

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
MONDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 1866, 7 O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair, and the following members:

Councilmen Allen, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—14.

Absent—Councilmen Colley, Fletcher, Kemker, and Schmidt—4.

The proceedings of the regular session held October 22d, 1866, were read and approved.

Mr. Allen offered the following motion:

That the Chief Fire Engineer be instructed to purchase rubber over coats for the 12 Hose men, and one for the Driver of the Hook and Ladder Wagon, said coats to be the property of the City, and to be left at the different Engine Houses immediately after each fire.

Which was referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion by Mr. Coburn,

Messrs. Wingate, Knight & Harvey were permitted to pave in front of their property on Delaware street just north of North street, and the Civil Engineer was directed to set the stakes.

On motion by Mr. Coburn,

Messrs. Douglass & Conner were allowed the privilege of grading and graveling that portion of the alley running alongside of the new Journal Building, the alley being between Pennsylvania and Circle streets, the same to be under the direction of the City Engineer, and that he be ordered to set the grade stakes for the same.

Mr. Emerson presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 28, 1866.

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

We, the undersigned property holders, do most respectfully protest against being taxed for the grading and graveling of the sidewalk on the south side of New York street, lying between Blackford street and the first alley east of Douglass street, as we have already been taxed for the grading and graveling of the corresponding sidewalk on the north side, between the specified points. Very respectfully, we are your most ob't serv'ts

John Brannan,	James Skillen,
D. H. Prunk,	J. S. Ditch.
H. M. Goe,	

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

On motion by Mr. Emerson,

Josiah Smith, Esq., was permitted to grade and gravel, at his own expense, Bright street from New York street south, to the first alley running east and west through Square one hundred and forty-eight, and the Civil Engineer directed to set the proper grade stakes for said work.

On motion by Mr. Grosvenor,

The City Engineer was directed to report the amount of work done by the contractor on Mississipp street, between Garden and Merrill streets.

Dr. Jameson introduced special ordinance No. 116—1866, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE providing for the construction of a sewer and drains on New Jersey street, between the center of New York street and Pogue's Run,

Which was read the first time by its title and passed to a second reading.

Dr. Jameson presented the following communication and resolutions :

OFFICE OF THE INDIANAPOLIS GAS LIGHT AND COKE Co., }
Indianapolis, October 27, 1866. }

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

DEAR SIR:—As requested, I am authorized by the Directors of the Gas Light and Coke Company to submit the following proposition :

The Gas Company propose to take the balance necessary to complete the sixty-five thousand dollars loan, (\$65,000): *Provided*, The Council will advance payment on gas to be consumed by the City for months of November, December and January. Meter statements to be taken on the 1st day of each month, and amount due the Company applied in payment, at the expi-

ration of that time settlement shall be made, and if the receipts due the Company shall exceed the necessary amount, an order to issue to the Company for the excess—if insufficient, the Company to make up the deficit.

Respectfully submitted,

L. VANLANINGHAM, Secretary.

Resolved, That the City Auditor be directed to issue ten per cent. coupon warrants (as heretofore provided for) to the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company, or their agent, for the estimated amount of their bills for gas furnished the city for the several months of November, December and January next ensuing, said Company agreeing to refund to the city interest on said warrants from the first of October to such times as the Common Council shall allow bills for the several months as aforesaid.

WHEREAS, Provision has been made for canceling at least sixty-five thousand dollars of the outstanding demand warrants of the city, in accordance with the provisions of an ordinance passed September 3d, 1866; And whereas, Dr. Wm. R. Nofsinger has generously agreed to extend at least ten thousand dollars of his loan to the city for one year after maturity, on its present terms: Therefore,

Resolved, That the City Auditor, in making the duplicate for the current year, be directed to omit adding thereto the special levy of twenty-five cents on each hundreded dollars, the same being levied for the purpose of liquidating the so-called war debt.

Which were referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Kappes presented the following petition :

INDIANANOLIS, Oct. 29, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, property owner on Michigan street, between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets, respectfully petitions your honorable body for the privilege of paving the sidewalk with brick in front of his remises, under the direction of the Civil Engineer.

Respectfully,

J. R. OSGOOD.

Which was granted.

Mr. Kappes presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 29, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—On the 13th day of May, 1865, I sold to the Indianapolis Educational Association (50) fifty feet front on Pennsylvania street, being a Square four. The lot was assessed to me for the subsequent fiscal year, and I paid the taxes. The property was, however, owned by the said Association; and, therefore, your petitioner asks to have the taxes for said property refunded.

Respectfully,

J. R. OSGOOD.

Which was referred to the City Auditor with instructions to embrace same in next ordinance allowing accounts.

Mr. Kappes offered the following motion :

That the City Auditor is hereby directed to inform the Lamp Lighter to light *all* the City street lamps, and turn on a full supply of gas on those lamps to which no meter is attached.

Which was referred to the Committee on Gas.

On motion by Mr. Loomis,

J. C. Mathews was permitted to grade the first alley west of Virginia Avenue fronting McCarty street on the north side, and immediately west of his property, work to be done under and by direction of the City Civil Engineer.

On motion by Mr. Loomis,

Stoughton A. Fletcher, Jr., was permitted to erect the necessary lamp posts, at his own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, between South and Huron streets, on Virginia Avenue, east side; also one post on corner of Huron and School streets.

On motion by Mr. Loomis,

W. C. Means was permitted to fill up the sidewalk with gravel in front of his property on East Washington street.

Mr. Seidensticker presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 29, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, property owner corner of Delaware and McCarty streets, respectfully petition your honorable body to grant him the privilege to pave the sidewalk in front of his store with brick, under the direction of the Civil Engineer. Respectfully,

WM. STOLTE.

Which was granted.

On motion by Dr. Thompson,

Adolph Rosenthal was permitted to pave with brick the sidewalk on the south side of lot twelve, in Square six, under the direction of the Civil Engineer, provided the same is done in thirty days.

Dr. Thompson presented an account of W. H. H. Terrell for erroneous taxes.

Which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Dr. Thompson introduced special ordinance No. 117—1866, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp posts and fixtures on Market street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets,

Which was read the first time by its title and passed to a second reading.

Dr. Thompson introduced special ordinance No. 118—1866, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp posts and fixtures on Indiana Avenue from Tennessee street to West street,

Which was read the first time by its title and passed to a second reading.

His Honor, the Mayor, offered the following motion:

That the Committee on Streets and Alleys be instructed to inquire and report whether any action of this Council is necessary to provide for numbering houses, and whether there is at this time any person authorized to designate or affix such numbers, and report such ordinance or resolution as may be necessary.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

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

His Honor, the Mayor stated that Dr. Kitchen, President of the Board of Directors of the City Hospital was present and desired to make a statement in relation to receiving cholera patients into the City Hospital.

By unanimous consent the Doctor addressed the Council on the subject stating that it was not expedient in the opinion of the Board to receive cholera patients into the City Hospital with all classes of other cases, that two cases had been received by request of His Honor the Mayor, and that one had been waited upon by a convalescent patient in the Hospital who took the cholera and died. That the Board had determined to receive no more cases of cholera in the Hospital, and recommended that they be sent to the Pest House, that they could be provided for there as well as at the City Hospital.

On motion by Dr. Thompson, the matter was referred to the Committee on Benevolence and City Hospital.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS.

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, Oct. 24, 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 your Board would recommend that the names of the streets be painted on glass and put

in the street lamps at the corners of the streets, similar to those now in the lamps on Washington street, and that the City Auditor be instructed to advertise for proposals for doing the work—specifications to be seen at the Civil Engineer's office.

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

Which was concurred in.

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, Oct. 24, 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 reports of the Street Commissioner, showing work done and money expended; vouchers for the same have been examined and found correct and filed with the City Clerk.

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

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

1. Put 2 foot bridges on Washington and Benton streets.
2. Put 1 foot bridge on Ohio and New Jersey streets.
3. Put 1 foot bridge on Alabama and Maryland streets.
4. Put 2 foot bridges on New Jersey and North streets.
5. Put 5 foot bridges on New Jersey and Walnut streets.
6. Re-floored the bridge on Noble street with intersection of Louisiana street.
7. Filled the crossings on East and Louisiana streets.
8. Repaired the bridge on Benton street across Pogue's Run.
9. Opened the gutters on Alabama street, between Pogue's Run and Wasington street.
10. Opened the gutters on Maryland street, between Alabama and Delaware streets, and hauled 23 yards of gravel at the same square.
11. Put 1 foot bridge on East and Ohio streets.
12. Cleaned the gutters on Washington street. between Pennsylvania and Illinois streets.
13. Cleaned the gutters on Kentucky Avenue between Washington and Tennessee streets.
14. Repaired the sidewalks on Elm street, between Cedar and Noble sts.
15. Repaired the sidewalks on Virginia Avenue, between Maryland and Stevens street.
16. Repaired the culvert on Virginia Avenue near Noble street.
17. Built a culvert on Delaware and Market streets.
18. Put 2 foot bridges on Market and Delaware streets.
19. Built a small culvert on Delaware street, near the City Hay Scales.
20. Built a culvert on Benton and Washington streets.
21. Dug a ditch on Lord street, through the first alley next to Noble st., to let the water out.
22. Repaired the sidewalks on Noble street, south of Washington street.
23. Built a bridge on Market street across Pogue's Run.
24. Opened the gutters on New Jersey street, between Massachusetts and Fort Wayne Avenues.

25. Built a culvert on Alabama and Maryland streets.
26. Put down 22 yards of bowldering at the West Market House.
27. Re-built the bridge on South street across Pogue's Run.
28. Re-built the foot bridge on South street across Pogue's Run.
29. Re built the foot bridge on East street across Pogue's Run.
30. Built a culvert on New York and Bride street, and dug a ditch along Bride street to the Canal.
31. Opened the gutter on Washington street, between Noble street and Michigan Road.
32. Repaired the sidewalks on Stevens street.
33. Put 2 foot bridges on Virginia Avenue near Noble street.
34. Opened the gutters on Noble street, between Virginia Avenue and South street.
35. Filled the mud hole on Lord street near the Cincinnati Car Shop.
36. Filled the crossings on South and Delaware streets.
37. Filled the holes on South street, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets, with gravel and cinders.
38. Opened the gutters on Georgia street, between Liberty and East sts.
39. Opened the gutters on Liberty street, between Georgia street and Pogue's Run.
40. Built a culvert on Noble street, with intersection of Market st., the width of the street.
41. Put 4 foot bridges on Meridian and St. Joseph streets.

Respectfully submitted.

AUGUST RICHTER, *Street Commissioner.*

Which were accepted and approved.

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, Oct. 24, 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 Board, at its meeting to day, voted to recommend to Council that five hundred yards of gravel be placed on Virginia Avenue; this will cost seventy cents a yard, making the total cost three hundred and fifty dollars.

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

Mr. Loomis moved that the report be concurred in, and the Street Commissioner directed to do the work.

Mr. Brown moved to amend by putting 250 yards of gravel on the Bluff Road, south of McCarty street.

Dr. Jameson moved to amend by putting 300 yards of gravel on New Jersey street north of Massachusetts Avenue.

Dr. Thompson moved to amend by putting 300 yaads of gravel on North Illinois street.

On motion by Mr. MacArthur the report and motions were referred back to the Board of Public Improvements.

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, Oct. 24, 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 contractor of Blackford street be not allowed to sell sand and gravel from a pit in said street. Your Board are of the opinion that no contractor should ever be allowed to sell dirt from the streets, and if granted in this case it will be a precedent, and the Council will be continually petitioned by street contractors to sell dirt. There is a surplus of earth on this street, and the Civil Engineer will see that it is used to fill up low streets and alleys in the vicinity.

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

Which was concurred in.

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, Oct. 24, 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 two small culverts will have to be made at the crossing of Fletcher Avenue and Cedar street. We would recommend that the Street Commissioner be instructed to put them in.

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

Which was concurred in.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Glazier from Committee on Markets made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 29, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Markets would ask that the order for four lamp posts on each Market Square be rescinded, and that six bracket lamps be erected in place of the post, as the expense will not be over one-half, and in their opinion will answer a better purpose.

CHARLES GLAZIER, }
J. A. GROSVENOR, } *Committee.*
JNO. B. MACARTHUR, }

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Kappes from Committee on Benevolence and City Hospital, presented the following report :

Number of patients in the Hospital at last report.....	8
Number of patients received in the Hospital since last report.....	6
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	3
Number of patients died in the Hospital since last report.....	1
Number of patients remaining in the Hospital at present.....	10

Which was accepted and approved.

Dr. Jameson from Committee on Water Works, reported sundry amendments to special ordinance No. 113.

Which were read and ordered to be printed in the city papers and referred back to the committee.

On motion by Mr. Loomis, Judge Martindale was granted permission to address the Council on the subject of water works.

Councilmen Allen and Seidensticker were granted leave of absence.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Attorney made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct 29, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—In obedience to your instructions I have prepared an ordinance granting the Bellefontaine Railway Company permission to lay an additional track, which I transmit herewith.

It is perhaps proper to state that the delay in transmitting opinions on matters referred to me, and my absence from your meetings, has been caused by sickness.

Respectfully,

B. K. ELLIOTT, *City Attorney.*

Which was received.

Also, special ordinance No. 119, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE granting the Bellefontaine Railway Company permission to lay an additional track on and across certain streets of the City of Indianapolis, and prescribing the terms of said grant.

Which was read the first time by its title and passed to a second reading.

The City Attorney made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 29, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have examined the question presented by the petition of Wm. Johnson, and respectfully report that the question raised by the petition is not one of law but one of fact, which I cannot determine. Whatever

work is included within the word grade the contractor is entitled to pay for, and what is so included is a question of fact to be determined by proof. Upon such a question, the proof of experts would be proper, and it is therefore properly a question for the determination of civil engineers or persons who are conversant with the business of grading.

The only proposition which I can advance is this: Whatever work is included within the meaning of the term grade ought to be allowed the contractor, what does not fall within the meaning of the term should not be estimated.

Respectfully,

B. K. ELLIOTT, *City Attorney.*

Which was referred to the City Civil Engineer with instructions to report his opinion.

The City Attorney made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 29, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The case of The City vs. Masonic Hall Company, &c., determined some time since, decides that all of the property, not exclusively used for the purposes of the institution, is subject to taxation. It is necessary to determine what part is subject to taxation by ascertaining what part is used for business purposes. The Manager of the Company proposes to adjust the matter, and for that purpose I respectfully suggest that a committee be authorized and empowered by you to adjust and settle the case.

Very respectfully,

B. K. ELLIOTT, *City Attorney.*

Which was referred to the Finance Committee and City Assessor and Auditor.

The City Attorney made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 29, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have examined, with the assistance of Mr. Seidensticker, to whom I am indebted for information respecting dates and records, the questions arising in the matter of the erection of a bridge across Pogue's Run at the intersection of McNabb street.

I think that there can be no doubt but that the Railway Company fulfilled their contract by erecting the bridge. They simply agreed to construct the bridge, but not to maintain the bridge, and was therefore under no legal obligation to maintain the bridge, nor replace it if destroyed.

Respectfully,

B. K. ELLIOTT, *City Attorney.*

Which was concurred in.

The City Civil Engineer made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 29, 1866.

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

The Civil Engineer would respectfully report the following amount of work finished according to contracts:

Samuel Lefever, for curbing the south and west sidewalk of East Market Square, and the North side of Court House Square, and paving gutters of the same.

1,155 feet of curbing at \$1.10 cents per lineal foot.....	\$1,270 00
875-97 superficial yards paving at \$1.32 cents per yard	1,156 28

Total.....	\$2,426 78
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Also, James Splane, for grading and graveling New York street, between Blackford and Blake streets, and sidewalks on north side of said street, between Bright and Blake streets; also sidewalk on south side of said street, between Blackford and Blake streets, at 97 cents per lineal foot each side, as per contract.

North side	853 feet.
South side	853 "
Total number of feet	1,706 feet.
	97
Total	\$1,654 82

By this the property owners between Bright and Blackford streets, where sidewalks have not been improved, have the same to pay as those where it has been improved; but the above is made in accordance with the contract.

Also, a statement of the amount which ought to be deducted from property owners not having sidewalks impr ved.

North side	853 feet.
South side	853 "
Total number of feet	1,706 feet.
Price per contract	97
Total	\$1,654 82
Deduct for sidewalk 426 feet at 32-33 cents per lineal foot	137 72-08
	\$1,517 09-4 2

Also, John Welsh for grading and graveling Spring street and sidewalks, between Market and Ohio streets:

East side	467 feet.
West side	467 feet.
	934 feet.
At 41 cents per lineal foot, price per contract	41
Total	\$382 94

Also, Joseph Bernauer and Thomas H. Williams, for grading and graveling Waters street and sidewalks, between McCarty and Stevens street, at 59½ cents per lineal foot each side:

East side	557 feet.
West side	557 feet.
	1,114 feet.
	59½
Total	\$662 83

Also, Samuel C. Adams, for grading and paving the sidewalk on the east side of Delaware street, between the first alley south of Ohio street and Fort Wayne Avenue, at 78 cents per lineal foot:

Total number of feet	1,657.9
	78
Total	\$1,293 04

A portion of this work was done to suit the property owners on the line of improvement, to which they certify their entire satisfaction, as per enclosed notes.

Also, C. E. Whitsit, for grading and paving the west sidewalk on Tennessee street, between Washington and Market streets, at 98 cents per superficial yard.

758-33 superficial yards at 98 cents	\$743 16-34
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Also, report plan, profile and specification for the work of straightening Pogue's Run, between Illinois street and the Canal, as directed.

Also, submit a profile of alley running north and south in out-lot 85.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA STAPLES, JR., *Civil Engineer.*

On motion so much of the Engineer's report as relates to the completion of contracts for street improvements was approved and the City Auditor directed to report estimates for same.

On motion the plans, specifications, and profiles reported by the Civil Engineer were referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

The City Clerk made the following report :

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, }
Indianapolis, Oct. 29, 1866. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The City Clerk would respectfully report to your honorable body that affidavits have been filed for the collection of street assessment by precept, as follows :

Thos. H. Williams for Williams & Bernauer vs. Thos. McBaker, for \$64 27
Daniel Mahoney vs. Joseph Ince - - - - - \$110 75

And respectfully recommend that you order precepts to issue.

Respectfully,

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*

Which was concurred in and the City Clerk directed to issue the precepts.

The City Auditor made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 29, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The City Auditor respectfully reports the following :

1st. The contract and bond of R. P. Dunning to grade and bowlder the first alley west of Delaware street, running north and south through Square seventy-seven (77), between Maryland street and the first alley running east and west south of Maryland street.

2d. Contract and bond of J. H. Robinson for grading and graveling Michigan street, and also sidewalks, where the same have not already been improved. I have left the date when the said street should be finished blank. You can order what time should be given to do the work. He has not come forward to sign the bond and contract yet.

3d. I have made an estimate as ordered, showing what amount should be refunded to each property holder for grading and bowldering Washington street and curbing the outer edges of the sidewalks with stone, between Missouri street and the west side of the first alley west of West street. Also, an ordinance appropriating the amount to each property holder.

Respectfully,

JOHN G. WATERS, *City Auditor.*

On motion the Contract and Bond of R. P. Dunning for grading and bowldering the first alley west of Delaware street running north

and south through square 77, between Maryland street and the first alley running east and west south of Maryland street, were accepted and approved.

On motion the Contract and Bond of J. H. Robinson for grading Michigan street and sidewalks, between Meridian and Illinois streets was referred back to the City Auditor.

Also, special ordinance No. 120, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims,

Which was read the first time by its title and passed to a second reading

The Chief Fire Engineer made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 29, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—As you are about to enter into a contract with Messrs. Glenn for a five years lease of their rooms in Glenn's Block, I would most respectfully suggest that a higher and more suitable place be procured for a Watch Tower, as the present tower has never been of sufficient height to overlook all parts of the city, and since the building of the same many large buildings have been erected, in different localities, which entirely obstructs the view from the Tower; and should a fire occur in any of those localities no alarm would be given, until word could be sent to said Tower, or to some Engine House. You are aware that the alarm, in time, is the first and most important part in the Fire Department, for a bucket full of water in time will put out what several fire engines are not able to do, if a fire has once made great headway.

I also call your attention to the necessity of an additional watchman for the Watch Tower. We have at present but two men for this place, who watch six hours at a time, making twelve hours steady duty every day. On account of the very difficult matter of watching the city, these men never get relieved, and have, therefore, no time for exercise, as their duties goes on every day and night.

It will not be necessary for me to urge on you to make this change, as you have already expressed yourself favorable to the eight hour system; by having three men for this place, they will each perform duty eight hours in twenty-four. I would state that in Cincinnati, Chicago and other cities, where they depended on the watchmen for an alarm, (and before telegraph alarms were in operation,) they also employed three men for those places.

I would furthermore call your attention to the difficult matter of hearing an alarm at the Western Engine House; and, also, since the erection of Mr. Gramling's tall building, right east of the City Watch Tower, it is at many times not to be heard at the Marion Engine House, and especially is this the case during the business hours of the day. Having fully satisfied myself by being present, and being, together with the members, at the front door of the Engine House at the time when an alarm was given, and having furthermore made inquiries after an alarm had been given, and finding that the alarm had not been heard by anybody west of the Canal and near Washington street, I am convinced that some more better plan must be adopted to bring out the Department.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES RICHMANN,
Chief Fire Engineer.

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

On motion by Mr. Loomis, special ordinance No. 119, was taken up read the second time and considered as engrossed.

On motion by Dr. Thompson special ordinance No. 117—1866, was taken up read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Dr. Jameson special ordinance No. 116—1866, was taken up, read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Dr. Thompson, special ordinance No. 118—1866, was taken up, read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Dr. Jameson, special ordinance No. 120, was taken up, read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Brown called up special ordinance No. 115, entitled :

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

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 Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—12.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Dr. Thompson called up special ordinance No. 101, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE prescribing that eight hours shall constitute a day's labor by day laborers employed by the City of Indianapolis,

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 Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis MacArthur, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—12.

Councilman Grosvenor voting in the negative—1.

Mr. Loomis moved that the rules be suspended and special ordinance No. 119, be taken up, read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The ayes and noes being taken under the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilman Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis MacArthur, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—12.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the rules were suspended.

Special ordinance, No. 119, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE granting the Bellefontaine Railway Company permission to lay an additional track on and across certain streets of the City of Indianapolis, and prescribing the terms of said grant,

Was then read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The ayes and noes being taken under the charter, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—12.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Emerson called up special ordinance No. 105—1866, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of the west side walk on Blackford street, between New York and Vermont streets,

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 Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—12.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. MacArthur introduced special ordinance No. 121—1866, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp posts and fixtures on West street, between Vermont and North streets,

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

Dr. Jameson moved

That a Special Committee of three be appointed to confer with the Officers of the Cincinnati and Indianapolis Railroad Company in reference to grant-

ing said Railroad Company the privilege of laying additional tracks, and in regard to certain claims held by the City of Indianapolis against the same.

Which motion prevailed.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed as such committee Councilmen Jameson, Grosvenor and Loomis.

On motion by Mr. Brown, special ordinance No. 77—1866, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE providing for the construction of a sewer and drains with catch-basins at the corners of intersecting streets, and at intersecting alleys, on Illinois street, between the south side of Louisiana street and Pogue's Run, and for extending the same down the channel of Pogue's Run for the distance of one hundred and fifty (150) feet; and for the bowldering of the gutters on both sides of Illinois street, between Louisiana street and Pogue's Run,

Was taken up, read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. MacArthur offered the following motion:

That the Market Master be directed to lease the Stalls in the West Market House to responsible persons for the term of two years, at the rate of 50 cts. per Stall per annum.

Which was referred to the Committee on Markets.

Mr. McNabb moved to reconsider the vote taken on the suspension of the rules and the passage of special ordinance No. 106—1866.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. McNabb then moved that the ordinance be amended by striking out "Square 97," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Square 95."

Which amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. Coburn,

Messrs. Cogill, Smock & Cogill were allowed six weeks to complete their contract on East street, between Bicking street and the Corporation line south.

On motion by Dr. Thompson, the Council adjourned to meet on Thursday, at 7 o'clock, P. M., to consider the Water Work's ordinance.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.