

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF
THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Wednesday, May 30th, 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, Wallace and Wiles—10. Absent—None.

The proceedings of the adjourned session, held May 23d, 1877,
having been printed and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, the
reading of the same was dispensed with.

The following communication, from the City Clerk, was re-
ceived:

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, }
Indianapolis, May 30, 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, at it regular session, held May 28th, 1877, for your action upon same :

Report from City Clerk, accompanying the official bonds of G. W. McCain and Benjamin Thornton, as Turnkeys at Central Station.

Report from same officer, with regard to sundry affidavits, on file in his office, for collection of street assessments by precept.

Report from same officer, detailing his discharge of official duties in the matter of laying out and opening West Vermont street, from the first alley east of Douglass street to Blake street.

Report from City Attorney in the matter of vacation of the plats of Fales & French's and Marott's additions to the City of Indianapolis, accompanied by petition of Ingram Fletcher for such vacation, and the legally published notices of the pendency of said petition, accompanied by a resolution declaring the vacation.

Report from Council Committee on Contracts, awarding contract for grading and graveling the first alley east of Alvord street, running from Malotte avenue to Home avenue, to John Greene, as the lowest and best bidder.

Report from Council Committee on Finance and City Assessor, on sundry erroneous tax matters.

Resolution, instructing the City Treasurer to publish the proper legal notice that he will redeem all city orders outstanding on 1st of May, 1877, with moneys now in the treasury.

Resolution, appointing inspectors and judges for the election of School Commissioners, to be held on 9th proximo.

Motion, instructing the Street Commissioner to notify the owners of property on both sides of North Alabama street, between St. Joseph street and first alley north, to repair their sidewalks, or, on failure so to do, within thirty days, said officer to do the work and collect cost of same from such property owners.

Motion, directing the Street Commissioner and City Civil Engineer, to arrange the grade and fix the gutters and bridges at corner of Broadway and Cherry streets, so as to afford better drainage of said streets.

Motion, instructing the City Marshal to open, and the City Civil Engineer to set the line stakes for, Court street, from East to Noble streets.

Motion, authorizing the City Marshal to notify the owners of gravel pit near Peru Railroad track, between North and St. Clair streets, to fill up same within twenty days; or, failing to do so, the Street Commissioner to do this work with street scrapings, charging and collecting cost from owners of said property.

Motion, providing for the appointment of a special committee of two Councilmen and one Alderman, who shall determine in what manner the books and accounts of the City Treasurer and City Clerk shall be kept, with power to act.

General ordinance No. 19, 1877, as substituted for former ordinances of that number.

General ordinance No. 20, 1877.

General ordinance No. 21, 1877.

General ordinance No. 22, 1877.

Appropriation ordinance No. 35, 1877.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,

City Clerk.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL—ACTION UPON.

Report from City Clerk, reporting official bonds of G. W. McCain and Benjamin Thornton, turnkeys at Central Station [see Proceedings Common Council, May 28, 1877, page 56], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in approving said bonds, was concurred in.

Report from City Clerk, reporting sundry affidavits on file in his office for the collection of street assessments by precept [see Proceedings of Common Council, May 28, 1877, page 56], was read, and the action of the Common Council, ordering the precepts to issue, was concurred in.

Report of City Clerk, in the matter of issuing notices for the opening of West Vermont street [see Proceedings of the Common Council, May 28, 1877, page 57], was read and received.

Report of City Attorney, and resolution accompanying the same, in the matter of the vacation of the streets and alleys in Fales & French's and Marott's additions [see Proceedings of the Common Council, May 28, 1877, page 57], was read.

Alderman Foster moved to refer to the Committee on Streets and Alleys; which motion was not adopted.

The action of the Common Council, in adopting the order of vacation, was concurred in.

Report of Council Committee on Contracts, awarding contract to John Greene for grading and graveling the first alley east of Alvord street, running from Malotte avenue to Home avenue [see Proceedings of the Common Council, May 28, '77, page 78], was read, and the action of the Common Council in awarding said contract, was concurred in.

Report from Council Committee on Finance and the City Assessor, relative to certain taxes, claimed to have been erroneously paid [see Proceedings of Common Council, May 28, 1877, page 75], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in approving such report by paragraphs, was concurred in.

Resolution, instructing the City Treasurer to give the immediate proper notice that he will redem all city orders outstanding on 1st May, 1877, with moneys now in city treasury [see Proceedings of Common Council, May 28, 1877, page 67], was read, and laid over until ordinances on kindred subject should be placed before the Board.

Resolution, appointing inspectors and judges for election of School Commissioners, to be held on 9th proximo [see Proceedings of Common Council, May 28, 1877, page 77], was read.

On motion of Alderman Stratford, an error in School District No. 8 list was corrected, by changing the christian name of Mr. Martindale, one of the judges, from "J. P." to "William," no such person as the first named living in said district.

The action of the Common Council, in adopting said resolution, was then concurred in.

Motion, instructing the Street Commissioner to notify owners of lots on both sides of North Alabama street, between St. Joseph street and first alley north, to immediately repair their sidewalks, or, on failure so to do within thirty days, said officer to do such work and collect cost of same from such property owners [see Proceedings of Common Council, May 28, 1877, page 69], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting said motion, was concurred in.

Motion, directing the Street Commissioner and City Civil Engineer to arrange the grade, and fix the gutters and bridges at corner of Broadway and Cherry streets, so as to afford better drainage of said streets [see Proceedings of Common Council, May 28, 1877, page 71], was read, and, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Motion, instructing the City Marshal to open, and the City Civil Engineer to set the line stakes for, Court street, from East to Noble street [see Proceedings of Common Council, May 28, 1877, page 70], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting said motion, was concurred in.

Motion, authorizing the City Marshal to notify the owners of gravel pit near Peru Railroad tracks, between North and St. Clair streets, to fill up same within twenty days; or, on failure so to do, the Street Commissioner to do this work with street scrapings, charging and collecting cost from owners of said property [see Proceedings of the Common Council, May 28, 1877, page 71], was read, and, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Motion, providing for the appointment of a special committee of two Councilmen and one Alderman, who shall determine in what manner the books and accounts of the City Treasurer and City Clerk shall be kept, with power to act [see Proceedings of Common Council, May 28, 1877, page 74], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting said resolution, was concurred in.

The President appointed Alderman Wallace as the Board member of said special committee.

General ordinance No. 19, 1877, substituted for the ordinance as originally introduced and passed by the Common Council, May 14, 1877, as well as for the ordinance as amended and passed by the Board of Aldermen, May 16, 1877, [see Proceedings of Common Council, May 28, 1877, page 64], 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 taken up and read the first time.

On motion of Alderman Foster, the rules were suspended, for the purpose of reading above ordinance the second and third times now, by the following vote:

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

Negative—None.

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

Alderman Stratford moved to amend section four (4) so as to provide that the officers and members of the Police Board "shall receive no fees in city cases."

Alderman Foster moved to lay Alderman Stratford's amendment on the table.

Alderman Stratford demanded a call of the "ayes and noes," which resulted in the proposed amendment being laid on the table by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, Wallace, Wiles, and President Newcomb—7.

Negative—Aldermen McGill, Snyder, and Stratford—3.

General ordinance No. 19, 1877, was then ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snyder, Stratford, Wallace, Wiles, and President Newcomb—10.

Negative—None.

General ordinance No. 20, 1877, entitled

An ordinance transferring the money now in the City Treasury, belonging to the Sinking Fund, to the General Fund, and providing that all money hereafter collected on account of the Sinking Fund shall be placed to the credit of the General Fund ;

General ordinance No. 21, 1877, entitled

An ordinance providing for a temporary loan of three hundred thousand dollars, to defray the current expenses of the city for the present year;

Were taken up, and read the first time.

Alderman Wiles moved to suspend the rules, for the purpose of reading said ordinances the second and third times now; which motion to suspend was lost by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Coburn, Wiles, and President Newcomb—3.

Negative—Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snyder, Stratford, and Wallace—7.

On motion of Alderman Foster, general ordinances No. 20, 1877, and No. 21, 1877, and the Council resolution for the immediate redemption of the outstanding city orders, were referred to the Board Committee on Finance.

General ordinance No. 22, 1877, entitled

An ordinance to amend section twenty-two (22) 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 taken up, and read the first time.

Appropriation ordinance No. 35, 1877, entitled

An ordinance appropriating money for the compensation of the officers and members of the Fire Department and Police Force, and the Janitor of the City Building,

Was taken up, and read the first time.

On motion of Alderman Wiles, the rules were suspended, for the purpose of reading above entitled ordinance the second and third times now, by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snyder, Stratford, Wallace, Wiles, and President Newcomb—10.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 35, 1877, was then read the second time and ordered engrossed; read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snyder, Stratford, Wallace, Wiles, and President Newcomb—10.

Negative—None.

President Newcomb notified the Board that he would soon be absent from the city for a period of three or four weeks, and that it would be expedient to elect a President *pro tempore* now.

On motion of Alderman Stratford, the Board determined to now enter upon the election of a President *pro tem.*

Nominations being declared in order, Alderman McGill presented the name of Alderman Robert S. Foster, and Alderman Foster, after asking permission to decline the honor of the nomination, presented the name of Alderman William Wallace.

Alderman Wallace also asked permission to decline the honor of the nomination.

The Board refused to grant the requests of these gentlemen, and the President, after satisfying himself that no further nominations

would be made, appointed Aldermen Wiles and Stratford as tellers.

A ballot was then had; which resulted in Alderman Foster receiving 5 votes, and in Alderman Wallace receiving 5½ votes.

Alderman Wallace then peremptorily declined being a candidate; but the Board would not excuse him.

No choice being made on first ballot, a second ballot was had; which resulted in Alderman Foster receiving 7 votes, and in Alderman Wallace receiving 3 votes.

Alderman Robert S. Foster having received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of President *pro tempore* of the Board of Aldermen during the absence of President Newcomb.

On motion of Alderman Wiles, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned until Wednesday, June 6th, 1877, at 8 o'clock P. M.

HORATIO C. NEWCOMB,

President.

Attest :

GEO. T. BREUNIG,

Clerk of Board of Aldermen.