

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—MARCH 15, 1886.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, March 15th, A. D. 1886, at 7:30 o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Caleb S. Denny, Mayor, and *ex officio* President of the Common Council in the Chair, and 24 members, viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Herig, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

ABSENT, 1—viz: Councilman Howes.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session, held March 1st, 1886, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

By consent, Councilman Edenharter presented a communication from Powderly Assembly No. 4153, K. of L., relating to the necessity of having a perfect system of sanitary plumbing in the new City Hall and Market House building; which was read, and referred to the Building Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, submitted the following report; which was read and received:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen.—I herewith report the amount of fees and fines due the city, collected by me for the month of February, 1886, as follows:

Marshal's fees.....	\$177 07
Mayor's fees.....	131 60
Fines due city.....	68 00
Total.....	\$376 67

I have this day paid said fines and fees to the County Treasurer, and filed his receipt therefor with the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted, C. S. DENNY, Mayor.

The following communication from His Honor, the Mayor, and the City Clerk, was read and approved:

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To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—In compliance with the action had at your meeting held on the 8th inst., and the subsequent instructions of your Finance Committees, we did, on the 9th inst., execute four time-warrants or bonds, for \$10,000 each, due on or before May 12th, 1886, drawing 5 per cent. interest per annum from date, making said warrants payable to the order of Hiram W. Miller, who, upon the delivery of the same to him, did, as treasurer for the City, place said sum of \$40,000 to its credit.

Respectfully submitted, C. S. DENNY, Mayor.
MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The following report from the City Attorney, was read and received:

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Since the last meeting of the Council the following cases have been disposed of:

1. The case of David Foley, administrator of the estate of Charles E. Stewart, deceased, against The City and others, demanding \$10,000 damages for negligently causing the death of said Stewart, by the falling of a derrick at the new City Building. The court sustained The City's demurrer to the complaint, and rendered judgment thereon in favor of The City.

2. The case of Hannah Dessar against The City for the recovery of an alleged wrongful assessment and collection of benefits for opening an alley on Lot three (3) Henderson's addition, has been tried, and the court found in favor of The City, and rendered judgment accordingly.

Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.

The following report from the City Clerk was read and received:

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—In accordance with instructions given by your honorable bodies at sessions held February 15th and 22d, respectively, I did on the 27th day of February, 1886, serve (through the Chief of the Metropolitan Police, by Sargeant O'Donnell,) by leaving at the last and usual place of residence of Albert W. Johnson, President of Citizens Street Railway Company, notice on the Citizens Street Railway Company to construct and operate a line of street cars in and along Mississippi street, from Indiana avenue to Twelfth street.

Respectfully submitted, MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.
March 6, 1886.

The following report from the City Clerk was read:

To the Hon. Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following affidavits, now on file in my office, for the collection of street improvement assessments by precept, to-wit:

John L. Spaulding vs. Fred. Bippers.....	\$38 81
John L. Spaulding vs. George W. Nevitt.....	38 81

Respectfully submitted, MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.
March 8th, 1886.

And the precepts ordered to issue, by the following vote:

AYES, 23—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Haugh, Herig, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS, 1—viz: Councilman Edenharter.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was read and approved:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen—I herewith report the following estimates for painting city bridges, according to contract :

John Egger, Noble street bridge over C., I., St. L. & C. R. R.....	\$48 00
J. R. Miller for painting the following bridges—	
Ohio street bridge, over the Canal	48 00
West street, over the Canal	40 00
Blackford street, over the Canal	48 00

Total.....\$136 00

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, and the contract and bond approved:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen.—I herewith report the contract and bond of David A. Haywood, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Ash street from Christian avenue to Massachusetts avenue. Bond, \$2,000; surety, Fred. Gansberg.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The following communication from the City Sexton was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen.—The city can buy Lot 119, in the "North Burying Ground," belonging to the heirs of William Boaz, and Lots 22 and 26, in Section "B," belonging to the heirs of Samuel P. Daniels, in Greenlawn Cemetery, at any price your honorable bodies may think fair. More ground is needed at once, and I recommend that a price be fixed for these lots, and that upon the execution of proper deeds to the city, the price agreed on be appropriated and paid.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT TURNER, City Sexton.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Hospital Board, through Councilman Swain, presented the following communication; which was read and received:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Sirs.—We, the undersigned, being a party to a contract heretofore entered into between the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, party of the first part, and Kelly, Jones & Co., party of the second part, for furnishing steam heating apparatus for the City Hospital of said city, agree that the specification requiring a No. 5 Delemeter steam pump shall be changed to a No. 5 Dean steam pump. and we hereby waive all question as to liability on said contract and the bond accompanying the same, by reason of said change.

Kelly, Jones & Co., W. J. Kelly, Att'y.; Jno. E. Dunning, Edward H. Dean.

Councilman Swain, of the Hospital Board, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proposition of Kelly & Jones Company and accompanying bondsmen, providing for the substitution of a No. 5 Dean pump for a No. 5 Delameter pump, be accepted, and the Hospital Board, Superintendent of Hospital and the Supervising Architect be instructed to make such change in the plans and specifications of the steam heating apparatus for the City Hospital as will comply with said proposition.

And it was adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 23—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Herig, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reincke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman Herig, submitted the following report; which was read and concurred in :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen.—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom sundry papers were referred, would report thereon as follows :

1. Is to place double stone crossings across New York street, at California street, Bright and Douglass streets; also, across Bright street on both sides of New York street. Recommend two crossings be placed across New York street at California street, also one on east side of Bright street, across New York street.
2. Is to put double stone crossings across Washington street, at Oriental and Davidson streets. Recommend the work be not done.
3. Is to lay double stone crossings across Meridian street at or near the second alley north of Ray street, on east side. Recommend the work be not done.
4. Is to place a double stone crossing at the intersection of the north side of Cedar street and Virginia avenue. Recommend the work be not done.
5. Is to place double stone crossings on Blake street, at Michigan street. Recommend the work be done.
6. Is to lay a stone crossing across Dunlap street and Madison avenue. Recommend the work be done.
7. Is to lay a stone crossing across Nebraska street at Madison avenue. Recommend the work be not done.
8. Is to lay a double stone crossing across Downey street at Madison avenue. Recommend the work be not done.
9. Is to clean all of the gutters of the Eighth Ward at once, also fill chucks-holes with broken stone in the streets. Recommend the Councilman from the ward designate what streets need repairing.
10. Is to cut down the crown of the roadway of St. Marys street, from Delaware street to Alabama street, and re-gravel the same. Recommend the work be not done.
11. Is to repair with gravel the sidewalks on Bellefontaine street, above Ninth street. Recommend the work be not done.
12. Is to change the grade of Ninth and Ruckle streets at and about their junction, so as to drain the same; work to be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer. Recommend the work be done.
13. Is to construct an 18-inch pipe sewer from West street on Root street, to White River, a distance of about 350 feet, with three catch-basins at West street. Recommend the work be done, and that the City Civil Engineer be instructed to advertise for proposals to do said work.

14. Is to repair with gravel the roadway of West street and clean the gutters of said street, in the vicinity of Root street, so as to afford proper drainage.

Recommend the work be done when the mentioned sewer is completed.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Herig,
C. H. Stuckmeyer,
R. McClelland,
Board of Public Improvements.

The Board of Health submitted the Mortality report for the two weeks ending March 15th, 1886; which was read and received.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney submitted the following reports; which were read and concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney, to whom was referred the petition of James Clancey, praying for the payment to him of the damages he has sustained to Lots 27, 28 and 29, in H., M. & McCarty's subdivision, by reason of the washing away of part of his lots by Pleasant Run, report that the city is in no way responsible for the damage done the petitioner by said Pleasant Run, and therefore recommend that said petition be not allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. Rooker,
M. M. Cummings,
Geo. F. Edenharter,
Judiciary Committee.

WM. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney, to whom was referred the petitions of various persons, on different subjects, report as follows:

1st. On the petition of J. S. Cruse, agent of M. C. Hildebrand, praying for the refunding of \$10.00, with interest, paid the city on assessment for widening south East street, we report that on examination we find that said assessment was erroneous, for the reason that said south East street was not widened, and we recommend that said sum of \$10.00, without interest, be refunded to the petitioner.

2d. On the petition of C. E. Geisendorff, asking for the refunding of \$22.65, taxes erroneously assessed and collected on Lot 21, P., R. & F's. addition, we find upon examination of the plat, that there is no lot number 21; but we further find that a tract of land in this addition, and adjoining Lot 20, is given by metes and bounds, and for convenience of description, the City Assessor has designated the tract as Lot 21. It is properly taxed, and we recommend the petition be not granted.

3d. On the petition of C. A. Ferguson and others, praying for the payment of damages for the widening of Seventh street, between Meridian and Illinois streets, your committee report that they have examined the matter, and find that said street has been opened to its present width, and been used uninterruptedly for a period of more than twenty years; that it has been improved by the city, and used without question, and that no damages are due the petitioners. Therefore, we recommend that said petition be not granted.

4th. On the petition of Ann Russell and Thomas Russell, asking for \$566.00 damages for the washing away of a barn, coal house and other property, and loss of rent, by reason of a change of the course of Pogue's Run, your committee report: On examination, that the petitioners themselves were responsible for a large part of the damage done, and that \$150.00 would be sufficient to pay for any damage caused by the city, which said sum of \$150.00 they recommend be allowed the petitioners in full of all demands by reason of the damages claimed.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. Rooker,
M. M. Cummings,
Geo. F. Edenharter,
Judiciary Committee.

WM. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.

The Committee on Sewers and Drainage submitted the following reports; which were read and concurred in:

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Members of Common Council:

Gentlemen:—We, your Committee on Sewers and Drainage, to whom was referred the following petition:

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, owners of property on west Washington street, between Mississippi and Missouri streets, respectfully petition for the construction of a brick sewer of such size as the City Civil Engineer may recommend, in and along Washington street, from Mississippi street to Missouri street.

Z. Bush, Chas. Bush, Jacob Wachtstetter, Anna Wachtstetter, Furman Stout, Thomas Stout, C. Schaub, his + mark; E. Williamson Chas. Mayer, Roman Oehler, Charles W. Gorsuch, Guardian G. F. Farman.”

Would recommend that it be referred to the City Civil Engineer, to draft the necessary ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. Benjamin,
R. McClelland,
Thomas Markey,
Committee on Sewers and Drainage.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee to whom was referred the following motion:

“That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to prepare plans and advertise for bids for the construction of an eighteen (18) inch pipe sewer on Root street, from West street to White River.”

Would respectfully recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank. E. Benjamin,
Robert McClelland,
Thomas Markey,
Committee on Sewers and Drainage.

The Special Committee on Fire Department submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Special Fire Committee, to whom was referred the petition signed by several citizens and manufacturers, to locate a fire engine at Engine House No. 10, on Madison avenue, beg leave to report: That we recognize the value of the manufactories in that locality, and the necessity of protection from fire; that an engine placed at the No. ten's, would not avail them in giving relief from the danger they believe imminent, for the reason that an engine so located would not be ready for service any sooner than the Nos. three's, four's and thirteen's. To place an engine at the ten's, would necessitate the changing from some of the other houses. If attempted, it would call forth a vigorous protest, because each engine is located near manufacturing interests. The financial condition of the city forbids any outlay in this direction. The Fire Chief says he can render as effective service from present location of engines. Therefore, we report against granting the request.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank. E. Benjamin,
John H. Herig,
M. M. Cummings,
Fred. J. Mack,
A. L. Newland,
Special Committee.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys and the City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen.—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, together with the City Civil Engineer, to whom was referred the petition and plat for “Windsor Place,” presented to the Council by Harry Milligan, for approval, would report that we have examined the same, and recommend its approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Dunn,
John H. Herig,
Julius F. Reinecke,
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The Committee on Water submitted the following report; which was read and received:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen.—At a conference meeting of the committees of both bodies and the Water Company of this city, it was found to complete its five year contract, said company would be required to lay only 4,786 feet of new main pipe between this and September, 1886; and your committee, after consulting our Chief Fire Engineer, directed said company to lay mains as follows: On Dougherty street, from East street to Virginia avenue, 2,400 feet; on Park avenue, from St. Clair street to Christian avenue, 1,300 feet; on north West street, 500 feet; on Pennsylvania street, above Seventh street, 500 feet.

D. F. SWAIN, Chairman.

Councilman Haugh offered the following motion:

That the Building Committee be instructed to advertise for bids for laying a cement sidewalk around the new City Hall.

Councilman Thalman offered the following amendment to the motion:

That the Committee be authorized to award the contract to the lowest bidder.

Councilman Haugh moved to lay the amendment on the table.

Which motion failed of adoption; and the amendment was then adopted, together with the original motion.

The Building Committee submitted the following report and bid; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen.—R. L. Kinney has submitted a bid to your Building Committee, to place lightning rods on the new city building, which we herewith refer to your honorable bodies for your consideration, as we did the one of Mr. Munson, without recommendation. The samples referred to in Mr. Kinney's bid, may be seen in the City Clerk's office.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. Denny,
Thomas E. Endly,
Isaac King,
John R. Pearson,
Building Committee."

To the Committee on City Hall Building:

Gentlemen.—I will furnish the twenty-eight strand Copper Cable Lightning Rod, and put the same on the City Hall building, with four ground entrances of three separate rods or prongs, each to extend by dug trenches proper distance from foun-

dition of building (and embedded in charcoal), to a depth of permanent moisture, and with all necessary points make a complete circuit over the building; all to be done on approved and scientific principles, for the sum of five hundred dollars. Or will furnish the covered Copper Cable Lightning Rod, with steel five-wire center, and put on in like manner, for the sum of four hundred and twenty-five dollars. I will agree to keep the rods, when put on said building by me, in good repair for such time as shall be satisfactory. The material of these rods to be of first-class quality in every respect, and the putting on of said rod to be done by the best of skilled workmen. I will also agree to give approved bond for the proper completion of said work. Samples of rods furnished.

R. L. KINNEY, 440 east Washington street.

The Building Committee submitted the following report; which was concurred in and the bond approved:

To the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, your committee to whom was referred the contract and bond of Knight & Jillson, to do the work of putting in the heating apparatus in the new city building, presented at the special session one week ago, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and report that the same is sufficient, both in form and as to responsibility of sureties, and recommend that it be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. Denny, Mayor,
Wm. L. Taylor, City Att'y.
Thomas E. Endly,
Isaac King,
John R. Pearson,
Joseph H. Howes,
Building Committee.

The Building Committee submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Building Committee respectfully report that they have examined, and in connection with D. A. Bohlen, Architect, have carefully considered, several make of chairs to use in the new city building.

The city can get the Mitchell Furniture Company Music Hall chair, samples of which are on exhibition in the City Clerk's office, for prices ranging from \$1.10 to \$1.40 each. Style "B" will cost \$1.20 each. Your committee are unanimous in the opinion that the main body of the Hall and galleries should be furnished with the last-named chair, and recommend that a contract be awarded to said Mitchell Furniture Company for such number of said chairs as will be required to furnish the Hall.

The city can also get a very durable old-style chair for stage and ante-room use, for \$1.45 each, manufactured by the Central Chair Company, of this city; and we recommend that a contract be awarded to said company for the required number of such chairs for use outside of the main hall floor and galleries.

The Architect thinks that about 2,700 of the Music Hall chairs will be needed, and about 500 of the old style.

Your committee would further recommend that a contract be awarded to the Jenney Electric Light Company for wiring the city building for incandescent lighting, under the direction of the Architect, the price not to exceed \$1,000.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. Denny, Mayor,
Joseph H. Howes,
John R. Pearson,
Thomas E. Endly,
Isaac King,
Building Committee.

I approve the recommendations of the committee as to the purchase of the chairs named.
D. A. BOHLEN, Architect.

Councilman Pearson called up for consideration the report and resolution of the Building Committee, relating to the communication from the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners, submitted March 1st, 1886, (see pages 130 and 131, *ante*.)

Councilman Smith moved the adoption of the resolution.

Councilman Swain offered the following amendment:

Add the following to the end of the resolution:

Provided, further, That said "Metropolitan Militia Reserve" be allowed the privileges above indicated only so long as they may be under the orders of the Police Commissioners as extra police of the city.

Councilman Thalman moved that the resolution and amendment be referred back to the committee, with instructions to draw up a contract with the "Metropolitan Militia Reserve" to cover all cost for gas, heating, and other expenses incurred by said Company by use of said Hall.

Which was adopted, and the resolution and amendment were so referred, by the following vote:

AYES, 15—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Haugh, Mack, Markey, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Rooker, Smither, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS, 8—viz: Councilmen Burns, Edenharter, Herig, McClelland, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, and Stuckmeyer.

Councilman Cummings offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the State of Indiana has decided that the law fixing the compensation of the Bell Telephone Company at the rate of \$3.00 per month per instrument, constitutional; and whereas, the said Bell Telephone Company have decided that they can not continue their services at that rate, and have given notice to certain of their patrons that they will remove their instruments as soon after the first of April as possible; therefore

Resolved, That notice be served upon the officers of the said Bell Telephone Company at once, that whenever they discontinue any of their instruments where they are now in use by those who desire to continue them, and who have complied with the regular conditions, and paid the legal rates as established by law, or fail promptly to put in new instruments when regularly applied for, that the said Bell Telephone Company will be required forthwith to remove all their poles and wires from the streets and alleys of the City of Indianapolis.

Councilman Swain, as a substitute for the above resolution, offered the following:

WHEREAS, The Central Union Telephone Company, of this city, have elected to terminate the service and removal from its patrons over five hundred of its instruments on March 31st, 1886; and whereas, said Telephone Company contemplate occupying the territory within the city limits for at least six months longer; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the City Attorney be, and is hereby, instructed to state to this body, at its next meeting, if, in his opinion, said Telephone Company can legally remove its instruments as contemplated, where parties comply with the requirements of the law, and when said company have not as yet declared their purpose to quit said territory at any definite time.

Councilman Pearson moved that the above resolutions be referred to the Committee on Judiciary, City Attorney, and His Honor, the Mayor, to report next Monday night; and that the Council, when in adjourns, adjourn to meet next Monday night.

Which was adopted.

The following message was read; and on motion by Councilman Thaman, the action of the Board of Aldermen was non-concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, at an adjourned session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber Monday evening March 1st, 1886, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the room formerly occupied by the late City Treasurer be in the future occupied and known as the Chamber of the Board of Aldermen, and that the Janitor be instructed to put same in proper order.

I submit the same for your consideration.

JOSEPH T. FANNING,
Clerk of the Poard of Aldermen.

The following message was read:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in an adjourned session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber Monday evening March 1st, 1886, amended your resolution annexing certain platted territory to the city (adopted by the Common Council February 13, 1886—see pages 107, 108 and 109, *ante*.) by adopting amendments annexing the following additions:

17. Traub's west addition to the City of Indianapolis; being a subdivision of part of the southwest quarter of section three (3), township fifteen (15), north of range three (3) east, in Marion county, Indiana; also a strip of ground about fifty (50) feet front on the National Road running north about one hundred and seventy-five (175) feet, lying immediately east and adjoining lot one (1), in said Traub's subdivision, which lot is shown on the plat of said Traub's west addition, recorded in Plat Book 8, page 69, in the Recorder's office of Marion county, Indiana.

18. Wm. H. Traub's addition to the City of Indianapolis; being a subdivision of part of the southwest quarter of section three (3), township fifteen (15), north of range three (3) east, in Marion county, Indiana; recorded in Plat Book 8, page 83, in the Recorder's office of Marion county, Indiana.

I submit the same for your consideration.

JOSEPH T. FANNING,
Clerk of the Board of Aldermen.

Councilman Pearson moved that the Council non-concur in the action of the Board of Aldermen, and adhere to its former action.

Which was adopted.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

Councilman Herig introduced the following entitled ordinance, which was read the first time; and on motion of Councilman Herig, the Rules were suspended and the ordinance read the second and third times:

Ap O. 16, 1886—An ordinance appropriating the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars, on account the Street Repairs Department of the City of Indianapolis.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 23—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Herig, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinicke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business the following entitled ordinances were introduced, and severally read the first time:

By Councilman Dell, accompanied with petition:

G. O. 8, 1886—An ordinance investing H. B. Hibben, Chas. E. Coffin, Valentine A. Dell, O. H. Root and G. R. Root, and their assignees, with the privilege of furnishing gas, other than for illuminating purposes, to the City of Indianapolis and the inhabitants thereof, upon certain conditions therein named.

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, citizens of Indianapolis, respectfully show that they have in contemplation the sinking of wells at said city, or in its vicinity, for the purpose of ascertaining whether natural gas can not be obtained, and supplied for the use of said city and its inhabitants, for such purposes as the same is adapted. They have further in contemplation in the event that natural gas can not be obtained at such a distance, and in such quantities as to make its use practicable, to engage in the production of manufac ured gas, to be applied to the same uses to which natural gas is applied. If successful in their enterprise, a great benefit will result to the City of Indianapolis.

They therefore respectfully ask that an ordinance be passed granting them the privilege of using the streets, alleys and public grounds of the city for the purpose of laying down therein pipe for the distribution by them of such gas to said city and its inhabitants, upon such terms and under such restrictions as to your honorable bodies may seem just and right.

Harold B. Hibben, Charles E. Coffin, Val. A. Dell,
Oliver H. Root, G. R. Root.

The above ordinance and petition were referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Councilman Pearson:

S. O. 42, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Walnut street, from Illinois street to Tennessee street.

S. O. 43, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Walnut street, from Tennessee street to Mississippi street, where not already done.

By Councilman Rooker, accompanied with petition:

S. O. 44, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Illinois street, from Seventh street to Ninth street.

Indianapolis, March 5, 1886.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said City:

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, property holders, and residents adjoining the alley running north and south between north Illinois street and Hall Place street, from Seventh to Ninth streets, petition for the passage of an ordinance to grade and gravel said alley from said Seventh to Ninth streets.

A. Wiegand, Martha E. Minnick, Clara Gray, George Beyersdorfer, A. M. McCleary, Edwin E. Rexford, J. G. Kingsbury.

S. O. 45, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Meridian street, from Eighth street to Eleventh street.

Councilman Rooker was granted permission to present the following petition:

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—I am in favor of good streets and sidewalks, as it makes property more valuable, and our premises more beautiful and comfortable. I therefore ask your honors to grant me the permission to make and pave with brick the sidewalk in front of my property, 60 feet on Seventh street, between Mississippi street and the Lafayette Railroad; all to be done under the supervision and to the acceptance of the City Civil Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

March 15, 1886.

THOMAS W. CHRISTERSON.

By Councilman Smith:

S. O. 46, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Gregg street, from New Jersey street to East street, where not already done.

S. O. 47, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of St. Joseph street, from Pennsylvania street to the first alley west of Pennsylvania street.

By Councilman Swain:

S. O. 48, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Ninth street, from College avenue to Central avenue.

By Councilman Swain, accompanied with petition:

S. O. 49, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the north gutter of Second street, from Meridian street to the first alley east of Meridian street.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on north side of Second street, between Meridian street and the first alley east, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for grading, bowldering and curbing the north gutter of Second street, from Meridian street to the first alley east of Meridian street.

TRUSTEES OF TABERNACLE CHURCH,
by Vincent Caster, Sec'y. Building Committee.

S. O. 50, 1886—An ordinance to provide for paving with red cedar blocks the roadway of Delaware street, from St. Clair street to Seventh street.

To the Hon. Mayor and Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Delaware street, between St. Clair and Seventh streets, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the improvement of said Delaware street between the points named, with red cedar (round) blocks, and that in making said improvement, a competent and expert inspector be employed to inspect the blocks and superintend the work when done, said inspector to be appointed on the approval and recommendation of a majority of the property owners on the line. And your petitioners will ever pray.

John M. Butler, 153½ feet; James Stevenson, 84 feet; L. S. Ayres, 230½ feet; J. H. Hanson, 70 feet; L. Weisburger, 46 feet; Joseph P. Shipp, 70 feet; J. A. Closser, 91-5 feet; Max Gundelfinger, 60 feet; Wm. P. Johnson, 74 feet; W. P. and Mary L. Fishback, 46 feet; C. F. Sayles, 85 feet; A. A. Russell, 50 feet; H. J. Millegan, 46 feet; Mary E. Jillson, 53-8 feet; Oran Perry, 49-7 feet; J. C. Adams, 67 feet; C. VanCamp, 74 feet; Mrs. Jason Carey, 155½ feet; W. H. H. Miller, 100 feet; J. A. Closser, 100 feet; A. H. Nordyke, 85 feet; John Osterman, 41 feet; D. W. Marmon, 84 feet; C. P. Jacobs, 50 H. P. Whitsell, 84 feet; Major Taylor, 50 feet; Geo. W. Snider, 47 feet; J. F. Failey, 50 feet; C. F. Rafert, 65 feet; J. C. Shover, 40 feet; Jno. T. Dye, 100 feet; Alex. Shellenberger, 49-5 feet; W. R. Evans, 49 5 feet; H. R. Allen, 200; Daniel Stewart, 95½ feet; Benj. Harrison, 153½ feet; R. P. Lutes, 66½ feet; O. W. Williams, 42 feet; A. H. Blair, 50 feet; Jay I. Voss, by C. F. Sayles, agent, 134 feet; Jerome Allen, by W. H. Allen, 61 feet.

Councilman Edenharter moved that S. O. 50, 1886, be referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys and City Civil Engineer, to report the cost at the next meeting.

Which was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Burns offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to notify the owners of the staves piled on south California street, to remove the same within ten days; if not removed in ten days, that the Street Commissioner remove the same at the expense of the owners.

Councilman Coy submitted the following communication; which was received, and the City Clerk was instructed to have the same published:

To the Hon. Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen.—We would respectfully call your attention to an ordinance defining the powers and duties of the Board of Health, in force January 8, 1872:

SECTION 2. The Board of Health shall submit all By laws, rules and regulations adopted by it to the Common Council and the Board of Aldermen for consideration and approval, and after such official approval and publication one day, such By-laws, rules and regulations shall take effect and be in full force.

Rules Nos. 1, 2 and 3, approved by your honorable body at your last regular meeting, have not been published.

E. J. BRENNAN, M. D., Pres't.,
W. WANDS, M. D, Sec'y.

Councilman Cummings offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That Mrs. Rhodius be ordered to repair the sidewalk in front of her lot on Tennessee street north of the first alley from Washington street.

Councilman Dell offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to lay down double stone crossings at the intersection of Davidson and Oriental streets.

Councilman Edenharter offered the following motions; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to repair the sidewalk approaches to the bridge over Pogue's Run on east Market street.

WHEREAS, My motion directing the Street Commissioner to fill all "chuck-holes" in the streets of my Ward, and clean the gutters of the same, has been returned by the Board of Public Improvements, with the request that I designate the particular streets, I, as an accommodating kind of a "cuss," furnish the following: Noble street, Spring street, Railroad street, Davidson street, Pine street, Harvey street, Washington street, Ohio street, New York street, Vermont street, Michigan street, North street, Arsenal avenue, State street, Randolph street, and for brevity's sake, others too numerous to mention.

Councilman Edenharter offered the following motion; which was referred to the Building Committee:

That the Architect of the City Hall and Market House be instructed to procure a carefully prepared set of specifications for plumbing, and that said specifications shall be in accordance with the most approved ideas of sanitary engineers on sanitary plumbing.

Councilman Edenharter offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the interest of the city and of the wage-workers thereof, will be better advanced by the employment of competent labor in the construction of all public buildings; that it is the sense of this Council that the person or firm to whom shall be let the contract for the plumbing of the new City Hall and Market House be instructed to employ mechanics who are members of the Plumbers' Assembly 4153, K. of L., or labor equally skillful and competent for the performance of all work necessary to the completion of the plumbing work on said building.

Which, on motion by Councilman Mack, was referred to the Building Committee, by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Cummings, Dunn, Mack, McClelland, McGroarty, Reynolds, Reoker, Smith, Smither, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS, 10—viz: Councilmen Burns, Dell, Edenharter, Haugh, Herig, Markey, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, and Stuckmeyer.

Councilman Haugh offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to place double stone crossing at the crossing of Clinton and Vermont streets.

Councilman Herig presented the following petition (with plat); which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, with instructions to report at the next meeting (Monday night next):

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—In conformity with the act of the Legislature, entitled "An act to require plats of new additions to any city to be submitted to the Common Council," approved April 8th, 1885, the undersigned submit a plat of "Mayer's Wisconsin street subdivision" to the above named bodies, and ask that it be acted on at once, as the tract subdivided is a part of the disputed territory, and trouble now exists when tax time comes, and they would like to get the plat on record before the 1st day of April, in order to settle disputes hereafter.

WILHELMINA MAYER,
CAROLINE W. MAYER,
Per Hervey B. Fatout.

Councilman Mack offered the following motions; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to fill up chuck-holes on Madison avenue, between Maryland and Ray streets, at once.

Councilman Markey offered the following motion; which was referred to the Special Fire Committee and Chief Fire Engineer:

That the Chief of the Fire Department be instructed to place a hose wagon at No. 10 Reel House.

Councilman Markey presented the following petition; which was referred to the City Attorney and Committee on Markets:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I would most respectfully petition your honorable bodies to pass an ordinance granting me the right and privilege to erect and maintain a public market house on the corner of Delaware street and Madison avenue. Said point is located in the southern part of the city, and no other public market is in that part. I believe I can make it of great public benefit to the citizens in that locality, therefore ask that the prayer of your petitioner be granted.

JOHN P. MICHAEL.

Councilman Newland offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light:

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to instruct the Vapor Light Company to erect seven lamps on English avenue, between Dillon and Linden streets; also, seven lamps on Lexington avenue, between Dillon and Linden streets.

Councilman Newland offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, ordered to raise the pavement on the south side of Prospect street, from Dillon to Reid street, to the proper grade.

Councilman Pearson offered the following motion ; which was adopted:

That the Committee on Printing be instructed to have 200 copies printed of the report of the Superintendent of the City Hospital.

Councilman Pearson moved that S. O. 31, 1886, be stricken from the files; which was adopted.

Councilman Reinecke offered the following motions; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be directed to bowlder the alley crossing on Greer street, between McCarty and Buchanan streets.

Councilman Smither offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair and re-bowlder the crossing on Torbert and West streets.

Councilman Stuckmeyer presented the following petition; which was read and received:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on English avenue, between Harrison and Dillon streets, respectfully petition for the passage of a resolution providing for laying water mains on said avenue, between the points named.

W. H. Thomas, Chas. H. Stuckmeyer, A. S. Burt, Jacob Dix, C. H. Furgason, L. A. Fulmer, J. L. Howe, Mathew McCabe, Daniel Foley, W. W. Howe, E. Dreier, James M. Piezey, Conrad Clopfey, John H. Lynch.

Councilman Stuckmeyer offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Indianapolis Water Company be, and is hereby, directed to lay water mains on English avenue, between Harrison and Dillon streets; and that the City Clerk be, and is hereby, directed to notify said Company of the passage of this resolution; and the Chief Fire Engineer is directed to superintend the placing of the fire hydrants along said line in accordance with the terms of the contract now existing between said company and the city.

Which was adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS, 1—viz: Councilman Cummings.

Councilman Swain offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light:

That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to direct the Gas Company to move the lamp-post located on the east side of Central avenue, about 75 feet north of Ninth street, south to the northeast corner of said Central avenue and Ninth street.

Councilman Thalman presented the following communication; which was referred to the Boundary Committee:

To the Honorable, the Mayor, the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Honorable Committee on Annexation or Boundaries, has consented to a request from John S. Spann, Esq., an excellent citizen, to the annexation of Blocks one, two, three and four, in Caven & Rockwood's addition, for the purpose of enabling the city to improve Reid street, which is upon to the west side of said blocks and on the east side of lands represented by Mr. Spann.

This project is urged by the owners of ground on this side of Reid street. The four blocks in question are mostly vacant ground and waste land, cut up with holes left by brickyards of a decade ago, and are now much of the time filled with water; that there are no houses on the ground, except one unfortunate block on Lot one, which has not only not brought in any rent for years, but has most of the time put the owners to the necessity of hiring an occupant to merely watch and protect it from destruction. Therefore the undersigned submit that the Council should not annex these blocks; but in order not to stand in the way of their neighbors' desired improvement of Reid street, the undersigned offer to bear and pay the expense of any improvement of such street, ordered by the Council, in the same manner as if said blocks were annexed, and a part of the city. The City Attorney may prepare a suitable instrument for the purpose, if the city authorities will not annex the four blocks, as it is not the desire of the Council to derive taxes from this land, but secure the street improvement aforesaid.

In the resolution so well considered, there has been no move made to include these blocks, until now, when Mr. Spann urged it to accomplish the improvement of Reid street, to which improvement the undersigned do not object.

HELEN M. ROCKWOOD,
HELEN M. EDSON, et al.,
By H. D. Pierce.

Councilman Thalman presented the following petition; which was referred to the Boundary Committee:

To the Honorable, the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen, and the
Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned respectfully show to your honorable bodies, that they are the owners, or agents for the owners of all the land in what is described as the Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railroad Company's addition to the City of Indianapolis, a subdivision of the middle part of Section three (3), in Township fifteen (15), Range three (3) east, lying east of White River, in Marion County, Indiana, subdivided and platted in Plat Book number one (1), page 340, in the Recorder's office of said county, and the subdivisions therein contained; and also the other lands below described, to-wit:

Commencing at the southeast corner of Lot numbered one (1) of the Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railroad's subdivision of the middle part of the southeast quarter of Section three (3), Township fifteen (15), Range three (3), a plat of which subdivision is recorded in Plat Book No. 1, at pages 340 and 341, in the Recorder's office of said county; running thence north along the east line of said lot to the east bank of the Mill Race; thence northwardly along the east bank of said Mill Race to its intersection with the south and east bank of Fall Creek; thence northwardly along the east and north bank of said Creek to its intersection with the north Corporation Line of said city; thence west along said north Corporation Line to White River; thence south and east along White River to the south line of Lot number seven (7) in said Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railroad's subdivision; thence east along the south line of said Lots seven (7) and one (1) to the place of beginning.

That said lands are suburban lots or tracts of land not laid out in lots, but are large uncultivated areas hardly tillable, and much of the time good only for pasturage, and often not capable of even pasturage, because of the annual and disastrous overflows of the River thereupon, rendering them, for the most part, waste lands; that there are no houses upon said lands, and no one living or residing upon them. The undersigned believe and protest that said lands are not a part of the city, never

having been properly annexed, or annexed at all, in fact, although the boundaries of the city were once extended so as to seem to include these tracts.

The undersigned, therefore, without admitting that said lands were ever annexed to the city in proper manner, or at all, respectfully apply hereby to your honorable bodies to so modify the boundaries of said city as to exclude therefrom all of such lots or tracts of land, to the great relief of the unfortunate owners of the lands, and the manifest benefit and advantage of the city. And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Louisa A. Wright, James C. Yohn, Henry D. Pierce,
for himself and as agent; Magdalena Mau, Jay G.
Voss, Helen M. Rockwood, Helen R. Edson, William
E. Rockwood.

(See R. S. Sec. 3248. Ordinances of the city, page 44.)

Councilman Thalman offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Committee on Public Property be requested to advertise for proposals for leasing the Sellers farm for the coming year.

Councilman Reinecke offered the following motions; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be directed to bowlder the alley crossings on Coburn street, between East street and Virginia avenue.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to bowlder the alley crossings on Dougherty street, between East street and Virginia avenue.

Councilman Thalman moved that the resolution annexing platted territory, be re-adopted without the amendments of the Board of Aldermen; which was adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz: Councilmen Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Herig, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS, 4—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Rooker, and Stuckmeyer.

PENDING ORDINANCES.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

S. O. 27, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading, curbing with stone and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of East street, from Morris street to Lincoln Lane.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Dell, Dunn, Haugh, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

S. O. 30, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Coburn street, from East street to Madison avenue.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Dell, Dunn, Haugh, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

S. O. 34, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of Christian avenue, from Bellefontaine avenue to the Wabash Railway tracks.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Dell, Dunn, Haugh, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read a second time (and amended by striking out the words "widening sidewalks,") and ordered engrossed and read a third time:

S. O. 35, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters, and widening the sidewalks of Meridian street, from Seventh street to Twelfth street.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Dell, Dunn, Haugh, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Thalman moved that all ordinances on file relating to gas light, be referred to the Committee on Public Light.

Which was adopted, and the following ordinances so referred:

S. O. 40, 1883; S. O's. 20, 107, and 130, 1884; S. O's. 50, 53, 63, 66, 67, 71, 72, 78, 87, 88, 115 and 128, of 1885, and S. O's. 4, 9, 16, 21, 22, 24, 25 and 26, of 1886.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

C. S. DENNY, Mayor,

President of the Common Council.

Attest: MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.