

# PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—JULY 16, 1888.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, July 16th, A. D. 1888, at eight o'clock, in in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Caleb S. Denny, Mayor, and *ex officio* President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 24 members, viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

ABSENT, 1—viz: Councilman Coy.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session held July 2d, 1888, having been printed and placed on the desk of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

## OPENING AND REFERRING SEALED PROPOSALS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Sealed proposals for the City advertising were opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

## REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The Chief Fire Engineer submitted the following reports; which were received:

*Indianapolis, Ind., June 22d, 1888.*

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

*Gentlemen:*—The following additional fire hydrants have been reported in service:

No. 726—Northeast corner of Dillon and Deloss streets.

No. 727—Northeast corner of Dillon and Lord streets.

No. 728—Northeast corner of Dillon and Bates streets.

No. 729—North side of Georgia street, between Pine and Dillon streets.

No. 730—Northwest corner of Georgia and Pine streets.

No. 731—Northwest corner of Georgia and Benton streets.

J. H. WEBSTER, Chief Fire Engineer.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 16th, 1888.

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

*Gentlemen:*—The running expenses of the Fire Department for the six months ending June 31st, 1888, foot up..... \$13,164 32

With a credit for cash paid Treasurer for uniform cloth, old material sold, of..... 594 72

Making an actual outlay of..... \$12,769 60

Respectfully submitted, J. H. WEBSTER, Chief Fire Engineer.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith submit an itemized statement, showing the amount of orders drawn on the City Treasury during the month of June, 1888, viz:

Board of Health.....	\$ 229 50
Bridges.....	100 70
City Civil Engineer's Department.....	610 20
City Dispensary.....	381 26
City Hall.....	12 92
City Hospital and Branch.....	2,424 30
Fire Department—pay-rolls.....	5,360 00
Fire Department—accounts.....	1,304 48
Fountains and pumps.....	140 00
Gas.....	6,213 99
Incidentals.....	556 25
Insurance.....	40 00
Interest.....	3,298 45
Judgments and costs.....	10 00
Metropolitan Police pay-roll.....	4,929 61
Parks.....	138 18
Printing.....	13 50
Salary.....	366 83
Station House.....	164 19
Street Improvements.....	591 03
Street repairs—pay-rolls.....	4,078 06
Street repair—accounts.....	863 63
Tomlinson Hall Janitors.....	108 50
Tomlinson Hall accounts.....	115 24
Water rent.....	8,480 71

Total..... \$ 40,531 53

Respectfull submitted, JNO. W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith report the contract and bond of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick and curbing with stone the gutters of Vermont street, from East street to Noble street. Bond, \$2,500; surety, J. L. Fisher.

Respectfully submitted, S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:*—Having been directed to report what is necessary to prevent the water from overflowing the gutters at the intersection of Sullivan, Bradshaw and Bismarck streets, I respectfully report that in my opinion, if the gutters are cleaned out, the cause of the trouble complained of will be removed.

Respectfully submitted, S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

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

A first and final estimate in behalf of Joseph Bernauer, for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of McCarty street, from West street to Pogue's Run.  
 491.80 lineal feet, at 40 cents .....\$196 72

A first and final estimate in behalf of George W. Buchanan, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Huron street, from Noble street to Virginia avenue.  
 644.30 lineal feet of bowldering, at 56 cents.....\$360 80  
 681.15 lineal feet of curb, at 46 cents..... 313 32  
 89.50 lineal feet of double walk-stone, at 75 cents..... 67 12  
 79.00 square yards of bowldering, at 70 cents..... 55 30  
 48.20 lineal feet of curb re-set, at 10 cents..... 4 80

\$804 34

Respectfully submitted,  
 S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was read :

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Geo. W. Buchanan, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Huron street, from Noble street to Virginia avenue, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

**AYES, 22**—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

**NAYS**—None.

The following estimate resolution was read :

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Joseph Bernauer, for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of McCarty street, from West street to Pogue's Run, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The consideration of ordinances having been made a special order for this meeting (see page 450, *ante*), the following entitled ordinance was read the second time, and referred to the City Attorney:

G. O. 12, 1888—An ordinance preventing owners and drivers of vehicles for the transportation of freight and other articles, while on the public stands set apart by the city, from seeking or soliciting trade and patronage from any person farther away than ten feet from the vehicle they own or drive.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time:

S. O. 34, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Blackford street, and curbing the gutters, from New York street to Michigan street.

Councilman Dunn offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That Ed. S. Pope, S. & J. R. Johnson and A. Rozier's heirs be, and are hereby, granted permission to improve their sidewalks in front of their property on the east side of Blackford street, between New York and Michigan streets, at their own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer: *Provided* said work is done before September 1st, 1888.

S. O. 34, 1888, was then read the third time, and it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 24—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and then read the third time:

S. O. 39, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Lincoln avenue, from Central avenue to College avenue.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 24—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and then read the third time:

S. O. 45, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Orange avenue and sidewalks, from Hillside avenue to Brookside avenue.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 24—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and then read the third time :

S. O. 56, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Delaware street, from New York street to Vermont street, where not already properly paved with brick.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 24—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and then read the third time :

S. O. 60, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Illinois street and sidewalks, from Twelfth street to the north corporate limits.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 24—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and then read the third time :

S. O. 61, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Newman street, from Hill avenue to Ninth street.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 24—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and then read the third time :

S. O. 64, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Pine street, and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof, from Lord street to the C. L. & C. R. R. tracks, where not already properly paved with brick.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 24—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and then read the third time :

S. O. 65, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling First street and sidewalks, from Camp street to Indiana avenue.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 24—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and then read the third time :

S. O. 66, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Bates street and sidewalks, from Lynn street to its eastern terminus.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 24—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and then read the third time :

S. O. 67, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Bates street and sidewalks, from Leota street to the first alley east of Leota street.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 24—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and then read the third time :

S. O. 68, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley south of Seventh street, from Meridian street to the first alley east of Meridian street.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 24—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and then read the third time :

S. O. 74, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Eighth (or Williams) street, from Tennessee street to Mississippi street, and repealing S. O. 66, 1887.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 24—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and then read the third time :

S. O. 75, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Fifth street, from Illinois street to Howard street.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 24—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and then read the third time :

S. O. 77, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Gresham street and sidewalks, from East street to Gray street.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 24—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and then read the third time:

S. O. 80, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Naomi street and sidewalks, from Shelby street to Reid street.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 24—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

#### REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman McClelland, submitted the following report:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom was referred the motion introduced by Councilman Long, relative to raising the wages of employes in the Street Repairs Department twenty-five cents per day, except the carpenters, recommend said motion be not adopted.

We make the following report, and ask your concurrence therein: The last schedule of prices adopted by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen for pay of employes in the Street Department, fixed the carpenters' wages at \$2.25 per day. The Street Commissioner has men on his bridge gang working at laborers' wages, as provided in said schedule of prices for laborers. We believe it just and right that those men should be allowed fair compensation for such work, therefore directed the Street Commissioner to place them on the pay-roll as carpenters, *not at schedule price for carpenters*, but at the same pay as sewer men and bowlder men, \$1.75 per day.

Respectfully submitted,

R. McClelland,  
W. H. Wilson,  
Wm. J. Parkinson,  
Board of Public Improvements.

Councilman Pearson moved that the report be concurred in.

Councilman Cummings moved as a substitute, that it be referred to the City Attorney, to report at this meeting.

Which motion was adopted.

#### REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Public Light, through Councilman Trusler, submitted the following report:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Public Light, to whom, with the City Attorney and the City Civil Engineer, were referred the bids for lighting the streets of the city, make the following report:



The bids for schedule of 2,500 hours, were as follows:

The Thompson-Houston Company.....	\$87 00 per lamp.
The Brush Electric Light Company....	81 00 per lamp.
The Fort Wayne Jenney Company.....	62 50 per lamp.
The Gas Company.....	15 00 per lamp.

Schedule of 2,740 hours, same as now lighted.

The Thompson-Houston Company.....	\$90 00 per lamp.
The Brush Electric Light Company....	85 00 per lamp.
The Fort Wayne Jenney Company.....	66 66 per lamp.
The Gas Company.....	15 42 per lamp.

Schedule of 3,750 hours, or all night,

The Thompson-Houston Company.....	\$95 00 per lamp.
The Brush Electric Light Company....	93 00 per lamp.
The Fort Wayne Jenney Company.....	70 83 per lamp.
The Gas Company.....	18 38 per lamp.

The Fort Wayne Jenney Electric Light Company also proposes to furnish lamps within the city limits—without limit as to number—at every street intersection, if desired, so as to light the entire streets—

For 2,500 hours, for.....	\$39,000 00
For 2,740 hours, for.....	42 000 00
For 3,750 hours, for.....	45,000 00

We have taken the testimony of the members of the sub-committee of your bodies which visited other cities for information, and endeavored by that means to inform ourselves as to the mode and terms which we should recommend to your body.

Mr. M. M. Reynolds says: "In my opinion, the 2,500 hour schedule, with the privilege reserved to the city of ordering lights on cloudy nights, would be equal to the present schedule of 2,740 hours, and I think would be as satisfactory to the citizens. I think that the Thompson-Houston light is as good, if not better, than that of any others competing. It is a very brilliant, steady light. While the Brush is very brilliant, it is not as steady as the Thompson-Houston. I regard the Fort Wayne Jenny light as not quite so brilliant, yet a very soft, steady, mellow light. I do not regard the Fort Wayne Jenney light as the equal of either the Thompson-Houston or the Brush. I can not say what the per cent. of difference may be, but I do not think it so great as to account for the difference in bids. I regard the gas lamps on Niagara street, Buffalo, N. Y., as spoken of by Mr. Shearer, as being of no necessity. I am satisfied that an electric light suspended at each street intersection, would give as much satisfaction as the present manner of lighting on heavily-shaded streets, if the trees were properly trimmed."

Mr. P. J. Kelley says: "I would advise that the committee do not recommend a schedule of less than 2,740 hours, the schedule as worked under at this time. I did not see the Thompson-Houston and the Brush lights as closely in comparison as I did the Thompson-Houston and the Fort Wayne Jenney. I would not venture an opinion as freely on the difference between the Thompson-Houston and the Brush, as I would between the Thompson-Houston and the Fort Wayne Jenney. The Thompson-Houston is the superior light. I think it would take about five of the Fort Wayne Jenney lights to equal four of the Thompson-Houston. I regard the Brush as next to the Thompson-Houston; not its equal in steadiness, yet far ahead of the Fort Wayne Jenney. I am positive that any system of lighting that does not provide for the lighting of the alleys, would not be satisfactory to our citizens. I think that if we light the city with electricity, we would (as shown by Niagara street, Buffalo, N. Y.) be compelled to light the alley crossings by some method."

City Attorney Taylor, says: "I think that three Thompson-Houston lights have about the same power as four of the Fort Wayne Jenney lights. The Brush is a brilliant light, and has a penetrating ray, and, in my judgment, is a light that is about equal to the Thompson-Houston, except that it is not so steady. The Fort Wayne Jenney is a soft, mellow, but duller light than either of the others."

City Civil Engineer Shearer, says: "I think the Thompson-Houston the best

light in the country. The Brush light comes very close to it, and the reason that I think the Thompson-Houston the best, is in its steadiness; that it does not flicker, as you see in the Brush. I think in the point of brilliancy, that the Brush is ahead of the Thompson Houston, which is due to the two extra volts of electric motive force used. In comparison with the Thompson-Houston and Brush lights, my advice would be to not touch the Fort Wayne Jenney light, as the difference between the Jenney and the Thompson-Houston and the Brush is so great that there can be no comparison. If you set up a Fort Wayne Jenney light by itself, and look at it, you might think it a brilliant light; but in comparison with the Thompson-Houston and Brush, it gives a yellow light, and stands to them about as gas does to it. I think it would take three Fort Wayne Jenney lights to equal two of either of the others. I do not think that an electric light at each street intersection would (on heavily-shaded streets), be as satisfactory as the present manner of lighting. On Niagara street, Buffalo, N. Y., the electric lights are 686 feet apart, and are helped out by two gas lamps placed between. Our squares are 510 feet. Messrs. Kelley, Taylor and Reynolds all saw these things, and my opinions as expressed to you, are those as formed, expressed and agreed to by them at the time of making our report to the Special Committee of the Council and Board."

Acting upon the information we have been enabled to obtain, we would recommend that the sweeping proposition of the Fort Wayne Jenney Company be not entertained, for the following reasons:

1st. The city can not be lighted as an entirety by electricity as proposed by the Jenney Company, so as to give as good satisfaction on shaded streets, and especially alleys, as under the present system.

2d. We regard the Fort Wayne Jenney light as an inferior light, and as an electric light, dear at their bid.

3d. We believe the awarding of a contract to this company would, at the end of three years, leave us with a dissatisfied community, and a plant which the city could not afford to buy.

4th. The testimony of those who have seen all competing lights in operation, is that the Fort Wayne Jenney light is so far inferior to either the Thompson-Houston or the Brush, that in point of fact, taking into consideration the end to be arrived at, viz: lighting the streets and alleys of the city at least as well as now lighted, and for a less cost, we do not regard the Fort Wayne Jenney Company as the lowest and best bidder.

We would recommend that in lieu of all bids, the Mayor be instructed to enter into a contract with the Brush Electric Light Company to place in the business portion of the city, under the direction of the Committee on Public Light and the City Civil Engineer, such a number of the Brush 2,000-candle power arc lights as will displace 400 gas lamps, to the satisfaction of said committee and City Civil Engineer; said lamps to be furnished at the price named in their bid, \$85.00, and to be lighted on schedule of 2,740 hours. That the Mayor be instructed to enter into a contract with the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company at the rate of \$15.00 per lamp, to light all lamps of the city now lighted, and such others as may from time to time be added, except 400 lamps in the business portion of the city, which shall be designated by the Committee on Public Light and the City Civil Engineer, to be extinguished and replaced with electric lights. Both of said contracts to expire at the same time as the present contract with the Vapor Light Company.

We make this recommendation for the following reasons:

1st. The vapor light contract has still more than two years to run, and if we should at present light the city by electricity, all the dark places not otherwise provided for, would be furnished with the vapor light at \$18.00 per post, whereas the gas would cost us only \$15.00.

2d. While we regard the Gas Company as the lowest and best bid, the Common Council and Board of Aldermen have heretofore reserved the right to extinguish three hundred lights for experiment with electric or other methods of lighting; and as there is a desire on the part of some to light the business portion of the city with electricity, we regard the Brush Company as the lowest and best bidder on electric

light, and believe that this method will practically light all of the business portion of the city with electric light.

3d. By the adoption of the method herein recommended, all of the various contracts for lighting will expire at the same time, and the city will have experimented with the electric light, and will be able to judge of its practicability.

If our recommendation be concurred in as above without amendment, we would further recommend that if this proposition be not accepted by the Brush Electric Light Company, and the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company within ten days, that the contract be awarded to the Thompson-Houston Co. as an entirety.

Respectfully submitted,  
WM. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.  
S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

P. C. Trusler,  
Thomas Markey.  
J. C. Finch,  
Committee on Public Light.

Councilman Thalman moved that the report of the Committee be concurred in.

Councilman Trusler moved the previous question; which was ordered.

The main question being upon the adoption of the report of the Committee, the ayes and naves were demanded, and the report failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 11—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Davis, Finch, Hicklin, Kelley, Markey, Pearson, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 13—viz: Councilmen Darnell, Dunn, Elliott, Gasper, Gaul, Johnston, Long, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, and Swain.

Councilman Smith moved that the contract be awarded to the Fort Wayne Jenney Electric Light Company.

Councilman Pearson moved to lay the motion on the table.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 16—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Finch, Gaul, Hicklin, Markey, McClelland, Pearson, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 8—viz: Councilmen Elliott, Gasper, Johnston, Kelley, Long, O'Connor, Parkinson, and Smith.

Councilman McClelland offered the following motion:

That the contract for lighting the city, be awarded to the Thompson-Houston Company, on the all-night plan, the number of lights not to exceed six hundred.

Councilman Pearson moved to lay the above motion on the table.

Which was adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 21—viz: Councilmen Burns, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Long, Markey, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 3—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Kelley, and McClelland.

Councilman Gasper offered the following motion :

That all electric light bids be referred to the Committee on Contracts, to report next Thursday night, to which time the Council stands adjourned, and to ascertain if the Jenney Electric Light Company will light all streets and alleys for the price of \$39,000, and file a bond.

Councilman Long moved to lay the above motion on the table.

Which was adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 14,—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Davis, Finch, Gaul, Hicklin, Kelley, Long, Markey, Pearson, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 10—viz: Councilmen Darnell, Dunn, Elliott, Gasper, Johnston, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Smith, and Stuckmeyer.

It being now near eleven o'clock, on motion by Councilman Long, the Rules were suspended for the purpose of extending the time of the session, by the following vote :

AYES, 21—viz: Councilmen Burns, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 3—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Darnell, and Finch.

Councilman Swain offered the following motion :

That the Mayor and City Attorney enter into a contract with the Brush Company for one hundred and fifty electric lights, to be located under the direction of the Committee on Light and City Civil Engineer, and gas lamps dismantled as admissible, and a contract with the Gas Company be made on the 2,740 hour system for such lamps as are needed elsewhere.

Councilman Elliott moved to lay the above motion on the table.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 14—viz: Councilmen Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Gasper, Gaul, Johnston, Long, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, and Wilson.

NAYS, 10—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Finch, Hicklin, Kelley, Markey, Pearson, Swain, Thalman, and Trusler.

Councilman Cummings offered the following motion :

That when the Council adjourns, we adjourn to next Monday night, to act on the McNeal Street Railroad ordinance, and the Special Committee on said ordinance be asked to report at that time.

Which motion failed of adoption.

Councilman Pearson moved that the Council do now adjourn.

Which motion failed of adoption.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motion :

That the bids for public lighting be referred back to the Committee on Public Light, with instructions to report at an adjourned meeting to be held next Monday night, and that they make a clear report as to the actual cost from each company, and for the number of hours proposed.

Councilman McClelland offered the following as a substitute :

That the contract for lighting the city be awarded to the Brush Company on the all-night plan.

Councilman Hicklin offered the following motion as a substitute :

That the contract be awarded to the Brush Electric Light Company on the moon-light, or 2,500 hour schedule, at \$81.00 per lamp for six hundred lamps,

Which was laid on the table.

Councilman Dunn moved to lay the motion offered by Councilman McClelland on the table.

Which was adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 21—viz: Councilmen Burns, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Long, Markey, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

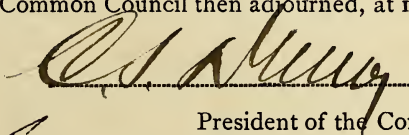
NAYS, 3—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Kelley, and McClelland.

The motion as offered by Councilman Thalman, that the whole matter be referred back to the Committee on Public Light, to report at the next meeting, was then adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 15—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Finch, Gaul, Hicklin, Markey, McClelland, Pearson, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Wilson.

NAYS, 9—viz: Councilmen Elliott, Gasper, Johnston, Kelley, Long, O'Connor, Parkinson, Smith, and Trusler.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned, at 11:35 o'clock, P. M.

 \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor,  
President of the Common Council.

Attest:  \_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk.