

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL.

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REGULAR SESSION.

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CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
*Monday, Jan. 13, 1873, 7 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, Craft, Gibson,  
Gimber Kahn, Kennington, Pressly, Rush, Thalman, Whitsit,  
Wiles and Woodburn—15.

Absent—Councilmen Hardesty, Reagan and Sherwood—3.

The proceedings of the regular session, held January 6th,  
1873, were read and approved.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Clerk made the following report:

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK,  
INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 13, 1873. }

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 street improvement assessment by precept as follows:

Hiram Seibert vs. George W. Mowry, for..... \$27 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 Board of Health submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 13, 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. 13, 1872:

Under 1 year.....	5
From 1 to 2 years .....	3
From 2 and 5 years .....	1
From 5 to 10 years.....	4
From 10 to 15 years.....	1
From 15 to 20 years.....	0
From 20 to 25 years.....	0
From 25 to 30 years.....	0
From 30 to 40 years.....	2
From 40 to 50 years.....	1
From 50 to 60 years.....	1
From 60 to 70 years.....	0
Total.....	18

Respectfully submitted,

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

W. WANDS, M. D., Secretary.

Which was received.

## REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 6, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, and Civil Engineer, to whom was referred the matter concerning the improvements on High st., with a view to ascertain the difference in cost between the improvement as it now stands, and as it would have been had said improvement been finished according to ordinance, report as follows:

The difference in actual cost is 18 cents per foot, or 9 cents more per foot on each side.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Committee on Streets and Alleys.  
R. M. PATTERSON, Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

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

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 6, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—A motion "that the sum of — dollars be allowed Charles Richmann for extra services as Chief Fire Engineer, during the year 1869," referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims, has had our careful consideration, and from a certificate, signed by Messrs. Coburn, Kappes and J. W. Davis, Committee on Fire Department for that year, it seems that Mr. Richmann performed extra work for which he never received any remuneration—the time so occupied was nearly four months—and your committee are of opinion that he should be paid for the same, and would therefore recommend that the sum of two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars be allowed him.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON KAHN,  
W. H. CRAFT,

Com. on Acc'ts and Claims.

Mr. Kahn, also, submitted the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 20, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned, were, at the time referred to in accompanying communication of Charles Richmann, were members of the Fire Committee of City Council, and would most cheerfully state that he performed the work above named as ordered by the Council, and the work was no part of his duties as Chief Fire Engineer, and that he should be paid for the same.

Yours very respectfully,

HENRY COBURN,  
J. HENRY KAPPES.  
JOSEPH W. DAVIS.

Which was received.

The report was concurred in by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Bollman, Cottrell, Craft, Gimber, Kahn, Pressly, Rush, Thalman, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—13.

Negative—Councilmen Gibson and Kennington—2.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 13, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The following is the annual report of the Superintendent of "Bobbs' Free Dispensary":

Amount received from City.....	\$1,200 00	
Amount received from County.....	763 00	
		\$1,963 00
Amount paid out for medicines.....	763 25	
Amount paid out for stationery, services, advertising, etc.	183 40	
Waiters and others (services).....	46 00	
Coal, gas, etc.....	89 02	
Resident Physician, 1871.....	88 00	
Resident Physician, 1872..	200 00	
Janitor.....	136 00	
Rent.....	250 00	

Dr. Tomlinson, visiting patients.....	200 00	
Dr. Wright, for stomach pump.....	15 00	
Total.....		\$1,960 67
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Balance.....	\$ 2 33	
Bills due and unpaid, medicines.....		222 61
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Amount of indebtedness in excess of cash on hand.....		\$220 28

By the above exhibit our condition financially will be seen.

In connection with this we would say our rent, which has been very reasonable, is to be increased, and in any case we need and must have more commodious quarters, as the amount of business done by the Dispensary cannot be properly carried on in the present office. Again, the Superintendent (who receives nothing as recompense therefor) has been obliged to do most of the visiting of the out-door patients, the Dispensary not being able to pay any one for such services except in a few cases. In view of these facts and our pressing necessities, we would ask your honorable body to increase the appropriation for 1873 to fifteen hundred dollars.

(Signed)

THAD. M. STEVENS, M. D.,

Sup't Bobbs' Free Dispensary.

Which was received.

Also, the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 13, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned would respectfully offer the following report for the year ending January 1, 1873:

Number of patients treated during the year.....	1,696
Number of visits made.....	1,287
Number of prescriptions filled.....	3,529
Number of birth.....	8
Number of deaths.....	6
Number of post mortem examinations.....	13
Number vaccinated.....	2,353

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL C. TOMLINSON, M. D.,  
Resident Phys'n Bobbs' Free Dispensary.

Which was received.

Mr. Cottrell moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion approving the management of the Pest House was adopted at the last meeting of the Council.

Which, after considerable discussion by various members and Drs. Mears and Davis, was adopted, and the motion so reconsidered laid over for one week.

When Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

*Moved,* That a committee of three be appointed to investigate the charges made against the conducting of the City Pest House, and that the said committee are hereby vested with power to send for persons and papers in making the investigation.

Mr. Thalman moved to amend by adding the Board of Health.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Craft's motion, as amended, was then adopted.

The chair appointed the following members as such committee, Messrs. Craft, Thalman and Cottrell.

Mr. Wiles offered the following motion :

*Moved,* That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to pay the State and County taxes of 1871 and 1872 on the estate of Stephen D. Tomlinson, deceased, as per agreement entered into by and between the city of Indianapolis and Mary F. Tomlinson, widow of deceased, on the 8th day of April, 1872. The said estate being advertised for sale for State and County taxes of 1871 and 1872.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

*Moved,* That the Committee on Tunnels be, and are hereby, instructed to have placed in the holes connecting the foot and road ways good, strong, iron grating.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Gibson presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 6, 1873.

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

The undersigned represents that he is the owner of house No. — on Indiana avenue and the lot on which it stands, and wishes to remove the frame building and erect a brick business house. That the street in front of the same is obstructed by being occupied by a hay scale, so as to put him to great inconvenience in removing the old and erecting a new building, and he prays your honorable body to revoke any permit by which the street is occupied by said scale, and order the same removed.

JOHN J. BURKE.

Which was received.

Also, the following motion :

*Moved*, That the owners of wagon scales in front of No. —, Indiana avenue, are hereby notified to remove the same within thirty days, and put that portion of the street now occupied by said scale in like condition with the adjoining portion of the street, and if not done as above the City Marshal is hereby directed to remove the same at the expense of said owners.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Gibson offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the City Solicitor be, and is hereby, directed to act with the Committee on Railroads in examining the questions that arise in the petition of the Union Railway Company for a further grant of right-of-way, and that said committee is hereby directed to report on said petition at their earliest convenience.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Pressly introduced special ordinance, No. 3, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading the first alley north of Merrill street, between the first alley east of East street and the first alley west of Virginia avenue.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Pressly introduced special ordinance No. 4, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading the first alley west of Virginia avenue running from Valley street to the first alley west of Virginia avenue.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Pressly introduced general ordinance No. 2, 1873, entitled :

An ordinance to protect the Tunnel on Illinois street from becoming a nuisance.

Which was read the first time, and under a suspension of the rules read the second time.

The question being, shall the ordinance be engrossed?

Mr. Kennington moved to strike out the second section.

Mr. Thalman moved to amend by inserting the old White River Bridge.

Mr. Pressly offered the following :

*Resolved*, That a reward of five dollars be paid to every person who shall cause the arrest and secure the conviction of any person who shall violate the first section of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance protecting the Illinois Street Tunnel from becoming a nuisance."

Which, after considerable discussion, was referred, together with the ordinance and proposed amendments, to a Special Committee composed of Councilmen Batty, Gimber and Craft, with instructions to report a general ordinance on the subject of nuisances.

Mr. Rush offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That this Council order the dispensing with any further superfluous assistants in the City Engineer's office until they are needed again.

In regard to which Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

*Moved,* That the matter be referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys with instructions to investigate and report at our next meeting the expediency of adopting the said resolution.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rush offered the following motion :

*Moved,* That the City Marshal be, and is hereby, instructed to notify the property owner or owners on the north-east corner of Ohio and Pennsylvania streets to clear the sidewalk within eight (8) days from this notice.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 13, 1873.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I have been sued for damages on account of water flowing into a cellar from my lot, which water is caused by the emptying of the north gutter of Indiana avenue into my lot and property adjoining. I therefore pray your honorable body to investigate the matter, and as it is purely the fault of the city, to direct the City Solicitor to defend me in said suit.

PETER RUCKER.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys and City Solicitor.

Mr. Wiles offered the following motion :

*Moved,* That Peter Goth have permission to move his scales on North New Jersey street about thirty (30) yards south from their present location.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following motion :

*Moved,* That the report of the Sewer Committee on the Illinois Street Sewer, made to Council several months since, be taken up.

Which was adopted, and the subject made the special order for next Monday evening.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Police Board be directed to discharge every policeman that may be found off his beat without a reasonable excuse.

Which was adopted.

On motion the Council adjourned.

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

ATTEST :

JOHN R. CLINTON, City Clerk.