

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, July 24, 1871, 7½ o'clock, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—John S. Newman, President, *pro tem.*, of Council, in the chair, and the following members :

Councilmen—Batty, Bigham, Brown, Cottrell, Craft, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Marsee, Thoms, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—13.

Absent—Councilmen Locke, Reagan, Thalman, and Weaver—4.

The proceedings of the regular session, held July 17, 1871, were read and approved.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 24, 1871.

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

Gentlemen—I beg leave to submit the following report in regard to the capacity of the culverts and bridges over the channel of Pogues run :

The culvert under the canal has a cross section, or capacity equal to 106 feet.

Tennessee street bridge has capacity equal to 230 feet.

Illinois street bridge has capacity equal to 282 feet.

Garden street bridge has capacity equal to 250 feet.

South street bridge has capacity equal to 292 feet.

Culvert under McNab street and under corner of Union Depot, has capacity equal to 265 feet.

Meridian street bridge has capacity equal to 320 feet.

Culvert immediately east of Meridian street has capacity equal to 205 feet.

Immediately above the culvert where those stone pillars are the capacity equals 272 feet.

Pennsylvania street bridge has capacity equal to 262 feet.

Trestle work under Cincinnati R. R. has capacity equal to 212 feet.

Culverts built by the Union R. R. Co., last year, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets, has capacity equal to 178 feet.

Delaware street bridge has capacity equal to 306 feet.

Virginia avenue bridge has capacity equal to 301 feet.

New Jersey street bridge has capacity equal to 225 feet.

East street bridge has capacity equal to 211 feet.

Central R. R. trestle bridge has capacity equal to 255 feet.

Liberty street bridge has capacity equal to 239 feet.

Peru trestle bridge has capacity equal to 334 feet.

Washington street culvert has capacity equal to 203 feet.

Market street bridge has capacity equal to 248 feet.

Davidson street bridge has capacity equal to 203 feet.

Winston street bridge has capacity equal to 224 feet.

Ohio street trestle bridge has capacity equal to 256 feet.

Trestle bridge for lumber yard immediately above Ohio street, has capacity equal to 595 feet.

New York street bridge has capacity equal to 539 feet.

Dorman street bridge has capacity equal to 338 feet.

You will perceive by the foregoing that the culvert under the canal is the smallest structure on the creek, the capacity being 106 feet.

The culvert built by the Union Company, last year, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets, is the next smallest, that being 178 feet.

The Washington street culvert is the next smallest, that being 203 feet.

I am of the opinion that the structures below Washington street should not be made any smaller than the culvert at Washington street. Then, if they are kept cleaned out, they will be sufficient to pass the water.

The Washington street culvert and the culverts between Meridian and Delaware streets, need cleaning out. The water way is very much obstructed by the sand and trash that is lodged in them.

There are also two posts near the end of the culvert built by the Union Company, last year, that should be removed, so that the water will have free flow.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON,

Civil Engineer.

Which was received.

The City Treasurer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 24, 1871.

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

Report of John W. Coons, City Treasurer, showing the receipts and disbursements, from May 9, 1871, to July 9, 1871, inclusive :

RECEIPTS.

To License and Market rent.....	\$806 60
To Fines and fees.....	229 90
To Hospital fund.....	91 00
To Printing.....	5 34
To Loan ..	98,703 12

To R. S. Foster, Ex-City Treasurer.....	\$154,124 06
To Taxes.....	3,564 87

\$257,524 89

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Police	\$5,584 75
By Fire Department.....	8,731 21
By Salary.....	4,709 97
By Hospital.....	2,302 76
By Election.....	673 00
By Sewer	38,392 19
By Street Improvement.....	1,275 08
By Station House.....	743 82
By Printing, stationery, advertising, etc.....	2,210 22
By Gas and gas fixtures.....	14,259 42
By Bonds and interest on bonds.....	107,636 49
By Specific	186 69
By Taxes refunded.....	80 71
By Civil Engineer and Assessor.....	907 50
By Bobbs Dispensary.....	150 00
By Damages	225 00
By City Commissioners.....	52 00
By Fuel.....	67 75
By Cisterns	431 25
By Markets	10 00
By School fund.....	18,000 00
By Rent.....	1,024 00
By Donations	5,000 00
By Bridges.....	3,149 47
By War fund.....	105 00
By Promiscuous	609 25
By Street repairs.....	4,187 34
Balance in Treasury, July 9, 1871.....	36,820 02

\$257,524 89

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. COONS,
City Treasurer.

Which was received.

The City Clerk made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 24, 1871.

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

Gentlemen—The City Clerk would respectfully report the following affidavits for the collection of street assessment by precept :

John Anderson & Co. vs. J. M. W. Langsdale, et al, for.....	\$75 75
John Anderson & Co. vs. John Weiss, for	104 00

And would respectfully recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. CLINTON,

City Clerk.

Which was concurred in.

The City Clerk made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 24, 1871.

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

Gentlemen—The City Clerk respectfully reports to Council,

FIRST.

First and final estimate allowed S. W. & R. H. Patterson, for grading and graveling First street and sidewalks, from Meridian street to Illinois street.

SECOND.

First and final estimate allowed James Mahoney, for grading and graveling Broadway street and sidewalks, from Christian avenue to Forest Home avenue.

THIRD.

First and final estimate allowed S. W. & R. H. Patterson, for grading and graveling Ash street and sidewalks, from Christian avenue to Forest Home avenue.

FOURTH.

First and final estimate allowed Thomas Roney, for raising the brick pavement on east side of Delaware street, from New York street to Vermont street.

FIFTH.

First and final estimate allowed Hiram Seibert, for grading and graveling Cady street and sidewalks, from Harrison street to Bates street.

SIXTH.

First and final estimate allowed James W. Hudson, for grading and bowldering the first alley east of East street, and running from Lockerbie street to the first alley east of Lockerbie street.

SEVENTH.

First and final estimate allowed John Schier, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Alabama street, and running north and south, from Potomac alley to Market street.

EIGHTH.

First and final estimate allowed James W. Hudson, for grading and bowldering the first alley east of Alabama street, and running from Washington street to Potomac alley.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. CLINTON,

City Clerk.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed John Schier, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Alabama street, and running north and south from Potomac alley to Market street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative — Councilmen Bigham, Brown, Craft, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Marsee, Newman, Thoms, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—12.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Jas. W. Hudson, for grading and bowldering the first alley east of Alabama street, and running from Washington street to Potomac alley, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative — Councilmen Bigham, Brown, Craft, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Marsee, Newman, Thoms, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—12.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Jas. W. Hudson, for grading and bowldering the first alley east of East street, and running from Lockerbie street to the first alley east of Lockerbie street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative — Councilmen Bigham, Brown, Craft, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Marsee, Newman, Thoms, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—12.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Hiram Seibert, for grading and graveling Cady street and sidewalks, from Harrison street to Bates street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative — Councilmen Bigham, Brown, Craft, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Marsee, Newman, Thoms, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—12.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Thos. Roney, for raising the brick pavement on east side of Delaware street, from New York street to Vermont street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative — Councilmen Bigham, Brown, Craft, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Marsee, Newman, Thoms, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—12.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed S. W. and R. H. Patterson, for grading and graveling Ash street and sidewalks, from Christian avenue to Forest Home avenue, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative — Councilmen Bigham, Brown, Craft, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Marsee, Newman, Thoms, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—12.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Jas. Mahoney, for grading and graveling Broadway street and sidewalks, from Christian avenue to Forest Home avenue, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative — Councilmen Bigham, Brown, Craft, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Marsee, Newman, Thoms, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—12.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed S. W. and R. H. Patterson, for grading and graveling First street and sidewalks, from Meridian street to Illinois street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative — Councilmen Bigham, Brown, Craft, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Marsee, Newman, Thoms, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—12.

Negative—None.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 24, 1871.

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

Report of expenses and receipts for Military Park, from March 18, 1871, to July 20, 1871.

Paid Chandler & Taylor, voucher No. 87..... \$124 51

Paid H. H. Fletcher, voucher No. 87.....	\$5 50
Paid Hands on Park, voucher No. 88.....	25 75
Paid Freight on trees, voucher No. 89.....	57
Paid Hands on Park, voucher No. 90.....	28 50
Paid T. J. Morse, voucher No. 91.....	51 01
Paid Hands on Park, voucher No. 92.....	50 21
Paid Wineberger & Reagan, voucher No. 93..	11 50
Paid M. Shea, voucher No. 94.....	106 13
Paid Hands on Park, voucher No. 95.....	41 50
Paid Graham, Emlin & Passmore, voucher No. 96.....	7 15
Paid R. R. Rouse, voucher No. 97.....	5 70
Paid Journal Co., voucher No. 98.....	2 50
Paid John Karney, voucher No. 99.....	146 89
Paid Hide, Leather and Belting Co., voucher No. 100.....	96 97
Paid Hands on Park, voucher No. 101.....	68 12
Paid T. J. Morse, voucher No. 102.....	44 30
Paid Hands on Park, voucher No. 103.....	57 62
Paid A. Weigand, voucher No. 104.....	35 25
Paid Thomas Cottrell, voucher No. 105.....	211 77

\$1,121 45

Balance on Hand, July 20..... 8 98

\$1,130 43

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, March 18.....	\$112 85
Interest to March 23.....	7 00
Cash of Street Commissioner.....	4 50
Cash of city appropriation	1,000 00

Interest to July 20..... \$6 08

\$1,130 43

The balance on hand is \$8.98. Amount of bills not yet presented, \$75.00. We estimate the necessary expenses for balance this year, at \$500.00, and respectfully ask an appropriation of that amount.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MERRITT, }
 O. B. HORD, } Commissioners.
 B. K. ELLIOTT, }

Which was referred to the Committee on Parks.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following :

Weekly report of contents of Register of Patients of City Hospital, ending July 22, 1871 :

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	39
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	9
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	9
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	39

Which was received.

Also, the following :

Weekly report of contents of Register of Patients of City Hospital, ending July 15, 1871 :

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	31
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	17
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	4
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	9
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	39

Which was received.

Mr. Wiles presented the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 24, 1871.

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

Gentlemen—Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the matter of the contemplated visit to this city of the Mayor and City Council of Bloomington, Illinois, report the following resolution, and ask its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. WILES,
AUSTIN H. BROWN,
JAMES H. WOODBURN.

Resolved, That the Mayor be instructed to cordially invite the Mayor and City Council of Bloomington, Illinois, to visit this city during the session of the

Scientific Association, to be held here, commencing August 16th next; and on such day during their visit as they may designate, this Council will take pleasure in taking them on a drive about the city.

Which was concurred in, and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative -- Councilmen Bigham, Brown, Craft, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Marsee, Newman, Thoms, Whitsit, Wiles and Woddburn—12.

Negative—None.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 24, 1871.

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

Gentlemen—The undersigned, resident Physician of the Bobbs Free Dispensary, respectfully offers the following report for the quarter ending July 1st, 1871:

Number of patients treated at Dispensary.....	406
Number of visits made	450
Number of prescriptions filled	985
Number of births	1
Number of deaths.....	3
Number of post mortem examinations made	3
Number vaccinated.....	30

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. TOMLINSON,

Resident Physician.

In addition to the above, we would report that more funds are absolutely necessary to carry on the Dispensary properly—more room is needed, etc., etc.

None of the funds appropriated have been used for the payment of attendants, with the exception of the Janitor, and we would respectfully ask an additional appropriation from your honorable body.

T. M. STEVENS, M. D.,

Superintendent.

Which was referred to the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals.

By consent, the City Attorney addressed the Council, in regard to the matter of lowering the tracks of the I. C. & L. R. R. Co.

Mr. Wiles moved that the Street Commissioner suspend operations until further orders from Council.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Marsee offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Marshal give the I. C. & L. R. R. Co., thirty days' notice to make their track conform with the grade of South East street, where the same crosses Louisiana street, and that the City Civil Engineer be directed to set the grade stakes at said point.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Marsee, from the Committee on Sewers, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 24, 1871.

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

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Sewerage, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Downey, asking that the mouth of the sewer draining Virginia river, on East street, be so changed as to take the same off her property, would respectfully report that they have examined the same, and would recommend that the Street Commissioner be directed to make such change, in accordance with the prayer of the petition.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. MARSEE, }
C. E. WHITSIT, } Committee.

Which was received and City Clerk instructed to advertise for sealed proposals for performing said work.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

On motion, the following entitled ordinances were read the second time and ordered engrossed :

Special Ordinance No. 69, 1871.

Special Ordinance No. 70, 1871.

Special Ordinance No. 71, 1871.

Special Ordinance No. 73, 1871.

Special Ordinance No. 74, 1871.

Special Ordinance No. 75, 1871.

General Ordinance No. 38, 1871, entitled :

An Ordinance to provide for changing channel of Pogues run.

Was taken up, read the second time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney, with instructions to ascertain and report the cost of right of way, etc.

General Ordinance No. 32, 1871, entitled :

An Ordinance to regulate the doing of plumbing work in connection with the water works of Indianapolis.

Was taken up and laid over temporarily.

General Ordinance No. 24, 1871, entitled :

An Ordinance relative to placing a flagmen on the north side of the railroad tracks where the same crosses New Jersey street.

Was taken up and read the second time.

Mr. Brown offered the following amendment :

Amend by adding this section : SECTION —. All flagmen now employed at street crossings by railroad companies in this city, shall serve as late as 8:30 P. M.

Which was adopted.

The ordinance as amended was then ordered engrossed.

On motion, the rules were suspended for the purpose of calling the roll of members for the presentation of new business.

Mr. Batty offered the following motion :

Moved : That Frederick Prang be and is hereby authorized to grade the street in front of his property, lots 201 and 202, out lot 45, Railroad street ; to be done at his own expense, within sixty days, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, who is hereby instructed to set the grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

M. Batty offered the following motion :

Moved : That Perry M. Blankenship and Newton Hume be, and are hereby, granted permission to grade and pave with brick the sidewalk in front of their property, on the north side of College Avenue, north of Home Avenue ; the same to be done at their own expense, within sixty days, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, who is hereby directed to set the grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved : That John Frick be and is hereby granted permission to bowlder the gutters in front of his property, corner of Massachusetts Avenue and St. Clair street ; the same to be done at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, who is hereby instructed to set the grade stakes, the same to be done within sixty days.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved : That the Street Commissioner notify the officers of the Peru and Indianapolis Railway Company to plank their crossing on Massachusetts Avenue.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved : That the Street Commissioner be instructed to move the hedge and fill up the old well at the junction of Clifford Avenue and the Pendleton State road, being at the west end of Albert E. Fletcher's first addition to the city of Indianapolis.

Which was adopted.

Also, the following motion :

Moved : That the City Marshal be instructed to notify the president of the Indianapolis Hotel Association, or the contractor for building the new hotel, on the corner of Pennsylvania and Ohio streets, so to unload the bricks or other materials intended for said building, in such a manner as not to interrupt the passage of the street cars on Pennsylvania street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Batty presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 24, 1871.

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

Gentlemen—The undersigned, owner of the real estate fronting on Clifford Avenue, between Massachusetts avenue and east corporation line, respectfully petitions your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of Clifford Avenue, from Massachusetts avenue to the east corporation line.

And your petitioner will ever pray. etc.

S. A. FLETCHER, JR.

Which was received.

Mr. Batty introduced Special Ordinance No. 76, 1871, entitled :

An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Clifford avenue and sidewalks, from Massachusetts avenue to the corporation line east.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Bigham offered the following motion :

Moved : That that the channel of run running from Market street across out-lot 72, to Washington street, be changed so as to run the water down Market street to Pagues run, and the Committee on Streets and Alleys, together with the City Civil Engineer, be requested to inquire into the cost of constructing a small sewer to run the same down Market street, and report the same.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Bigham offered the following motion :

Moved : That Market street be opened from its present terminus to the corporation line east, and for that purpose this motion be referred to the City Commissioners for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this order, and the City Clerk is hereby required to give the proper notice.

Which was referred to the City Attorney and Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Bigham offered the following motion :

Moved, That John T. Macauley be granted until the first day of August to complete the paving of the north side of Georgia street, between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bigham, Cottrell, Craft, Gimber, Heckman, Thoms and Whitsit—7.

Negative—Councilmen Batty, Brown, Kennington, Newman, Wiles and Woodburn—6.

Mr. Bigham presented the following petition :

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

Gentlemen—Believing that the public spirit of our city pride is always ready to sustain all just and commendable efforts to do honor to our city we approach your honorable body with respectful confidence, in behalf of the *first effort made* in fifty years to rescue from the sea of oblivion the early reminiscences of our capital city.

This valuable book has been written and published by one of our own citizens, more as a matter of duty and of kind remembrances of our first settlers and early pioneers, than in view of any pecuniary speculation, and it is on this consideration that we appeal to your intelligence and public spirit to extend toward this commendable effort that patronage which will sustain the author with something more than mere compliments, and at the same time do justice to the public spirit.

Ignorance may laugh at the early reminiscences of our city, and any special notices which have been made of the good old men and women of early days, but surely a better spirit may be expected from the liberal minds and intelligent, as well as from all persons who have any honest respect for the memories of those who have the honors of laying the foundation of our city. Certainly he who writes and puts permanently in book form sketches of our earliest history, does a public act for which he should receive the public gratitude.

In many instances our City Council has manifested their public spirit in sustaining enterprises of far less general utility than this; and while we have no criticisms to make of the past, we come before your honorable body to ask for some proper demonstration of the public respect and gratitude in a substantial approval of this first effort to preserve the history of our early pioneers. True it may be that the most of those written of are now in their graves, but this only makes the early reminiscences the more important and valuable, and on this account as well as that of the many sacrifices and arduous labors of the author in the publication of this work.

We respectfully ask your honorable body to extend some liberal patronage to the effort, such as will prove to the world that Indianapolis, as the greatest railroad centre of the West, is not forgetful of those who have kindly volunteered to be the guardians and authors of our early city history. What you do in this case will be appreciated by all the friends of our early settlers, and reflect well on both the intelligence and liberality of your honorable body.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

J. GEORGE STILZ,
TUTEWILER BROS.,
BENHAM BROS.,
J. & M. SOLOMON,

And 7 others.

Which, on motion, was referred to a Select Committee of one.

Dr. Woodburn was appointed as such Committee.

July 24, 1871.]

COMMON COUNCIL.

Mr. Bigham offered the following motion :

Motion : That the Street Commissioner is hereby directed to place enough gravel on the east sidewalk of Liberty street, between New York and Ohio, to keep the water from flowing into the lots on and adjacent thereto.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Brown introduced Special Ordinance No. 77, 1871, entitled :

An Ordinance to provide for bowldering the gutter on the north side of Georgia street, between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

Moved : That H. H. Lee be allowed the privilege of paving with brick the sidewalks on the east and west sides of his China Tea Store and Coffee Mills, at the intersection of Meridian street and Madison avenue, and also to pave a portion of the point in front of said store ; provided he does the same at his own expense, and to the satisfaction of the City Civil Engineer ; and any work, the privilege for which is herein granted, that has already been done, is hereby accepted and confirmed.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

Moved : That the Street Commissioner be directed to bowlder the alleys at the crossings of the north sidewalk on Georgia street, between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets, and charge up the cost thereof to the account of the Miscellaneous Street Repair Fund.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

Moved : That the Street Commissioner place culverts of cement drain pipe in the following described gutters :

1. On the east side of Pennsylvania, at the crossing of Georgia street.
2. On the west side of Pennsylvania, at the crossing of Maryland street.
3. On the west side of Meridian, at the crossing of Georgia street ;

And when such culverts are so placed, to raise the street grade on the line of the sidewalks, north and south, so as to give good crossings of such streets.

Also, to place stone crossings on the west side of Meridian street, at Georgia street crossing, and on the west side of Pennsylvania street, at Maryland street crossing, and also on the west side of Pennsylvania, at Market street crossing.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

Moved : That the City Gas Inspector be directed to revise his estimates for erecting lamp posts and lamps on McCarty street, between Delaware street and Madison avenue, so as to properly assess to the Jeffersonville Railroad its *pro rata* of the cost of work done by the contractor, and credit the same on the assessment against John L. Russell.

Which was referred to the City Gas Inspector.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

Moved : That the contractor for the Illinois street sewer be directed to proceed at once with his contract, and complete the same within sixty days.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

Moved : That Mrs. Caroline Shaub be allowed to have a well dug and pump put in, in front of her property on West Washington street, between Mississippi and Missouri streets, she complying with the ordinance governing the same.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

Moved : That Mrs. Clark be allowed to pave with brick the south sidewalk, in front of her property, on West Vermont street, between Mississippi and Missouri streets; the same to be done at her expense, and under the direction of the Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Brown presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 24, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Michigan street, south side, between Missouri and California streets, respectfully remonstrate against the passing of an ordinance providing for the paving of the sidewalk of said Michigan street between said Missouri and California streets. We would most respectfully represent that there is already a good and dry gravel walk along said street and between said streets, and that many of the undersigned property holders are persons of limited means, and unable to pay for a further improvement of said sidewalk at this time.

And your remonstrants would ever pray, &c.

HENRY VOIGHT,
VICTOR L. MAIRE,
W. Y. JENNINGS.
SARAH WOOLLEN.
And 4 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

On motion of Mr. Cottrell, the Board of Police were instructed to inquire into and report the expediency of purchasing a safe for Station House.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following motion :

Moved: That the City Clerk advertise for proposals for doing the following described work :

1st. The construction of two stone walls of sufficient height and thickness to receive on the top of the same a wooden covering ; said wall to be in the west gutter of New Jersey street, between Washington street and a point of intersection with a culvert in front of the property of Wm. L. Lingenfelter ; said walls to be not less than five feet apart.

2d. The construction of a wooden covering over said walls of white oak plank.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

Moved : That the alley running north and south, through out-lot 49, be, and is hereby named Josephine street, and the City Assessor is hereby instructed to enter the said name upon the plat of said square.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Craft introduced Special Ordinance No. 78, 1871, intituled :

An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the alley running east and west, between Vermont and New York streets, from Noble to Spring street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

Moved : That it is considered a breach of the rules for any member to withdraw at any time during a session, unless by permission of the Council.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Gimber presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 24, 1871.

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

We, the undersigned, residents of Indianapolis and property owners on Cumberland street, petition your honorable body for the building of a bridge across the canal on Cumberland street; also, to put the street which has been graded and received by the Street Commissioner and City Engineer up to its proper grade, as it is at least eighteen inches below what it should be in order to cross the railroad track and bridge, should there be one built.

H. D. CARLISLE,
ROMON OEHLER,
JESSE M. VAN BLARICUM,
FRANCIS ROBINSON, SR.,
And 11 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Bridges.

Mr. Heckman offered the following motion :

Moved: That the City Marshal notify the property holders on Dillion street to open said street within thirty days. That the Civil Engineer be and is hereby directed to set the proper line stakes. If the said street is not opened within thirty days the Street Commissioner be directed to open said street at the expense of the property holders.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kennington introduced Special Ordinance No. 79, 1871, entitled :

An Ordinance to provide for grading and paving the east sidewalk of Meridian street, between Pogues run and South street, and repealing an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance to provide for paving with brick the sidewalks of Meridian street, between Pogues run and South street," passed May 25, 1871.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Kennington offered the following motion :

Moved: That the City Marshal be directed to notify Nicholas McCarty's heirs that they will be required to open Union street through out-lot 25, within thirty days, and to remove the surplus earth therefrom; and in case of failure to comply with such notice, the Marshal is hereby directed to cause said street to be opened.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kennington offered the following motion :

Moved: That the Street Commissioner be directed to build four foot bridges at the crossing of Wilkins and Union streets.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kennington offered the following motion :

Moved: That the Street Commissioner be directed to clear the gutters in the Sixth Ward south of Pogue's Run, and repair the foot bridges and raise the same to the proper grade, and also to repair the catch-basins on the Ray street sewers.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kennington offered the following motion :

Moved : That William Englekin be allowed the privilege of digging a well in front of his grocery store on Union street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Marsee introduced Special Ordinance No. 80, 1871, entitled :

An Ordinance to provide for paving with brick the sidewalks and curbing with white oak plank, East street, between South and Morris streets, and for paving with bowlders the said street, between said points.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Marsee presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 24, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN:—

We respectfully ask that a committee be appointed to examine into the damages occasioned on the 18th inst., to our warehouse and material, caused by overflow of sewer on South New Jersey street and East street, after notice of their condition to Street Commissioner.

LAWYER & HALL.

Which was granted, and the Chair appointed as such Committee Messrs. Brown, Marsee and Woodburn.

Mr. Marsee offered the following motion :

Moved : That the City Clerk issue a notice to the C. C. C. & I. Railroad Company, and also to the Indiana Central (or Pan-Handle) Railroad Company, requiring them to raise their tracks at the crossing of New Jersey street immediately, so as to conform to the grade of the city, and the City Engineer is hereby instructed to set the proper grade stakes therefor.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Wiles offered the following motion :

Moved : That the Water Works Company be permitted to locate a fire plug on Fort Wayne Avenue at the corner of the alley between Delaware and Alabama street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Wiles presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 24, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your petitioners, Brett & Cooper, represent respectfully to your honors that they are saloon keepers at No. 132 South Illinois street, and that on the 16th of July last passed that part of the city was flooded by a heavy rain that fell on that day, and that the culvert at or near the Spencer House was not sufficient to allow the water to escape, and that on that account the water flowed into petitioners' cellar, thereby destroying the petitioners' property of the value of some \$1,200 or \$1,500. That the petitioners have had the damages they sustained by said flood estimated, and the estimate sworn to, a copy of which estimate is filed herewith, and made a part of this petition. Your petitioners further show that they are poor men, with but little property, and that this loss falls very heavily upon them, and is more than they can bear. They further show that they do not desire to have any litigation with the city in the premises, but petition your honors to make them an appropriation to cover their losses, and with that view they propose that disinterested men be chosen by the city and your petitioners to examine the premises and assess the damages, and report to your honorable body the amount of damages the petitioners have sustained, and respectfully ask your honorable body to pay your petitioners whatever sum said assessors may agree upon as the damages.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BRETT & COOPER.

Which was referred to the Judiciary Committee and City Attorney.

Mr. Wiles presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 24, 1871.

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

Gentlemen—The undersigned citizens and owners of property situated on North Pennsylvania street and North Meridian street, in said city, petition your

honorable body for the opening of Second street, between said North Pennsylvania and North Meridian streets. Your petitioners believe that the width of said street need not exceed 40 feet, and they ask that the same may be located on the south line of the vacant land of Butch, Dickson & Goepper, so as to constitute a direct extension of Second street east, from Meridian, or else along the north line of said vacant ground, so as to make a continuation west, of Second street as now located, between Pennsylvania and Alabama streets.

Your petitioners show that from First street to Tinker, there is but one narrow street connecting Meridian and Pennsylvania streets, which street corresponds with Fifth street, as laid out west of Illinois street; that First street, (so-called,) is but a narrow alley of about fifteen feet in width, and that the distance from said street to Tinker street, is 2,650 feet; that neither Third or Fourth streets can be opened between Pennsylvania and Meridian streets, without the removal of valuable improvements; that in the vicinity of the proposed location of Second street, there is at present no outlet to the north and south alleys, running between Pennsylvania and Meridian streets; that the grade of Pennsylvania street, as adopted by the City Council, and the work upon which is now being done, will cause all the water on said street, from St. Clair and from near Tinker street, to flow to a point near the proposed line of Second street; that at present there is no outlet for said water; that the same lies on the ground till absorbed by the soil or evaporated; that it is necessary that the Council shall promptly adopt some means to drain Pennsylvania street at the point referred to, and your petitioners believe that the opening of Second street as herein prayed for, will enable the City Engineer to devise some adequate plan for the drainage of said north Pennsylvania street.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

J. W. DRYER.

Which was referred to the City Commissioners, and City Clerk instructed to give the requisite notice.

Mr. Wiles introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 37, 1871, entitled:

An Ordinance appropriating the sum of one thousand dollars to aid in defraying the expenses of the Scientific Association.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 24, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned asks permission to pave with brick in front of my property on Vermont street; the pavement to be seven feet wide, to be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, and to be completed in sixty days.

MARA CLARK,
No. 177 West Vermont street.

Which was granted.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following motion :

Motion : That Mrs. Burkhart have permission to grade and pave with brick her sidewalk on the south side of Michigan street, and that the Civil Engineer have the corner of the street paved; the same to be done in sixty days, and the Civil Engineer is hereby directed to set the grade stakes for the same.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following motion :

Moved : That permission be granted J. H. Colclazer to erect an iron column street clock, in front of his store on Washington street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 24, 1871.

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

We, your petitioners, would represent that the public interest would be advanced by opening Mississippi street north from Seventh street, to the Street Railroad track running west to Crown Hill Cemetery. Being owners on said proposed street, we will ever pray.

ISAAC M. SHIDELER,
WM. BRADEN,
HERMANN UNVERZAGT.

Which was referred to the City Commissioners and City Clerk instructed to give the requisite notice.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 24, 1871.

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

Gentlemen—The undersigned citizens desire to call your attention to the condition and capacity of the culverts on North street, at the crossing of Tennessee and Mississippi streets and C., L. and I. Railroad track.

By changes in grade, and other improvements east and northeast of these points, a much larger amount of water is brought down into West North street than was formerly the case, and the culverts as at present constructed are not of sufficient capacity to afford an outlet for the same, and at most points, after a heavy rain, the water damns up and injures the pavements and the adjoining property. We therefore ask the Council, respectfully, to take such action as will properly remedy the evil.

ELIZA BLAKE,
WM. M. BLAKE,
F. Y. NEWCOMER,
W. N. JACKSON,
W. O. ROCKWOOD.

Which was received.

Also, the following motion :

Moved : That the City Marshal be directed to notify the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette Railroad Company to enlarge the culverts under their tracks on the north side of North street, to a sufficient capacity to carry off the storm water, and that work be completed within thirty days.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 24, 1871.

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

Gentlemen—The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable body to grant him permission to pave with brick the sidewalk in front of his premises, being lot 2, in Cottrell's subdivision of out lot 153 of Blackford's addition to the city of Indianapolis; the work to be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, and to be completed in sixty days.

S. U. HAMMOND.

Which was granted.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July , 1871.

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

Gentlemen—I have this day commenced suit against the City, her Engineers and contractors for their neglect to make some drainage for the water accumulating at the junction of Meridian and Seventh streets, brought there from the north extension of Meridian on yesterday during the rain, overflowing Tinker and Meridian, sinking and injuring my new pavement, flooding my grounds and stable to the depth of two or three feet. Your duty is a plain one, and my right is a plain one. I drop this note to say that I shall bring a new suit for every flooding of my sidewalks and grounds from said accumulation of waters, which must necessarily happen, as the grounds have been left, at every considerable fall of rain.

Yours respectfully,

M. M. RAY.

Which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 24, 1871.

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

Gentlemen—Whereas the City Council, on the third day of April of this year, passed an ordinance to improve the sidewalk on the west side of North Tennessee street, from the alley between First and Second streets north to Second street, with Leffler stone; and whereas, precepts were issued for the payment of the same. Now the undersigned says and represents to your honorable body that the improvement before mentioned was made and fully completed on a private contract, weeks before said ordinance was introduced in the Common Council; therefore, the undersigned petitions your Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council to rescind said ordinance, and recall the precepts issued on the same, and relieve the property owners from great wrong and oppression.

M. R. YOUART.

Which was referred to the Councilmen from the Third Ward and City Attorney, and the City Treasurer instructed to have action suspended on said precepts until the matter could be investigated.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

JOHN S. NEWMAN,

President, *pro tem.*

ATTEST:

JOHN R. CLINTON,

City Clerk.