

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.

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REGULAR SESSION.

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CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,  
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 1867, 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 Allen, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Thompson—10.

Absent — Councilmen Fletcher, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Kemker, McNabb, Schmidt and Staub—8.

The proceedings of the regular session held April 1st, 1867, were read and approved.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

That the City Auditor be directed to re-advertise for proposals for furnishing lamps posts and lamps on Pennsylvania street and Madison Avenue, between South and McCarty streets.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

That J. S. Rockwell & Co. be allowed the privilege of constructing a drain-tile sewer from their Dining Room, on Louisiana street, to the stone sewer on Meridian street leading to Pogue's run, provided the pipes be laid at least

three feet below the surface of the street, and that the work be done to the satisfaction of the Civil Engineer.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

That J. H. Robison, contractor on Mississippi street, between Garden and Merrill streets, be allowed 30 days further time to complete said contract, provided that the consent of the sureties be obtained in writing and filed with the City Auditor.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Coburn presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 8, 1867.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of the Second Ward, living near the Second Ward School House, respectfully represent that a Company has commenced the erection of a Planing Mill on the east side of Delaware street, opposite said School House, remote from the manufacturing districts of the city, and in the midst of private residences, which, if completed, will be productive of great annoyance to the Ward School and to the occupants of residences in the neighborhood, and tend greatly to the depreciation of the value of their property by the smoke and noise which it will create, and by increasing the hazards of fire. They further represent that most of the persons in that vicinity purchased their property and paid a large price for the same, because, by general consent, that quarter of the city seemed to have been set apart for private residences, and was free from the inconveniences and risks of manufacturing districts.

The undersigned, therefore, pray that the building permit (which we learn was issued by a single member of the Board of Public Improvements without consultation with the associate members, they being absent from the city,) granted said association or company may be revoked, and that the erection of said Planing Mill in that locality may be prohibited.

David Macy,	S. F. Smith,	A. Curtis,
James C. Yohn,	J. A. Drew,	John H. Holliday,
Geo. F. Meyer,	S. M. Bristor,	John S. Spann,
A. D. Wood,	W. A. Bristor,	D. S. Beaty,
J. T. Wright,	E. C. Atkins,	George Carter,
A. G. Porter,	E. A. Wiseman,	Anna S. Foltz,
J. S. Carey,	Elizabeth Bobbs,	H. M. Foltz,
Fred. Ruschhaupt,	W. H. Talbott,	David Powell,
P. G. C. Hunt,	Thos. H. Sharpe,	Theo. P. Haughey,
R. V. Todd,	J. H. Nixon,	John S. Newman,
Mrs. Wm. A. Holliday,	Wm. Smith,	V. T. Malott,
F. A. Bryan,	B. Mason,	J. Perry Elliott,
Sam'l C. Austin,	John Harkness,	John S. Dunlop,
N. Daubenspeck,	Mrs. S. E. W. Miller,	Jos. Trueblood,
J. F. Wingate,	Sam'l C. Adams,	A. G. Willard,
A. R. Miller,	James M. Ray,	John A. Bradshaw,
Hiram Lindley,	H. Bates, Jr.,	H. F. Barnes,
Jas. E. Robertson,	Wm. Braden,	E. B. Drake,
Jno. C. New,	E. Werden,	Gilbert Small,
Henry Schnull,	J. E. McDonald,	Wiley M. Lowry,
Richard L. Talbot,	Barton D. Jones,	Harriet Hoyt,
Jane Ferry,	D. B. McDonough,	David McDonough,
Aquilla Jones,	J. P. Southard,	Laz. Noble,
J. R. Osgood,	Adam Haugh,	W. R. Hogshire,

S. McMillin,  
D. Wiley,  
C. W. Hewes,  
N. B. Taylor,

Jane Gillespie,  
L. W. Hasselman,  
Israel Taylor,  
W. Martin,

Wm. A. Holliday, Jr.,  
Per J. H. Holliday,  
W. H. Jones.

Which was received and laid upon the table for the present.

Mr. Loomis, with the unanimous consent of the Council, presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 8, 1867.

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

The undersigned, Trustees of the Public Schools of the city, represent that the establishment of a Planing Mill opposite the Second Ward School House will tend to disturb the school, by the noise and confusion incident to that business.

We are further of the opinion that the school children would be subjected to danger of bodily injury by visiting the mill, and would be liable to be run over and injured by horses frightened by the sound of the engine and machinery.

We are further informed by parents, apprehensive of danger to their children, that the erection of said mill would materially diminish the number of pupils attending said school.

These statements we submit for such action as to you may seem proper.

THOS. B. ELLIOTT,	} Trustees.
W. H. L. NOBLE,	
CLEMENS VONNEGUT,	

Which was received and laid upon the table for the present.

Mr. Coburn introduced general ordinance No. 82, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE prohibiting the carrying on of certain trades and business adjacent to the Public Schools,

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

Mr. Coburn presented the account of Messrs. Asher & Adams, of \$600.00 for Plat Book of the City of Indianapolis, made as per contract.

Which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Colley presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 8, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I would respectfully request from your honorable body, on behalf of Mrs. Z. G. Wallace, that she be granted the privilege to deposit about fifty bushels of coal screenings and coal ashes in the alley in the rear of her premises, square 1, lot 12. Said alley is about a foot below the grade and is almost impassable on account of mud and water

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,  
W. W. LEATHERS.

Which was granted.

Mr. Emerson offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be requested to examine all the bridges on the Canal, and if any repairs are needed to make them while the Canal is dry, as the repairs can be made much cheaper before the water is let in.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Emerson presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 8, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, property holders on the east and west side of Blake street, between New York and Vermont streets, knowing that there has been an ordinance presented to your honorable body for the grading and graveling of said street, between the points named, we take this method of remonstrating against the passage of the same, and pray you not to pass the same, as many of us find that we will not be able to pay for the improvement at this time. Hoping you will hear our remonstrance, and not pass the ordinance, we remain yours truly,

J. B. McChesney,  
J. E. Watts,

T. Bobert,  
Maria Douglass,

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Glazier introduced special ordinance No. 16—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling South street, between Alabama and East streets, and the sidewalks of the same, except that part of the south sidewalk fronting Out-Lot No. 20,

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

Mr. Loomis offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair the crossing on Huron street at the intersection of School street,

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Loomis offered the following motion :

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to immediately change the stakes for the lamp-posts on Virginia Avenue, so as to conform to the curbing on said Avenue, as now established, between Huron and Bradshaw streets.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Loomis presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 8, 1867.

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

We, the undersigned, respectfully ask permission to gravel the sidewalk in front of our property on South street, commencing (200) two hundred feet east of East street and running east two hundred and twenty feet (220).

J. Dougherty,  
A. H. Baker,  
S. T. Boyd,

John Crozier,  
Wm. H. Henschen.

Which was granted, provided the same be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Mr. MacArthur offered the following motion :

That J. H. Robison be allowed to grade and gravel the sidewalk in front of his property on North street ; also, sidewalk on Patterson street in front of his property, the same to be done according to City Civil Engineer's directions, and that the Engineer be directed to set stakes for the same.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. MacArthur presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 2, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN :—The undersigned, owners of real estate on Fayette street, between North and St. Clair streets, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance for the grading and graveling of said street and sidewalks, between the points aforesaid, with good river or creek gravel, and as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

James Renihan,	John Smith,
Thos. H. Smith,	Austin DeHart,
Henry F. Tout,	And 11 others.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. MacArthur presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 12, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN :—The undersigned, property holders living on the line of Blake street, between Vermont and North streets, respectfully petition your honorable body to have the above named street graded and graveled with good coarse river or creek gravel, between the points named, and as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Wm. N. Keezee,	J. S. Long,
Jas. Wilborn,	Wm. McKenzie,
Alfred Briggs,	And 4 others.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. MacArthur offered the following motion :

That the City Auditor, in his next ordinance on accounts, report the over-assessment against T. B. Elliott, as certified to by the City Assessor, and paid by said Elliott to the City Treasurer.

Which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Seidensticker presented the following petition :

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

INDIANAPOLIS, April 8, 1867.

The undersigned, property holders on Broadway, in the city of Indianapolis, would respectfully petition to your honorable body that the above named street be opened out through the ground formerly occupied by the government stables, making the street continuous from St. Clair street to the corporation line.

Also, that the said street be graded and graveled from St. Clair street to the corporation line, being the entire length of said street within the corporation.

Orin Aborn,	— Donovan.
— Dill,	S. J. Pickerill.
— Cleveland,	

In relation to which Mr. Seidensticker offered the following motion :

That the City Clerk be directed to notify the City Commissioners, and also the interested property owners, of the petition for opening Broadway street for the purpose of reporting on said proposition, and assessing damages and benefits.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Seidensticker presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 8, 1867.

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

The undersigned respectfully petition that the bridge over Pogue's Run, on Winston street, which was washed away last fall, be reconstructed at once, and we further suggest that the bed of said creek be straightened and deepened at said point. We respectfully represent that the want of said bridge puts us in continual and great inconvenience, and is hindering us in our business.

G. Stark,	John Heitkam,
H. Bauer,	Wm. Aufderheide,
Ch. Dittrich,	And 35 others.

In relation to which Mr. Seidensticker offered the following motion :

That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the Street Commissioner be instructed to rebuild the bridge across Pogue's run on Winston street at once, and also to straighten the bend of Pogue's run in Winston street, under the direction of the Board of Public Improvements.

Which motion was adopted.

Dr. W. Clinton Thompson offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to make a rough stone crossing on the south line of Ohio street, crossing Illinois street, and also at the crossing on Illinois street where it crosses Ohio street and Indiana avenue.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Dr. W. Clinton Thompson presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANANOLIS, April 8, 1867.

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

The undersigned, property holders near and in the vicinity of Noble and Harrison streets and Fletcher avenue, respectfully protest and remonstrate against the vacation of twenty feet off of Noble street, as there can be no

doubt said vacancy was left for some public purpose, and may be needed at a future day, at any rate there is no emergency for its vacation at present.

Respectfully,

J. H. B. Nowland, William Martin,  
Mrs. E. J. Childers, Frederick Richter,  
C. Wright, And four others.

Mr. Seidensticker moved to refer the remonstrance and the whole matter to the City Attorney.

Mr. Loomis moved to lay Mr. Seidensticker's motion on the table.

Mr. Seidensticker called for the ayes and noes on the adoption of the motion to lay on the table.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Glazier, Loomis and MacArthur—4.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Seidensticker and Thompson—6.

So the motion to lay on the table was not adopted.

The question then recurring upon the adoption of the motion to refer to the City Attorney,

The motion was adopted.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 8, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, a poor widow, with a helpless family, deprived of the use of one of her hands, unable to support her children, presently suffering in the greatest need of food and raiment, most humbly beseecheth your honorable body to consider her destitute condition. If deprived of her home to pay her taxes, she will have no earthly alternative but to become a burden to society; therefore, with reluctance, she is obliged to appeal to the Christian feelings of honorable men. As she may be misrepresented by some malicious person, she can refer to many respectable citizens, who will prove any charges made against her to be false. In granting her request you will have the prayers of a distressed widow and her very helpless orphans.

MARY FARRELL.

Which was referred to the Finance Committee.

His Honor, the Mayor, introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 18—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of the Bank Loan of the City of Indianapolis,

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

## SEALED PROPOSALS.

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

## REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Colley, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report:

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

INDIANAPOLIS, April 8, 1867.

Your committee, to whom was referred the motion directing an appropriation in favor of O'Conner & Dorsey, for \$29 32, to reimburse them for costs in a precept case, and directing a corresponding deduction from the officers' salaries, who incorporated an erroneous description in said precept, respectfully report:

1. The Council have no right, under the charter and ordinances, of making such deductions from the salaries of officers.

2. It is the business of parties asking for precepts, to see that descriptions and names of parties are correct, they occupying a position of plaintiffs in suits, and they are responsible for all costs in after proceedings.

3. For this reason the petition in favor of O'Conner & Dorsey ought not to be granted.

S. A. COLLEY,  
W. H. LOOMIS,  
AD. SEIDENSTICKER, } *Committee.*

Which was concurred in.

Dr. Thompson, from the Committee on Benevolence and City Hospital presented the following report:

RECAPITULATION OF THE WEEKLY REPORT OF THE CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL ENDING APRIL 6, 1867.

Number of patients in Hospital at last report .....	27
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	4
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	2
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	2
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report .....	0
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	31

Which was accepted and approved.

## REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, April 8, 1867.

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

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of testing the different burners for the street lamps, respectfully report that having tested twenty burners, comprising nine different kinds, under the different pressures of gas, viz: 2 8-10 inches the highest, 1½ inches the average and 1 inch the lowest,



we are of the opinion that the McHenry burner is the best in use, for the following reasons, viz: That it cannot be tampered with or altered, also that they are the most economical, being made as good as new by merely renewing the tips, (which should be Scotch tips,) and we would respectfully recommend their purchase.

The accompanying statement made by Mr. Staples, at the investigation, will more fully and clearly show the full results.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. MACARTHUR, }  
 HENRY COBURN, } *Committee.*  
 JOSHUA STAPLES, Jr., }

STATEMENT

*Of the Number of Feet of Gas burned by several different kinds of Gas Burners, as tested at the Gas Works, April 2, 1867.*

4 ft. Iron Burners at 8 inch Pressure.	4 ft. Iron Burner at 4½ inch, the average pressure.	4 ft. Iron Burner, at 1 inch, the lowest pressure used.
7 4-10 ft. per hour; av. 7 9-10 ft.	5 4-10 ft. per hour; av. 5 32-100 ft.	4 4-10 ft. per hour; av. 4 40-100 ft.
7 8-10 ft. per hour; av. 7 9-10 ft.	5 0 feet per hour; av. 5 32-100 ft.	4 4-10 ft. per hour; av. 4 40-100 ft.
8 3-10 ft. per hour; av. 7 9-10 ft.	5 4-10 ft. per hour; av. 5 32-100 ft.	4 4-10 ft. per hour; av. 4 40-100 ft.
8 2-10 ft. per hour; av. 7 9-10 ft.	5 4-10 ft. per hour; av. 5 32-100 ft.	4 3-10 ft. per hour; av. 4 40-100 ft.
7 8-10 ft. per hour; av. 7 8-10 ft.	5 4-10 ft. per hour; av. 5 32-100 ft.	4 4-10 ft. per hour; av. 4 40-100 ft.

DIFFERENT KINDS AT ONE INCH PRESSURE.

No. 1. Common Fish Tail, Iron; average 4 85-100.....	4 8-10 feet per hour.
No. 2. Common Fish Tail, Iron; average 4 85-100.....	4 9-10 feet per hour.
No. 3. Lukenheimer.....	4 0 feet per hour.
No. 4. Excelsior.....	4 8-00 feet per hour.
No. 5. Eureka.....	5 0 feet per hour.
No. 6. Bat Wing, without check; average 4 4-10.....	4 0 feet per hour.
No. 6. Bat Wing, without check; average 4 4-10.....	4 8-10 feet per hour.
No. 7. McHenry; average 5 1-10.....	4 0 feet per hour.
No. 7. McHenry; average 5 1-10.....	6 2-10 feet per hour.
No. 7. McHenry; average pressure.....	4 2-10 feet per hour.
No. 8. Brass Patent, iron check; average pressure.....	5 0 feet per hour.
No. 9. Eureka; average 5 3-10.....	5 0 feet per hour.
No. 10. Eureka; average 5 3-10.....	5 0 feet per hour.
No. 11. Eureka; average 5 3-10.....	5 6-10 feet per hour.
No. 12. Eureka; average 5 3-10.....	5 6-10 feet per hour.

Which were accepted and approved, and the Civil Engineer granted one week's further time to make purchases of "McHenry Burners," and authorized to use his own judgment in selecting the place of purchasing.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Attorney made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 8, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have examined the provisions of the new charter regarding the appraisement of property for taxation. The city must either accept the

county appraisement, or by an ordinance direct the Assessor to appraise property subject to taxation.

I transmit herewith the proper form of an ordinance.

Respectfully,

B. K. ELLIOTT, *City Attorney.*

Which was received.

The City Attorney, also, reported general ordinance No, 83, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE providing for the appraisement of real estate for the purpose of taxation for the year 1867,

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

The City Treasurer made the following report :

OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER, }  
Indianapolis, April 8, 1867. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—In pursuance of an ordinance passed by your honorable body April 1, 1867, authorizing the City Treasurer to borrow one hundred thousand dollars upon the best terms, and execute the necessary papers to consummate the same, I would beg leave to report progress as follows: After having called upon the several banks of the city, and solicited proposals from them for a part or all of said loan, I received the following:

1. From the Citizens' National Bank, the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars, at eleven and one-half per cent. per annum, one-half of the interest payable in advance, the remainder when the note or loan becomes due, the same to be secured by a deposit of city bonds, thirty per cent. above the amount of their loan.

2. From W. & I. Mansur, twenty-five thousand dollars, at eleven and one-half per cent. per annum, one-half the interest payable in advance, the remainder when the loan or note becomes due, and to be secured by deposit of bonds thirty per cent. above the amount of their loan.

3. From the First National Bank, the sum of from sixty to seventy-five thousand dollars, at twelve per cent. per annum, one-half of the interest payable in advance and the remainder when the note or loan becomes due, to be secured by a deposit of bonds thirty per cent. above the amount of their loan, and also the money to be left in their bank and to be checked out as the financial interests of the city may need, also preference in the banking business of the city be given them.

4. From Wm. R. Noffsinger, proposing to renew his loan of forty thousand dollars upon the same terms as the old agreement, *i. e.* at twelve per cent. per annum, interest payable quarterly in advance, and to be secured by a deposit of city bonds twenty-five per cent. above the amount of loan.

It would appear from the foregoing that I should have accepted at once, under the ordinance, the proposals of the Citizens' National Bank, W. & I. Mansur and W. R. Noffsinger, as being the most favorable terms and making the amount required, but I find the First National Bank holding a written agreement, signed by Dr. Jameson, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, agreeing to take from said bank from sixty to seventy-five thousand dollars on the terms as specified in their proposal above, the loan to commence on the first day of April. Having had no intimation that such an agreement was in existence, or that even any bank had been solicited before I invited proposals from them, I feel in honor and in duty bound to consider the various propositions, and not feeling at liberty to accept this agreement to the exclusion of other bidders. And yet willing to extend all courtesy to the Chairman of the Finance Committee and all parties concerned, I would re-

spectfully report the matter back to your honorable body, and ask whether I am to be governed by the ordinance as its reads, or whether the agreement of the Chairman of the Finance Committee is binding in its effects; and if so, I would beg that the ordinance be so amended as to strike from it any provision giving the Treasurer discretion in the premises.

Respectfully,

WM. H. CRAFT, *City Treasurer.*

Which was received.

The City Treasurer, also, presented the following communications on the subject:

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
Indianapolis, April 4, 1867. }

*Hon. John Caven, Mayor, and W. H. Craft, Treasurer, City of Indianapolis:*

GENTLEMEN:—The annexed contract for the loan of from 60 to 75 thousand dollars to the city, by this Bank, according to the terms stated therein, and for the time named, was made and entered into by this Bank through its President, and on the part of the City through P. H. Jameson, Chairman of her Finance Committee, on the 21st day of March ult., and it is proper to state that the same was made by the Bank after urgent solicitations to do so from officers representing the City.

The Bank, in pursuance of the contract, has made the necessary preparations to fulfil the same, and now insists upon the execution of the same on the part of the City, as we think the law and justice entitles us to do.

We have no reason to suppose that there is any inclination on the part of the City, or any of its officers, to evade the same, but we are anxious to close the matter at once.

Very respectfully,

JOHN C. NEW, *Cashier.*

#### MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT.

The First National Bank of Indianapolis is to loan the City of Indianapolis \$—— for one year from the 1st of April, 1867, at 12 per cent. interest, one-half in advance, the other half at the end of the year.

A Stock Note to be executed by the City for the amount with \$—— of City Bonds left as collateral.

The money to be left in the Bank and checked out only as the financial wants of the city may require the money—and preference to be given said Bank in the transaction of all banking business of said city during the continuance of said loan.

WM. H. ENGLISH, *for the Bank.*

P. H. JAMESON, *Chair. Com. on Finance.*

The first blank above to be filled with an amount not less than \$60,000 nor more than \$75,000, and the second blank to be filled with a satisfactory amount.

Which were received.

Mr. Brown moved to lay the whole matter over until the next meeting of Council.

Which motion prevailed.

The City Civil Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 8, 1867.

*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 contract.

Thomas R. Shea, for grading the first alley east of Delaware street, between Pratt and St. Joseph streets, through out-lot 175.

East side.....	.....314 ft. 9 inches.
West side.....	.....315 ft. 3 inches.
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Total number of feet.....	.....630
At 12½ cents per lineal foot, each side....	.....12½
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Total.....	.....\$78 75

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA STAPLES, JR., *Civil Engineer.*

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

The City Civil Engineer, also, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 8, 1867.

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

I was instructed in July last to make a survey of square (74) in which the Cathedral is to be erected, there having been reported that there was an error in the measurement of said square.

I would respectfully report that there is land enough in said square to give each property owner their portion.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA STAPLES, JR., *Civil Engineer.*

Which was received.

The City Civil Engineer, also, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 8, 1867.

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

I herewith submit profiles of the north and south, and east and west alleys between Cedar and Pine, and Elm and Huron streets.

It will be necessary to grade the balance of the alley running north and south, or part of the alley running east and west, in order to get rid of the water that would naturally accumulate therein.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA STAPLES, JR., *Civil Engineer.*

On motion by Mr. Loomis, the report was received and the profiles accepted and approved.

The Chief Fire Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 8, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your Chief Fire Engineer having, together with the Committee on Fire Department, visited the city of Chicago for the purpose of seeing the trial of one of the improved Amoskeag Steam Fire Engines, herewith submits the following report :

The Engine "A. D. Titworth" was fired up, raised steam, and threw water through fifty feet of hose in  $6\frac{1}{4}$  minutes; threw a horizontal stream a distance of 230 to 240 feet, through a  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inch nozzle; said stream was kept up steady for nearly an hour—the engine using from 70 to 120 pounds of steam. Weight of the engine about 4,800 pounds, without any of its supplies. It is a second class double-plunger engine, and perhaps as powerful as any we have in our city.

There are some objections to this engine on account of its great speed, having to run nearly as fast as a rotary, which will naturally wear her machinery considerably. Another objection is, that the suction is not attached to the pump, which will always cause some delay in getting the engine to work. This, however, can, perhaps, be remedied.

We also had a trial of another engine of the same manufacture, but somewhat different from the first named. This is also of the second class, with a single engine and double acting plunger pump. It not being in perfect order, I do not give the result of the throwing or time of raising steam. This engine does not run with as great speed as the first named, it being a single pump, with long stroke, and will therefore be a more lasting engine in this respect, but not quite as powerful as the first. One more convenience about this one is that the front wheels turn under, thereby allowing it to make a short turn.

The boilers of the two engines are both alike, and the material used is about the same for strength as that used by the Seneca Falls Company.

The price for these engines, as I have been informed, is \$4,500. If they will make steam as well as the first engine named in this report, they will perhaps compete for durability and strength with any other engine now made.

On our return home we had a trial of one of the Seneca Falls new engines, at Lafayette, Indiana. The time of the engine raising steam and throwing water was twelve minutes.

I would say, in this connection, that I have been informed that one of Latta's engines of the same size as the one exhibited here a year ago, leaving off all the propelling power, and making the engine the same as the one now owned by the city, same size pump, with the exception that it be 2,000 pounds lighter in weight, can be bought for \$6,000.

I would also report, that in considering the proposition from the agent of the Seneca Falls engine, R. Bickford, our old engine will need the following repairs to make her as good as a new engine, to-wit: A new set of wheels and new axles, new crown sheet in boiler, and all new flues.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES RICHMANN,  
*Chief Fire Engineer.*

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

The City Clerk made the following report :

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, }  
Indianapolis, April 8, 1867. }

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

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

John Schier vs. Elias Reese, for.....\$13 45  
John Schier vs. J. Charters, for.... 13 85

And respectfully recommend that you order precepts to issue.

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*

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

#### ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

On motion by Mr. Coburn, general ordinance No. 82, prohibiting the carrying on of certain trades and business adjacent to the public schools, was taken up and read the second time.

On motion by Mr. Glazier, special ordinance No. 16—1867, providing for grading and graveling South street and sidewalks, between Alabama and East streets, was taken up and read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Coburn, special appropriation ordinance No. 18—1867, appropriating money to pay off the Bank Loan of the City of Indianapolis, was taken up and read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Brown, general ordinance No. 83, providing for the appraisement of real estate for the purpose of taxation for the year 1867, was taken up and read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Colley the Council adjourned to meet on Thursday, April 11th, 1867, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

ATTEST :

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*