

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
Monday, Jan. 6, 1873, 7 o'clock, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

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

Councilmen Batty, Bigham, 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 December 30th,
1872, were read and approved.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Clerk made the following report:

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, }
INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 6, 1873. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The City Clerk would respectfully report that there are on file in his office affidavits for the collection of street improvement assessments by precepts as follows:

S. W. Patterson vs. Harriet J. O'Brien, for.....	\$87 98
James W. Hudson vs. The Water Works Co., for....	72 69

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

Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN R. CLINTON, City Clerk.

Which was concurred in and precepts ordered to issue.

The Chief Police made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 6, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I would respectfully submit the following report of the operations of the Police Department from January 1st, 1872, to December 31st, 1872:

Number of arrests for the year ending December 31, were thirty-four hundred and seventy-seven, of which eighty-one were convicted for grand larceny, and are serving out terms ranging from one to six years in our State Prison; there were four for the crime of murder—one sentenced to death, one to hard labor for life, one for six years and one for two years. Total number of paupers kept, five hundred and fifty seven; total number of meals furnished the same seven hundred and nine, at an average cost of seven cents per meal. Current expenses of force for salaries of forty-two men, thirty-six thousand five hundred and seventy-one dollars.

Yours respectfully,

ELI THOMPSON, Chief Police.

Which was received and ordered spread on the minutes.

The City Marshal made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 6, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have notified the Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati Railroad Company, the Peru and Indianapolis Railroad Company, and the Indianapolis and St. Louis Railroad Company of the passage of an ordinance to place flagmen, the two first at the crossing on East Market street, the second at the crossing on South West street.

Also, the Gas Company to light the gas in the Tunnel.

Respectfully, &c.,

THOMAS D. AMOS, City Marshal.

Which was received.

The Board of Health submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 6, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Health submits the following mortality report for the week ending Jan. 6, 1872:

Under 1 year.....	6
From 1 to 2 years	0
From 2 and 5 years	3
From 5 to 10 years.....	1
From 10 to 15 years.....	2
From 15 to 20 years.....	0
From 20 to 25 years.....	1
From 25 to 30 years.....	2
From 30 to 40 years..	2
From 40 to 50 years..	1
From 50 to 60 years.....	1
From 60 to 70 years.....	1
From 70 to 80 years..	1
From 80 to 90 years.....	0
From 90 to 100 years.....	0
100 and upwards.....	0
Unknown.....	0
Total.....	21

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. COMINGOR, M. D., Pres't.

W. WANDS, M. D., Secretary.

Which was received.

The Street Commissioner submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 1, 1873.

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 December 1, 1872:

FIRST WARD.

Repaired the culvert on North and Noble street..	\$14 00
Put two foot bridges on Liberty and North streets	8 00
Put two foot bridges on Liberty and Michigan streets.....	8 00
Total.....	<u>\$30 00</u>

SECOND WARD.

Put three foot bridges on Bellefontaine street and Christian avenue,	\$12 00
Put six foot bridges on St. Mary and Alabama streets.....	25 00
Repaired sidewalk on Massachusetts avenue.....	22 00
Total.....	<u>\$59 00</u>

THIRD WARD.

Cleaned Illinois street one square and Washington street two sq's..	\$45 00
Repaired the culvert on Tennessee and Ohio streets.....	7 00
Put four foot bridges on Tennessee and Sixth streets.....	16 00
Total..	<u>\$67 00</u>

FIFTH WARD.

Repaired the culvert on Tennessee and Garden streets.....	\$7 00
Repaired the sidewalks on Mississippi near Merrill street	18 00
Total....	<u>\$25 00</u>

SEVENTH WARD.

Cleaned Alabama street two squares.....	\$35 00
Repaired the culvert on New Jersey and Cumberland streets.....	6 00
Repaired the culvert on Louisiana and East streets.....	8 00
Total.....	<u>\$49 00</u>

EIGHTH WARD.

Put foot bridges as follows:

Four on Stevens and Greer streets.....	\$16 00
Four on Pine street and Forrest avenue.....	16 00

Two on Cedar street and Fletcher avenue.	8 00
Two on Cedar and Huron streets	8 00
Total.	\$48 00

SEWERS.

Cleaned and repaired the catch-basins, so as to hold water, on Kentucky avenue, South street, and Fletcher avenue.	\$380 00
Repaired the old State ditch from the lower side of the State Fair grounds to the Peru Railroad tracks.	940 00
Total.	\$1,320 00

BRIDGES.

Put cleats for foot-hold on the new Iron Bridge on Delaware street.	\$45 00
Repaired the bridge over the Canal on Washington street.	32 00
Repaired the bridge over Pogue's Run on Liberty street.	13 00
Total.	\$77 00

RECAPITULATION BY WARDS,

Showing the amount on hand December 1, 1872, the amount expended since December 1, 1872, and the amount on hand at the present date:

WARDS, ETC.	Balance Dec. 1, 1872.	Deficit Dec. 1, 1872.	Expended since Dec. 1.	Balance.	Deficit.
First Ward.	\$276 00		\$30 00	\$246 00	
Second Ward.	131 00		59 00	72 00	
Third Ward.		\$47 00	67 00		\$114 00
Fourth Ward.		58 00			53 00
Fifth Ward.	11 00		25 00		14 00
Sixth Ward.		37 00			37 00
Seventh Ward.	237 00		49 00	178 00	
Eighth Ward.	166 00		48 00	118 00	
Ninth Ward.		323 00			323 00
Bridge Fund.		169 00	77 00		246 00
Sewer Fund.	554 00		132 00		766 00
Miscellaneous Fund.	541 00				
Total.	\$2116 00	\$629 00	\$487 00	\$613 00	\$1553 00

Respectfully submitted,

A. BRUNER, Street Commissioner.

Which was received.

The Sewerage Engineer made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 6, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—At your last meeting a motion was adopted directing the Clerk to procure from me maps and profiles of a survey of a line for a Coal Road to Clay and Owen counties; but if the maps and profiles were not prepared then such information as I was able to give.

The survey was not completed because the Council declined to make the appropriation necessary to defray the expense, and because it was not completed profiles, maps and estimates were not prepared, and the time allowed me will not admit of making careful estimates of the cost. I herewith present a map of the line.

Starting at the intersection of Merrill street and Kentucky avenue, the line runs in a southwestern direction between the Terre Haute and Vincennes Railroads, passing $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of Mooresville, and one mile north of Monrovia and through Eminence, crossing the Louisville and Chicago Railroad about a mile northwest of Quincy. The line passes through parts of Marion, Hendricks, Putnam and Morgan counties, terminating in Owen county. For this distance (36 miles) the road could be built with about the same expenditure of labor and material, using the same grades, as was required in the construction of the old Terre Haute or Vincennes Railroads. The difference in the price of labor and material will make some difference in the cost.

A line was run on the south side of Cataract extending a little beyond the terminus, but it was found to be more expensive than the prospective business of the road would justify.

A reconnoissance was made on the north side of Cataract which presented a more favorable route, but the survey was not made for the reasons given above.

Other lines, both north and south of this point, were highly recommended by persons claiming to be familiar with the country, but no surveys were made.

I am not prepared to give any very definite information in regard to the country beyond where the survey terminated.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. BROWN, Sewer Engineer.

Which was received and concurred in.

Mr. Cottrell presented the following:

Recapitulation of Monthly Report of the Expenditures of the City Hospital, ending Dec. 31, 1872:

Total expenditures for the month.....	\$1,225 03
Aggregate number of days for which Subsistence, etc., was furnished,	2237
Average expense per capita per diem.....	\$0 50.2

J. W. MARSEE, Superintendent.

Which was received.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING.

Dr. Woodburn introduced general ordinance No. 1, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance providing for the construction of a sewer on Second street, between Illinois and Meridian streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Kahn introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 1, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time, and after being amended by inserting sundry accounts read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Batty introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 2, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims on account of Printing, Stationery, &c., for the month of December, 1872.

Which was read the first and second times and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Thalman introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 3, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims on account of Station House for the month of December, 1872.

Which was read the first and second times and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Cottrell introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 4, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims on account of City Hospital for the month of December, 1872.

Which was read the first and second times and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Wiles presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 2, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on North Delaware street, between the south line of St. Clair street and the south line of Tinker street, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the paving of said street, between the points above stated, with the Ballard block pavement forty (40) feet in width in the center of the street, with stone curb on either side of the pavement. And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Samuel C. Hanna, J. H. Spann, John M. Spann, Ebenezer Smith, Chas. C. Pierson, and 53 others.

Which was received.

Mr. Wiles introduced special ordinance, No. 1, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with Ballard block pavement Delaware street, and curbing with stone the sidewalks thereof, between St. Clair and Tinker streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Wiles presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 2, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on North Delaware street, between the south line of Tinker street and the north line

of St. Clair street, respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for the paving of the sidewalks with brick on said street, between the points above stated, where the same are not already paved. And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

J. H. Spann, John M. Spann, Ebenezer Smith, Chas. C. Pierson, S. K. Fletcher, and 50 others.

Which was received.

Mr. Wiles introduced special ordinance No. 2, 1873, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Delaware street, between St. Clair and Tinker streets, where not already paved.

Which was read the first time.

His Honor, the Mayor, introduced general ordinance No. 2, 1873, entitled:

An ordinance to compel the cleaning of ice and snow from the sidewalks of the city of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time, and, on motion, read the second time and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys and City Solicitor.

By consent, Mr. Sherwood presented the following:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 6, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—At the time you applied to this company for wood it was not known just what amount it would cost, owing to the fact that the amount required could not be supplied from one locality, and the cost of same not being at any two points alike; therefore, the sum of \$4 00 per cord was stated as the probable cost delivered here, which was conceded by you as being as low a figure as could be expected, taking into consideration the distance of forty to seventy-five miles it had to be hauled. However, the actual cost now having been ascertained, the difference is respectfully tendered on be-

half of the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis Railway Company to such charitable purpose as you may determine.

Yours respectfully,

C. C. GALE, Division Sup't.

Which was received.

Mr. Sherwood also offered the following:

Moved, That the \$201 refunded by the C. C. C. & I. R. R., on account of the 400 cords of wood, be given to the Benevolent Society of the city.

L. Q. SHERWOOD,
E. J. HARDESTY,
ROBERT KENNINGTON,
Railroad Committee.

Which was unanimously adopted.

Also the following:

Moved, That the thanks of the city of Indianapolis is hereby tendered to the C. C. C. & I. Railway Company for two hundred and one dollars returned to your Committee on Railroads by Mr. C. C. Gale, the Division Superintendent of the said road. In explanation of this motion, see communication accompanying the same.

Which was unanimously adopted.

By consent, Mr. Hardesty presented the following:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 6, 1873.

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

City of Indianapolis, To Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke Co. Dr.

CORNER LAMPS.

1872.			<i>hrs. min.</i>	<i>hrs. min.</i>
Dec. 1.	6 Lamps,		12 30	= 75 00
" 2.	3 "		12 10	= 36 30
" 4.	7 "		9 50	= 68 50
" 5.	1 "		8 35	= 8 35
" 6.	1 "		7 15	= 7 15
" 7.	5 "		6 40	= 33 20
" 9.	4 "		4 55	= 19 40

CORNER LAMPS.

1872.			<i>hrs. min.</i>	<i>hrs. min.</i>	
Dec 11.	1	"	2 40	=	2 40
" 18.	1	"	3 20	=	3 20
" 19.	2	"	4 25	=	8 50
" 22.	1	"	7 25	=	7 25
" 23.	2	"	7 55	=	15 50
" 26.	2	"	10 40	=	21 20
" 27.	11	"	11 50	=	130 10
" 28.	9	"	12 40	=	114 00
" 29.	6	"	12 40	=	76 00
	<u>62</u>				
			628 45	4 ft. per hr. =	2515 ft..... .. \$75 45

INTERMEDIATE LAMPS.

1872.			<i>hrs. min.</i>	<i>hrs. min.</i>	
Dec. 1.	1	Lamps,	12 30	=	12 30
" 2.	1	"	12 10	=	12 10
" 3.	1	"	11 05	=	11 05
" 4.	2	"	9 50	=	19 40
" 20.	3	"	5 20	=	16 00
" 21.	1	"	6 25	=	6 25
" 22.	1	"	7 25	=	7 25
" 23.	6	"	7 50	=	47 00
" 24.	3	"	8 30	=	25 30
" 25.	1	"	9 30	=	9 30
" 27.	7	"	11 50	=	82 50
" 28.	6	"	12 40	=	76 00
" 29.	9	"	12 40	=	114 00
	<u>42</u>				
			440 05	4 ft. per hr. =	1760 ft..... .. 52 80
Total...					<u>\$128 25</u>

Which was received and ordered printed in the proceedings.

Mr. Hardesty, also, offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Indianapolis Gas Company be directed to put in all extra glass in all the corner gas lamps at once.

Which was adopted.

By consent, Mr. Kahn, from the Committee on Accounts and Claims, made the following report :

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, members of the Committee on Accounts and Claims, to which was referred the claim of Messrs. Stagg & Fisk, have examined the same and would report as follows:

We find that J. S. Harvey, City Attorney, was authorized in defending suits brought against the city, to call to his aid such assistance as was deemed necessary in making a proper defence. We find from his own admission that he did employ the said Stagg & Fisk as short-hand reporters in the case of N. R. Smith et al. against the city; but the attorney claims that the contract was that the said Stagg & Fisk were to perform the work required on behalf of the city for the sum of fifty dollars. We therefore recommend that they be allowed the amount certified to by the City Attorney, viz., fifty dollars, and be paid only on condition that the said Stagg & Fisk receipt in full for all claim against the city on account of the aforesaid service.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON KAHN,

W. H. CRAFT,

Com. on Acc'ts and Claims.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Kahn presented the following accounts:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 6, 1873.

City of Indianapolis,	To Wm. Wands,	Dr.
For services as member and Secretary of Board of Health for six months, ending October 15th, 1872.....		\$200 00

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 6, 1873.

Mayor and Common Council City of Indianapolis,

In account with J. A. Cominger.

For services as member of Board of Health for six months, ending about the 15th of October, 1872.....	\$200 00
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Which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims, with instructions to confer with the Board of Health.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 1, 1873:

Was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Craft, Gib-

son, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Negative—None.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 2, 1873 :

Was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Craft, Gibson, Hardesty, Cahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Negative—None.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 3, 1873 :

Was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Craft, Gibson, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Negative—None.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 4, 1873 :

Was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Craft, Gibson, Hardesty, Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Reagan, Rush, Sherwood, Thalman, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Negative—None.

By consent, Dr. Woodburn offered the following motion :

Moved, That in the opinion of this Council the Small Pox Hospital is well managed.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion ;

Moved, That Dr. Mears report to this Council what extra improvements are necessary to be made to the Pest House, and the probable cost of the same, and that he be empowered to employ additional nurses if necessary.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Wiles presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 6, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The First National Bank of this city holds about twenty thousand dollars of over due city bonds and coupons, which the City Treasurer informs me he can not pay, for the reason that the money is not in the City Treasury.

I report the fact for the action of your honorable body, and will add that if it be your pleasure I will make a similar arrangement with the city to that recently made for the payment of bonds due.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. ENGLISH, President.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance, with power to act.

Mr. Batty offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Solicitor be, and is hereby, instructed to assist the Prosecuting Attorney in the case of the State of Indiana vs. Woodruff et al. now about to be tried in the Marion Criminal Court.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Sherwood presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 6, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, property holders and citizens of Indianapolis, being desirous that our city should avail itself of the best possible means of extinguishing fires, request that your honorable body take steps to have a test made on an extensive scale, to test the efficiency of the Cham-

pion Horse Fire Extinguisher, believing it to be the best apparatus yet invented.

I. & St. L. R. R. Co., by E. W. Woodward, Pres't, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., L. VanLaningham, John W. Ray, J. M. Tilford, and 44 others.

Which, on motion by Mr. Sherwood, was referred to the Committee on Fire Department and Chief Fire Engineer.

On motion the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY, Mayor.

ATTEST :

JOHN R. CLINTON, City Clerk.