

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, September 25, 1871, 7½ o'clock, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, Daniel Macauley, in the chair, and the following members :

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

Absent—Councilmen Locke, Reagan, Thalman, Weaver and Wiles—5.

The proceedings of the regular session held September 18th, 1871, were read and approved.

Sealed proposals for the improvement of streets, sidewalks, alleys, &c., were opened and read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

Moved: That the Committee on Contracts is hereby instructed to reject any and all bids hereafter received, in which there shall be erasures or changes of figures amounts; or in which the amounts as well as the entire bid shall not be written out in full in ink. The committee not to receive or consider any bids which may be offered after four o'clock P. M. of the day upon which they are to be opened and read.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Craft, chairman of the Committee on Contracts, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, September 25, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred sundry proposals, have examined the same, and find the following persons to be the lowest and best bidders, and would recommend that contracts be awarded as follows, to-wit:

FIRST.

To grade and bowlder Gibson alley, from Mississippi street to Osage alley, to James Hudson, at 35 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

SECOND.

To grade and gravel Summit street and sidewalks, from Washington street to the Michigan road, to John Richardson, at 60 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

THIRD.

To grade and pave with brick the south sidewalk on New York street, from Mississippi to Tennessee street, to John Schier, at 61 cts. per lineal foot front on the line improved.

FOURTH.

To grade and bowlder the gutter on the north side of Georgia street, from Meridian to Pennsylvania street, at 50 cents per lineal foot front on the line improved, to Sam. Lefevre.

FIFTH.

To pave with brick and curb the outside edge with stone, the west sidewalk on Pennsylvania street, from First to Second street. to R. P. Dunning, at 47 cents per front foot for paving and 61 cents per front foot for curbing.

SIXTH.

To grade and pave with brick the east sidewalk on Meridian street, from South street to Pogues Run, to O. H. P. Bly, at 95 cents per lineal foot front on the line improved.

SEVENTH.

To grade and pave with brick, and curb the outside edges with white oak curbing, the sidewalks on East street, from South to Morris street, to R. P. Dunning, at 66 cents per foot front on each side of the line improved.

EIGHTH.

To grade, pave with brick, and curb the outside edge with stone, the east sidewalk on Tennessee street, from Mobile alley to Louisiana street, and for bowldering the gutter between the same points, to Samuel Lefevre, at 60 cents per front foot, curbing 63, bowldering gutter 50 cents.

NINTH.

For grading and paving with brick, where not already paved, the west sidewalk on Mississippi street, from Vermont to Michigan street, to Samuel Hanway & Co., at 64 cents per lineal foot front on the line improved.

TENTH.

To grade and gravel Merrill street and sidewalks, from Illinois to Tennessee street, to Hiram Scibert, at 94 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

ELEVENTH.

For grading and graveling the alley running north and south through outlot 123, between Merrill street and the first alley south

thereof, to Sam. Hanway & Co., at 24 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

TWELFTH.

For grading and graveling Smith street and sidewalks, from Indiana avenue to the first alley south of Maria street, to S. W. & R. H. Patterson, at 38 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

THIRTEENTH.

For grading and graveling the alley running north and south through outlot 26, and on the west side of lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of said outlot, there were no proposals received. We would recommend that the Clerk readvertise the same.

FOURTEENTH.

For grading and graveling Hosbrook street and sidewalks, from Grove street to the corporation line east, to John Richardson, at 50 cents per foot front on each side of the line improved.

FIFTEENTH.

For grading and paving with brick the south sidewalk on North street, between Delaware and Alabama streets, to O. H. P. Bly, at 63 cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

SIXTEENTH.

For grading, paving with brick, and curbing the outside edge with stone, the west sidewalk on Mississippi street, from Washington to Maryland street, to R. P. Dunning, at 61 cents per front foot for paving, and 59 cents per front foot for curbing.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CRAFT,
ROBERT KENNINGTON,
JOHN MARSEE,

Committee on Contracts.

Which was concurred in, councilmen Woodburn and Heckman voting in the negative.

The City Clerk made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 25, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN—The City Clerk would respectfully report that there is on file in his office the following affidavits for the collection of street assessment by precepts, as follows:

Hanway & Co. vs. Marington Fickle.....	\$39 60
Hanway & Rubush vs. Smith & Willard.....	27 00
Hanway & Rubush vs. Thomas McHugh.....	100 80
Cogill & Bernann vs. T. A. Snyder.....	27 60
Cogill & Bernann vs. T. A. Snyder.....	27 60
John A. Whitsit vs. Theresa Banse.....	16 83

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

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. CLINTON,
City Clerk.

Which was concurred in, and precepts ordered to issue.

The City Clerk made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, September 25, 1871.

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

The City Clerk respectfully reports to Council:

FIRST.

Contract and bond of Samuel Lefevre, for grading and paving with bowlder stone, where not already bowldered, the gutter on the north side of Georgia street, from Meridian to Pennsylvania street.

SECOND.

Contract and bond of John Richardson, for grading and graveling Hosbrook street and sidewalks, from Grove street to the corporation line east.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. CLINTON,
City Clerk.

Which was concurred in, and contracts awarded and bonds approved.

The City Civil Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Sept. 25, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN—At your session September 8th, 1871, you directed me to make a survey of Brookside and Clifford avenues, and report the cheapest and most practical way of draining them. I find from survey that Brookside avenue will drain into Clifford avenue, thence of Clifford to Archer street, thence on Archer street to Pogues Run. This I would respectfully recommend as the best drainage for the above named streets.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON,
Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

The Sewer Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 25, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN—The following is the fifth and partial estimate allowed Wirth & Co., on the second division of the South street sewer :

2,547 lineal feet of sewer at \$9.27.....	\$23,610 69
5 manholes at \$42.13.....	210 65
190 house connections at 75 cts.....	142 50
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	\$23,963 84
Less 15 per cent.....	3,594 58
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	\$20,369 26
Less former payments.....	15,646 88
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Fifth payment.....	\$4,722 38

Also the following first and partial estimate allowed Wirth & Co., on account of the second division of the Kentucky avenue sewer :

470 lineal feet of sewer at \$22.32.....	\$10,490 40
1 manhole at \$42.13	42 13
28 house connections at \$1	28 00
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	\$10,560 53
Less 15 per cent.....	1,584 08
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	\$8,976 45

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BROWN,
Sewerage Engineer.

The City Attorney made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 25, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN—In obedience to a motion adopted at the last meeting requiring me to report an ordinance to provide for the widening of Tinker street, from Illinois street west to the Michigan road, I beg leave to report the accompanying ordinance for the action of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. HARVEY,
City Attorney.

Which was received.

Also, the following General Ordinance No. 56, 1871, entitled :

An Ordinance to provide for the widening of Tinker street, from Illinois street west to the Michigan road,

Which was read the first, second and third times, and, under a suspension of the rules, passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Craft, Heckman, Marsee, Newman, Thoms, Whitsit and Woodburn—10.

Negative—Councilman Cottrell, Gimber and Kennington—3.

The Chief Fire Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Sept. 25, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN—The Chief Fire Engineer would respectfully report that he has an offer of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, from the Eagle Machine Works, for the old No. 1 Fire Engine, and they propose to give the city credit for said amount for repairs, &c., on other engines. I would recommend that your honorable body sell the engine to the Eagle Machine Works on said terms.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL GLAZIER,
Chief Fire Engineer.

Which was received, and the Chief Fire Engineer instructed to sell the same for the amount mentioned, provided he gets the cash.

Mr. Thoms presented the following bill :

<i>The City of Indianapolis to M. F. A. Hoffman, M. D.,</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
July 16 and 17, 1871. To four visits at Station House, to attend to a sick person, inside of said Station House at the time being.....	\$8 00

Which was referred to the Board of Police.

Mr. Craft, from the Committee on Bridges, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 25, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Bridges, to whom was referred the report of the Committee on Contracts, made to the Council September 4th, 1871, in regard to turning arches over Pogue's Run, and also a proposal for placing an iron bridge on stone abutments, where the same crosses South street, have considered the same, and believe that it would be best to have the same arched, thereby making the improvement permanent, and that the contract be awarded to Samuel Lefevre at his bid, \$6.75 per cubic yard, including excavation,

and for the foundation timber \$2.25 per hundred feet, board measure.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CRAFT,

H. GIMBER,

Committee on Bridges.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

Moved: That the City Civil Engineer be directed to prepare specifications for constructing three arches of stone, (similar to the ones now crossing McNabb street), over Pogues Run, at the crossing of South street, and that the City Clerk advertise for proposals for such work.

Which was laid over.

Mr. Craft, from the Committee on Bridges, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 25, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN—We the undersigned, members of the Committee on Bridges, to whom was referred the motion introduced June 20th, 1871, authorizing the City Clerk to advertise for bids for building a new iron bridge over the canal on Indiana avenue, would beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and are of the opinion that, while the bridge might be repaired and be made passable for some time to come, yet it would be dangerous, and we would therefore recommend the adoption of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CRAFT,

H. GIMBER,

Committee on Bridges.

Which was concurred in.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., September 25, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Fire Department, to whom was referred the petition of J. H. Webster to lease a portion of the ground adjoining the Marion Engine House, would respectfully report that they have examined the same, and would recommend that the City Attorney be directed to draw up and submit to this Council a lease of said ground to J. H. Webster for one year, with the privilege of five years, at an annual rental of twenty-five dollars per year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MARSEE,

ROBERT KENNINGTON.

Which was concurred in.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following motion :

Moved : That the Committee on Fire Department, City Attorney and Chief Fire Engineer be and are hereby instructed to lease from Hezekiah Smith 20 feet off the east end of lot 24 in outlot 171, being 20 feet front on St. Joseph street, and running south 67½ feet on Severn alley ; said parcel of ground to be used, when so leased, for the erection of a building thereon, to be used for a hose and reel house ; to be leased for one year, with the privilege of five years, at a rate not exceeding \$60 per annum ; provided that no suitable ground can be purchased for such purpose.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following :

Weekly report of contents of Register of Patients of City Hospital, ending September 23, 1871 :

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	37
“ “ received in Hospital since last report.....	8
“ “ born in Hospital since last report	1
“ “ discharged from Hospital since last report...	5
“ “ died in Hospital since last report.....	0
“ “ remaining in Hospital at present report.....	41

J. N. MARSEE,

Superintendent.

Which was received.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following :

Weekly contents of Register of Patients of City Hospital, ending September 16, 1871 :

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	41
“ “ received in Hospital since last report.....	5
“ “ born in Hospital since last report.....	0
“ “ discharged from Hospital since last report...	9
“ “ died in Hospital since last report.....	0
“ “ remaining in Hospital at present report.....	37

J. N. MARSEE,
Superintendent.

Which was received.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following :

Weekly report of contents of Register of Patients of City Hospital, ending September 9, 1871 :

Number of Patients in Hospital at last report	46
“ “ received in Hospital since last report.....	5
“ “ born in Hospital since last report.....	0
“ “ discharged from Hospital since last report...	10
“ “ died in Hospital since last report.....	0
“ “ remaining in Hospital at present time.....	41

J. N. MARSEE,
Superintendent.

Which was received.

Mr. Newman, from the Finance Committee, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Sept. 25, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN—We have examined the petition of Coonrod Schneider in regard to the erroneous assessment on lot 52, in outlot 24, and that the facts are that he was, by some mistake, charged on the improvement of said lot \$1,000 more than the Assessor's appraisement

of the same; that said lot became delinquent, and was finally sold before the mistake was discovered. Mr. Schneider redeemed his lot and therefore had to pay the erroneous tax, which amounts, without interest and costs, to \$38.50, which we recommend should be refunded.

WM. HADLEY,
City Assessor.
J. S. NEWMAN,
AUSTIN H. BROWN,
J. H. WOODBURN,
THOMAS COTTRELL,
Finance Committee.

Which was concurred in.

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

Special Ordinance No. 82, 1871.
Special Ordinance No. 109, 1871.
Special Ordinance No. 110, 1871.
Special Ordinance No. 111, 1871.
Special Ordinance No. 112, 1871.
Special Ordinance No. 114, 1871.
Special Ordinance No. 115, 1871.
Special Ordinance No. 116, 1871.
Special Ordinance No. 117, 1871.
Special Ordinance No. 118, 1871.
Special Ordinance No. 127, 1871.
Special Ordinance No. 128, 1871.
General Ordinance No. 40, 1871.
General Ordinance No. 44, 1871.
General Ordinance No. 45, 1871.

General Ordinance No. 53, 1871, entitled :

An Ordinance to provide for tapping public sewers and drains, and making connection therewith,

Was read the second time, and,

On motion by Mr. Brown, was laid over for one week, and ordered printed in pamphlet form.

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

Special Ordinance No. 87, 1871, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and pave with brick the sidewalks of Virginia avenue, from East street to the corporation line south,

Was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Special Ordinance No. 110, 1871, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and pave with brick the sidewalks on New York street, from Delaware to Tennessee street,

Was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Special Ordinance No. 82, 1871, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel the first alley west of East street, running from Michigan street to the first alley south of Michigan street,

Was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Craft, Heck-

man, Kennington, Marsee, Newman, Thoms, Whitsit and Woodburn—11.

Negative—Councilmen Cottrell and Gimber—2.

Special Ordinance No. 111, 1871, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel Roanoke alley, from Michigan to North street,

Was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Special Ordinance No. 112, 1871, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel Second street and sidewalks, from Illinois to Tennessee street,

Was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—Councilman Cottrell—1.

Special Ordinance No. 109, 1871, entitled :

✓ An Ordinance to provide for bowldering the gutter on both sides of Pennsylvania street, from First to Tinker street, and for graveling an additional five (5) feet on each side of said street, from First to Tinker street,

Was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Craft, Heckman, Marsee, Newman, Thoms and Whitsit—9.

Negative—Councilmen Cottrell, Gimber, Kennington, and Woodburn—4.

General Ordinance No. 45, 1871, entitled :

An Ordinance to prevent the blowing of steam whistles and the opening of cylinder cocks of locomotives in the city of Indianapolis,

Was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Marsee, and Whitsit—7.

Negative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Craft, Newman, Thoms and Woodburn—6.

Special Ordinance No. 114, 1871, entitled :

An Ordinance to provide for the grading and graveling of Tinker street, from Meridian to Western avenue,

Was read the third time, and,

On motion, referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY,

Mayor.

ATTEST :

JOHN R. CLINTON,

City Clerk.