

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 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 :

Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jame-son, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Staub and Thompson—11.

Absent—Councilmen Allen, Colley, Fletcher, Kemker, McNabb, Schmidt and Seidensticker—7.

The proceedings of the called session held September 13th, 1866, were read and approved.

Mr. Brown presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 6, 1866.

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

We, the undersigned, residents of Railroad Avenue, fronting the west of Mad-ison and Indianapolis Railroad, beg leave to call your attention to a pond between Wilkins and Morris streets, which is a nuisance. We have been informed that the M. and I. R. R. took the dirt out to make their road, (which on proper inquiry you can find out). Application has been made them, but they take no notice of it. There is an offensive smell originating from said pond that at times we are forced to keep our doors closed. Your early attention to our appeal to have the same filled up will be thankfully received, and as in duty bound, we remain yours,

A. J. Warner, J. B. Fanner,  
G. W. Mussman, Elijah Jones,  
Chess Dunley, And 27 others.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Brown introduced special ordinance No. 90—1866, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for paving with bowlder stones so much of the alley running north and south through Square 66, and between Washington and Pearl streets, as is not paved with bowlder stones,

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Emerson presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 17, 1866.

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

We, the resident property holders on the first alley south of North street, running east and west through Square eight, respectfully petition your honorable body to have the grade of said alley so changed that the water will run from Mississippi street to the alley running north and south through said Square, for which your petitioner will ever pray.

CHAS. JOHN.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

On motion by Mr. Emerson,

The Street Commissioner was directed to deposit the scrapings off West Washington street upon the low places in the Old Fair Grounds west of West street.

On motion by Mr. Glazier,

The Street Commissioner was instructed to open the gutters on Maryland street, between Delaware and Alabama streets, and notify Mr. Sharp about the filth he is running into the street.

Dr. Jameson presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 10, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN :—The undersigned would respectfully petition your honorable body for the privilege of selling sea shells at auction for three months, including time of State Fair, and ask that you grant a license for that purpose. I propose to sell in the rooms of the Spencer House, in your city

NICHOLAS GOYETTE,

Which was granted.

Dr. Jameson introduced special ordinance No. 91, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay a part of the loan due S. A. Fletcher & Co. by the City of Indianapolis,

Which was read the first time by its title.

Dr. Jameson introduced special ordinance No. 92, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to refund taxes erroneously assessed,

Which was read the first time by its title.

Dr. Jameson introduced special ordinance No. 93, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE fixing the salary of the Assistant City Civil Engineer of the City of Indianapolis,

Which was read the first time by its title.

Dr. Jameson offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to raise the gutters on New York street, between Alabama and New Jersey streets, so as to run the water to New Jersey street.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Dr. Jameson offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to fill mud holes in gutters on Massachusetts Avenue, between East and Liberty streets; also, lower gutter on Vermont street at the corner of Pennsylvania street.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Kappes presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 17, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Owing to the continued rains and wet weather, I have been unable to complete, at the time specified, the contract awarded me by the city—and which I assumed—for paving the sidewalk on the east side of North Delaware street, and would respectfully ask that you would please extend the time for the completion of said contract thirty days longer than the time specified, which, I think, was the 15th of the present month. Respectfully,

SAMUEL C. ADAMS.

On motion by Mr. Coburn, the prayer of the petitioner was granted, provided the written consent of sureties be filed with the City Auditor.

Mr. Kappes presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 17, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I would represent that the grading of Cedar street, near the Corporation line, completely obstructs the free and natural flow of water, there being no culvert or gutter through which the water can cross the street, but the same presents a perfect dam to all water flowing from the east—the natural course for the water in that locality—so, that during the late rains, the water was backed up to within six inches of one of my tenement houses, situated just within the city limits immediately in front of my brick yard, and not only endangered the house, but threatened great damage to a kiln of green brick, then standing in the yard. If it had risen six inches higher it would have forced its way over the street, and got under the kiln and destroyed the whole, resulting in thousands of dollars damage to me. And I would respectfully urge the necessity of immediately constructing a culvert across Cedar street sufficiently large to carry off the water conformably to the instructions given the Street Commissioner by the Chairman of the Board of Public Improvements, (although the same have been disregarded,) and who is well acquainted with the premises, and ask that the same may be done.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL C. ADAMS.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

On motion by Mr. Loomis,

The Civil Engineer was instructed to report to the Council whether it is practicable to drain the water from North Pennsylvania street into Fall Creek, and, if so, at what expense:

Mr. Loomis offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to immediately drain the mud hole in Lord street by digging a ditch from Lord street down the first alley east of Noble street to the railroad track of the I. and C. R. R., being about 140 feet.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Loomis offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to construct a wooden sewer across East street, near Virginia Avenue, so as to turn the water from the west side of East street to the east side thereof, by which means the water will be conducted directly into Virginia river.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Staub presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 17, 1866.

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

We, the undersigned, property owners in out-lot No. 42, would respectfully ask your honorable body to open an alley running north and south through said out-lot 42.

Wright & Russell,  
Julius Mannfeld,  
John Bergner,

Valentine Morgenveck,  
Lisette Bertelsmann,  
Robert Haupt.

Which was referred to the City Commissioners, and the City Clerk directed to give the notice as in such cases required.

Dr. Thompson offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to open the gutter on the south side of First street, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets, for the purpose of draining a pond at the intersection of First and Tennessee streets, and, also, that he be further instructed to fill up the hole.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Dr. Thompson introduced special ordinance No. 94—1866, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of Michigan street, between Meridian and Illinois streets,

Which was read the first time by its title.

The sealed proposals for public works were opened and read by the City Clerk, and referred to the Board of Public Improvements.



## REPORTS FROM BOARDS.

Mr. Coburn, from the Board of Public Improvements, made the following report :

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }  
Indianapolis, Sept. 12, 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 we think it unwise for the city to purchase a wagon and horse for the Civil Engineer. As the Engineer says that he is unable to do the work without a wagon to carry his instruments, stakes, &c., we would suggest to the Council that he furnish himself with a horse and wagon, and that he be allowed something for its use.

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

Mr. Grosvenor moved that the matter be referred to the Committee on Revision of Ordinances, with instructions to report an ordinance appropriating three hundred dollars to pay the expense of a horse and wagon for the use of the City Civil Engineer.

Dr. Jameson called for the ayes and noes.

The question being on the adoption of the motion, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Emerson, Grosvenor and Loomis—3.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Glazier, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, Staub and Thompson—8.

So the motion did not prevail.

On motion by Dr. Jameson the whole matter was then laid on the table.

Mr. Coburn, from the Board of Public Improvements, made the following report :

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }  
Indianapolis, Sept. 12, 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 we are unable to state the number of feet remonstrating against the graveling of Elm street, and would recommend that the property owners bring another remonstrance, as we believe that one-third have not signed the one now before the Board.

The remonstrance against the grading and graveling of Blake street, between New York street and Indiana Avenue, represents 2,650 feet. We would recommend that the ordinance be stricken from the files.

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

Which was concurred in.

Dr. Jameson, from the Board of Police, called up the report from the Board, made to Council July 19, 1866, and moved that so much as recommends the purchase of a site for a City Prison, subject to the approval of the Council, be concurred in.

Which motion was adopted.

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Coburn, from Committee on Accounts and Claims, reported special ordinance No. 95, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis,

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Kappes, from the Committee on Benevolence and City Hospitals, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 17, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee, to whom was referred the papers relating to City Hospital affairs, beg leave to report as follows:

The total expenditures for the month of August amount to \$557.14; the average expense for each individual patient per day being \$1.73, or \$12.10 per week. It has occurred to your Committee that articles of consumption for this Institution might be purchased at an advantage for ready cash placed in the hands of the Superintendent, or any other responsible person, and thus the expenses of the establishment be considerably reduced.

We submit herewith all the bills, duly signed by the Superintendent and the President of the Board of Managers.

We beg leave to introduce an ordinance appropriating money for the discharge of these bills.

J. H. KAPPES,  
W. H. LOOMIS,  
W. C. THOMPSON, } *Committee.*

MONTHLY REPORT OF PATIENTS IN CITY HOSPITAL FOR AUGUST, 1866.

No.	NAMES.	Age.	Sex.	Nativity.	Disease.	Date of Admission.	Date of Dismission.	Remarks.
1	Patrick Lamb.....	40	Male.....	Ireland.....	Fracture of leg...	June 3.....		
2	James Kelly.....	36	"	Kentucky.....	Bilious Fever.....	July 8.....	August 15.....	
3	Charles T. Williams.....	32	"	New York.....	Syphilis.....	" 13.....		
4	James McCoy.....	37	"	Ireland.....	Fracture of thigh.	" 19.....		
5	Maria Kilfeather.....	28	Female.....	Canada.....	Pregnancy.....	" 27.....		
6	John Famer.....	56	Male.....	Ohio.....	Remittent Fever..	" 29.....	August 20.....	
7	George Ennond.....	30	"	Germany.....	"	August 5.....	" 9.....	
8	Daniel Whalon.....	35	"	Ireland.....	Bilious Fever.....	" 7.....	" 20.....	
9	David Bartlett.....	29	"	England.....	"	" 11.....	" 25.....	
10	Richard McDamont.....	35	"	Virginia.....	Congestive Fever.	" 16.....		Died August 24.
11	W. S. Watkins.....	30	"	New York.....	Bilious Fever.....	" 19.....	August 24.....	
12	Henry Swartz.....	30	"	Germany.....	"	" 25.....		
13	Silas Morrow.....	19	"	Kentucky.....	Dysentery.....	" 28.....		
14	Charles Lawrence.....	19	"	Indiana.....	Intermit. Fever..	" 28.....		

G. V. WOOLEN, M. D., SUP'T.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR CITY HOSPITAL FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1866.

No.	Of Whom Purchased	Articles.	Value.	REMARKS.
1	J. F. Wingate.....	Groceries.....	\$120 30	12 per cent. discount added to the original account.
2	Browning & Sloan.....	Medicines.....	27 62	
3	Charles Kuhn.....	Meat.....	13 97	Furnished for the month of July.
4	Charles Kuhn.....	Meat.....	27 08	Furnished for the month of August
5	Aldrick & Gay.....	Wood.....	13 65	12 per cent. discount added to original account.
6	C. P. Conord.....	Milk.....	9 00	12 per cent. discount added to original account.
7	A. S. Burkhart.....	Ice.....	3 55	{ Furnished for the month of July. 12 per cent. discount added to original account.
8	A. S. Burkhart.....	Ice.....	3 55	{ Furnished for the month of August. 12 per cent. discount added to original account.
9	A. & C. Piscator.....	Repairing Instruments.....	8 00	12 per cent. discount added to original account.
10	R. L. & A. W. McQuat.....	Stoves, tin ware, &c.....	160 09	12 per cent. discount added to original account.
11	G. V. Woolen.....	Services as Superintendent.....	83 33	
12	Rufus Williams.....	" " general laborer.....	34 10	12 per cent. discount added to original account.
13	Julia Williams.....	" " washerwoman.....	15 00	12 per cent. discount added to original account.
14	William Hickman.....	" " nurse.....	22 75	12 per cent. discount added to original account.
15	Lizzie McHaffey.....	" " cook.....	11 65	12 per cent. discount added to original account.
16	Mary A. Blow.....	" " cook.....	3 50	12 per cent. discount added to original account.
Total Expenditures.....			\$557 14	

## RECAPITULATION.

Total Expenditures.....	\$557 14
Expenditures for out-fit, etc. ....	185 61
Total Expenditures for Patients.....	\$371 53
Average expense, per capita, per diem.....	\$1 72.8
Number of days consumed by patients.....	215

On motion by Dr. Jameson, the reports of the Committee on Benevolence, and of the Superintendent of the Hospital, were accepted and approved.

On motion by Mr. Brown, the report of expenditures and the vouchers of the Superintendent of the Hospital, were referred to the City Auditor.

Mr. Kappes, from same Committee, introduced special ordinance No. 96, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, for articles furnished and labor at City Hospital,

Which was read the first time by its title, and read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

## REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Auditor made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 17, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The City Auditor respectfully reports the following:

1st. The first and final estimate allowed John Welsh for grading and graveling the alley running north and south, between Maryland and Cumberland streets, and east of lot 9, in square 63, is presented for your approval.

2d. Plans and specification for a bridge over Pogue's Run on Liberty street, as prepared by the Civil Engineer, are now submitted to your honorable body.

Respectfully,

JOHN G. WATERS, *City Auditor.*

*Resolved,* That the first and final estimate allowed John Welsh for grading and graveling the alley running north and south through square sixty-three, between Maryland and Cumberland streets, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Staub and Thompson—11.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.



On motion by Mr. Brown, the plans and specifications prepared by the Civil Engineer and submitted to Council by the City Auditor, were referred to the Board of Public Improvements, with instructions to report the cost of the construction of the bridge.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

On motion by Dr. Jameson, special ordinance No. 93, fixing the salary of the Assistant City Civil Engineer, was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Dr. Jameson, special ordinance No. 91, appropriating money to pay a part of the loan due S. A. Fletcher & Co., was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Dr. Jameson, special ordinance No. 92, appropriating money to refund taxes erroneously assessed, was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Dr. Thompson, special ordinance No. 90—1866, to pave with boulder stones so much of the alley running north and south through Square 66, between Pearl and Washington streets, as is not paved with boulder stones, was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Coburn special ordinance No. 95, appropriating money to pay sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, for the month ending Sept. 17th, 1866, was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

On motion by Mr. Loomis, special ordinance No. 85—1866, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for lighting Virginia Avenue with gas, between South and Bradshaw streets,

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 Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Staub and Thompson—11.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

His Honor, the Mayor, announced that the first business in order under "Unfinished Business," was the consideration of the communication of the City Marshal relieving his Deputy, Mr. Russell, and appointing Mr. Scudder his successor.

On motion by Dr. Thompson, the communication was referred to the City Attorney for his opinion as to power of Marshal to relieve his Deputy at his pleasure.

On motion by Mr. MacArthur, the petition of the I. and C. R. R. Co. was taken from the table and granted.

Mr. MacArthur then introduced special ordinance No. 97, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE granting permission to the Indianapolis and Cincinnati Railroad Company to construct a track in Louisiana street and across Alabama street,

Which was read the first time by its title.

And on motion by Mr. Brown, was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Dr. Thompson,

The City Marshal was instructed to abate the Pigeon roost on the Third Presbyterian Church, as it is a great nuisance.

On motion by Mr. Loomis,

Michael and James Muntz were permitted to grade and gravel the sidewalk in front of their property on Virginia Avenue, between Cedar and Grove streets, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

On motion by Dr. Thompson, the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*