

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—AUGUST 15, 1887.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, August 15th, A. D. 1887, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Caleb S. Denny, Mayor, and *ex officio* President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 21 members, viz: Councilmen Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

ABSENT, 4—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Newland, Rooker, and Smith.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session held August 1st, 1887, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

OPENING AND REFERRING SEALED PROPOSALS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Sealed proposals for the following street improvements, and for the erection of a lamp-post, were opened, read and referred to the Committee on Contracts :

(S. O. 160, 1886)—For grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Dorman street, from Michigan street to St. Clair street.

(S. O. 161, 1886)—For grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Dorman street, from North street to St. Clair street.

(S. O. 100, 1887)—For grading and graveling Eleventh (or Reagan) street, from Central avenue to the I. E. & W. R. R. tracks, and widening the sidewalks thereof.

(S. O. 12, 1887)—For the erection of one lamp post, lamp and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Walnut street, between New Jersey and East streets.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

The Committee on Contracts, through Councilman Reynolds, submitted the following report ; which was concurred in, and the contracts severally awarded as recommended :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred the proposals received August 1st, 1887, have examined the same and find them to be as follows :

1st. For grading and graveling the roadway of Bloyd street, from Greenbrier Lane to Fountain street.

Henry Clay..... 95 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Fred. Gansberg..... 59 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Recommend the same be referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

2d. For grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Delaware street, from Michigan street to the first alley south of Michigan street.

R. P. Dunning..... 69 cents per lineal foot front.

Richter & Twiname..... 67 cents per lineal foot front.

J. L. Spaulding..... 65 cents per lineal foot front.

J. L. Spaulding being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

3d. For grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of St. Clair street, from Tennessee street to Meridian street.

Richter & Twiname... 45 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

J. L. Spaulding..... 41 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Henry Clay..... 39 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Henry Clay being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

4th. For grading and bowldering the first alley east of Liberty street, from Georgia street to the first alley north of Georgia street.

J. L. Spaulding..... 72 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James W. Hudson.... 63 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Geo. W. Buchanan.... 63 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

R. P. Dunning..... 61 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

H. C. Roney..... 59 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

H. C. Roney being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

5th. For grading and graveling the second alley east of Douglass street, from Elizabeth street to Indiana avenue.

Richter & Twiname... 30 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

J. L. Spaulding..... 18 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

J. L. Spaulding being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

6th. For grading and graveling the first alley west of Blake street, from Michigan street to North street.

Henry Clay..... 38 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

R. P. Dunning..... 29 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

J. L. Spaulding..... 24 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

J. L. Spaulding being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

7th. For grading and graveling Union street and sidewalks, from Palmer street to Grand avenue.

Richter & Twiname... 80 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

H. C. Roney..... 76 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Geo. W. Buchanan.... 75 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

J. L. Spaulding..... 75 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James W. Hudson.. 71 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Michael Flaherty..... 55 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Michael Flaherty being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Reynolds,

Frank M. Dell,

John H. Herig,

Committee on Contracts.

Councilman Reynolds presented the following remonstrance; 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:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Bloyd street, between Greenbrier Lane and Fountain street respectfully remonstrate against the confirmation of the contract for grading and graveling Bloyd street, between Greenbrier Lane and Fountain street, at the bid of Fred. Gansberg, at 59 cents per lineal foot front on each side. GREENLEAF TURNTABLE M'FG. Co, 776 feet.
E. T. GREENLEAF, 140 feet.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

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

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the amount of fines and fees collected in the Mayor's court for the month of July, 1887, as follows:

Marshal's fees	\$230 30
Mayor's fees.....	178 20
Fines due the city.....	33 60
Total.....	\$442 10

I have paid said amount to the County Treasurer, for the use of the city, and have deposited his receipt therefor with the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted, C. S. DENNY, Mayor.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, and the estimates (presented therewith) approved:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following estimates of work done according to contract:

A first and final estimate in behalf of James W. Hudson, for grading and bowldering the first alley east of Illinois street, from Georgia street to Chesapeake street.
390 lineal feet, at 58 cents \$226 20

A first and final estimate in behalf of Fulmer & Seibert, for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Maryland street, from Illinois street to the first alley west of Illinois street.

100.80 lineal feet, at 58 cents. \$58 53

A first and final estimate in behalf of Haywood & Co., for grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Peru street, from Seventh street to Eighth street.

622 lineal feet, at 38 cents \$228 85

A first and final estimate in behalf of James W. Hudson, for grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of College avenue, from Home avenue to Seventh street.

1,350 33 lineal feet, at 43 cents..... \$580 65

A first and final estimate in behalf of Freaney Brothers, for erecting one lamp-post on the north side of Second street, from Meridian street to Pennsylvania street.

416 lineal feet, at 5½ cents..... \$21 00

A first and final estimate in behalf of Fulmer & Seibert, for grading and graveling Reid street and sidewalks, from Woodlawn avenue to the C, I, St. L. & C. R. R. tracks.

4,879 lineal feet, at \$1.23 \$6,001 18

A first and final estimate in behalf of Fulmer & Seibert, for grading and graveling Williams street and sidewalks, from State street to Arsenal avenue

1,338.66 lineal feet, at 33 cents. \$401 62

A first and final estimate in behalf of L. A. Fulmer, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Tenth street, from College avenue to Park avenue

1,126 lineal feet, at 25 cents. \$281 50

A first and final estimate in behalf of Richter & Twiname, for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Hill avenue, from Newman street to the first street east of Newman street.

772.66 lineal feet, at 39 cents. \$301 33

A first and final estimate in behalf of James W. Hudson, for grading and graveling Missouri street and sidewalks, from Louisiana street to Merrill street.

2,560 lineal feet, at 74 cents \$1,894 32

A first and final estimate in behalf of J. W. Cooper & Co., for grading and graveling the roadway of Alabama street, bowldering and curbing the gutters thereof, and widening the sidewalks, from Morrison street to Seventh street.

5,044.80 lineal feet of bowldered gutters, at 72 cents. \$3,632 16

5,091.95 lineal feet of curb, at 58 cents 2,953 26

4,642.69 lineal feet of gravel, at 48 cents 2,228 50

40.00 lineal feet of curb re-set, at 7 cents 2 80

\$8,816 72

A first and final estimate in behalf of James W. Hudson, for grading, bowldering and curbing the north gutter of New York street, from Meridian street to Illinois street.

446.00 lineal feet of bowldering, at 65 cents. \$289 90

441.00 lineal feet of curb, at 58 cents. 255 80

17.75 lineal feet of curb re-set, at 7 cents 1 25

\$546 95

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of James W. Hudson, for grading and bowldering the first alley east of Illinois street, from Georgia street to Chesapeake street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 15—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Reinecke, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Therman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Fulmer & Seibert, for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Maryland street, from Illinois street to the first alley west of Illinois street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

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NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Haywood & Co., for grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Peru street, from Seventh street to Eighth street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 15—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Reinecke, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalmann, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of James W. Hudson, for grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of College avenue, from Home avenue to Seventh street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 15—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Reinecke, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalmann, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Freaney Brothers, for erecting one lamp-post, lamp and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Second street, between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 15—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Reinecke, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thaman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Fulmer & Seibert, for grading and graveling Reid street and sidewalks, from Woodlawn avenue to the C., I., St. L. & C. R. R. tracks, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

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NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Fulmer & Seibert, for grading and graveling Williams street and sidewalks, from State street to Arsenal avenue, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 15—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Reinecke, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thaman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of L. A. Fulmer, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Tenth street, from College avenue to Park avenue, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 25—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Reinecke, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thaman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimates in behalf of Richter & Twiname, for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Hill avenue, from Newman street to the first street east of Newman street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 15—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Reinecke, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalmann, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of James W. Hudson, for grading and graveling Missouri street and sidewalks, from Louisiana street to Merrill street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

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And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 15—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Reinecke, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalmann, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of James W. Hudson, for grading, bowldering and curbing the north gutter of New York street, and widening the sidewalk, from Meridian street to Illinois street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 15—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Reinecke, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Therman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and the contracts and bonds approved:

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following contracts and bonds:

Contract and bond of Michael Higgins, for grading and graveling the east sidewalk of Belmont avenue, from Washington street to a point 1,209 feet north of Washington street. Bond, \$600.00; surety, James Naughton.

Contract and bond of Wm F. Gansberg, for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Meek street, from Liberty street to Noble street.

Bond, \$500.00; surety, Fred. Gansberg.

Contract and bond of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of South street, from Illinois street to Meridian street.

Bond, \$700.00; surety, H. C. Roney.

Contract and bond of George W. Buchanan, for grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Dillon street, from Prospect street to the C., I., St. L. & C. R. R. tracks. Bond, \$2,000; surety, James W. Hudson.

Contract and bond of Henry C. Roney, for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Bicking street, from East street to Delaware street.

Bond, \$800.00; surety, J. L. Spaulding.

Contract and bond of Richter & Twiname, for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Hill avenue, from Malott avenue to Newman street.

Bond, \$700.00; surety, L. A. Fulmer.

Contract and bond of James W. Hudson, for grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Illinois street, from Ray street to Morris street.

Bond, \$1,000; surety, J. L. Spaulding.

Contract and bond of James W. Hudson, for grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Illinois street, from Ray street to Morris street.

Bond, \$900.00; surety, J. L. Spaulding.

Contract and bond of John Schier, for grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of Cherry street, from Plum street to Peru street.

Bond, \$1,000; surety, Michael Mode.

Contract and bond of Richter & Twiname, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Noble street, from Washington street to Louisiana street.

Bond, \$5,000; sureties, L. A. Fulmer and John Twiname.

Contract and bond of Henry Clay, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Illinois street, from Fifth street to the first alley south of Fifth street.

Bond, \$300.00; surety, Pete O'Brien.

Contract and bond of Haywood & Co., for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Columbia avenue, from Malott avenue to Seventh street.

Bond, \$1,000; surety, L. A. Fulmer.

Contract and bond of Robert Kennington, for grading and graveling East street and sidewalks, from the Belt Railroad to Raymond street.

Bond, \$4,000; surety, William K. Sproule.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The City Clerk submitted the following report from the Auditor of Marion County; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Settlement Sheet of Indianapolis, Marion County, for Collections of State and County Revenue, and other Taxes, for the Year 1886.

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City of Indianapolis, Ind.

	City Tax.	City School Tax	Library Tax.	Total Tax of 1886	Delinquent Tax.	Total Taxes, including Delinquenc's.
Amount of Duplicate of 1886.....	\$447,204 98	\$97,513 22	\$9,751 32	\$554,469 52	\$51,418 84	\$605,888 36
Assessments and charges by County Auditor.....	1,903 31	422 96	42 30	2,368 57	.....	2,368 57
Total charges are.....	449,108 29	97,936 18	9,793 62	556,838 09	51,418 84	608,256 93
Second installment unpaid.....	136,814 85	30,859 30	3,040 33	170,714 48	.....	170,714 48
Delinquencies returned by Treasurer.....	30,810 92	5,601 45	560 15	36,972 52	20,936 46	57,908 98
Erroneous assessments, as per certificate of County Aud'r.....	4,667 07	1,037 12	103 71	5,807 90	2,057 37	7,865 27
Total unpaid, delinquent, and erroneous.....	172,292 84	37,497 87	3,704 19	213,494 90	22,993 83	236,488 73
Which, taken from total charges, leaves total cash coll's.....	276,815 45	60,438 31	6,089 43	343,343 19	28,425 01	371,768 20
Coll's. of delinquencies from Nov. 1, 1886, to Jan. 1, 1887.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,799 07	12,799 07
Total deductions for fees, taxes refunded, mileage, etc.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,799 07	12,799 07
Which taken from cash collections, leaves net rev. of 1886.....	276,815 45	60,438 31	6,089 43	343,343 19	15,625 94	358,969 13
To which add net col. of del., not reported in Dec. setl'mt.....	22,841 52	5,075 90	507 59	28,425 01	.....	.....
From which deduct am't. col., and rep'td Dec. set., 1886.....	10,284 97	2,285 55	228 55	12,799 07	.....	.....
.....	12,556 55	2,790 35	279 04	15,625 94	.....	.....
Makes the grand total of taxes due from Treasurer.....	289,372 00	63,228 66	6,368 47	358,969 13	.....	.....

DUE FROM TREASURER.

On account of city revenue of 1886.....	\$276,815 45
On account of delinquent city revenue of 1885.....	12,556 55
On account of city school tax of 1886.....	60,438 31
On account of city deln'qt. school tax of 1885.....	2,790 35
On account of city library.....	6,089 43
On account of delinquent city library.....	279 04
Total.....	\$358,969 13

ADDITIONAL STATEMENT,

Showing amounts collected and paid in on account of current and delinquent Poll Tax.

On account of city revenue.....\$3,328 50

H. W. MILLER, Treasurer of Marion County.

J. C. ADAMS, Auditor of Marion County.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3d day of August, 1887.

STATE OF INDIANA, Marion County, ss: I, J. C. ADAMS, Auditor of said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true abstract of the settlement made this day with HIRAM W. MILLER, Treasurer of said County, for the collection of Revenue and other Taxes, for the year 1886, including the delinquencies; and that the amount to be paid to the City of Indianapolis, on account of taxes and other items, is the sum three hundred fifty-eight thousand nine hundred sixty-nine dollars and thirteen cents.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, this 3d day of August, 1887.

[Seal.]

JUSTUS C. ADAMS, County Auditor.

The City Clerk submitted the following report from the Auditor of Marion County; which was read and received:

Abstract of the Assessment of Property in Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, for the Year 1887.

Value of Lots.....	\$19,911,365 00
Value of Improvements.....	15,863,630 00
Value of Lots and Improvements.....	35,774,995 00
Value of Personal Property.....	13,492,090 00
Total value of taxable Property.....	\$49,267,085 00
Number of Polls.....	17,065

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

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of an Act entitled “An Act concerning taxation for City and School purposes, in cities containing a population of 70,000 and over,” approved February 21st, 1885, I herewith report to your honorable bodies the aggregate assessment and valuation for taxation for State and County purposes, for the year 1887, as returned to me by the Assessor of Center Township and the State and County Boards of Equalization.

Respectfully submitted,

JUSTUS C. ADAMS, Auditor of Marion County.

STATE OF INDIANA, *Marion County, ss:*

I, Justus C. Adams, Auditor of said County, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct abstract of the assessment of real and personal property, and the number of polls in said county, for the year 1887, as returned to me by the Assessor and equalized by the County Board of Equalization.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, at Indianapolis, in said county, this 25th day of July, 1887. JUSTUS C. ADAMS, County Auditor.

Councilman Thalman offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That there be, and is hereby, assessed and levied upon all real estate, personal, and railroad property, notes, bonds, stocks and choses in action, in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, assessed and returned for taxation in and for said city, for the year 1887, a tax for general purposes of ninety (90) cents upon each one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of all such property, and the further sum of fifty cents on each poll, for general purposes.

And Resolved further, That the Auditor of Marion county, Indiana, be, and he is hereby, requested, authorized and directed, to place said taxes upon the proper tax duplicate, and the County Treasurer of Marion county, Indiana, be, and he is hereby, directed to collect the same for said City of Indianapolis, and make due report thereof.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 18—viz: Councilmen Burns, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Pearson Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

The City Attorney submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—I submit herewith the following report:

1st. When Locke street was opened by the city some years since, the city paid the damages therefor to the owners of Lots five (5) and six (6), in Harris' subdivision of Out-lot one hundred and fifty-seven (157), instead of to the mortgagee. In 1884 the Superior Court decreed, and the decree has recently been affirmed by the Supreme Court, ordering the city to pay \$200.00, and interest from that date, to the mortgagee: *Provided*, The balance of said lots remaining did not sell for the mortgages then existing on the property. Said mortgages and prior claims, on last Saturday, when said lots were sold, amounted to \$1,766.67. By an arrangement with the interested parties, we secured a bid for said sum, thus relieving the city from any liability on account of the opening of said street.

2d. Since your last meeting, I have secured from George Koeniger a warranty deed to Lot 229, in Kappes & Naltner's south Meridian street addition to the City of Indianapolis, and from Lambert Krumholz a warranty deed to Lot No. 230, in Kappes & Naltner's south Meridian street addition, each for the sum of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars; said lots to be used as a city dumping ground. I have required the warrantors to furnish to the city an abstract of title to said lots, and present herewith an agreement entered into with the city by Lambert Krumholz and other vault cleaners, agreeing to hire a man to superintend the dumping on said lots, and to keep the banks of the river clean at the place selected.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.

Councilman Markey offered the following motion :

That when the title to Lots 229 and 230, in Kappes & Naltner's south Meridian street addition to the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, is satisfactory to the City Attorney, that he be authorized to accept deeds therefor, and to have said deeds recorded.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 12—viz: Councilmen Dell, Dunn, Herig, Howes, Markey, McClelland, Reinecke, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS, 3—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Haugh, and McGroarty.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Board of Health presented the following communication ; which was referred to the Committee on Public Health :

Indianapolis, August 15th, 1887.

To the Mayor, Members of the City Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—The condition of Pogue's Run is a fruitful source for the multiplication of disease germs, and endangers not only the lives of those living in close proximity to it, but many at a distance. This subject has frequently been agitated, but not with good results. Some decided action should be taken at an early day. The Health Board will be pleased to meet a committee from the Council to decide upon the best means of abating this nuisance.

Very respectfully,

S. E. EARP, M. D.,
Secretary of the City Board of Health.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Accounts and Claims, through Councilman McClelland, submitted the following report ; which was concurred in :

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Accounts and Claims, to whom was referred the claim of Mr. Henry Reinsfeld, would respectfully submit that we have carefully examined the same, and would recommend that said Reinsfeld be assessed the sum of \$25.00 of the \$41.60, the city to pay the balance—\$16.60.

Respectfully submitted,

R McClelland,
D. F. Swain,
Committee on Accounts and Claims.

The Committee on Public Light, through Councilman Haugh, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Public Light, to whom was referred Special Ordinances Nos. 15, 112, 114, 115, 116, 118 and 107, 1887, recommend that they pass. We also recommend that Special Ordinance No. 117, 1887, be stricken from the files.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. Haugh,
T. F. Smither,
Committee on Public Light.

On motion by Councilman Haugh, the following entitled ordinance was stricken from the files:

S. O. 117, 1887—An ordinance to provide for the erection of one lamp-post, lamp and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on the east side of Bellefontaine avenue, between Seventh and Eighth streets.

The Committee on Public Property, through Councilman Thalman, submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Public Property have sold the old lawn mower, for several years out of use, in Military Park, for the sum of \$16.25, which amount we paid to the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Thalman,
Edward Dunn,
Committee on Public Property.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Dunn, submitted the following report:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the investigation of the claims of the owners of certain street signs, report that your committee examined the Vierendeel sign and the Hartman Steel Company's sign. We examined them in the day time and at night. We are of the opinion that the Hartman Steel Company's sign is the preferable one, and recommend that it be adopted. We further recommend that the galvanized steel letters be used; that but two signs be used on any one lamp except at avenue crossings, where three signs are to be used, and that such signs be placed on the streetward side of such lamps, and that signs be placed on but one lamp at each street crossing, and at alternate sides of the streets. That such lamps be thus mantled under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, beginning with Circle Park. The price per lamp thus furnished, is fifty cents, except at avenue crossings, where three signs are used, seventy-five cents per lamp will be charged. We recommend that five hundred lamps be furnished with such signs, and that the party furnishing them be required to keep them in repair for two years. By thus distributing the signs, a large portion of the city can be cheaply and yet satisfactorily furnished with street signs.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Councilman Markey moved to refer the above report to the Committee on Finance.

Councilman Swain moved as a substitute, that the report be adopted.

Which failed of adoption by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz: Councilmen Dunn, Herig, McGroarty, Pearson, Smither, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

NAYS, 11—viz: Councilmen Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Haugh, Howes, Markey, McClelland, Reinecke, Reynolds, and Stuckmeyer.

And the motion offered by Councilman Markey, was then adopted.

REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES.

The Special Committee on Natural Gas, through Councilman Swain, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Special Gas Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Aquilla Jones and others, and G. O. No 30, 1887, asking that the schedule of prices named in G. O. No 14, 1887, be changed, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and recommend that no change in said prices be made.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Endly,

M. L. Brown,

Isaac King,

Bd. of Ald. Com. on Natural Gas.

D. F. Swain,

M. M. Cummings,

C. F. H. Waterman,

Isaac Thalman,

A. L. Newland,

Council Committee on Natural Gas.

C. S. DENNY, Mayor.

WM. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read, and the motion concurrently adopted:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, August 8, 1887, adopted the following motion:

“That Daniel Stewart be granted permission to re-bowlder the alley between his property at 22 west Maryland street, at his own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer; and said Engineer is hereby directed to set the stakes for said work.”

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen,

JOSEPH T. FANNING, Clerk.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

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

By Councilman Haugh, by request :

G. O. 31, 1887—An ordinance prohibiting persons from going about, or standing upon, the streets or sidewalks of the City of Indianapolis, soliciting purchasers for goods, wares and merchandise.

Councilman Haugh moved to suspend the Rules for the purpose of placing the above entitled ordinance on its final passage.

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote :

AYES, 11—viz: Councilman Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Mack, McClelland, McGroarty, Pearson, Rienecke, Reynolds, Stuckmeyer, and Swain.

NAYS, 8—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Dunn, Herig, Markey, Smither, Thalman, and Waterman.

Councilman Haugh presented a petition for the passage of the above entitled ordinance, signed by George J. Marott and others; which, together with the ordinance, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney.

By Councilman Pearson, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads :

G. O. 32, 1887—An ordinance authorizing the C., I., St. L. & C. R. R. to lay a switch track across First street.

By Councilman Coy :

S. O. 119, 1887—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of South street, from New Jersey street to East street, where not already properly done.

By Councilman Reynolds, which was referred to the Committee on Public Light :

S. O. 120, 1887—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Bellefontaine avenue, between Lincoln avenue and Seventh street.

By Councilman Swain :

S. O. 121, 1887—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the south gutter of Home avenue, and widening the sidewalks thereof, from College avenue to Bellefontaine avenue.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Coy offered the following motion; which was adopted :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to lay a double stone crossing from the southwest corner of Maryland and Delaware streets, to the northwest corner of Maryland and Delaware streets.

Councilman Edenharter offered the following motion; which was adopted :

That Messrs. Doepfer, Wisniewski & Banyan, and are hereby, given permission to grade and gravel the first alley north of Market street and west of Hanna street, adjoining their property, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Howes offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to clean the gutters and fill the chuck-holes on Agnes street, from New York street to North street.

Councilman Howes offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvement.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to clean the gutters and fill up the chuck-holes on Minerva street, from New York street to North street.

Councilman Cummings offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Committee on Streets and Alleys confer with the State House contractors and Commissioners, and ascertain how soon the railroad track in Market street and across Mississippi street can be removed.

Councilman Dell offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner clean Benton street, from Washington street to Georgia street.

Councilman Mack offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner clean the gutters on south Illinois street, from McCarty street to Morris street.

Councilman McClelland offered the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Water:

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the Indianapolis Water Works Company be, and it is hereby, required to extend its mains from Cherry street north on Park avenue to Christian avenue.

Councilman Stuckmeyer, for Councilman Newland, presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, composing the Executive Board of District 106, Knights of Labor, and acting under direction of the District Assembly—a central body which speaks for ten thousand voters in the City of Indianapolis—respectfully petition for the passage, without further delay, of the ordinances now pending relative to the placing of conductors on the cars of the Citizens' Street Railway, and in relation to the abolishing of the fare-box system.

Your petitioners further represent that the street car is the workman's vehicle, and that the bettering of the service is demanded, not only in compliance with law, but as a convenience and safeguard to those so unfortunate as to possess no better mode of transportation.

Respectfully,

Andrew T. Wilson,
Edwin F. Gould,
Chas. O'Donnell,

John H. Weaver,
H. A. Eudaley.

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

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to re-mantle and re-light the second lamp-post on the north side of Dougherty street, east of East street.

Councilman Reinecke offered the following motion; which was adopted :

WHEREAS, The street formerly known as "Japan Street," has been changed so as to be known hereafter as South East street, and the numbers on the houses still remain as before; therefore, be it

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to regulate the numbers so as to have them continue in regular form from Morris street south.

Councilman Reinecke presented the following petition (accompanied with plat), which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys :

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, owners of property adjacent to the alley running west from Sullivan street, second south of McCarty street, to the alley first west of Sullivan street running south from McCarty street south to Coburn street, respectfully petition your honorable bodies for the vacation of said alley. The plat filed herewith of the same, be part of this petition. Respectfully petitioned for by

MARY E. KLANKE,
FREDERICK DICKMANN.

Councilman Reynolds offered the following motions; which were adopted :

That the Lake Erie & Western R. R. Co. be instructed to re-plank their tracks at the crossing of Christian avenue; and if the same is not done in ten days, that the Street Commissioner be instructed to do the same, and collect the cost of the railroad company.

That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to designate the number of the houses on Ludlow Lane.

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

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters on Indiana avenue and West street, north of North street.

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

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to re mantle and re-light the lamp on Elm street, between Grove and Dillon streets.

Councilman Stuckmeyer offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Water :

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to advertise for the erection of a drinking fountain to be erected at or near the corner of English avenue and Pine street.

Councilman Swain offered the following resolution, accompanied with the recommendation of the Committee on Water :

Resolved, That the Indianapolis Water Company be, and is hereby, directed to extend its mains northward, from Louisiana street, in the new street, between Illinois and Meridian streets, to the intersection of the new street running eastward from Illinois street; thence westward in the said new street to and connecting with the main in Illinois street, and to locate one fire hydrant at the intersection of said new streets. Also, to extend its mains west from Illinois street, in Louisiana street, to and connecting with its mains in Tennessee street, and to locate one fire hydrant on Louisiana street, near the alley between Illinois and Tennessee streets. Also, to extend its mains in Meridian street, northward from South street to McNabb street, and to locate one fire hydrant at the intersection of McNabb and Meridian streets.

We recommend the resolution be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. Swain,
C. McGroarty,
Joseph H. Howes,
Committee on Water.

And the resolution was adopted, by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

Councilman Swain offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, instructed to direct the Street Commissioner to place a three-inch coat of pit sand or gravel on the roadway of Alabama street, between Morrison and Seventh streets, and roll the same until it is thoroughly settled.

Councilman Swain presented the following petition; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements, City Civil Engineer and City Attorney :

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

Gentlemen:—Your petitioner contemplates the erection of a stone wall along the east bank of Pogue's Run, extending from McNabb street to South street, the same to be erected according to the survey, and under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer. Said wall will be between 220 and 230 feet in length, and will average about 10 feet in height. The cost of said wall will be something near eight hundred dollars; and inasmuch as the city will be greatly benefited by the construction of said improvement, I would respectfully ask that the city pay one-half of the cost of such construction, not to exceed, however, the sum of four hundred dollars.

JOHN V. MARTIN.

Councilman Swain offered the following motion; which was adopted :

That W. H. H. Miller and Charles C. Mallard be, and are hereby, granted permission to open the block pavement, for tapping the water mains, in front of their residences on north Delaware street, between Home avenue and Second street: *Provided*, That they will agree to replace the blocks and other material back, and keep the same in good condition to the satisfaction of the City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motions; which were adopted :

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That the property owners on the south side of New York street, between Meridian and Illinois streets, have permission to curb and bowlder the gutter and widen the sidewalk in front of their property. Said work to be done at their own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to put in a new pump at the corner of Meridian and Washington streets, the old one being unfit for use.

Councilman Thalman presented the following petition :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—The undersigned contractors, who were the successful bidders for the contract for the improvement of Washington street, from Mississippi to Alabama streets, respectfully represent that the Citizens' Street Railway Company have refused, in advance, to pay for any part of said improvement, as required by the ordinance under which said contract was let; that an action at law will be necessary to determine its liability therefor; that your petitioners have obtained legal advice on the subject, and are informed by their attorney that the question is a very grave one, and that it is impossible to predict with certainty, in advance, what view our Supreme Court may take of it. That your petitioners' bid was made upon the supposition and assurance that the Citizens' Street Railway Company would pay its assessment, and is figured down to a very close margin, not justifying them in taking any risk. But your petitioners are ready and willing to do the work, if, upon their failure to collect from the company at the end of a lawsuit, the city will stand liable for and pay the sum for which said company is attempted to be made liable by the ordinance under which said contract is let.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray for the passage of an ordinance making provisions to that effect.

Respectfully,

FULMER, SEIBERT, COOPER & Co.

Councilman Swain presented the following petition relative to the above subject:

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

Gentlemen:—Being the second lowest bidder for the Washington street pavement, and hearing that the contractors to whom the contract was recommended to be awarded have declined to make contract except upon terms other than contained in the ordinance, we respectfully ask that we be awarded the contract according to said ordinance; and we are ready to make bond within ten days.

Respectfully,

CLAFIN PAVING Co., and
J. KEARNEY GRAHAM,
by J. Kearney Graham.

On motion by Councilman Swain, both the above petitions were referred to the Committee on Contracts and City Attorney.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

C. S. DENNY, Mayor,

President of the Common Council.

Attest: MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.