

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, January 15, 1872, 7 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, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—18.

Absent—None.

The proceedings of the adjourned session held January 8th, 1872, were read and approved.

Sealed proposals for building a tunnel in Illinois street under the railroad tracks, were opened and read, and referred to a Special Committee composed of Messrs. Bigham, Brown, Wiles, Marsee and Thalman.

Proposals for gutter crossings and lamp-posts were opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, January 15, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—We the undersigned, members of the Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred the bids on the bridge over the railroads on Delaware street, would report that we have given the same a very careful consideration, and believing the bid and plans of the Massilon Bridge Company to be the best and the most desirable for the place indicated, and would recommend that the contract be awarded to the said Massilon Bridge Company.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CRAFT,
JOHN L. MARSEE,
ROBERT KENNINGTON,
Committee on Contracts.

Which was concurred in.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following :

WITH ONE SPAN OF HIGH TRUSS.

Massilon bridge 650 feet at \$34.00 per foot.....	\$22,425 00
Smith " 610 "	\$20,500 00
" " 40 " at \$27.21 per foot	1,088 40
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	21,588 40
In favor of Smith bridge.....	<hr/>
	\$836 60

SAME AS ABOVE WITH WAGON APPROACHES.

Massilon bridge 744 feet at \$34.50 per foot.....	\$25,668 00
Smith " 610 "	\$20,500 00
" " 134 " \$27.21 per foot.....	3,646 14
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	24,146 14
In favor of Smith bridge.....	\$1,521 86
Smith bridge 610 feet complete.....	\$20,500 00
" " 150 " high truss \$46.00 per foot.	\$6,900 00
" " 460 " low truss \$20.00 " "	9,200 00
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	16,100 00
Cost of sub-structure.....	\$4,400 00

ALL LOW TRUSS.

610 feet at \$20.00 per foot	\$12,200 00
Sub-structure.....	4,400 00
Extra pier 21 feet, at \$40.00 per foot.....	840 00
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	\$17,440 00
Average price per foot.....	\$28 59
Massilon bridge, 650 feet at \$34.50 per foot.....	\$22,425 00
Smith " 650 " " \$28.59 " "	18,583 50
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In favor of Smith bridge.....	\$3,841 50
Massilon bridge \$34.50 per foot.	
Smith " 28.59 " "	
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	\$5.91 per foot in favor of Smith bridge.

Which was received.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

The City Clerk offered the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 15, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—The City Clerk would respectfully report the contract and bond of Bernard Hamill, to plant and box shade trees on Broadway street, between Christian avenue and Forest Home avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. R. CLINTON,

City Clerk.

Which was received, contract awarded, and bond approved.

The City Clerk made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 15, 1872.

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

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

Samuel Lefever vs. H. B. Stewart, for.....	\$584 60
“ “ “ P. H. Jameson and John Caven, for.....	123 40

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

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. R. CLINTON,

City Clerk.

Which was concurred in, and precepts ordered to issue.

The Street Commissioner made the following report.

INDIANAPOLIS, January 15, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to report that I have appointed Daniel Shearer superintendant of the Chain Gang, and respectfully

ask that the appointment be confirmed. I would recommend that he be granted Police power, and that his pay be fixed at \$2.50 per day.

Respectfully submitted,

A. BRUNER,

Street Commissioner.

Which was concurred in.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Thalman, from the Committee on Streets and Alleys, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 15, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred sundry papers, respectfully report as follows:

1st. A petition from Protestant German Orphan Association and others was referred to us, praying for the vacation of a 15 foot alley on the south side of lots 3 and 6, in square No. 11; also, two short alleys running from Mankadick street south to said alley above named. We would recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the vacation ordered so soon as the affidavits are filed with the Clerk that the proper notices have been given as required by law.

2d. A petition was also referred to us, praying that Coburn street be extended from its present terminus to Virginia avenue. We would recommend that the matter be referred to the City Commissioners for action.

3d. A remonstrance was also referred to us, against paving with brick the north sidewalk of Gregg street, between New Jersey and East streets; also against paving with brick the east sidewalk on East street, between Massachusetts avenue and St. Clair street. We would recommend against the remonstrants, and that the ordinances be placed upon their passage.

4th. A petition was also referred to us from property owners on St. Mary street, praying that said street be widened 10 feet between

Alabama street and Western avenue, said 10 feet to be taken off the south side. We recommend that the matter be referred to the City Commissioners for action.

5th. A petition was also referred to us from property owners on John street, praying that the said street be made of uniform width; the street is only two squares long, one square is 60 feet wide the other 40 feet. We would recommend that the street be made 50 feet wide, five feet to be taken off each side of the 40 feet part, and five feet on each side of the 60 feet part be vacated, and that the matter be referred to the City Commissioners to assess damages and benefits!

6th. A motion was also referred to us, that the Street Commissioner be directed to fill the gutter on the South side of Virginia avenue, between New Jersey and East streets. We believe the work should be done at the expense of the property owners, and recommend the passage of an ordinance to do the same.

7th. A petition was also referred to us, signed by Emmerson & Beam, praying for permission to extend a portion of their planing mill over an alley running through square 51. We would recommend that permission be granted provided they construct the same so as not to interfere with the free passage of loaded teams through said alley.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC THALMAN,

JOHN L. MARSEE,

C. HECKMAN,

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Which was concurred in, with the exception of a part of the 5th paragraph, in relation to the vacation of a part of John street.

Mr. Newman, from the Committee on Finance, introduced General Ordinance No. 11, 1872, entitled:

An Ordinance authorizing the issuing of ten per cent warrants to the amount ten thousand dollars, to meet the interest on City Bonds, due on January 1st, 1872.

Which was read the first time.

By unanimous consent the rules were suspended and the Ordinance read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Cottrell, Craft, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—18.

Negative—None.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, January 2, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the subject of purchasing a safe for the City Treasurer's office, have had the matter under consideration, and beg leave to report that they have not made any purchase, but recommend the purchase of the Hall Manufacturing Safe and Lock Company, known as No. 13, at the price of \$395.00, delivered in the Treasurer's office; and we recommend the purchase of Hibben, Kennedy & Co., an extra safe owned by them, of the manufacture of Urban & McNeal, at the same price, \$395.00, if they will accept the same, to be delivered in place in the Clerks office, and for the use of that office.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. NEWMAN,
ISAAC THALMAN,
THOMAS COTTRELL,
AUSTIN H. BROWN,
J. H. WOODBURN,

Committee on Finance.

Which was concurred in.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, January 15, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of August Mueller, to refund the taxes of 1871 assessed against the east half of lot 7, and 10 feet south side of the east one half of lot 8, square 40, on which he claims an exemption, on account of its being used for school purposes, would respectfully report, that in our judgement about one-half of said described property should be exempt, but the 28 feet of the west part used for residence, and purchased during the last year by Lucus Wehl, and also the east part of said lot not used for school purposes should bear their proportional part of the taxes. We would therefore report in favor of refunding one-half of the taxes assessed against said lot.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. NEWMAN,
ISAAC THALMAN,
J. H. WOODBURN,
THOMAS COTTRELL,
AUSTIN H. BROWN,
Committee on Finance.
WILLIAM HADLEY,
City Assessor.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Wiles, from the Committee on Gas, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 15, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Gas light, beg leave to report back ordinance No. 176, providing for lighting Military Park with gas for one half each year ; said Park having now become a place of

general resort during the summer months of the year, your Committee deem it a public necessity that it should be lighted with gas during the time of its occupancy.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. WILES,
ISAAC THALMAN,
H. S. BIGHAM,
Committee on Gas.

Which was concurred in.

Dr. Woodburn, from the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, January 15, 1872.

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

Weekly contents of Register of Patients of City Hospital, ending January 6, 1872:

Number of patients in Hospital at last report	48
“ “ received in Hospital since last report.....	7
“ “ born in Hospital since last report.....	0
“ “ discharged from Hospital since last report....	1
“ “ died in Hospital since last report.....	0
“ “ remaining in Hospital at present report.....	54

JOHN M. MARSEE,
Superintendent.

Which was received.

Also, the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 15, 1872.

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

Weekly contents of Register of Patients of City Hospital, ending January 13, 1872:

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	54
“ “ received in Hospital since last report.....	3
“ “ born in Hospital since last report.....	0
“ “ discharged from Hospital since last report...	2
“ “ died in Hospital since last report.....	1
“ “ remaining in Hospital at present report.....	54

J. M. MARSEE,
Superintendent.

Which was received.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

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

Special Ordinance No. 157, 1871.

“ “ “ 161, 1871.

“ “ “ 162, 1871.

“ “ “ 165, 1871.

“ “ “ 169, 1871.

“ “ “ 171, 1871.

“ “ “ 173, 1871.

“ “ “ 176, 1871.

“ “ “ 178, 1871.

“ “ “ 1, 1872.

On motion the following entitled Ordinances were read the second time and referred to the Committee on Gas:

Special Ordinance No. 163, 1871.

“ “ “ 167, 1871.

“ “ “ 2, 1872

On motion the following entitled Ordinances were called up and stricken from the files :

Special Ordinance No. 149, 1871.

“ “ “ 168, 1871.

By unanimous consent 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 the City Attorney be, and is hereby instructed to report to this Council what steps is necessary (if any) to prevent the Bellefontaine Railroad Company from blocking up the crossing at the intersection of Barrow street, with the Pendleton Gravel road.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Bigham introduced Special Ordinance No. 4, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and pave with wooden block pavement Market street, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Bigham offered the following motion :

Moved: That the Chief of Police is hereby directed to notify the Police to not knock with their maces on the sides of the houses in their beats; and is also directed to notify the Merchants Police of his order to his force and request them to desist from the same (knocking their maces on the sides of houses.)

Which was adopted.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed with authority to receive plans, specifications, and estimates for deepening the channel of Pogues' Run sufficiently to admit the construction of tunnels for crossing streets under railroad tracks; the channel of the creek to start at White river, at its intersection with McCarty street, and from thence to run east to the present channel, from thence along the present channel to near the crossing with Illinois street, thence in a straight line, as near as practicable, to its present crossing with Pennsylvania street, thence east on the old channel to Washington street. The new channel to be of sufficient width to admit the construction of a sewer sufficient to discharge the water of the creek at its highest flood, being at least 16 feet in diameter; and that said Committee be further authorized to receive plans, specifications, and estimates of such sewer, and shall advertise in the city papers for 30 days, inviting plans and estimates both for constructing the sewer and deepening the channel. The Committee are further authorized to confer with the Board of Directors of the Union Railway Company, and ascertain to what extent said railroad company will co-operate with the City Council in providing for street crossings for said railroad tracks.

The said Committee shall report all such plans, specifications and estimates, and make such recommendations as they think best to this Council.

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

Moved : That the Wood Measurer be instructed to compel wood haulers to stand their wagons on the inside of the Market Squares.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Marsee presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, January 15, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned, respectfully petition your hon-

orable body to open an alley through square No. 101, in accordance with the plat herewith submitted.

DANIEL GLAZIER,
HIRAM SIBERT.

Which was referred to the City Commissioners.

Mr. Reagan presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 15, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned property holders on Illinois street, remonstrate against the assessment for the sewer, unless the property holders on Washington and other streets are also to pay part of sewerage on their streets.

JOHN G. KISTNER,
P. T. REINHART,
H. MARMANT,
GEO. HOLTZ,

And 16 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Mr. Reagan offered the following motion :

Moved : That a Special Committee, of one Councilman from the Fifth and one from the Sixth Wards, be appointed to confer with the Union Railroad Company, to ascertain if they are willing to bear a part of the expense of building a tunnel under Illinois street, at the crossing of Louisiana street.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Woodburn introduced Special Ordinance No. 5, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to light with gas Fayette street, from North to St. Clair street.

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Gas.

Dr. Woodburn introduced Special Ordinance No. 6. 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel West street, from North to St. Clair street.

Which was read the first time

His Honor the Mayor, Daniel Macauley, offered the following motion :

Moved : That the city will pay the expense of carrying the wire of the fire alarm telegraph to the United States Arsenal, provided the authorities there pay the expense of the box.

Which was adopted.

On motion the Council adjourned to meet on Wednesday evening, January 24th, 1872, at 7 o'clock P. M.

DANIEL MACAULEY,

Mayor.

ATTEST

JOHN R. CLINTON,

City Clerk,