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Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—JANUARY 3, 1887.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, January 3d, A. D. 1887, 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 22 members, viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

ABSENT, 3—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, and Reynolds.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session held December 20th, 1886, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, delivered the following address:

To the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—One year has passed since we first met here as the people's servants. Our citizens have been reasonably prosperous during that time. Fewer complaints of hard times have been heard than for several years before. Improvements throughout the city have been as extensive as could be expected, and the quality of the buildings erected indicates a substantial, healthy growth. With the completion of the State Capitol, the Young Men's Christian Association building, and the new Union Depot, few cities in this country can boast so many costly and tasty public structures. The city, in its corporate capacity, can begin to claim its full share of this character of work. None in the United States of equal size can show a more perfect and commodious public hall, or better public market facilities

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than will soon be offered. Our City Hospital has, at last, become one of the best equipped in the land, and an honor to the city. Too much praise can not be given to its late superintendent for his work in building up the institution. We have engine houses of good quality, and all we will need for many years. Our sewerage system has been nearly completed, although there are a few lines of sewer yet badly needed, and it is to be regretted that the ten cent special sewer tax law of 1881 was not taken advantage of two years, instead of one, before its repeal in 1885. In securing the permanent improvements, which have been in part referred to above, a large debt has been contracted, which will soon begin to mature in greater or less annual sums. Providing means to defray our necessary running expenses and pay the interest on this debt, and preparing to pay or refund the principal as it matures, is the matter which will most concern us and our successors for years to come. Indeed, there are no other difficult problems to solve in our municipal affairs, at this time, except these.

On coming into office, we found a temporary loan of \$100,000, made in November, 1885, to make up deficiencies in the accounts of the retiring Treasurer, and defray current expenses. This loan was paid at maturity, as the city's obligations have always been. That amount has had to be again borrowed, however, on account of many extraordinary expenses of the past year, but for which we would have been able to pay off the greater part of the former loan during the past year, without renewing it. When we entered upon our duties a year ago, we found contracts already made, outside of the temporary loan before mentioned, calling for large appropriations, which we have had to provide for. Among these I may mention the following: For the erection of Tomlinson Hall, then partly completed, which has required an outlay since January 1, 1886, of \$67,200; steam heating for the city hospital, \$6,000; fire alarm patents (balance), \$4,000. During the year we have also built the new market house, at a cost to date of over \$30,000. It will thus be seen that over \$100,000 have been paid out during the year for permanent improvements, and in this sum I do not include the Delaware street sewer, the cedar block pavement, the Circle park walks, and other like works. It will not be wondered at, therefore, that the Finance Committee has had to borrow the \$100,000 for six and twelve months, negotiated last month, in practical renewal of the temporary loan of 1885. Neither will it seem strange if the committee finds it necessary to make a still farther loan of \$20,000 or \$30,000 to carry the city over till the current taxes begin to come in.

A full itemized report of our receipts and expenditures for the year will be submitted to you by the Treasurer and City Clerk, and hence I will not attempt to go into particulars myself. It is sufficient for me to say, in a general way, that the public can not justly complain of your year's work. It has only been by strict economy in all matters where you could yourself control the expenditures, that you are now able to make the very favorable showing which I have, in a general way, outlined.

Our largest outlays, even within the regular course of municipal affairs, have been quite beyond our control. The expenditures in one of the most expensive departments of the city government, is arbitrarily placed by law in other hands. Several contracts, involving large expenditures, had been already entered into by our predecessors, for a term of years, when the financial outlook was more hopeful than it is now. These contracts have, of course, had to be fulfilled, and all, with one possible exception, will have to be still complied with, on the same bases, to the end of our term.

Then, again, our net annual interest account is more than \$100,000. In conjunction with your Finance Committee, I tried, during the first months of last year, to arrange to speedily refund, at least a portion of our indebtedness, at a lower rate of interest. In this, however, we utterly failed. The holders of our bonds, (even those who hold the \$110,000 falling due January 1, 1889,) decline to renew them at a lower rate, at least until their maturity.

With these things clearly marked out for our guidance, it is plain what our duty will be the coming year. While it may not be pleasant for you to deny many needed improvements to your constituents, yet, it is very obvious that few public improvements, in comparison with former years, can be made.

The action of the Board of Equalization at its meeting in July last, in reducing the appraisal of taxable property in this city, and our future income over eleven per cent. as compared with former years, will have the effect to cut down our revenues more than \$50,000 this year, and makes it necessary to reduce expenses in every department where it can possibly be done. I will not now offer any suggestions as to where I believe cuts ought to be made, but hope the official boards and committees regulating and controlling expenditures, will at once meet and thoroughly discuss the present financial condition of the city. After this has been done, estimates should be placed at the lowest possible amounts, and such reductions should then be made in the pay rolls of the departments, as will certainly bring the year's expenditures within such estimates. In making calculations for this year's expenditures, no allowance should be made on account of any expected legislative relief at the approaching session of the General Assembly; for such relief, if given, will not likely become available until 1888. And if, perchance, some legislation of a special character should be procured which would increase our revenues before the end of the year, the extra sums will all be needed to reduce or pay off the \$70,000 of our recent temporary loan falling due December 15.

I will not now refer to any special legislation which the city feels the need of, as all matters pertaining to that subject have been very properly placed in the hands of a committee composed of members of your body and the Board of Aldermen, together with the City Attorney, who, I am sure, will clearly place before our Senators and Representatives all the city's needs, which can be remedied by legislation. I feel confident that the seven members from Marion County, every one of whom resides in this city, as well as our two joint members, one of whom is also a resident here, will feel as much interest in approaching this subject as to what our city needs, in the way of legislation, as we do ourselves; and I have great hope, therefore, that we will get what we ought to have.

The matter of improving our parks is in the hands of a committee, partly composed of citizens; and as that committee will no doubt fully consider the question, with reference to our ability to make such improvements as are desirable, and make report in the near future, I will offer no suggestions on that subject now. In this connection, I may be pardoned for indulging the hope that the Legislature, at its coming session, will take steps to carry out at least some features of the plan, recently suggested by Alderman Wright, in reference to adding more ground to the State House square for park purposes. By doing so now the State could doubtless procure enough ground to make a park in keeping with the magnificent building it has erected, for a comparatively small outlay; and failing to do so, will, I am sure, be a source of regret to all the people of the State in the years to come.

Steps have already been taken to have the remaining pieces of the Tomlinson real estate, except the Dispensary lot, appraised, in anticipation of making early sales of the same. I think the city should sell this property as soon as possible, as it will not be carrying out its agreement with Mr. Tomlinson if it does not do so. Besides, the city has borrowed money to finish paying for Tomlinson Hall, which should be, as far as possible, replaced with the proceeds arising from the sale of this real estate. I understand, also, that there is likely to be a good offer made for the Dispensary lot soon. If this should be done, I would recommend its sale too; for without expensive repairs the building will soon be utterly unfit for the uses of the Dispensary, and I have no doubt the city could readily rent rooms better suited for such purposes for less than the interest on the value of that property.

Among the improvements which can not be much longer delayed, is that of Washington street, for several squares at least, along the business part thereof. As it is understood that this improvement will be made during the coming summer, I would suggest that the Engineer be directed to at once begin the work of preparing estimates of the cost of all the various kinds of material which have been spoken of in connection with the same, so that a meeting of property owners may be called soon, to decide, if possible, what character of street should be made, before the ordinance is introduced. In this connection, I would suggest to the Engineer that he investigate the cost and durability of a fire-brick recently adopted at some points in the East, which was prominently referred to in one of our daily papers a short time ago.

As no progress has been made toward getting a street car line to Crown Hill, since my last reference to this subject, I would recommend that a committee be appointed to aid in any and every way possible toward securing such a line. One obstacle now in the way is the absence of a bridge over Fall Creek on the line of Mississippi street. If the property owners north of Twelfth street could be induced to improve the street, perhaps the county would build the bridge. With this done, I certainly think the Citizens' Street Railway Co. would extend their Mississippi street line to Crown Hill.

A special committee, such as I have here suggested, could present all these things to the proper persons and authorities, and could, I have no doubt, be specially instrumental in securing this much desired improvement to our city.

Councilman Thalman moved that the Mayor appoint the Special Committee suggested in the foregoing address, at the next regular meeting.

Which was adopted.

On motion by Councilman Rooker, it was ordered that the address be published in the Proceedings of the Common Council.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

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 George W. Buchanan for grading and paving with brick the south sidewalk of Fifth street, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street. Bond, \$400; surety, James W. Hudson.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The City Clerk submitted the following reports; which were read and received:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit an itemized statement, showing the amount of orders drawn on the City Treasury during the month of December, 1886, viz:

Board of Health.....	\$196 20
Bridges	375 66
City Civil Engineer's Department.....	246 15
City Dispensary.....	318 41
City Hall.....	42 55
City Hospital and Branch.....	1,643 84
Cisterns.....	670 20
Fire Department—pay-rolls.....	5,170 00
Fire Department—accounts.....	856 18
Gas.....	6,127 97
Incidentals.....	100 00
Judgments and costs.....	9 00
Markets.....	7 55
Market-Masters' fees.....	231 93
Parks	123 50
Police.....	4,297 80
Printing.....	766 21
Salary.....	150 83
Sewers.....	3,684 59

Station House.....		\$ 278 65
Street Improvements..		4,476 94
Street repairs—pay roll..		1,219 93
Street repair—accounts..		17 24
Taxes refunded.....		20 38
Water Rent.....		8,240 97
Tomlinson Hall Janitors		165 00
Tomlinson Hall accounts..		282 87
		<u>\$ 39,720 55</u>
New Market House.....	8,791 36	8,791 36
		<u>\$48,511 91</u>

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit my report of orders drawn on the City Treasurer during the year 1886; also, a tabular statement of the bonded indebtedness of the City of Indianapolis, and an interest coupon statement, showing the amount of interest payable each year, together with amount of temporary loans outstanding:

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

Board of Health.....	\$ 2,922 09
Bridges	4,923 26
City Assessor's Department..	155 35
City Civil Engineer's Department.....	2,844 91
City Dispensary.....	3,476 38
City Hall.....	1,652 38
City Hospital and Branch, current expenses	16,811 66
City Hospital and Branch, steam heating.....	6,500 00
City Hospital and Branch, library.....	137 46
City Treasurer's per centage.....	503 13
Cisterns.....	1,493 43
Cemeteries	64 86
Fire Department—pay-roll.....	62,585 00
Fire Department—accounts	21,270 31
Gas	70,691 97
Incidentals	1,648 85
Int. on bonds and redemption of bonds and tem. loans.....	367,738 87
Judgments and costs.....	423 50
Markets.....	321 20
Market Master's fees.....	2,741 15
Parks	4,074 48
Police.....	53,559 09
Printing.....	4,706 40
Salary	24,554 99
Sewers.....	7,601 92
Station House.....	2,744 76
Street improvements	10,176 25
Street openings and vacations.....	1,453 00
Street repairs—pay-rolls.....	30,042 80
Street repairs—accounts.....	6,615 79
Taxes refunded.....	699 99
Water rent.....	32,457 92

TOMLINSON HALL.

Janitors, supplies and incidentals.....	\$1,690 09
Furniture	3,237 60
Insurance.....	450 00

5,377 69

\$752,975 84

Total brought forward.....		\$752,975 84
For School Fund.....	\$1,497 35	
For Sewer Fund.....	680 61	
For Sinking Fund.....	204 19	
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SPECIAL FUNDS.

From Special Sewer Fund.....		4,642 06
Repairs on Tomlinson Estate.....		96 25
Market House and Public Hall.....	\$ 67,202 31	
New Market House.....	30,786 30	
	<hr/>	97,988 61
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		\$858,084 91

Of the above orders there remained in the custody of the City Clerk, on December 31, 1886, the aggregate sum of.....		\$1,378 07
And of orders drawn in previous years, the aggregate sum of.....		732 10
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Total.....		\$2,110 17

Tabular Statement of Bonded Indebtedness of the City of Indianapolis, on Jan. 1st, 1887.

KIND OF BONDS.	Date of Issue.	Date of Maturity.	Face of Bonds.	No. of Bonds.	Rate of Interest.	When Payable.	AGGREGATE AMOUNTS.
Indpl's & Vincen's R. R. Co.	Jan. 1, 1869.	Jan. 1, 1889.	\$ 500	120	6	April 1st.	\$ 60,000 00
Junction R. R. Co.	Jan. 1, 1869.	Jan. 1, 1889.	500	100	6	April 1st.	50,000 00
I., C. & D. R. R. Co.	Jan. 1, 1870.	Jan. 1, 1890.	590	90	6	Jan. 1st.	45,000 00
Sellers' Farm Purchase	April 1, 1873.	April 1, 1893.	1600	21	8	Oct. & April 1st.	21,000 00
Series "A"	July 1, 1873.	July 1, 1893.	1000	300	7.3	Jan. & July 1st.	300,000 00
Series "B"	July 1, 1873.	July 1, 1893.	1000	300	7.3	Jan. & July 1st.	300,000 00
Southern Park Purchase	Jan. 26, 1874.	Jan. 26, 1894.	500	219	7.3	July & Jan. 1st.	109,500 00
Series "C"	July 1, 1874.	July 1, 1894.	1000	300	7.3	Jan. & July 1st.	300,000 00
Series "D"	July 1, 1875.	July 1, 1895.	1000	200	7.3	Jan. & July 1st.	200,000 00
Fire Department	July 1, 1875.	July 1, 1895.	5	0	14	7.3 Jan. & July 1st.	7,000 00
Series "E"	Jan. 1, 1876.	Jan. 1, 1896.	1000	8	7.3	July & Jan. 1st.	8,000 00
Patterson Levee	July 1, 1876.	July 1, 1896.	1000	5	6	July 1st.	5,000 00
U. R. R. T. and S. Y. Co.*	Jan. 1, 1877.	Jan. 1, 1897.	1000	500	6	July & Jan. 1st.	500,000 00
Grand Total							\$1,905,500 00

Interest-Coupon Statement.

KIND OF BONDS.	WHERE PAYABLE.	When Payable.	No. of Coupons.	Coupon Value.	Amount Payable.	TOTALS.
I., C. & D. R. R. Co.	City Treasury, Indianapolis.	January 1st.	90	\$30 00	\$ 2,700 00	
Series "A"	Winslow, Lanier & Co., N. Y.	January 1st.	300	36 50	10,950 00	
Series "B"	" " " "	January 1st.	300	36 50	10,950 00	
Southern Park Purchase	" " " "	January 1st.	219	18 25	3,996 75	
Series "C"	" " " "	January 1st.	300	36 50	10,950 00	
Series "D"	" " " "	January 1st.	200	36 50	7,300 00	
Fire Department	" " " "	January 1st.	14	18 25	255 00	
Series "E"	" " " "	January 1st.	8	36 50	292 00	
U. R. R. T. & S. Y. Co.*	" " " "	January 1st.	500	30 00	15,000 00	\$ 62,394 25
Ind'polis & Vin. R. R. Co.	City Treasury, Indianapolis.	April 1st.	120	30 00	3,600 00	
Junction R. R. Co.	" " " "	April 1st.	100	30 00	3,000 00	
Sellers' Farm Purchase	Winslow, Lanier & Co., N. Y.	April 1st.	21	40 00	840 00	7,440 00
Series "A"	Winslow, Lanier & Co., N. Y.	July 1st.	3	36 50	10,950 00	
Series "B"	" " " "	July 1st.	300	36 50	10,950 00	
Southern Park Purchase	" " " "	July 1st.	219	18 25	3,996 75	
Series "C"	" " " "	July 1st.	300	36 50	10,950 00	
Series "D"	" " " "	July 1st.	200	36 50	7,300 00	
Fire Department	" " " "	July 1st.	14	18 25	255 00	
Series "E"	" " " "	July 1st.	8	36 50	292 00	
U. R. R. T. & S. Y. Co.*	" " " "	July 1st.	500	30 00	15,000 00	
Patterson Levee	" " " "	July 1st.	5	60 00	300 00	59,994 25
Sellers' Farm Purchase.	Winslow, Lanier & Co., N. Y.	October 1st.	21	40 00	840 00	840 00
Grand Total						\$130,668 50

*These bonds were issued in aid of the "Union Railroad Transfer and Stock-Yards Company," and were exchanged for an equal amount of the bonds of said company.

The principal of the said company's bonds, and the interest-coupons attached thereto, mature and become payable one month prior to the principal and coupons of the city bonds.

TEMPORARY LOAN OF 1886.

Issued Dec. 15, 1886, due Dec. 15, 1887, interest 4½ per cent, payable semi-annually.\$70,000 00
 Issued December 29, 1886, due June 29, 1887, interest 6 per cent..... 30,000 00

Total temporary loan outstanding January 1st, 1887.....\$100,000 00

The City Clerk submitted the following report:

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

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

James W. Hudson vs. Charles A. and B. Manning, for..... \$19 20

Respectfully submitted, MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

Which was received, and the precept ordered to issue, by the following vote:

AYES, 26—viz: Councilmen Dunn, Haugh, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS, 4—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Edenharter, and Herig.

The Treasurer for the City submitted the following report; which was read and received:

Receipts and Disbursements on account of the City of Indianapolis, from January 1st, 1886, to January 1st, 1887.

RECEIPTS.

Received from I. N. Pattison, ex-Treasurer, cash.....	\$ 20,320 03	
Received from I. N. Pattison, ex-Treasurer, credits.....	66,042 00	
Received from tax collections, May settlement (current).....	\$371,036 99	
Received from May settlement (delinquent).....	15,022 87	
	<u>\$386,059 86</u>	
Less School tax.....	75,205 51	
		310,854 35
Sale of city 4 per cent bonds.....		32,100 00
Collections from second instalment.....	\$171,815 04	
Collections of delinquent, second instalment.....	52,987 53	
	<u>\$224,802 57</u>	
Less certificates of error.....	4,898 01	
	<u>\$219,904 56</u>	
Less School tax.....	42,788 93	
		177,115 63
Receipts from all other sources.....		374,178 61
Total receipts.....		<u>\$980,610 62</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Redemption of city orders.....	\$858,311 25
Redemption of 4 per cent bonds.....	32,956 00
New York draft to meet interest due January 1, 1887.....	62,562 50
Balance on hand.....	26,780 87
	<u>\$980,610 62</u>

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. MILLER, Treasurer.

The Chief Fire Engineer submitted an annual report for the year 1886; which was received, and ordered filed in the Clerk's office.

On motion by Councilman Thalman, the Committee on Printing was instructed to report to the Council the cost of having five hundred copies of the Chief Fire Engineer's report printed.

On motion by Councilman Haugh, that portion of the report referring to "Extension Ladders," was referred to the Special Fire Committee, with instructions to report the probable cost of the purchase of the same.

The Soperintendents of the City Hospital and City Dispensary submitted their reports for the month of December, 1886; which were read and received.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, through Councilman Herig, submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—We herewith report expenditures in the Street Repair Department for the month of December, together with total expenditures for the year 1886:

Pay-rolls for December.....	\$ 1,208 00
Fountain repairs.....	5 50
Miscellaneous.....	11 93
Toll.....	1 24

Total expenditures for December, 1886.....\$ 1,226 67

TOTAL EXPENDITURES, 1886.

Pay-rolls.....	\$30,031 27
Blacksmithing.....	319 55
Bowlders.....	558 00
Brick	79 20
Broken stone.....	1,411 80
Castings for sewers.....	184 00
Cement	50 40
Fountain repairs.....	193 10
Freight on lumber.....	255 50
Freight on stone.....	81 80
Gravel.....	755 21
Hardware	318 70
Lumber.....	1,790 46
Miscellaneous.....	107 73
Rent.	127 00
Rubber goods.....	26 45
Sand.....	111 25
Sewer pipe.....	214 47
Spawls.....	20 00
Stone crossings and curb.....	9 86
Toll.....	3 24

Total\$36,648 49

Respectfully submitted,

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

C. S. RONEY, Street Commissioner.

The Board of Health submitted an annual report for 1886; which was received, and ordered filed in the Clerk's office.

REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES.

The City Clerk, in behalf of the Special Committee on renting of Tomlinson Hall, submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, January 3, 1886.

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, selected to look after the renting of Tomlinson Hall, beg leave to submit the following report: There has been received from the persons named, as rent, since the opening of said hall in June last, the following sums :

Total amount up to september 20th, as itemized in report of that date, found at page 810 of proceedings of Council.. ..	\$1061 59
From Ruben Jeffery, balance for July 4th.....	3 41
From Grand Army Republic for August 31st.....	20 00
From Prof. Schonacker for September 24th	20 00
From Democratic State Central Committee for September 27th ..	20 00
From Alliance Orchestra for September 28th.....	20 00
From State Bill Posters' Association for September 29 and 30.....	30 00
From Alliance Orchestra for October 1st.....	20 00
From Alliance Orchestra for October 13th.....	25 00
From Mendelsohn Society for October 14, 15 and 16.....	50 00
From W. J. Kercheval (11th Ind. Reg.) for October 19th.....	30 00
From Republican Central Committee for October 21st.....	20 00
From T. M. Watson (for G. A. R., Colored Post) for October 26th	25 00
From St. Joseph's Church, for October 28 29 and 30	60 00
From German Orphans' Home for October 31st.....	15 00
From Flower Mission for November 1st to 6th.....	60 00
From When Band (Gilmore Concerts) for November 23d.....	40 00
From C. A. Parker for November 25th.....	25 00
From The Tribune Publishing Co. for November 27th.....	25 00
From Charity Organization Society for November 28th.....	15 00
From Moulders' Union for December 7th.....	40 00
From First Baptist Church for December 10 and 11.....	50 00
From O. M. Murphy (Ball) for December 24th.....	40 00
From Charles Gaskin (Ball) for December 29th	40 00
From Rev H. H. Thompson for December 16th.....	15 00
From Anna Darling Assembly for October 25th.....	25 00
Amount still unpaid, mostly for recent meetings.....	155 00

Total rent to date.....\$1,950 00

The total expenses of the hall, including heating of the entire building (but not including a few items of permanent improvements on the building proper), since its opening, amounts to \$1798.50.

In order to make the hall pay expenses, we think the rent will have to be raised again, and suggest that the price for the various kinds of entertainments generally held therein be at once definitely fixed by your honorable bodies.

We recommend that the renting of the hall and collection of rents be placed in the hands of the east Market Master, the present Rent Committee to have power to fix the rent only in cases where no fixed price has been established by the Council and Board of Aldermen.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. Denny,
Thomas E. Endly,
Michael F. Shields,
Rent Committee.

Councilman Pearson offered the following motion relative to the above report; which, together with the report, was referred to the Building Committee on Market House and Public Buildings, with instructions to report a schedule price of rents, and ways and means of collecting the same.

That the rental for Tomlinson Hall be, and the same is hereby, fixed as follows:

Political Conventions, State and County.....	\$50 00
Political Conventions, Congressional and City.....	35 00
Balls, drills, &c., requiring removal of chairs (single day).....	60 00
Musical and literary entertainments at night.....	30 00
Musical and literary entertainments in day time.....	20 00

Provided, That all other character of entertainments, including all meetings for purely charitable purposes, may be fixed by the Mayor, President of the Board of Aldermen and City Clerk, as heretofore.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read, and the action of the Board concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session held in the Aldermanic Chamber December 27, 1886, amended the following motion, adopted by your honorable body:

“That the Street Commissioner be instructed to lay stone crossings on the west side of East street, from Morris street to Lincoln Lane, by adding after the word ‘lay,’ the word ‘broken.’”

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

JOSEPH T. FANNING, Clerk:

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

This being the regular appropriation night, the following entitled Appropriation Ordinances were introduced and placed upon their final passage, without a suspension of the Rules:

The Chief Fire Engineer submitted the following entitled ordinance, which was read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

Ap. O 1, 1887—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$997.90.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 18—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Reinecke, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

The Hospital Board introduced the following entitled ordinance, which was read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, and read the third time :

Ap. O. 2, 1887—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch [Amount appropriated, \$1,029.07.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 18—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Reinecke, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

By the Committee on Accounts and Claims, through Councilman McClelland, the following entitled ordinance was introduced, read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, and read the third time :

Ap. O. 3, 1887—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$75,988.26.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 18—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Reinecke, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

By the Finance Committee, through Councilman Thalman, the following entitled ordinance was introduced, read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, and read the third time :

Ap. O. 4, 1887—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of the compensations of the officer and members of the Fire and Police Departments, the Committee Clerk, City Janitor, Assistant City Janitor, Tomlinson Hall Janitor, Tomlinson Hall Assistant Janitor, and Market Masters of the East and West Markets. [Amount appropriated, \$10,975 00.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 18—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Reinecke, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to fill up the chuck-hole at the crossing of Pearl and Missouri streets.

Councilman Cummings offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That a vote of thanks of this Council be offered to Joseph L. Gasper, for the excellent report from the Fire Department, and for the mechanical taste thereby displayed.

Councilman Cummings offered the following motion; which was, on motion by Councilman Rooker, laid on the table:

That Peter J. Gall be permitted to build a driveway over the gravel sidewalk at his coal yard entrance on Fifth street, between Illinois street and the first alley west thereof, at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to lay double plank walk, with bowlders, across Noble street, on the south side of Michigan street.

Councilman Mack presented the following petition, accompanied with plat; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, owners of real estate fronting and abutting on Union street and its proposed extension, respectfully petition for the opening and extension of said Union street, from Palmer street south parallel with the line between Lots numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 21, 22, 23 and 24, of Yandes' subdivision of the Carson farm, to the south corporate line of said city, as is more fully shown by the plat filed herewith and made a part hereof. Said street to be a uniform width of fifty (50) feet.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Zimmer, Geo. Knarzer, James Carskadon, John Hoefgen, H. J. Roy, Christian Quaack, Johann Lehr-ritter, Chas. Wagner, Geo. Sourwine, J. A. Rubush, M. Hofmann, L. Spitznagel, Nelson C. Buck, John J. Cooper, F. M. Churchman, S. J. Fletcher, Wm. H. English, Wm. Jaus, Richard Essigke, John Knurr, A. M. Hannah.

Councilman Markey presented the following petition, and offered the following motion in connection therewith; which petition was granted, and the motion adopted:

Indianapolis, January 3, 1887.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned asks your honorable body to extend the time for grading and graveling the first alley north of Virginia avenue, running from Cedar street to Grove street, to the 30th of May, 1887, and oblige

Yours,

ROBERT KENNINGTON, Contractor.

Moved, That the prayer of the petitioner be granted for the following reason, to-wit: because the ground froze, and could not be sub-graded.

Councilman Pearson presented the following communication; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 3d, 1886.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—I, J. R. Gast, General Agent for the State of Indiana, of "The Hartman Steel Street Company Ltd.," of Beaver Falls, Pa., beg leave to present to you, samples of Street name signs, street names for putting on lamps, steel wire door mats, all the goods being made of steel, indestructible, substantial, ornamental and beautiful, and ask your Honor and honorable body to place the matter before a proper committee of your appointment, to investigate the same, and afford me an opportunity to show them the goods, that they may report to your honorable body upon the same. Address all communications to J. R. Gast, 69 south Illinois street.

Respectfully yours,

J. R. GAST.

Councilman Reinecke offered the following motion:

That the services of the two Park Policemen be dispensed with from January 4th, until March 1st.

Councilman McGroarty moved to lay the motion on the table.

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Dunn, Haugh, Herig, McGroarty, Pearson, Rooker, Smither, Swain, and Thalman.

NAYS, 11—viz: Councilmen Burns, Dell, Edenharter, Mack, Markey, McClelland, Newland, Reinecke, Smith, Stuckmeyer, and Waterman.

Councilman Rooker offered the following as a substitute for the motion:

That the services of the Policemen for Circle and University Parks, be discontinued until March 1, 1887, and that the Policeman of Military Park take charge of the three Parks until March 1, 1887.

Which was, on motion by Councilman Reinecke, laid on the table by the following vote:

AYES, 15—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Markey, McClelland, Newland, Reinecke, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, and Waterman.

NAYS, 6—viz: Councilmen Burns, Herig, McGroarty, Pearson, Rooker, and Thalman.

And the original motion then failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz: Councilmen Dell, Edenharter, McClelland, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS, 11—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Dunn, Haugh, Herig, Mack, Markey, McGroarty, Rooker, Smither, and Swain.

Councilman Smither offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Vapor Light Company remove one vapor light on west Third street, to the first alley west of West street on First street, on the north side.

Councilman Waterman offered the following motions ; which were adopted :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to at once remove the tree west of the first lamp-post west of East street, on the south side of Market street.

That the Indianapolis Water Company be directed to at once raise the water plug on the northeast corner of Delaware and Market streets, it being too low to make hose connection.

Councilman Rooker offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That the Committee on Public Property instruct the Park Policemen of Circle, University and Military Parks, as to their duties.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

C. S. DENNY, Mayor,
President of the Common Council.

Attest: MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.