

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF
THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
Tuesday, August 21st, 1877—8 o'clock P. M. }

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session.

Present at roll-call—His Honor, the President, H. C. Newcomb, in the chair, and the following members: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Wallace, and Wiles—8. Appeared subsequently—Aldermen Snider and Stratford—2. Total present—10.

Absent—None.

The proceedings of the adjourned session, held August 15th, 1877, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, the reading of the same was dispensed with.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS.

The Board of Police, through Alderman Wiles, submitted the following report; which was received:

Indianapolis, August 20, 1877.

To the President and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—Your resolution of inquiry in relation to the "Home of the Friendless," which was referred to us, has had our attention, and we report—

That, while this institution has been comfortably filled at all times, it has not been entirely closed to the friendless at any time, but the efforts of those in charge have been mainly directed to the work of returning the misguided and cast-off to their former homes; and when this could not be done, to seek new homes for them; and, in this way, much good, in our opinion, has been done, in saving and reclaiming many from a life of prostitution.

The institution is reported out of debt, but with limited income, five hundred dollars annually from Peck's estate and city fines; balance of expense, if any, must be made by donations from charitable persons.

Twenty-three inmates at present, and room for fifty more.

The building is badly located, and illy provided with cells for the confinement of the refractory. The officers report an impossibility to find suitable and remunerative work for the inmates; otherwise much of the expense might be saved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. WILES,
M. L. BROWN,
J. W. BUGBEE,
Board of Police.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message from the Common Council was duly received :

Indianapolis, August 21, 1877.

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—I herewith transmit certain papers, favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its last regular session, held August 20th, 1877, for your action upon same.

Respectfully,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL—ACTION UPON.

Report from Council Committee on Contracts, awarding two certain contracts, viz., for grading and graveling Bellefontaine avenue, and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof, from Lincoln avenue to Tinker or Seventh street; and for grading and gravel-

ing Herbert street and sidewalks, between Illinois and Meridian streets,—to E. B. Elliott [see Council Proceedings, page 360], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in awarding such contracts, was duly concurred in.

Report from Council Committee on Contracts, awarding a certain contract for grading and graveling Sixth street and sidewalks, from Delaware to Alabama street, to J. J. McNight & Co. [see Council Proceedings, page 371], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in awarding such contract, was duly concurred in.

Aldermen Snider and Stratford appeared and took their seats.

Contract and bond of E. B. Elliott, for grading and graveling Bellefontaine avenue, and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof, from Lincoln avenue to Tinker or Seventh street, which had been duly concurred in and approved by the Common Council [see Council Proceedings, page 371], was read, and the action of the Common Council, as indicated above, was duly concurred in.

Communication from His Honor, the Mayor, giving a statement of fines collected by him during the month of July, 1877, and paid into the city treasury [see Council Proceedings, page 361], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in approving such communication, was duly concurred in.

Report from City Civil Engineer, giving a first and final estimate allowed John Greene, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Alvord street, between Home and Malott avenues [see Council Proceedings, page 365], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in approving such report, was duly concurred in.

The concurrent resolution, allowing the aforesaid estimate, was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Report from City Clerk, reporting sundry affidavits filed in his office for the collection of street assessments by precept, to-wit :

John Schier vs. Simpson Grant Lemmon, for ..	\$9 18
John Schier vs. Ira Bell Lemmon, for	9 18
John Schier vs. Oscar W. Kelley, for	9 18
John Schier vs. Mary C. Ransdell, for.....	9 31
John Schier vs. Joseph Martin, for....	9 99
Fred. Gansberg vs. Mary E and Joseph Moore, for.....	7 59
Fred. Gansberg vs. Isabella Crouch, for.....	16 70
John Flaherty vs. John Carlisle, for.....	50 62
John Flaherty vs. Benjamin F. Riley, for.....	4 22
John Flaherty vs. Benjamin F. Riley, for.....	13 75
John Greene vs. Henry Meyer, for.....	4 66
John Greene vs. Charles Beck, for.....	2 38
John Greene vs. Charles and John Beck, for.....	2 38

and recommending that precepts be ordered to issue [see Council Proceedings, page 366], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in such report, and in ordering the precepts to be issued, was duly approved by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Report from Council Committee on Streets and Alleys, recommending (1) that the name of "Eutaw street," extending from the corner of Pratt and Paca streets, be changed to "Pratt street"; (2) that the Street Commissioner scrape the dust, and fill the chuck-holes of New York street, between Meridian and East streets; (3) that same officer fill the chuck-holes of and clean Alabama street, between Washington street and Massachusetts avenue; (4) that the Street Commissioner had already cleaned the gutters on Massachusetts avenue, between East and Noble streets, and, therefore, the adoption of a certain motion of instruction to above effect was now unnecessary; (5) adversely on a motion to instruct Street Commissioner to fill or drain a pond in Spruce street, near Woodlawn avenue; (6) that the Gas Company be notified, by the Street Com-

missioner, to fill and grade a certain ditch in New York street, left in an impassable condition by said company, within ten days, or, on its failure so to do, the said officer to do the work, and collect for same from said company; and (7) that the Street Commissioner had informed said committee of his having a sufficiency of appropriation made for the purpose of repairing Virginia avenue, from Louisiana to Dillon street, to complete said repairs, and that, therefore, the additional appropriation asked for by the Aldermanic motion was unnecessary [see Council Proceedings, page 369], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in the several clauses of said report, was duly approved.

On Alderman Stratford's motion, the Aldermanic Committee on Streets and Alleys were directed to instruct the Street Commissioner to at once renew and finish the Virginia avenue repairs.

Motion, permitting George Woodfill & Son to grade, and pave with brick, the north side of St. Joseph street, from the first alley east of Delaware street to Pennsylvania street [see Council Proceedings, page 372], was read.

On Councilman Wiles's motion, the names of "George Woodfill & Son" were stricken out of the above, and the words "the property owners" inserted in lieu of same.

Said motion, as amended, was then duly adopted.

Motion, permitting John Karnatz to grade, and pave with brick, the sidewalks along his property, on the northeast corner of Park avenue and Arch street [see Council Proceedings, page 373], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Alderman Wallace offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That when this body adjourns, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday, August 28th, 1877, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned, to meet again as above ordered.

H. C. NEWCOMB, President.

Attest:

GEO. T. BREUNIG,

Clerk of Board of Aldermen.