

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
MONDAY, MARCH 4TH, 1867, 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 Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Kemker, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—13.

Absent—Councilmen Allen, Colley, Fletcher, Schmidt and Seidensticker—5.

The proceedings of the regular session held March 25th, 1867, and of the adjourned session held February 27th, 1867, were read and approved.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion:

That some person be appointed to "test" and "regulate" the new burners lately ordered for the City Street Lamps before they are put in use.

Which was laid upon the table.

Mr. Coburn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 4, 1867.

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

The undersigned, citizens and owners of property on Washington street, in Squares Nos. 67 and 54, in the City of Indianapolis, do petition your honors for relief from the exorbitant assessment of our respective property situate in the above squares, and in justification of said petition we submit the following statement, to-wit:

In the Squares (Nos. 66 and 55) immediately east of us the assessment is \$500 per foot front. In ours (67 and 54) the assessment is \$400 per foot front, and in the Square (68) immediately west of us the assessment is \$100 per foot front.

The property in the square west of us commands nearly or quite as much rent as that in ours; and in the squares east of us, above described, property with equal improvements commands from double to treble the rents of our tenements.

Winston P. Noble,  
On behalf Gr. Lodge of Ind'a,  
Wm. Sheets,  
H. Bates, Sr.,  
H. Bates, Jr.,  
George McQuat,  
A. W. McQuat,  
Benjamin Pottage,

V. Butsch,  
Philipp Woerner,  
Charles Mayer,  
Martha A. Hunter,  
D. B. Hosbrook,  
Chas. Williams,  
A. G. Porter,  
Fr. Ritzinger.

All the ground in the Squares Nos. 54 and 67, are represented in the foregoing petition, except that owned by Simon Yandes.

Which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Dr. Jameson presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 4, 1867.

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

We, the undersigned resident property holders in out-lot forty (40), do respectfully remonstrate against the grading and graveling of the alley through said out-lot, between New Jersey and East and Walnut and St. Clair streets.

J. E. Ludlum,  
F. M. Ferree,  
Rebecca Roll,

John L. Avery,  
William Whitridge,  
And 5 others.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Dr. Jameson offered the following motion :

That J. H. Robinson be allowed ninety days additional time for the completion of his contract for excavating Pogue's Run: *Provided*, He will agree to change the direction of the ditch to Merrill street, if so directed by the Common Council before the 15th of April.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Jameson offered the following motion :

That the Auditor be directed to strike off the amount on the tax duplicate assessed on National Bank Stock.

Which was referred to the City Attorney.

Mr. Loomis presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 4, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass the ordinance introduced by Mr. Loomis three weeks since, entitled "an ordinance regulating the storage of Coal and other dangerous oils within the city limits," the same being considered dangerous under the present regulations.

J. S. Dunlop,	A. Abromet,
Wm. Henderson,	C. B. Davis,
E. B. Martindale,	And 5 other

Which was laid upon the table until the Committee, to whom the ordinance was referred, would make their report.

Mr. Staub offered the following motion :

That Elliott and Douglass, contractors for ditch on Railroad street, be instructed to continue the ditch from St. Clair street along the line of the old Bellefontaine Railroad to the north side of Massachusetts Avenue, as it was originally intended.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Thompson presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 4, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned petitioner would respectfully represent that he has been to the expense of graveling and fixing the alley from his stable to Pratt street, and that the gutter on Pratt street is so deep that it is impossible to get over it with a carriage, and would humbly ask your honorable body to cause a bridge to be placed over said gutter.

FRANK A. BOYD.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 4, 1867.

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

I am the owner of lots Nos. 64 and 65, in out-lot 91, fronting on Lord st., in front of which are three old apple trees, which have become a nuisance, owing to boys throwing sticks, stones, &c., in the spring at the apples, which generally drop in my lot to the destruction of my garden truck. I ask for the privilege of removing said apple trees; and will ever remain yours, &c.

CHARLES BARNITZ.

Which was granted,

His Honor, the Mayor, asked for instructions as to the manner of publication of his Proclamation concerning dogs, in relation to which Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

That the Mayor be instructed to advertise his Proclamation on the subject of hydrophobia once a week for two weeks in the Daily Journal, Herald, Gazette and Telegraph, and in the Weekly Volksblatt.

The question being on the adoption of the motion, Mr. Emerson called for the ayes and noes.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Kappes, Kemker, Loomis, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—7.

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

So the motion was adopted.

Sealed proposals were opened and read, and referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Coburn, from the Committee on Accounts and Claims, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, March 4, 1867.

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

The Committee on Accounts and Claims, to whom was referred the claim of Hugo Marmont, would respectfully report the following facts:

On the 11th of September, 1865, Marmont petitioned to flag the sidewalk in front of his property (50 feet front); also, to curb it. It to be done under the direction of the Civil Engineer. He did not flag, but paved.

Again, on the 13th of November, he petitioned to pave in front of his property on Georgia street, which was granted. We do not know under which petition he paved the corner. These are the facts as reported in the proceedings of the above dates.

HENRY COBURN,  
J. HENRY KAPPES. } *Committee.*

Which was received.

Mr. Grosvenor moved that the claim of Hugo Marmont be allowed, and the City Auditor instructed to insert the amount in his next ordinance allowing accounts.

Which was adopted.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, March 4, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee beg leave to present the report of the Superintendent of Hospital, together with "an ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims on account of City Hospital for the month of February, 1867." We have examined the vouchers and found them all correct.

J. HENRY KAPPES,  
W. H. LOOMIS,  
W. CLINTON THOMPSON, } *Committee.*

Which was received.

Also, the following recapitulation of the weekly report of contents of Register of Patients of City Hospital, ending March 2, 1867 :

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	21
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report .....	6
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report .....	1
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	2
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	1
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report .....	25
Received of patients during the week \$16.33.	

Also, the following recapitulation of monthly report of the same, ending February 28th, 1867 :

Number of patients in Hospital at last report .....	22
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	14
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	1
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	12
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report .....	1
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	24
Amount received from patients \$50.33.	

Also, the following recapitulation of the monthly report of expenditures of the City Hospital, ending February 28th, 1867 :

Total expenditures for the month .....	\$482 91
Aggregate number of days for which subsistence, etc., was furnished.....	750
Average expense per capita per diem .....	\$0 64

Which were received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

Also, special appropriation ordinance No. 11—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims on account of City Hospital, for the month of February, 1867,

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

Mr. Brown, from Select Committee, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 4, 1867.

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

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the petitions on the subject of the Agricultural College appropriation, report that they have caused all the petitioners' names except 945 to be compared with the tax duplicate and assessment list for 1866. These 945 names the Committee have not had time to have compared. Of those compared 2,783 names are found on the duplicate and assessment lists. Your Committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the City Auditor be directed to pay off and discharge the Clerks employed by the Committee.

AUSTIN H. BROWN,  
JOHN B. MACARTHUR, } Committee.  
W. H. LOQMIS,

Which was received.

Mr. Loomis moved that the Committee be continued, and that they be authorized to employ two Clerks if necessary to continue their labors.

Which was adopted.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 4, 1867.

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

The Civil Engineer would respectfully report the following amount of work finished as per contract :

O'Conner & Schier, for grading and graveling Mississippi street and west sidewalk, between South and Garden streets.

East side.....	410 feet.
West side.....	410 "

Total number of feet.....	820
At 48 cents per lineal foot each side.....	48

Total .....	\$393 60
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Also, O,Conner & Schier, for grading and graveling Henry street and sidewalks, between Mississippi and Missouri streets.

North side .....	420 feet.
South side .....	420 "

Total number of feet.....	840
At 39 cents per lineal foot each side.....	39

Total .....	\$327 50
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Also, Thomas H. Williams, for grading and graveling the south sidewalk of Kentucky Avenue, between Tennessee and the south side of Georgia sts.

Total length of sidewalk....	493.10
At 20 cents per lineal foot.....	20

Total.....	\$98 76 6-10
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Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA STAPLES, JR., *Civil Engineer.*

Which was accepted and approved, and the City Auditor directed to prepare and report estimates.

The Chief Fire Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 4, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Allow me to most respectfully ask your honorable body to purchase seventeen hundred feet of new rubber hose for the use of the Fire Department, as you are well aware all (but a thousand feet of our hose which were purchased last summer) have been in use ever since the organization of the present department. They have become so rotten that they will not stand the pressure of throwing an effective stream without bursting. By purchasing 1,700 feet each of the Companies will then have 900 feet of new

hose, and which will prevent any bursting of hose at fires when they are most needed. I would state that without the 1,000 feet of hose which were purchased last summer, we would not have been able to put out the fire of Mr. Tate's lumber yard on Alabama street some time since; and the fire last Saturday has fully demonstrated that new hose are needed very badly. From \$1,500 to \$2,000 worth of property would have been saved by having had good hose. Allow me, also, in this connection, to recommend the purchase of a new hose reel, so that an extra reel of hose be taken to every fire, that they may be on hand when needed, and entirely preventing such accidents as occurred at the fire on Saturday last by running out of water. The probable cost of all the above will amount to \$4,635.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES RICHMANN,  
*Chief Fire Engineer.*

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department and Chief Fire Engineer, with instructions to purchase the hose.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. McNabb offered the following motion :

That Bernauer & Blythe be allowed thirty days further time to complete their contract in Square 79, provided their sureties will give their written consent to the same.

Which was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Brown the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

ATTEST :

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*