

PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL.

---

REGULAR SESSION.

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CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
*Monday, June 24, 1872, 7½ o'clock, P. M.* }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—Dr. J. H. Woodburn, President *pro tem.*, in the chair,  
and the following members :

Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Cottrell, Gibson, Gimber,  
Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Sherwood, Thal-  
man, Whitsit and Wiles—15.

Absent—Councilmen Craft and Rush—2.

The proceedings of the regular session, held June 17th, 1872,  
were read and approved.

Sealed proposals for building a sewer in the first alley east of  
East street and in Merrill street, were read and referred to the  
Committee on Contracts.

## REPORTS FROM OFFICERS.

The Civil Engineer made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 24, 1872.

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

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

Hiram Seibert for grading and graveling Locust street from Sycamore to Ray street:

Length on east side.....684 feet  
Length on west side.....684 "

Total length .....1368

At 50 cents per lineal foot..... \$684 00

Also, Harry C. Roney for grading and paving the east sidewalk on Noble street, from Washington to Market street:

Length of sidewalk.... 315 ft 6 in.

At 60 cents per lineal foot..... \$189 30

Also, James W. Hudson for grading and paving the east sidewalk on Alabama street, from Walnut st. to Ft. Wayne avenue:

Length of sidewalk .....479 ft 2 in.

At 62 cents per lineal foot..... \$297 08

Also, Patterson & Dunning for grading and graveling Douglas street and sidewalks, from North street to Indiana avenue:

Length on east side.....948 ft 6 in.

Length on west side.....980 ft 6 in.

Total length .....1929 feet.

At 53 cents per lineal foot..... \$1022 37

Also, J. J. Palmer for grading and graveling Tinker street and sidewalks, from the east line of Illinois street to the Michigan road:

Length on north side.....2425 ft 9 in.

Length on south side....2417 feet.

Total length .....4842 ft 9 in.

At 69 cents per lineal foot.....\$3341 49

Extra graveling at street crossings, estimated at..... 28 80

74½ yards of bouldering in gutter, at 80 cents per yard.. 59 60

144 feet of connecting pipe, at 90 cents per foot..... 129 60

6 protection stones, at 6 dollars per stone..... 36 00

Total estimate..... \$3595 49

Also J. J. Palmer for grading and paving with wooden blocks,  
Market street, from Delaware to Pennsylvania street:

Length on north side...	420 feet
Length on south side.....	420 "
Total length ....	840 feet.
At \$6 88 per lineal foot...	\$5,779 20
158½ square yards paving on street and alley crossings, at \$2 06 per yard.....	326 51
129.4 yards of bouldering on Pennsylvania street, at 44 cents per yard.....	56 93
One foot crossing estimated at .....	3 00
Total estimate.....	\$6,165 64

Respectfully,

R. M. PATTERSON, Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

The Sewerage Engineer made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 24, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The following is the first and partial estimate allowed Jesse S. Whitsit on account of North Illinois Street Sewer:

780 lineal feet of sewer, at \$7.42.....	\$5,787 60
2 manholes, at \$40.35 .....	80 70
Total .....	\$5,868 30
Less 15 per cent.....	880 25
First payment .....	\$4,988 05

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BROWN, Sewer Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

The City Clerk made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 24, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The City Clerk would respectfully report:

FIRST.

First and final estimate in favor of Hiram Seibert for grading and graveling Locust street from Sycamore to Ray streets.

## SECOND.

First and final estimate in favor of Henry C. Roney for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of Noble street from Washington street to Market street.

## THIRD.

First and final estimate in favor of James W. Hudson for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of Alabama street from Walnut street to Fort Wayne avenue.

## FOURTH.

First and final estimate in favor of Patterson and Dunning for grading and graveling Douglass street and sidewalks from North street to Indiana avenue.

## FIFTH.

First and final estimate in favor of J. J. Palmer for grading and graveling Tinker street and sidewalks from the east line of Illinois street to the Michigan Road.

## SIXTH.

First and final estimate in favor of J. J. Palmer for grading and paving with wooden blocks Market street, between Pennsylvania and Delaware sts.

## SEVENTH.

Contract and bond of John Greene for grading and graveling Bellefontaine street and paving with brick the sidewalks of same between Christian and Forest Home avenues.

## EIGHTH.

Contract and bond of Hanway & Co. for grading and graveling Ohio street and sidewalks from the old Corporation line to a point 220 feet east thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. CLINTON, City Clerk.

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

Also, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Hiram Seibert for grading and graveling Locust street from Sycamore to Ray street, 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, Gibson, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Sherwood, Thaman, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—14.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Henry C. Roney for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of Noble street, from Washington to Market street, 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, Gibson, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Sherwood, Thaman, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—14.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed James W. Hudson for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of Alabama street, from Walnut st. to Ft. Wayne avenue, 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, Gibson, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Sherwood, Thaman, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—14.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Patterson & Dunning for grading and graveling Douglass street and sidewalks from North street to Indiana avenue, 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, Gibson, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Sherwood, Therman, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—14.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed J. J. Palmer, for grading and graveling Tinker street and sidewalks from the east line of Illinois street to the Michigan road, 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 names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Gibson, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Sherwood, Therman, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—14.

Negative—None.

Also, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed J. J. Palmer, for grading and paving with wooden blocks, Market street, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets, 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, Gibson,

Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Sherwood, Therman, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—14.

Negative—None.

The City Clerk presented the contract and bond of Jesse S. Whitsit for building an extension of the Kentucky Avenue Sewer, &c.

Which was approved, with the proviso that the contractor and surety change the time for the completion of said sewer from the 24th of July to the 15th day of July, 1872.

The City Attorney made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 24, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN :—In conformity with authority heretofore given me by resolution or motion, I have compromised the case of Martin M. Ray and Susan F. Ray, against the city. It being No. 479, of the Superior Court of Marion County. This action was brought to recover damages for an alleged overflow of premises of plaintiff, caused by defective drainage. The plaintiffs were about to commence two other suits for damages for two overflows which occurred since the institution of this action.

By the terms of the compromise the plaintiffs have a judgment for one hundred dollars and costs in this action, and at the same time execute to the city a release of all other rights of action up to this time; which release accompanies this report.

I submit the same for your approval.

J. S. HARVEY, City Attorney.

Also, the following proposition :

Martin M. Ray and Susan F. Ray }  
   vs.   } No. 479.  
 City of Indianapolis.

Whereas the the Plaintiff, Martin M. Ray, claims to have sustained considerable damages by reason of the grievances in the complaint herein mentioned: and whereas the said Ray also claims damages by reason of like grievances happening, the one about January 1st, 1872, and again about Februaay, 1872, for which suits have not been commenced: Now therefore, in consideration of a compromise of all said supposed grievances, and that the City by agreement allow a judgment in favor of the plaintiffs for one

hundred dollars and costs in the above entitled cause, the said plaintiffs will, and they do hereby release to said city, all damages and claims for damages for any and all said grievances for causing the flow of water, &c., on said grounds and property, and release all rights of action for the same.

MARTIN M. RAY and  
SUSAN F. RAY,  
by M. M. RAY.

June 22, 1872.

Which was accepted, and report concurred in.

The City Attorney, also, submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 24, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN:—At your meeting of the 17th inst., a resolution was adopted instructing me to present an ordinance to condemn, for the purposes of a street, so much of the White River Gravel Road as lies within the corporate limits of the city, and also provide for the assessment of damages by the City Commissioners; and also, to report whether benefits may be assessed on the property fronting on said gravel road (or street).

I have examined the subject with some care. In my opinion no ordinance is necessary to condemn the ground contemplated for a street, but that a motion or resolution accompanied by a plat of the gravel road to be appropriated, showing the place of beginning as well as the ending of the contemplated street, and the grounds or lots thereon bordering, and providing for the opening of the same, and referring the same to the City Commissioners should be adopted, and notice given by the Clerk as in other cases.

If all the ground of the Gravel Road Comyany is taken for the street, benefits may be assessed against the lots or property bordering on the proposed street. Of course the resolution or motion should fix the width of the proposed street.

What I have already said will apply to the petition of S. A. Fletcher, Jr., and others, in reference to making Clifford avenue, which, it seems, is now a part of the Pogue's Run Gravel Road, a street of the city. The ordinances must be passed appropriating the ground after the Commissioners report.

Under your rule, heretofore passed, a plat must accompany the resolution, motion or petition for the opening of a street, by which the City Commissioners would be informed of the matters they would be required to examine into and report upon.

J. S. HARVEY, City Attorney.

Which was received, and City Attorney instructed to prepare the necessary resolution.



The City Attorney made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 25, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith report the accompanying ordinance, as directed by you at your last meeting, entitled, "An ordinance to provide a policeman to prevent the violation of ordinances by railroad companies or their employes."

J. S. HARVEY, City Attorney.

Which was received.

Also, general ordinance No. 44, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to provide a Policeman to prevent the violation of ordinances by Railroad Companies or their employees.

Which was read the first time.

The City Clerk presented the following report of the City Commissioners :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 24, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of City Commissioners have acted on the petition of Joseph Stumph and others, referred to them by your honorable body, asking the opening of Peru street from its present southern terminus to Massachusetts avenue. Said street when opened is to be sixty feet in width, and passing north and south through part of out lot No. 183.

After examining the ground, we are of opinion that the damages and benefits in the case are equal, and submit the following schedule and assessment of damages and benefits :

We find the total amount for damages for ground taken, to be \$1,200 00.

We find the total benefits to the land and lots abutting on the new street, to be \$1,200 00.

We think the city of Indianapolis should pay no part of the damages or benefits.

We estimate the damages to the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railroad Co. (or to the old Bellefontaine Railroad Co., as it is more generally known) for a strip of ground sixty feet in width, running north and south through a part of out lot No. 183, in Indianapolis, at \$1,200 00.

We estimate the benefits to said Railroad Company above named, from the new frontage on said street when opened in out lot No. 183, at \$1,200 00.

Balance of damage to said Company, nothing.

Respectfully submitted.

IGNATIUS BROWN,  
WM. S. HUBBARD,  
J. F. RAMSAY,  
SAMUEL M. SEIBERT,  
Board of City Commissioners.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 24, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of City Commissioners met pursuant to notice from the City Clerk, to take action on the petition of F. A. Lehr and others, referred to us by the Council, asking the passage of an ordinance setting back the fences on certain lots in out-lot 178, on New Jersey street, asserting that said fences are placed five feet in the street, and that so situated they were a nuisance, &c.

The petition thus asserts ownership of said five feet in the city. This averment is denied to us by the lot owners. This at once estops us, for we can not determine the question of title. We therefore report the matter back to the Council with the following suggestions:

That the matter be referred to the City Attorney, with instructions to fully investigate the question of ownership of said five feet. If the city is found to own it, that the Marshal be then ordered to set back said fences at the expense of said lot owners. If, however, the claimants have good title to said five feet, we think it will be necessary to have the petitioner file a new petition, asking specifically for the condemnation of the different tracts, and setting them out in proper shape, and by proper descriptions. In our judgment the present petition is fatally defective, and would be insufficient even if there were no questions as to the ownership of the slips mentioned in it.

Respectfully submitted.

IGNATIUS BROWN,  
WM. S. HUBBARD,  
J. F. RAMSAY,  
SAMUEL M. SEIBERT,  
Board of City Com'rs.

Which was concurred in, and referred to the City Attorney for investigation.

The Board of Equalization reported as follows :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 24, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The following is the report of the Board of Equalization :

We have heard and adjusted all complaints brought before us, and return to you the total amount of taxable property for the year 1872. Thirty-five million one hundred and forty-nine thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight dollars (\$35,149,878), and eight thousand seven hundred and twelve polls (8,712).

WILLIAM HADLEY, City Assessor.

JOHN R. CLINTON, City Clerk.

W. D. WILES,

DAVID GIBSON,

C. E. WHITSIT,

J. T. PRESSLY,

ROBERT KENNINGTON,

Board of Equalization.

Which was concurred in.

By consent, Mr. Wiles introduced general ordinance No. 45, 1872, entitled :

An ordinance making a general tax levy for the year 1872, upon taxable property within the city of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time.

On motion by Mr. Wiles, the rules were suspended for the purpose of taking up and reading said ordinance the second and third times and placing it on its passage.

The ordinance was then read the second time.

When Mr. Wiles moved to fix the levy for general purposes at \$1.25 on each \$100.

Mr. Cottrell moved to amend Mr. Wiles' motion by fixing said levy at \$1.13 on each \$100.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment as offered by Mr. Cottrell,

The ayes and noes were demanded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Bigham, Bollman, Cottrell, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Sherwood, Thalman and Woodburn—12.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Batty, Gibson, Whitsit and Wiles—4.

So the amendment was adopted, and the levy fixed at \$1.13 on each one hundred dollars.

On motion, the further sum of 50 cts. on each poll was ordered.

On motion the amount to be set apart for sewerage purposes was fixed at 18 cents on each \$100 of said levy, and 5 cents for interest, &c.

The ordinance was then ordered engrossed and read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bollman, Cottrell, Gibson, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Sherwood, Thalman, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—14.

Negative—Councilmen Bigham and Gimber—2.

By consent, the Board of Health submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 24, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Health has the honor to submit the following annual report of its services during the year ending May 25th, 1872.

In presenting this report the Board desires to acknowledge many acts of courtesy and co-operation which it has received at your hands in its efforts to promote the health of the city.

The duties of the Board on account of the prevalence of small pox during the winter, have been unusually arduous. The difficulty of convincing the people of the necessity of vaccination and revaccination has been quite great; in some instances it having been necessary to resort to compulsory measures, but the good results of such a course cannot now be doubted.

During the months of July, August and September last, in view of the apprehended appearance of cholera, the Board made a general sanitary in-

spection of the city, and effected the removal of numerous sources of disease; and during the succeeding months of the year, upon complaints of individuals, and notice from the police, and requests from the Superintendent of Public Schools, have made a large number of visits of inspection of private and public nuisances in various parts of the city, and have had the same abated or removed without material cost to parties or resort to process of law, except in a few cases, some of which were reported to Council at the time for action thereon.

In the month of November last the small pox made its appearance in our city, several cases occurring of a severe type, creating great anxiety in the minds of the people—threatening seriously to break up our public schools—and from the fact that epidemics of this terrible disease were raging at the time most severely in several of our sister cities, strong apprehensions were felt that it might assume an epidemic form among us, which probably would have been the case had not active and stringent measures been at once instituted for the prevention of so great a calamity. Upon the suggestion of the Board, prompt and effective vaccination of all unprotected persons was made compulsory by ordinance; and by the action of the School Board, protection in the same way was required of the pupils attending our public schools. An immediate compliance with the law on the subject, both by the people and the pupils, allayed apprehension and secured protection, and no general outbreak of the disease occurred. No less than ten thousand vaccinations have been performed in the city among the people since November, and in no instance has death, or any injurious effect, been the result.

A complete separation and isolation of all cases of the disease, as the Board of Health could accomplish, has been effected, and the disinfection of all contaminated premises, and the purification or destruction of all infected clothing and bedding has been ordered and accomplished as far as the Board had power to do so.

About two hundred cases of this disease have occurred in the city since its appearance in November to the present time, of which about thirty have proved fatal. A large number of these cases have been contracted elsewhere, and been developed here; and several times since its first appearance in November the city has been free from the disease, when it has been again renewed by importation from abroad. A few cases, mostly of a mild type, exist at this time in the city, but they are also of "foreign" origin strictly. Our city having no quarantine laws is of course at this point unprotected, and such cases cannot well be guarded against; and when it is recollected that the facilities for taking care of this dreadful disease are in this city very meagre, the accommodations at the small pox hospital very limited, and the powers of the Board much restricted, it will be admitted that for a city of the size of this, and so much exposed on all sides, we have escaped pretty well.

A large part of the time of the Board has been consumed in making visits of examination and inspection of reported cases of small pox, and in

providing the necessary arrangements for taking care of many cases—in some instances where parties were too poor to employ a physician, employing one for them—seeing to properly policing the premises, and in seeing to disinfecting the same after the termination of the cases, and in some instances of even hunting up and employing an undertaker to perform the last sad rites of burial to the poor unfortunates.

Among the infantile population of the city, measles is the only other contagious malady that has prevailed to any considerable extent. It has not, however, approached the character of an epidemic, and its prevailing type has been very mild, causing, as the Board judges, but small mortality. Some cases of cerebro-spinal meningitis, commonly called spotted fever, has occurred in certain localities in the city, within the past four months, though there has been no general outbreak of the disease.

Owing to the absence of any law on the subject of mortuary records, the Board regrets that it has not been able to obtain for your inspection any more exact statistics as to the amounts and kinds of sickness, or the number of deaths in the city during the year, than as above stated, and would respectfully beg to suggest to your honorable body that some provision for such a record should be made at once, and in order that the services of the Board may be rendered more effective, that some additional powers be granted it; some such as are contained in the ordinance now before your honorable body, would increase its efficiency and usefulness very much.

The boundaries of the city are becoming so extensive, its population so numerous, and the sources of impurity and disease so multiplied, and the interests of the public health so great and important as to demand that the most liberal provisions be made for this service. Rumors of cholera reach us from New York through the newspapers. A foreign vessel is said to have arrived there with the disease on board. It has been prevailing for some time this season already in Southern Russia, and may be expected to follow its usual routes of travel westward, and our city may, ere the summer is over, receive a visit from that terrible scourge. It behooves us then to have our health department placed upon a proper footing, commensurate with the needs of our growing community.

The board has taken pains, and been at some expense, to procure reliable vaccine matter, which it has furnished to all proper applicants when called upon, as far as has been in its power, and without charge.

It has made during the year, to cases of small pox, mostly to poor and needy families, for the purposes, as above stated, of inspection, provision, and disinfection, &c., 148 visits.

It has made, for the purposes of inspecting and seeing to the abatement and removal of nuisances, and reinspecting the same, during the year, 221 visits.

It has performed during the year since the advent of small pox in the city, vaccinations for which it has received no compensation, 724.

And with the limited powers at its disposal, but with the willing co-operation of our excellent Street Commissioner, and of an active and vigilant police, the Board has done what has been in its power towards removing causes of disease and promoting the public health, and feels warranted in reporting the general sanitary condition of the city, with some exceptions over which the Board has no control, to be at present in a very fair state.

All of which, together with report of the physician Superintendent of the Small Pox Hospital, is here with respectfully submitted.

J. A. COMINGOR, M. D.,  
JNO. M. GASTON, M. D.,  
GUIDO BELL,

Board of Health.

Also, the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 24, 1872.

J. Comingor, M. D., President Board of Health :

SIR:—In accordance with your request, I beg leave to report the number of cases of small pox, in its various grades, which have had treatment at the Small Pox Hospital since the 16th of December, 1871.

John Anderson, white, distinct, contracted on cars, discharged Jan. 6, 1872.

19th, Richard Coats, colored, confluent, contracted in city, dis. Jan. 23.

20th, Monroe Higgins, col'd, confluent, contracted in city, died Jan. 9.

Jan. 2, Geo. L. Withers, white, distinct, contracted in city, dis. 28th.

" 2, Samuel Mendelson, white, distinct, cont'd in city, dis. Feb. 3.

" 2, Geo. Effiman, white, varioloid, contracted in city, dis. 23d.

" 6, Thos. Chambers, white, confluent, cont'd in city, dis. Feb. 3.

" 6, John Hampton, col'd, verioloid, cont'd in city, dis. Jan. 24.

" 7, Lewis Bane, col'd, confluent, cont'd in city, died Jan. 15.

" 9, Elizabeth Mays, col'd child, confluent, cont'd in city, dis. Feb. 24.

" 11, Lannie Wise, white, confluent, cont'd in city, dis. Feb. 23.

" 11, Robt. Black, white, confluent, con'd on cars, dis. Feb. 26.

" 11, Edw. Johnson, col'd, distinct, cont'd in city, dis. Jan. 30.

" 23, James Whitney, white, varioloid, cont'd in city, dis. Feb. 17.

" 26, Carrie Redding, white, confluent, cont'd in city, died Feb. 9.

Feb. 5, G. W. McMurry, white, distinct, cont'd in city, dis. Feb. 29.

" 12, Mrs. Taylor and child, col'd, confluent, cont'd in city, dis. March 16.

" 23, Charley Madden, white, varioloid, cont'd in city, dis. March 11.

" 24, Charles Reed, col'd, confluent, cont'd in city, dis. March 27.

Mar. 9, Hanson Reed, col'd, confluent, cont'd in city, dis. April 6.

" 9, Winfield Reed, col'd, confluent, cont'd in city, died March 21.

" 12, Mary Gibson, col'd, varioloid, cont'd in city, dis. April 16.

" 31, Andrew Monteith, white, confluent, cont'd in city, dis. May 5.

Apr. 11, Henry Rice, col'd, confluent, cont'd in city, dis. May 21.

- Apr. 14, Alice Harrid, white, confluent, cont'd in city, dis. June 3.  
 " 16, Matilda Welt, white, varioloid, cont'd in city, dis. May 5.  
 " 16, Mari Konner, white, distinct, cont'd in city, dis. May 12.  
 " 16, John Evans, col'd, varioloid, cont'd in city, dis. May 4.  
 " 20, Jas. Hurwison, col'd, varioloid, cont'd in city, dis. May 10.  
 " 21, Rose Dillon, white, varioloid, cont'd in city, dis. May 15.  
 " 22, Rob't O'Connell, white, confluent, cont'd in city, dis. June 14.  
 " 26, John D. Myre, white, varioloid, con't in city, dis. May 16.  
 May 6, J. Leesman, white, confluent, cont'd in city, dis. June 3.  
 " 15, John Dwire, col'd, confluent, cont'd in city, died May 26.  
 " 22, Henry Rose, col'd, varioloid, cont'd in city, dis. June 6.  
 " 27, John Wilson, white, varioloid, cont'd in city, dis. June 14.  
 June 9, Charles Lumbard, white, confluent, cont'd in city.  
 " 12, James Peak, white, confluent, cont'd in city, died June 17.  
 " 10, Wm. Southworth, white, varioloid, cont'd in city.  
 " 15, Mary Willing, white, varioloid, contracted in city.  
 " 16, Charles Lewis, col'd, confluent, contracted in city.

You will see by above list that there have, altogether, been forty-three cases treated, of which number six have proved fatal. There are still under treatment four of the above cases which promise favorable termination.

I desire to avail myself of the occasion to suggest some few necessary improvements to the Hospital. The water being bad in very dry seasons, it is quite indispensable that a cistern holding some fifty or sixty barrels should be provided. To this end I have ventured to employ a man, now convalescent, but as yet unfit to turn out upon society (and who is a cistern builder) to engage in the work at a comparatively moderate per diem allowance. In this way the work will be accomplished at a little more than one-half the ordinary cost. I shall look with confidence for your endorsement of my course.

The difficulty of procuring transportation of subjects to and from the Hospital, is sometimes very embarrassing and always costly.

I suggest to the Council through you the propriety of getting a cheap but properly constructed wagon to be kept at the Hospital, in order that the person in charge of the Hospital may at the shortest notice and for small but fixed compensation, be ready to attend to that duty—he having at all times horses of his own to use for the emergency.

We need, also, attached, or very nearly to the Hospital building, a small room erected for the purpose of a dead house. The inconvenience of the present mode of disposing of the dead, especially when there are eight or ten, or more cases, of different sexes and colors, as has sometimes been the case during the last winter, is annoying in the extreme, sometimes imposing the necessity in case of a death to mix up sexes and colors, temporarily to



be sure, but always to great inconvenience and sometimes doubtless to the injury of patients.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. MEARS,  
Sup't Small Pox Hospital.

Which, on motion by Mr. Gibson, the whole matter was referred to the Committee on Revision of Ordinances, with instructions to report at next regular session of Council what additional powers should be conferred upon the Board of Health.

By consent, Mr. Sherwood, from the Committee on Contracts, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 24, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred a proposal for building a sewer in the first alley east of East street, running parallel with East street to Merrill street, thence on East Merrill street 120 feet, have examined the same, and find it to be as follows :

For cement pipe we find that John A. Whitsit is the lowest and best bidder, his bid being per lineal foot run \$3.60.

For brick sewer we find that John A. Whitsit is the lowest and best bidder, his bid being \$5.80 per lineal foot run, and would recommend that the contracts be awarded to the above named party.

Respectfully submitted.

L. Q. SHERWOOD,  
ISAAC THALMAN,  
H. S. BIGHAM,  
Committee on Contracts.

Which was concurred in, and contract awarded.

Also, the contract and bond of John A. Whitsit for building said sewer in accordance with said report.

Which, on motion by Mr. Cottrell, was approved, *provided*, the contractor and bondsman consent to fix the time for the completion of said work at sixty days.

By consent, Mr. Sherwood offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the City Clerk re-advertise for proposals to grade and gravel Merrill street and sidewalks from Mississippi to Missouri streets.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Bigham presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 24, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN :—The undersigned, owners of the real estate on Sciota alley, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the bouldering of the above alley. And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

JOHN M. WOOD,  
WOOD & FOUDRAY.

Which was received.

Mr. Bigham introduced special ordinance No. 124, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to provide for grading and bouldering Scioto alley between Washington and Market streets, through Square No. 56.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Bigham presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 24, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I pray your honorable body to pass an ordinance to grade the first alley running north and south, east of Alabama, extending from Market to Wabash street. This alley should be graded down to the former gravel bed of said alley, and charge the same to property fronting on same. I own 95 feet on said alley.

Respectfully,

ANDREW WALLACE.

Which was received.

Mr. Bigham introduced special ordinance No. 125, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of Alabama street, running from Market street to Wabash alley.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Cottrell introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 37, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance appropriating money to pay damages on account of opening an alley through the south-west half of Square No. 101, in the city of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Gibson introduced general ordinance No. 46, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to repeal section 13 of an ordinance "describing the powers, functions and duties of general City officers," passed May 4th, 1864

Which was read the first time.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, June 24, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN :—Your committee on streets and alleys, to whom was referred a communication from the Trustees of the North Western Christian University, praying that the city pay for that part of grading and graveling College avenue from Forest Home avenue to Tinker street, that lies on a line of their property between the points named.

As the college ground is used for a place of recreation by the citizens of the north east end, and a still further proposition is talked of to use the grounds as a park, we would recommend in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, and that the ordinance be placed upon its passage.

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC THALMAN,  
JOHN T. PRESSLY,  
C. E. WHITSIT,

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Thalman offered the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That three commissioners be appointed who, after being sworn, shall, in conjunction with the City Civil Engineer, proceed at once to locate and lay out a line for a sewer, or drain, along and across the White River Gravel Road, as they may deem for the interest of the city, for the purpose of carrying the water from Tinker street into Fall creek. That said engineer report a plat or profile thereof, and said commissioners report the amount of damages which will be sustained by said White River Gravel Road Company and others, by reason of the construction of such sewer, or drain, and that they report at the next regular meeting of the council.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Cottrell, Gibson, Gimber, Hardesty, Kahn, Pressly, Sherwood, Thalman, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—14.

Negative—Councilman Kennington—1.

The Chair appointed Messrs. John Caven, Samuel P. Daniels and George Merritt, as such Commissioners.

Mr. Wiles moved to reconsider the vote by which the ordinance was passed providing for the widening of Meridian street, &c.

Upon which no action was taken.

Mr. Bigham presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 17, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN:—On the 16th day of December, 1865, at the public tax sale for the years 1864 and 1865, I purchased lot 489, in out-lot 94, in the city of Indianapolis, and received from the City Treasurer a certificate of purchase for lot No. "498" instead of 489. As the certificate for said lot 498 was issued to me illegally, and as I have no claim on said lot, I respectfully petition your Honorable body to instruct the Treasurer to issue to me a tax certificate for lot 489, in out-lot 94, and I will ever pray.

J. M. W. LANGSDALE.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Kahn, from the Committee on Water Works, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 24, 1872.

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

The Committee on Water Works, to whom was referred a petition praying for the location of two Fire Hydrants on the corners of First and Second streets and Pennsylvania street, would report that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. WOODBURN,  
EDWARD REAGAN,  
LEON KAHN.

Committee on Water Works.

Which was referred to the Councilmen from the Second Ward and Chief Fire Engineer.

Mr. Thalman, from the Committee on Parks, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 24, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Parks, to whom was referred a proposal from Joseph Parisett for permission to sell Ice Cream in Military Park, would report that we believe such permission should not be granted, and recommend against the prayers of the petitioner.

2d. We would recommend that the sum of one hundred dollars be pledged to be appropriated for the purpose of giving six weekly concerts in Military Park, provided the citizens will raise a sufficient sum to pay the balance of the expense.

ISAAC THALMAN,  
FRED. C. BOLLMAN,  
J. H. WOODBURN,  
Com. on Parks.

The question being, shall the report be concurred in,

A division was called for.

The first paragraph was then concurred in,

When the ayes and noes were demanded on the concurrence in the second paragraph.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Bollman, Gibson, Hardesty, Thalman, Whitsit and Woodburn—6.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Bigham, Cotrell, Gimber, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Sherwood and Wiles—8.

So the second paragraph was not concurred in.

The Committee appointed to superintend the construction of the Block pavement on South Illinois street consists of Councilmen Woodburn, Hardesty and Gimber, to act in conjunction with Messrs. Hubbard, Spann and Allen.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

J. H. WOODBURN, Pres't *pro tem*.

ATTEST :

JOHN R. CLINTON, City Clerk.