

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN,
Wednesday, May 16th, 1877—8 o'clock P. M. }

The Board of Aldermen met, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

His Honor, the President, Horatio C. Newcomb, in the chair ;
and Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snyder,
Stratford, and Wallace—9. Absent—Alderman Wiles—1.

The proceedings of the regular session, held May 7th, and those
of the adjourned session, held May 9th, 1877, having been printed
and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, on motion of Alderman
Foster, the reading of the same was dispensed with.

On motion, the "Rules and Regulations of the Common Council"
were declared to be in force for the government of the Board
of Aldermen, until formal Rules and Regulations shall be reported
by the special committee of this Body, and duly enacted.

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

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK,
INDIANAPOLIS, May 16, 1877. }

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith transmit the following papers, duly passed upon by the Common Council, for your action upon same:

Official bonds of R. O. Hawkins, City Attorney; Bernhard H. Dietz, City Civil Engineer; William O. Sherwood, Chief Fire Engineer; and Leander A. Fulmer, Street Commissioner.

Report of Committee on Contracts, awarding the contract for grading and graveling Church street and sidewalks, between Ray and Morris streets, to John W. Richardson, as the lowest and best bidder

Report from City Civil Engineer, covering a first and final estimate allowed John Schier, for building a fire cistern (No. 141), at the corner of Williams and Mississippi streets.

Also, calling attention to the fact that no provision has been made for cleaning the Tunnel lamps; and reporting contract and bond of John W. Richardson, for grading and graveling Church street and sidewalks, between Ray and Morris streets.

Report from City Clerk, with regard to affidavit for precept asked for by Andrew J. Sloan vs. Margaret E. Dorr, for the sum of \$18.75.

Also, appointing his deputy, George T. Breunig, as Clerk of your Honorable Body.

Report from City Marshal, appointing Ira Izor his deputy.

Annual report of the Chief Fire Engineer; referred to Fire Board.

Communication from Board of School Commissioners, relative to an election to fill vacancies in the said Board; accompanied by a resolution giving date for said election, and naming polling places.

Resolution relative to existing contracts between the City and the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company and Water Works Company.

Motion, instructing the Street Commissioner to fill chuck-holes in Delaware street, between Merrill street and Madison avenue.

Motion, instructing the Street Commissioner to fill the approaches to the bridge crossing the Canal at Third street.

Motion, instructing the City Clerk to keep printed records of the proceedings of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

Special ordinance No. 5, 1877.

Special ordinance No. 8, 1877.

Special ordinance No. 10, 1877.

Special ordinance No. 14, 1877.

Special ordinance No. 15, 1877.

Special ordinance No. 16, 1877.

Special ordinance No. 17, 1877.

General ordinance No. 18, 1877.

General ordinance No. 19, 1877.

Appropriation ordinance No. 34, 1877.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,

City Clerk.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL—ACTION UPON.

The official bonds of Roscoe O. Hawkins, City Attorney; Bernhard H. Dietz, City Civil Engineer; William O. Sherwood, Chief Fire Engineer; and Leander A. Fulmer, Street Commissioner, were formally presented, read, and duly approved.

The report of the Committee on Contracts of Common Council, giving proposals for grading and graveling Church street and sidewalks, between Ray and Morris streets, and awarding said contract to John W. Richardson, as the lowest and best bidder [see Proceedings of Common Council, May 7, 1877, page 7], was read and concurred in.

The report of the City Civil Engineer, allowing a first and partial estimate to John Schier, for building fire cistern No. 141, [see Proceedings of Common Council, May 14, 1877, page 20], was read, and the estimate was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snyder, Stratford, Wallace, and President Newcomb—8.

Negative—None.

The first paragraph of a second report from the City Civil Engineer, calling "attention to the fact that no provision is made for cleaning the Tunnel lamps," etc., which was referred, by the Common Council, to the Committee on Gas Light [see Proceedings of Common Council, May 14, 1877, page 21], was read, and the reference approved.

The second paragraph of same report, transmitting the contract and bond of Jno. W. Richardson, for grading and graveling Church street and sidewalks, between Ray and Morris streets, was also read and concurred in.

The accompanying bond of said John W. Richardson was approved by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snyder, Stratford, Wallace, and President Newcomb—9.

Negative—None.

The report of the City Clerk, stating that an affidavit of Andrew J. Sloan, for collection of street assessment of \$18.75 by precept, was on file in his office [see Proceedings of Common Council, May 14, 1877, page 21], was read, and the issuance of the precept was concurred in by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snyder, Stratford, Wallace, and President Newcomb—9.

Negative—None.

The report of the City Clerk, appointing his deputy, George T. Breunig, as Clerk of the Board of Aldermen [see Proceedings of

Common Council, May 14, 1877, page 22], was read, and said appointment was duly concurred in.

The report of the City Marshal, appointing Ira Izor as his deputy [see Proceedings of Common Council, May 14, 1877, page 22], was read, and said appointment was duly concurred in.

The communication from the Board of School Commissioners, setting forth vacancies in said Board, the date for filling such vacancies by election, and the polling places at which such election should be held [see Proceedings of Common Council, May 7, 1877, page 9], was read.

The resolution directing the City Clerk to give notice of said election, etc. [see Proceedings of Common Council, May 7, 1877, page 10], was concurred in by the following vote :

Affirmative—Alderman Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snyder, Stratford, Wallace, and President Newcomb—9.

Negative—None.

The resolution for the appointment of a joint committee of two Councilmen and one Alderman, to confer with the Gas and Water Works Companies, relative to a compromise in contracts between the city and said companies (see Proceedings of Common Council, May 14, 1877, page 25], was concurred in by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snyder, Stratford, Wallace, and President Newcomb—9.

Negative—None.

President Newcomb, later in the session, appointed Alderman Wallace as a member of the above indicated committee.

The motion instructing the Street Commissioner to fill up the approaches to the bridge over the Canal at Third street [see Proceedings of Common Council, May 7, 1877, page 10], was read.

On motion of Alderman Stratford, this motion was referred to the Aldermen from the Second District, with instructions to report upon the necessity for this repair, and the probable cost of the same.

The motion instructing the Street Commissioner to fill the chuck holes on Delaware street, between Merrill street and Madison avenue [see Proceedings of Common Council, May 7, 1877, page 10], was read.

Alderman Foster moved to postpone action on said motion until it could be referred to the proper committee, when appointed.

Alderman Stratford moved to amend Alderman Foster's motion by referring the Council motion to the Aldermen from the Fifth District, with instructions to report upon the necessity for this repair, and the probable cost of the same.

Alderman Foster accepted the above amendment, and the motion was then adopted.

The motion instructing the City Clerk to keep printed records of the proceedings of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen [see Proceedings of Common Council, May 7, 1877, page 17], was read.

Alderman Wallace moved that the records of the Board of Aldermen be printed for the present, and that this matter be referred to a proper committee, when appointed; which motion was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snyder, Stratford, Wallace, and President Newcomb—9.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 5, 1877, entitled

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Japan or East street, from Yeiser street to the first alley north of Yeiser street;

Special ordinance No. 8, 1877, entitled

An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk on Mississippi street, between Tinker street and Herbert street;

Special ordinance No. 10, 1877, entitled

An ordinance to provide for the grading and graveling of the first alley north of English avenue, between Cedar and Dillon streets;

Special ordinance No. 14, 1877, entitled

An ordinance to provide for the improvement of Clifford avenue, between Massachusetts avenue and Pogue Run, by grading and graveling the street with good screened or raked gravel, and bowldering the gutters to a width of seven (7) feet;

Special ordinance No. 15, 1877, entitled

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Herbert street and sidewalks, between Illinois and Meridian streets;

Special ordinance No. 16, 1877, entitled

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Carlos street and sidewalks, from Ray street to Morris street;

Special ordinance No. 17, 1877, entitled

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of New Jersey street, between Washington and Market streets;

Were read the first time.

General ordinance No. 18, 1877, entitled

An ordinance to amend section five (5) and six (6) of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance regulating the markets within the City of Indianapolis, defining the duties of Market Master, and prescribing certain rules and regulations relative to the sale of provisions, produce, and other articles, in the markets and other portions of said city, ordained November 30, 1863."

Was read the first time.

Alderman Coburn moved to suspend the rules, and to now read general ordinance No. 18, 1877, the second and third times, and to place said ordinance on its final passage.

Alderman Stratford moved to amend, by inserting a provision for electing a third Market Master, for the contemplated Southside Market. Lost.

The motion to suspend the rules was then adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snyder, Stratford, Wallace, and President Newcomb—9.

Negative—None.

General ordinance No. 18, 1877, was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snyder, Stratford, Wallace, and President Newcomb—9.

Negative—None.

General ordinance No. 19, 1877, entitled

An ordinance providing for the compensation of the officers of the City of Indianapolis, and the officers and members of the Police and Fire Departments of said city, for the fiscal year ending May 15th, 1878,

Was read the first time.

Alderman Stratford moved to suspend the rules, and to now read general ordinance No. 19, 1877, the second time; which motion to suspend the rules was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snyder, Stratford, Wallace, and President Newcomb—9.

Negative—None.

General ordinance No. 19, 1877, was then read the second time.

Alderman Stratford moved to amend general ordinance No. 19, 1877, by striking out section two (2), of said ordinance.

The adoption of this motion not being satisfactorily determined by a *viva voce* vote, a rising vote was demanded; and section two was ordered to be stricken out by a vote of 5 to 4.

General ordinance No. 19, 1877, was then read the third time as amended, and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snyder, Stratford, Wallace, and President Newcomb—9.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 34, 1877, entitled

An ordinance appropriating money on account of Fire and Police Departments of the city of Indianapolis;

Was read the first time.

Alderman Stratford moved to suspend the rules, and to now read appropriation ordinance No. 34, 1877, the second and third times, and to place said ordinance on its final passage; which motion was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snyder, Stratford, Wallace, and President Newcomb—9.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 34, 1877, was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snyder, Stratford, Wallace, and President Newcomb—9.

Negative—None.

REPORT FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Alderman Stratford, from the Special Committee on Rules and By-Laws for the Government of the Board of Aldermen, made the following report :

Indianapolis, May 16, 1877.

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—Your committee, which was appointed to draft rules and by-laws for the government of the Board of Aldermen, would make the following report :

That we are of opinion that the by-laws and rules of the Common Council be adopted, with such changes as are necessary.

We also recommend that the same committees be appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

I. W. STRATFORD,

H. COBURN,

Special Committee.

At the suggestion of the Special Committee, this report was laid on the table for the present.

On motion of Alderman Snyder, it was ordered that when this Body adjourn, it adjourn to meet next Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock.

ROLL CALL.

Alderman Coburn presented the following remonstrance :

Indianapolis, May 9, 1877.

To the Hon. President and Members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—We, the undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on the first alley east of New Jersey street, between Washington and Market streets, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of said alley between the points named, for the reason that said alley, between Washington and Court streets, has been improved, and is in a good condition, and that there is no necessity for improving the portion that has already been improved.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

E. HENRY KOLLER, 195 feet;

GEO. W. SEIBERT, 195 feet;

Owners of all ground between the points named.

There is no petition for the work on file.

GEO. W. SEIBERT.

On motion, the above remonstrance was received, and ordered to place on file with the ordinance providing for the improvement.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned until Wednesday evening, May 23, 1877, at 8 o'clock.

HORATIO C. NEWCOMB,

President.

Attest :

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk,

And Clerk *pro tem.* of Board of Aldermen.