

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL

---

REGULAR SESSION.

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CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
*Monday, May 20, 1872, 7½ o'clock P. M.* }

The Common Council met in regular session.

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

Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Cottrell, Craft, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—18.

Absent—None.

The proceedings of the regular session held May 13th, 1872, were read and approved.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, May 20, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred sundry proposals for improving streets, etc., have examined the same and would recommend that contracts be awarded as follows, to-wit :

FIRST.

To grade and pave with brick the east sidewalk on Virginia avenue, from Louisiana to South street, to James W. Hudson at sixty cents per lineal foot front.

SECOND.

To grade and pave with brick the north sidewalk on St. Clair street, from Meridian to Delaware street, to Henry C. Roney at forty-four cents per lineal foot front.

THIRD.

To grade and pave with brick the east sidewalk on Meridian street, from St. Joseph to First street, to Henry C. Roney at sixty four cents per lineal foot front on the line improved, he being the only bidder.

FOURTH.

To grade and pave with brick the south sidewalk on New York street, from Massachusetts avenue to East street, to John Schier at fifty-nine cents per lineal foot front on the line improved.

FIFTH.

To grade and pave with brick the east sidewalk on East street, from Massachusetts avenue to St. Clair street, to John Schier at sixty cents per foot front on the line improved.

SIXTH.

To grade and gravel Cedar street and sidewalks, from Huron

street to the old corporation line east, to James Mahoney at seventy-five cents per lineal front on each side of the line improved.

SEVENTH.

To grade and gravel Merrill street and sidewalks, from East street to Virginia avenue, to Hiram Seibert at eighty-seven cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

EIGHTH.

To grade and pave with brick the north sidewalk on Michigan street, from Delaware street to Massachusetts avenue, to John Schier at sixty cents per front foot on the line improved.

NINTH.

To grade and gravel Locust street, from Sycamore to Ray street, to Hiram Seibert at fifty cents per lineal foot front on each side of the line improved.

TENTH.

To grade, pave with brick, and curb with stone the north sidewalk on South street, from Delaware to Pennsylvania street, to James W. Hudson at one dollar and fifteen cents per front foot for paving, and fifty-five cents per front foot for curbing.

ELEVENTH.

To grade and pave with brick the sidewalks on South street, from Meridian to Illinois street, to H. C. Roney at sixty-one cents per lineal foot on each side of the line improved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CRAFT,  
ROBT. KENNINGTON,  
Committee on Contracts.

Which was concurred in, and contracts awarded.

The City Civil Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 20, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—Allow me to call your attention to that part of Seventh street, in front of W. H. Talbott's property. The balance of the street, east to the Fall Creek pike, and west to the Michigan road, is now being graded and graveled. The drainage being west, *something* will have to be done on this portion of the street, to afford drainage for the eastern end. The distance in front of Talbott's property is six hundred feet, and will cost two hundred dollars to grade it—thirty-three feet wide, the present width of the street. The property on the south side would be liable for one-half the expense of grading. I suppose the south sidewalk could be graveled at the expense of the property owners, and perhaps one-half the street.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON,  
Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 20, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—I hereby report the following work finished according to contract :

John Schier, for grading and paving the sidewalks on New York street, from Delaware street to Tennessee street.

Length on north side. ....1,147 ft.

Length on south side. ....1,531 ft. 8 in.

Total length.....2,678 ft. 8 in.

At 63 cts. per lineal foot..... \$1,687 54

Deduct former payment..... 1,590 54

Present payment..... \$97 00

Also, William Warrenburg, for grading and graveling the alley running from Delaware street to Jeffersonville R. R. track, through square No. 98.

Length on north side .....193 ft.  
 Length on south side .....193 ft.

Total length.....386 ft.  
 At 25 cents per lineal foot.....

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Also, Bernard Hammill—a partial estimate—for planting and boxing shade trees on the following streets :

On Pine street, from Virginia avenue to Harrison street, 67 trees and boxes.

On Huron street, from Virginia avenue to corporation line east, 109 trees and boxes.

On Elm street, from Noble street to corporation line east, 124 trees and boxes.

On South street and Fletcher's avenue, from East street to Cedar street, 83 trees and boxes.

On Hosbrook street, from Cedar to corporation line east, 119 trees and boxes.

On Daugherty street, from East street to Virginia avenue, 141 trees and boxes.

On Buchanan street, from East street to Virginia avenue, 162 trees and boxes.

Total, 805 trees and boxes, at \$2.25 per tree and box. 1,811 25

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON,

Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

The City Clerk made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 20, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—The City Clerk respectfully reports to the Common Council, the following contracts and bonds :

FIRST.

Contract and bond of Hiram Seibert, for grading and graveling Merrill street and sidewalks, from East street to Virginia avenue.

## SECOND.

Contract and bond of Hiram Seibert, for grading and graveling Locust street, from Sycamore street to Ray street.

## THIRD.

Contract and bond of John Greene, for grading and graveling Park avenue and sidewalks, from Forest Home avenue to south side of Lincoln street.

## FOURTH.

Contract and bond of John Schier, for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk on Meridian street, from South street to Merrill street.

## FIFTH.

Contract and bond of R. M. Riner, for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk on Vermont street, from Pennsylvania street to East street.

## SIXTH.

Contract and bond of John Schier, for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk on Meridian street, from McCarty street to Morris street.

## SEVENTH.

Contract and bond of Patterson and Dunning, for grading and graveling Douglass street and sidewalks, from North street to Indiana avenue.

## EIGHTH.

Contract and bond of Patterson & Dunning, for grading and graveling Elizabeth street and sidewalks, from Blake street to Geisendorff's mill race.

## NINTH.

Contract and bond of Patterson & Dunning, for grading and graveling North street and sidewalks, from Minerva street to the old corporation line.

TENTH.

Contract and bond of Patterson & Dunning, for grading and graveling Wood street and the east sidewalk, from North street to Michigan street.

ELEVENTH.

Contract and bond of Henry C. Roney, for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk on Meridian street, from Merrill street to McCarty street.

TWELFTH.

Contract and bond of Henry C. Roney, for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk of Meridian street, from Russell avenue to Merrill street.

THIRTEENTH.

First and final estimate allowed William Warrenburg, for grading and graveling the alley running from Delaware street to Jeffersonville railroad track, through square 98.

FOURTEENTH.

First and partial estimates allowed Bernard Hamil, for planting and boxing shade trees—

On Pine street, from Virginia avenue to Harrison street.

On Huron street, from Virginia avenue to corporation line east.

On Elm street, from Noble street to corporation east.

On South street and Fletcher avenue, from East street to Cedar street.

On Hosbrook street, from Cedar street to corporation line east.

On Dougherty street, from East street, to Virginia avenue.

On Buchanan street, from East street to Virginia avenue.

FIFTEENTH.

Contract and bond of Hanway & Co., for grading Yandes street and sidewalks, from Malotte avenue to Lincoln street.

SIXTEENTH.

Contract and bond of Hanway & Co., for grading and graveling the alley running north and south through out-lot 26, and on the west side of lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of said out-lot.

## SEVENTEENTH.

Second and corrected estimate allowed D. Root & Co., for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except service pipe, on St. Clair street, from Railroad street to the Péru railroad tracks.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. CLINTON,  
City Clerk.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Wm. Warrenburg, for grading and graveling the alley running from Delaware street to the Jeffersonville railroad track, through square No. 98, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Cottrell, Craft, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—18.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing first and partial estimates allowed Bernard Hammil, for planting and boxing shade trees, on the following streets, to-wit :

On Pine street, from Virginia avenue to Harrison street.

On Huron street, from Virginia avenue to corporation line east.

On Elm street, from Noble street to corporation line east.



On South street and Fletcher avenue, from East street to Cedar street.

On Hosbrook street, from Cedar street to corporation line east.

On Dougherty street, from East street to Virginia avenue,

And on Buchanan street, from East street to Virginia avenue.

Be, and the same are hereby, adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Cottrell, Craft, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—18.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing second and corrected estimate allowed D. Root & Co., for erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except service pipe on St. Clair street, from Railroad street to the Peru railroad tracks, be, and the same are hereby, adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Cottrell, Craft, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—18.

Negative—None.

The City Clerk made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 20, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN — I would respectfully report the following official bonds for your approval :

Daniel Glazier, as Chief Fire Engineer, penalty of bond, \$1,500, giving as security John L. Marsee.

Wm. H. Phillips, as City Sealer ; penalty of bond, \$1,500, giving as security, John Caven.

John Unversaw, as Market Master ; penalty of bond, \$1,500, giving as security, Thad. M. Stevens.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. CLINTON,

City Clerk.

Which was received, and bonds approved.

The City Clerk made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 20, 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 his office an affidavit for the collection of lamp post assessment by precept, as follows :

D. Root & Co., vs. Wm. M. Porter, for.....\$3 00

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

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. CLINTON,

City Clerk.

Which was concurred in, and precept ordered to issue.

The Sewerage Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 20, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—I submit the following estimate of the cost of a footway on the west side of the Illinois street tunnel :

Excavation .....	\$1,100 00
Brickwork .....	5,800 00
Stonework .....	1,050 00
Lumber .....	400 00
Railing .....	280 00
Catch basins.....	260 00
Manholes.....	60 00
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	\$8,950 00

It will be necessary to build a catch basin, and take down and rebuild two manholes, the cost of which is included in the above.

The footway on the east side was designed to be eight feet wide, but if there are two, six feet in width will be sufficient, the estimate is made for one that wide, and the amount saved by reducing the other is deducted.

It will be necessary to build two catch basins on the east side of the tunnel, and one at the south end, costing about \$665.00, which are not provided for in the contract for the tunnel.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BROWN.

Sewerage Engineer.

Which was received.

The City Attorney made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 20, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—At your last meeting you directed me to report to the Council an ordinance appropriating the ground necessary to widen the sidewalks along Meridian street, between St. Clair and First streets, and to appropriate the necessary money to pay the damages therefor, as reported by the City Commissioners. I herewith report the ordinance required for the action of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. HARVEY,

City Attorney.

Which was received.

Also, General Ordinance No. 32, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to widen the sidewalks along Meridian street, between St. Clair and First street, and appropriating money to pay damages caused by said widening.

Which was read the first time, and on motion substituted for the ordinance reported by the City Commissioners.

The City Attorney made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 20, 1872

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

GENTLEMEN—I was directed at your last meeting to report an ordinance providing for the opening of William street, through the north end of the ground now owned by J. Frank, and J. H. Kappes, and the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette Railroad Co., in accordance with the report of the City Commissioners, I do so, and present the accompanying ordinance of such direction.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. HARVEY,  
City Attorney.

Which was received.

Also. General Ordinance No. 33, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance providing for the opening of William street, through the north end of the ground now owned by J. Frank, J. H. Kappes, and the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette railroad company, and appropriating money to pay damages caused by said opening.

Which was read the first time, and on motion substituted for the ordinance reported by the City Commissioners.

The City Attorney made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 20, 1872.

*to the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :*

GENTLEMEN—I have to report that the case of Thomas Wren vs. the City of Indianapolis, for grading and graveling Tennessee street and crossings in and about Pogues run, which has been pending for two or three years in the Marion Civil Circuit Court and the Superior Court of Marion County, was, on the 17th inst., dismissed by agreement, at the costs of the city.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. HARVEY,

City Attorney.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 20, 1872.

*to the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :*

GENTLEMEN—Recently, the White River Gravel Road Company have procured in the Superior Court of Marion County, a temporary restraining order or injunction, restraining, until the further order of the Court, the city and J. J. Palmer, her employee, from further proceeding in the construction of the sewer on, along and upon Tinker street. The plaintiff, the said Gravel Road Company, submits the accompanying proposition, with a view to the final settlement of the matters in controversy, and asks that the Council examine and promptly reply or accept the same.

I recommend that said proposition be referred to a proper Committee and the City Civil Engineer, with instructions to report at the next irregular or regular meeting of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. HARVEY,

City Attorney.

Also, the following proposition :

The White River Gravel Road Co. vs. John J. Palmer and the City of Indianapolis.

PROPOSITION OF PLAINTIFF.

1st. That the crossing of the road shall be by a well and permanently constructed stone culvert, and the approaches thereto to be so graded as to be perfectly safe and easy.

2d. The ditch constructed on, along and upon the west side of the road, to be on the west boundary thereof, and a well and permanently constructed bowldered ditch of sufficient size and capacity to carry off all the water that may flow through said sewer, and the same to be constructed as to prevent the overflow of said road or any part thereof.

3d. That in the construction of said bowldered ditch on said west side of said road, said road shall be raised to a height sufficient to slope gradually from said ditch to the east side of the road, and thereby prevent the water standing on said road.

4th. In lieu of the above proposition, plaintiff proposes that the defendant shall use cement sewer pipe under the road, and instead of said bowldered ditch, to use such sewer pipe, thus continuing under ground said sewer all the way to the railroad.

On motion the report was concurred in, and the matter referred to a Special Committee, composed of Councilmen Therman, Kahn and Bollman, and City Civil Engineer.

The Market Master submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 20, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—I would respectfully report to your honorable body that I have collected, and paid over to the City Treasurer, the sum of twelve hundred and sixty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents (\$1,267.25), for which I have the receipt of the City Treasurer, the same being money collected by me on account of rent of Market stalls, benches, etc., the same being in full for the fiscal year ending May, 1872.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. UNVERSAW,

Market Master.

Which was received.

The Street Commissioner submitted the following monthly report:

INDIANAPOLIS, May 20, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to report the following work done in the street repairing department since April 1, 1871:

FIRST WARD.

Repairing the culvert on Vermont and Railroad streets.....	\$7 00
Repairing the culvert on New Jersey and Vermont and New Jersey and Michigan streets.....	38 00
Repaired the culvert on Massachusetts avenue and Ver- mont and New York streets.....	34 00
Repaired the bowldering on Massachusetts avenue.....	45 00
Cleaned Massachusetts avenue and the culverts on same.....	48 00
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	\$172 00

SECOND WARD.

Graded up over the Peru Railroad tracks, the crossing of Christian avenue.....	\$70 00
Opened the gutters on Massachusetts avenue.....	35 00
Repaired the culvert on Massachusetts avenue and North street.....	28 00
Repaired Massachusetts and Malott avenues.....	38 00
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	\$171 00

THIRD WARD.

Cleaned Washington street, three squares.....	\$30 00
Cleaned Tennessee street, one square.....	30 00
Cleaned Illinois street, two squares.....	40 00
Cleaned Meridian street, three squares.....	25 00
Cleaned Circle and Market streets, two squares.....	28 00

Repaired the culvert on Circle and Meridian streets.....	11 00
Repaired the culvert on Illinois and Washington streets....	14 00
Raised the gutter on Washington and Tennessee streets, one-half square.....	195 00
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	\$283 00

## FOURTH WARD.

Put four foot-bridges on Indiana avenue and California street.....	\$16 00
Cleaned Washington street, five squares.....	40 00
Opened the gutters on West street.....	28 00
Opened the gutters on California street.....	35 00
Opened the gutters on Blackford street.....	23 00
Opened the gutters on Bright street.....	23 00
Opened the gutters on Vermont street.....	18 00
Opened the gutters on Michigan street.....	25 00
Put in cement culvert on North and Blackford streets.....	65 00
Deepened the gutters on North street.....	48 00
Opened the gutters on Indiana avenue, one square.....	17 00
Opened the gutters on Mississippi street.....	22 00
Repaired the culvert on Ohio and Mississippi streets .....	7 00
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	\$376 00

## FIFTH WARD.

Cleaned the catch-basins on south sewer.....	\$17 00
Cleaned the catch-basins on Illinois street sewer.....	14 00
Cut a ditch on Morris street, from Maple street into the canal.....	14 00
Cleaned Illinois street.....	35 00
Cleaned Washington street.....	70 00
Opened the gutters on Mississippi street, two squares.....	20 00
Made cement pipe connection between gutters and the catch-basins.....	43 00
Repaired the culvert on Illinois and Maryland streets.....	14 00
Repaired the culvert on Tennessee and McCarty streets.....	3 00
Repaired the side on Ray street.....	11 00



Filled holes in McCarty street, between Meridian and Maple streets .....	13 00
Filled the cellars on south-west corner of Maple and McCarty streets.....	10 50
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	\$395 00

SIXTH WARD.

Cleaned Illinois street, three squares.....	\$35 00
Cleaned Meridian street, four squares.....	80 00
Cleaned McNabb street, one square.....	20 00
Cleaned Louisiana street, one square.....	20 00
Cleaned Maryland street, two squares.....	40 00
Cleaned Delaware street, three squares.....	30 00
Cleaned Virginia avenue, one square .....	15 00
Cleaned Washington street, three squares.....	35 00
Cleaned the alleys in squares 65, 56, 75, 76, 86 and 87.....	170 00
Repaired the culvert on Georgia and Illinois streets.....	
Cleaned the catch-basins on the Illinois street sewer.....	11 00
Repaired the culvert on Washington and Meridian streets...	22 00
Repaired the culvert on Meridian and Maryland streets.....	13 00
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	\$491 00

SEVENTH WARD.

Cleaned Delaware street, three squares.....	30 00
Cleaned Virginia avenue, three squares .....	55 00
Cleaned Washington street, three squares.....	30 00
Cleaned Alabama street, two squares.....	40 00
Cleaned Cumberland street, two squares.....	25 00
Cleaned the alleys in square 32 and 63.....	35 00
Repaired the bowldering on Washington street.....	32 06
Repaired the culvert at the crossing of the first alley south of Cumberland and west side of New Jersey street .....	15 00
Grade cinder crossings on Delaware and South streets.....	11 00
Repaired the culvert on Alabama and Merrill streets.....	7 00

Repaired the culvert on New Jersey and Washington streets.....	5 00
Repaired the catch-basin on the East street sewer.....	13 00
Put two foot-bridges on McCarty and Delaware streets .....	8 00
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	\$306 00

## EIGHTH WARD.

Cleaned Washington street, two squares.....	\$40 00
Repaired the culvert on Georgia and Noble streets.....	7 00
Repaired the culvert on Washington street and the Michigan road.....	11 00
Cut the hedge around square 94.....	14 00
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	\$72 00

## NINTH WARD.

Put a foot-bridge on Liberty and Washington streets.....	\$4 00
Repaired the bowldering on Pennsylvania street.....	18 00
Repaired the bowldering on Massachusetts avenue.....	38 00
Cleaned Washington street, seven squares.....	70 00
Cleaned Meridian and Circle streets, five squares. ....	65 00
Cleaned Market street, two squares.....	40 00
Cleaned Pennsylvania street, three squares.....	65 00
Cleaned Delaware street, three squares.....	60 00
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	\$350 00

## BRIDGES.

Re-graded the approaches to the Yellow Bridge.....	\$32 00
Changed the trussel under the bridge over Pogues Run on Delaware street.....	290 00
Re-covered the bridge over Pogues Run, on East street .....	45 00
Repaired the bridge over the canal, on Washington street..	28 00
Repaired the bridge over the canal, on Ohio street.....	11 00
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	\$406 00

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Cleaned up and repaired the East Market square.. .....	165 00
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RECAPITULATION BY WARDS.

Showing the amount on hand April 1, 1872, the amount expended since April 1, 1872, the amount on hand at the present date.

WARDS.	Balance on hand April 1, 1872.	Amount expended since April 1, 1872.	Balance on hand.	Deficit.
First Ward.....	\$467 00	\$172 00	\$295 00	.....
Second Ward.....	558 00	171 00	387 00	.....
Third Ward.....	481 00	283 00	199 00	.....
Fourth Ward.....	585 00	376 00	209 00	.....
Fifth Ward.....	104 00	395 00	.....	\$291 00
Sixth Ward.....	540 00	491 00	55 00	.....
Seventh Ward.....	505 00	306 00	199 00	.....
Eighth Ward.....	407 00	72 00	335 00	.....
Ninth Ward.....	505 00	350 00	155 00	.....
Bridge fund.....	607 00	406 00	201 00	.....
Miscellaneous.....	159 00	165 00	.....	6 00
Total.....	\$4,924 00	\$3,187 00	\$2,435 00	\$297 00

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUST BRUNER,

Street Commissioner.

Which was received.

On motion, by Mr. Bigham, the tenth paragraph of the report of the Committee on Contracts, made to Council May 13, 1872, and referred the City Attorney, (said paragraph per-

taining to the improvement of Market street, from Arsenal to State avenue,) was taken up and approved by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Craft, Kennington, Pressly, Rush, Thalman, Whitsit and Wiles—10.

Negative—Councilmen Cottrell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Reagan, Sherwood and Woodburn—8.

Mr. Gimber moved that the report of the Special Committee on Tunnels, made to Council May 13, 1872, in regard to additional sidewalk on the west side of South Illinois street, etc., be concurred in, and that the Civil Engineer be instructed to close the contract for said work, in accordance with said report.

The question being, shall the motion be adopted. Those who voted in the affirmative, were Councilmen Bigham, Bollman, Gimber, Kahn, Kennington, Reagan, Rush, Whitsit and Wiles—9.

Those who voted in the negative were. Councilmen Batty, Cottrell, Craft, Gibson, Hardesty, Pressly, Sherwood, Thalman and Woodburn—9.

There being a tie vote, His Honor, the Mayor, voted in the affirmative, so the motion was adopted and the report concurred in.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication :

PEORIA, ILL., May 17, 1872.

*His Honor, Mayor Macauley.*

DEAR SIR—I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 15th, communicating on behalf of the citizens and Common Council of Indianapolis, their very generous invitation to the members and officers (including myself) of our city government, to visit and accept of the hospitalities of your city.

We having already completed our arrangements for an excursion on the I. B. & W. R. R. to your city, to leave here on the morning of the 23d (thursday next), I am authorized to say, that if the time we have fixed suits your convenience we shall most be happy to accept.

Respectfully yours,

P. R. K. BROTHESON,

Mayor.

Which was received.

His Honor appointed Councilmen Sherwood, Cottrell, Rush, Bigham, Wiles, Whitsit, Thalman, Kennington, Hardesty and Gibson, as a Committee on Reception.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING.

His Honor, the Mayor, introduced General Ordinance No. 34, 1872, entitled:

An Ordinance providing for the appointment of a City Jailor.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Batty introduced Special Ordinance No. 97, 1872, entitled:

An Ordinance to grade Tinker street, from the south-east to the south-west corner of W. H. Talbotts property.

Which was read the first time.

Also, Special Ordinance No. 98, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel the alley running from North to Walnut street, between Alabama and New Jersey streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Bollman introduced Special Ordinance No. 99, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to provide for lighting with gas East street, from Dougherty to Morris street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Craft introduced Special Ordinance No. 100, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel the alley running north and south through square 2.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Wiles introduced General Ordinance No. 35, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to amend section two of Dog ordinance.

Which was read the first time.

Also, General Ordinance No. 36, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to regulate the establishment of grades of streets in the city of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Batty presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 20, 1872.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis ;*

GENTLEMEN—Your petitioners represent that they are property owners on Yandes, Columbia and Beeler streets, in the Second Ward of the city ; that said streets run in unbroken lines due north to Tinker street, or what will be Tinker street, when said street is opened through eastward ; that Martindale & Fletcher, in laying off and platting an addition to the city, on the north side of said Tinker street, have made an offset in each of said streets—Yandes, Columbia and Beeler—completely shutting off said streets at Tinker, and throwing the continuation thereof more than the width of said streets to the east, thus destroying the beauty of appearance of this portion of the city, and materially depreciating the value of our property. We would respectfully petition your honorable body to refuse to receive the plat of said Martindale & Fletcher's addition, until they shall have remedied the defect named by surveying continuations of said Yandes, Columbia and Beeler streets, on a line due north, without offsets on said streets, as already opened and accepted in the plat of E. Fletcher's subdivision of Fletcher's heirs' addition to the city of Indianapolis.

J A C & T W McCoy, The Sewing Machine Cabinet Co, F M Hook, Isaac Amos, Wm R Shearer, Hiram Altand, Wm B Milender, Wm P Smith, Vanoy Cullins, Ira Carpenter & Co, W L Daulby, John S Bigelow, F D Russel, D M Osburn, J W Bugbee, D H. Merrill, A T Caudell, Geo W Wagner, John A McKinney, W J Osgood, S P Strong, S Houts, S P Strong, adm'r Murrey's estate, Joseph Mescall, John F Shoemaker, Levi Wright, John V Hanson.

Which was referred to the City Attorney, to report what power (if any) the city has over the matter complained of.

Mr. Thalman introduced Special Ordinance No. 101, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to grade and gravel Minerva street, between New York and North streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

*Moved* : That the matter of Vacating that part of Fifth street east of Illinois, be referred to the City Engineer, to make a survey on a line of said street through to Meridian, to ascertain what part of said street could be opened through, and not interfere with Mr. Henderson's residence.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 20, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—We, the undersigned, property holders on the west side of Delaware street, between Maryland street and Union Railway Co.'s tracks, protest against the erection of said bridge now in process of construction in the center of the street, and for the following reasons :

1st. The frequent obstruction of the street being caused by railway trains, we deem it no more than just that property owned by railroad companies should sustain the principal damage caused by said bridge.

2d. By erecting the bridge in the centre of the street, *less than seventeen feet is allowed for passage of vehicles* between the curbstone and pier of bridge, which is entirely inadequate.

3d. The passage-way for foot passengers being on the west side of the bridge, the approaches thereto will occupy full *seven feet of additional space*, leaving *less than ten feet* between the curbstone and approach to bridge, which will barely admit of the passage of one vehicle.

4th. The west side of the street is almost wholly occupied by business houses which require space for the passing of drays and business wagons, and the loading and unloading of merchandise, and



by erecting the bridge in the center of the street, business will be destroyed.

5th. By erecting the bridge in the center of the street, the manufacturing establishments on the west side will suffer annoyance and damages, by their establishments being so darkened and obstructed by the bridge as to virtually suspend their business in some hours of day. There being but one business house on the east side, and that erected upon railroad property, the objections as herein stated will not apply to that side of the street. Furthermore, the sidewalk on the east side is but little used by foot passengers, but on the contrary is given wholly to the use of drays and business vehicles.

In consideration of the damage to our business and property from the bridge being erected in the center of the street we respectfully, but earnestly, pray your honorable body to cause the bridge to be erected where you, in your good judgment, originally placed it; but if this be not done, then we pray you not to erect the contemplated bridge.

A decent respect to the opinions of those whose property and business is *directly damaged*, in the erection of the proposed bridge, will cause your honorable body to move cautiously, so as to not ruin the interests of the *majority* in favor of the minority.

For this we will ever pray.

Sinker, Davis & Co, John Knight, I P Evans & Co, Wm Langsenkamp, Christ Karle, John Geis, Dickson & Schneider.

Also, the following motion :

*Moved* : That the City Council take it for granted, (without trial,) that the Delaware street viaduct will be a constant source of annoyance, and is one grand humbug ; they therefore agree to pay the contractor \$2,000 to relinquish his contract and not build the same.

Mr. Kennington offered the following motion as a substitute for Mr. Thalmans motion :

*Moved* : That the City Engineer be directed to locate the Delaware street bridge on the east side of the street as first contemplated.

Mr. Wiles moved to refer the whole matter to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, to ascertain and report upon what terms the contractors are willing to relinquish their contract.

After considerable discussion Mr. Bigham offered the following motion :

*Moved:* That the City Marshal be directed to notify the bridge contractors on the South Delaware street bridge, to suspend work for *one day*, from this date; and that a special committee be appointed to examine into the contract and plans of said bridge, and that said committee be required to report their proceedings at a special meeting of the Common Council, to be held on Tuesday evening, May 21, 1872, at 8 o'clock.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Gibson, Hardesty, Kahn, Pressly, Sherwood, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—11.

Negative—Councilmen Cottrell, Craft, Gimber, Kennington, Reagan and Thalman—6.

His Honor appointed as such Committee, Councilmen Bigham, Whitsit, Gibson, Sherwood and Hardesty.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 20, 1872.

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

Weekly contents of Register of Patients of City Hospital, ending April 27, 1872 :

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	46
“ “ received in Hospital since last report.....	6
“ “ born in Hospital since last report.....	
“ “ discharged from Hospital since last report...	11
“ “ died in Hospital since last report.....	1
“ “ remaining in Hospital at present report.....	41

JOSEPH W. MARSEE,  
Superintendent.

Which was received.

Also, the following :

Weekly report of contents of register of patients of City Hospital, ending May 4, 1872 :

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	41
“ “ received in Hospital since last report.....	6
“ “ born in Hospital since last report.....	1
“ “ discharged from Hospital since last report.....	7
“ “ died in Hospital since last report.....	2
“ “ remaining in Hospital at present report.....	39

J. W. MARSEE,  
Superintendent.

Which was received.

Dr. Woodburn, from the Special Committee, to whom the report of the Sewerage Engineer, in regard to North Illinois street, was referred, reported against any change in the dimensions of the sewer.

Which was concurred in.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 20, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—At the regular meeting of the German Protestant

Orphan Association, held on the tenth of this month, the following vote of thanks was unanimously adopted :

“ We hereby give our thanks to the Mayor and Council of the city, for the aid rendered us by a liberal donation of two thousand dollars for the benefit of our Orphan Home, and instruct the Secretary to forward a copy of this resolution to said Council.”

GEO. REYER,

PRESIDENT.

CHAS. SCHMIDT, *Secretary.*

Which was received and ordered spread on the minutes.

Mr. Batty offered the following motion :

*Moved:* That the City Attorney prepare and report to this Council an ordinance to prevent persons hereafter platting and laying out new grounds as additions to the city of Indianapolis, from filing said plat until the same has been examined by the City Civil Engineer and that all streets laid out in such new additions shall conform, much as possible, to the streets laid out in property contiguous to said contemplated addition.

Which was referred to the City Attorney.

On motion, the Council adjourned until Tuesday, May 21, 6 o'clock P. M.

DANIEL MACAULEY,

Mayor.

ATTEST :

JOHN R. CLINTON,

City Clerk.