

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

CALLED SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF  
THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
*Friday, July 27th, 1877—10 o'clock A. M.* }

The Board of Aldermen met, pursuant to the following call :

*Indianapolis, Ind., July 26, 1877.*

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

*Gentlemen* :—You are requested to meet, in special session, at the Council Chamber, to-morrow (July 27th), at 10 o'clock A. M., to act upon matters of special importance.

H. C. NEWCOMB,  
Prest. of Board.

Present at first roll-call—His Honor, President Newcomb, in the chair, and Aldermen Coburn, Foster, Krug, and Snider—5.

Absent—Aldermen Chandler, McGill, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—5.

A quorum not being present, on motion, the City Marshal was instructed to bring in the absentees.

A subsequent roll-call was had, which resulted as follows :

Present—President Newcomb, and Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, Snider, Stratford, and Wiles—8,

Absent—Aldermen McGill and Wallace—2.

There being a quorum present, His Honor, the President, announced that the Board of Aldermen was ready for the transaction of business, and that Hon. W. Q. Gresham and Hon. A. W. Hendricks, a sub committee of the Committee of Public Safety, were in attendance.

Whereupon, the courtesies of the Board of Aldermen were extended to said gentlemen.

Hon. W. Q. Gresham addressed the Board, and presented the following papers from the Committee of Public Safety ; which were read :

WHEREAS, The following communication has been presented to this body to-wit :

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

*Gentlemen*.:—The following extract from the papers of this morning will sufficiently explain to you the action taken yesterday by a public meeting of citizens :

*Resolved*, That for the purpose of mutual protection, the preservation of peace, the prevention of riots, and all violations of the rights of persons and property, and to aid the officers of the law in maintaining peace and order, we join in recommending the appointment of a Committee of Public Safety.

The resolution also recommended the appointment of the following gentlemen on this committee: Hon. Joseph E. McDonald, General Ben. Harrison, Hon. Conrad Baker, General John Love, General T. A. Morris, General Dan. Macauley, and Hon. W. Q. Gresham. This committee was directed to act with the Mayor and other lawfully constituted authorities, in adopting and enforcing such measures as might be deemed necessary for the public safety, the sense of the meeting being that although there might be no danger to

the city from mob violence, the city should at once be placed in a condition that would make any riotous demonstrations impossible.

In pursuance of the designation of said meeting, and under a grave sense of the responsibilities involved, we have entered upon our duty as a Committee of Public Safety. We have ordered a special police force for duty, and taken other steps, which need not now be detailed, to secure the end for which we were appointed, viz.: the preservation of law and order in our city.

These measures have been taken, with the full concurrence of the Mayor and State authorities.

They involve expense. The city ought to assume these expenses, and such others as may be necessary.

We ask you to take such action as will facilitate our work.

We believe our citizens have unitedly determined to stand by the law, and put down all forms of lawlessness in our midst. We hope that, as the result of this consolidated public sentiment, and of the active and determined expression which it has found in the instant organization of a large force, all ready armed and ready for duty, that the law may be promptly and thoroughly re-established, without any conflict in our streets.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. MORRIS, Chairman.  
J. E. McDONALD,  
BENJ. HARRISON,  
W. Q. GRESHAM,  
JOHN LOVE,  
CONRAD BAKER,  
A. W. HENDRICKS.

*Now, therefore, be it Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the action of said meeting of citizens, appointing said Committee of Safety, be, and the same is hereby, approved.*

*Be it further Resolved, That the action of said committee, and of the Mayor and Police Board of said city, in appointing a special police force, be approved and ratified.*

*Be it further Resolved, That said committee, in conjunction with the regular public authorities, be authorized to take such further and other steps as they may deem essential to the public safety and the suppression of all forms of lawlessness in this city.*

On motion, the resolutions just read, were adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, Snider, Stratford, Wiles, and President Newcomb—8.

Negative—None.

The following resolution, which had been duly adopted by the Common Council, was then read :

*Resolved,* That the Board of Aldermen and City Council hereby indorse the course of Mayor Caven and the authorities, in their action under the railroad crisis that has been and is now upon us, believing that it has been for the best interests of the city under the unfortuitous circumstances and the terrible times under which we are now suffering.

And the same was concurred in by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, Snider, Stratford, Wiles, and President Newcomb—8.

Negative—None.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned, to meet tomorrow, at 10 o'clock A. M.

H. C. NEWCOMB, President.

Attest :

GEO. T. BREUNIG,

Clerk of Board of Aldermen.