum, bills of which are herewith submitted.

It is hoped that the purchases will meet the approval of the Council.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. HANNAMAN.

On motion the report was received and the bills and accounts referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims.

From the Civil Engineer—Report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 21, 1866.

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

The Civil Engineer would respectfully report that Messrs. Richter, Carr & Richter, the contractors for grading and graveling McCarty street and sidewalks, between Virginia Avenue and a point where the extension of the west line of New Jersey street would strike McCarty street, have completed the same, and a final estimate is herewith presented in favor of the above parties for your approval.

Also, various contracts and bonds are submitted for your approval, as follows :

Of Samuel Lefever, for curbing the west and south sidewalks of the East Market Square, and the north sidewalk of Court House Square, and bowldering the gutters of same.

Also, of same party, for grading and bowldering the alley running east and west through Square 55.

Also, of J. H. Robinson, for grading and graveling Walnut street and sidewalks, between Tennessee and Meridian streets.

Also, of John Shier, for grading and graveling Merrill street and sidewalks, between Pennsylvania and East streets.

Also, of Messrs. Williams & Bernauer, for grading and graveling the first alley south of South street, running east and west through out-lot 94.

Also, of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the continuation of Duncan street through out-lots 19 and 20.

Also, of Messrs. Dunn & Karney, for furnishing and erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Alabama street, between New York and North streets.

The contract and bond of John Schier, for grading and paving the west sidewalk on Tennessee street, between Washington and Market streets was made out and presented him for his signature, which he refused.

JAMES WOOD, *Civil Engineer.*

First and final estimate allowed Messrs. Richter, Carr & Richter, for grading and graveling McCarty street and sidewalks, between Virginia Avenue and a point where the extension of the west line of New Jersey street would strike McCarty street, made at \$1.44 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per lineal foot.

OWNERS' NAMES.	Lot.	Out-Lot.	Feet and Inches.	Assessment.
— Cowgill, e. end.....	36	101	214.0	\$309 76
— Tucker, mid. pt.....	36	"	40.0	57 90
— Matthews, w. end.....	36	"	40.0	57 90
Christopher Southem.....	33	"	60.0	86 85
F. Berg et al.....	32	"	60.0	86 85
Joseph Schisler et al., s. ends 30 and.....	31	"	120.0	173 70
" e $\frac{1}{2}$	27	"	90.0	130 27
" w $\frac{1}{2}$	27	"	90.0	130 27
John Wands.....	26	"	180.0	260 55
H. Hugo.....	1	"	180.0	260 55
".....	20	"	180.0	260 55
Alanson G. Stephens.....	103	103	424 8	614 70
Francis Frazier, pt.....	103	"	40.0	57 90
".....	9	107	30.0	43 42
".....	10	"	30.0	43 42
".....	11	"	30.0	43 42
".....	12	"	30.0	43 42
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".....	23	"	30.0	43 42
Martha J. Ferguson, l and.....	2	100	82.6	119 41
Lucinda Thatcher, pt.....	3	"	20.7	29 79
James Guthrie, pt.....	3	"	20.8	29 91
A. Sturgeon.....	4	"	41.3	59 70
James H. McKernan.....	17	"	130.0	188 17
McKernan, Pierce & Yandes.....	1	"	30.0	43 42
".....	2	"	30.0	43 42
".....	3	"	30.0	43 42
".....	4	"	30.0	43 42
".....	5	"	30.0	43 42
".....	6	"	30.0	43 42
".....	7	"	30.0	43 42
".....	8	"	30.0	43 42
".....	9	"	30.0	43 42
".....	10	"	40.6	58 62
".....	1	"	40.6	58 62
".....	2	"	38.0	55 00
".....	3	"	38.0	55 00
".....	4	"	38.0	55 00
Horace F. Greer, pt.....	"	"	189.6	274 29
William Buttmeier.....	42	"	60.0	86 85
Fred. Sutler, $\frac{1}{2}$ Greer and W. sub.....	41	"	30.0	43 42
Charles Kindler, Greer & W. Sub.....	41	"	30.0	43 42
Mary M. Hubbard, Greer & W. Sub.....	40	"	60.0	86 85
Herman H. Rosebrook.....	37	"	197.4	285 64
Common Council.....	344.6	498 66
Total.....	\$5 558 18

I hereby certify the above estimate correct.

Respectfully,

JAMES WOOD, *Civil Engineer.*

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Messrs. Richter, Carr & Richter for grading and graveling McCarty street and sidewalks, between Virginia Avenue and the pump where New Jersey street strikes McCarty, 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, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—15. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

On motion, the contracts and bonds reported by the Civil Engineer were referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

On motion, the report as a whole was received.

By the City Clerk, for the Mayor :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 21, 1866.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

GENTLEMEN:—The amount of fines collected by me during the month of April, 1866, was \$474.95, which amount I have paid to the City Treasurer, as shown by the duplicate receipt of the City Auditor attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CAVEN, *Mayor*.

Which, on motion, was accepted and approved.

From the City Clerk—Report :

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, }
Indianapolis, May 21, 1866. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the instructions of your honorable body at last meeting, I would respectfully report, that—

September 11, 1865, there was appropriated, to pay accrued interest on City Orders that were exchanged for City Bonds, the sum of	\$2,000 00
That City Bonds have been issued for City Orders to the amount of	\$27,000 00.
That the accrued interest on the City Orders so redeemed and as paid by me in City Orders, (or certificates previous to the appropriation being made,) is	834 21
Leaving of the appropriation for interest on Orders the sum of -	<u>\$1,165 79</u>
Dec. 23, 1865, there was appropriated to pay the semi-annual interest on the Bonds issued by the City of Indianapolis, which interest became due January 2, 1866, - - - - -	\$765 00
That I issued orders in payment of such, on presentation of the Coupons, to the amount of - - - - -	735 00
Leaving a balance of the appropriation for interest on Bonds, -	<u>\$30 00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.

Which, on motion, was accepted and approved.

City Clerk also reported the following official bonds of City Officers elect, to-wit :

CHARLES RICHMANN, Chief Fire Engineer in the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500); giving as security Fr. Ritzinger and Charles Brinkman.

CHARLES JOHN, Market master, in the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500); giving as security Alex. Metzger.

JOSEPH L. BISHOP, Sealer of Weights and Measures, in the sum of one thousand five hundred (\$1,500); giving as security James Loucks.

Which, on motion, were severally accepted and approved.

From the City Auditor—Report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 21, 1866.

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

GENTLEMAN:—The City Auditor reports the following Ordinance, allowing accounts for the month ending on the 21st of May, 1866, and respectfully recommend the passage of the same.

JOHN G. WATERS, *City Auditor*.

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.

C. Schmidt, for two months' salary, as City Scavenger, from March 12, to May 12, 1866, at \$50 per month.....	\$100 00
H. W. Keehn & Co., Pest House.....	65 37
W. & H. Glenn, one quarters rent of Council Chamber and City Offices, for the month's of February, March and April, 1866, as per agreement to be paid in cash.....	250 00
Joseph K. English for amount of Percentage due on collections made from March 20, to May 10, 1865.....	315 47
Joseph K. English for amount of Interest paid on Orders redeemed from March 20, to May 10, 1865.....	146 53
Joseph K English for amount due on account of errors in registering receipts, found by G. P. Anderson.....	4 70
Cottrell & Knight, gas fixtures for City Auditor's office.....	19 75
William Cowgill, citys portion for grading and graveling Union street and Sidewalks, between McCarty and Merrill streets.....	156 21
Sims & Thayer, for building counter, painting and graining same, complete as certified to by Finance Committee.....	120 00
William Cowan, for extra gravel for city, at crossing of St. Clair and Chatham street.....	88 50
Frederick Schulmeyer, for lighting and extinguishing, cleaning aud repairing 646 street Lamps, for the month ending April 30, 1866, at 45 cents per lamp as per contract, payable in cash as per agreement.....	290 70
Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke Co., for gas furnished to city lamps and to city offices and Engine Houses.....	1,492 61
Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke Co., for Gov't tax on gas furnished city for month of April, payable in cash as per agreement.....	119 41
William J. H. Robinson, Jail expenses from March 1, to 31, 1866, as per bill rendered.....	610 90
Amount carried forward.....	\$3,780 15

Amount brought forward.....	\$3,780 15
William J. H. Robinson, jail expenses from April 1, to 31, 1866, as per bill rendered.....	842 81
Bug. Harris, white washing and scrubbing city offices.....	22 00
Thomas Gott, services as Judge at city election held in 5th ward.....	5 00
Jesse B. Brown, services as Judge at city election held in 5th ward.....	5 00
G. W. Allred, services as Inspector at city election held in 5th ward....	5 00
William S. Johnson, services as Clerk at city election held in 5th ward.	5 00
J. M. Beam, services as Clerk at city election held in 5th ward.....	5 00
Stewart & Morgan, lamp glass furnished to city.....	70 50
J. H. Ross, coal furnished to Pest House.....	7 00
Alexander Wood, assisting the Civil Engineer 30 days.....	75 00
Thomas Shea, assisting the Civil Engineer 30 days.....	75 00
Hiram J. Craft, assisting Civil Engineer for months of February, Mar. and April, 1866.....	225 00
Stephen Smith, pasting bills.....	11 00
Mary Hass, for $\frac{1}{2}$ month's services as wash woman and nurse at Pest House.....	15 00
Jerry Warren, one month and twenty one days' services as nurse at Pest House at \$30 per month.....	51 00
Viney Hays, one month's services as cook and wash woman at Pest House.....	10 00
Viney Hays for discount on 8 months' salary at \$2 per month.....	16 00
Aquilla Peitigrew, for 2 months services in advance (as per agreement) for farming the grounds and keeping the house, boarding patients, washing &c., &c.....	40 00
B. K. Elliott, services as Attorney in sundry suits in the Supreme court.	100 00
Total.....	\$5,365 42

SECTION 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 specific in section 1st of this Ordinance.

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

Ordained and established this 21st day of May, 1866.

On motion the report was received and the ordinance read the first and second times.

Dr. Jameson 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, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—15. 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 Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—15. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

From City Auditor—Report:

INDIANAPOLIS, May 21, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The City Auditor would report that there is a pond of stagnated water, filled with all kind of rubbish in rear of the Soldiers Home, on ground owned by William Sheets, Jacob A. Crossland, and others. Also, a pond on part of lot 11, in Square 60, owned by Peter Kealing and Huntington & Hall, which should be filled up immediately, also a pond on lot 434, in out lot 98, on the north side of Virginia, between Grove and Elk streets, owned by Abraham Brown. Also, a pond on part of out-lot 92, owned by Eliza Green, near the residence of W. H. Loomis, Esq., Also, a pond on lot just west of 137 Huron street.

Respectfully,

JOHN G. WATERS, *City Auditor.*

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

From Street Commissioner—Report:

INDIANAPOLIS, May 21, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance to a resolution of your body, I have been enquiring the lowest price for the very best oak lumber, and I can get the kind of lumber that I want for \$20 per thousand, delivered. I can get lumber for less than this, but it is not No. 1 stuff, and is dearer in the end, as considerable of it is worthless and cannot be used.

Respectfully submitted.

AUGUST RICHTER, *Street Commissioner.*

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

Mr. Glazier called up general ordinance No. 55, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the leasing of the stalls in the Markets of the City of Indianapolis, and prescribing regulations for leasing such stalls.

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

The question being shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—15. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

On motion of Mr. Boaz, the Council adjourned.

Present at roll-call on adjournment Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—15.

SIMS A. COLLEY, *President pro tem.*

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*