

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Tuesday, November 6th, 1877—7 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 Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Krug, Snider, and Stratford—6. Appeared subsequently—Aldermen Wallace and Wiles—2. Total present—8.

Absent during the entire session—Aldermen Coburn and McGill—2.

The proceedings of the regular session, held October 16th, 1877, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, the reading of the same was dispensed with.

The Committee on Accounts and Claims, through Alderman Chandler, made the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Hon. President and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—Your committee, to whom was referred the claim of M. S. Bodkin, for livery hire, beg leave to report that we have made some investigation of the matter, and are of the opinion that it should not be paid.

T. E. CHANDLER,
I. W. STRATFORD,
Committee on Accounts and Claims.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message from the Common Council was duly received :

Indianapolis, November 6, 1877.

To the President and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—I herewith transmit to your honorable body certain papers, favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its last regular session, held November 5th, 1877, for your action upon same.

Respectfully,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL—ACTION UPON.

Report from City Civil Engineer, calling attention to the condition of the streets, from being opened for laying gas and water mains, service-pipes, etc., and recommending that the two gas companies be notified to furnish plats of their mains, and inform his Department of their intentions to excavate, and localities thereof [see Council Proceedings, page 519], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in approving aforesaid recommendations, was duly concurred in:

Report from same officer, giving estimates for the improvements set forth in the two resolutions next below [see Council Proceedings, page 519], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in approving such report, was duly concurred in.

The following concurrent resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 520], was then read :

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed John Greene, for grading and graveling Maryland street and sidewalks, from Helen street, west, to White River, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And was duly adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Krug, Snider, Stratford, and President Newcomb—6.

Negative—None.

Alderman Wiles appeared, and took his seat.

The following concurrent resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 520], was also read :

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed J. J. McKnight, for grading and graveling Sixth street and sidewalks, between Delaware and Alabama streets, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And was duly adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Krug, Snider, Stratford, Wiles, and President Newcomb—7.

Negative—None.

Report from City Clerk, giving the following list of affidavits, filed in his office, for the collection of street assessments by precept, viz. :

John Greene vs. Indianapolis Water-Works Company, for	\$144 00
John Greene vs. Indianapolis Water-Works Company, for	118 00
Henry C. Roney vs. Richard Coulter, for	18 75

And recommending that precepts be ordered to issue [see Council Proceedings, page 523], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in such report, and in ordering the precepts to issue, was duly approved by the following vote :

Affirmative—Alderman Chandler, Foster, Krug, Snider, Stratford, Wiles, and President Newcomb—7.

Negative—None.

Report from City Attorney, stating that a judgment of \$182.12 had been rendered against the city, in case of American Meter Company vs. The City, and recommending that said judgment be paid, and that the bondsmen of Aleck Robinson (who had appropriated the funds drawn on account of and belonging to the plaintiff) be required to reimburse the city [see Council Proceedings, page 524], was read, and then duly referred to the Aldermanic Committee on Judiciary.

Reports from Superintendent of City Hospital and Branch, for the month of October, 1877 [see Council Proceedings, page 525], were read, and duly received.

Alderman Wallace appeared, and took his seat.

Reports from Superintendent of City Dispensary, for the month of October, 1877 [see Council Proceedings, page 526], were read, and duly received.

Report from Council Committee on Judiciary, recommending an additional appropriation of \$250, on account of the fees and expenses of the attorneys in Virginia in prosecuting the probating of the will of Thomas D. Gregg, deceased [see Council Proceedings, page 527], was read, and duly received.

Report from Council Committee on Streets and Alleys, recommending (2) that the Street Commissioner fill the chuck-holes in West street, between Washington and New York streets; (3) that same officer spread gravel on Ohio street, from New Jersey street to Peru Railroad, in same manner as on portions of said street which have been heretofore so repaired; (4) that same officer lay down a stone-crossing at intersection of St. Mary street and Fort Wayne avenue; (5) that same officer re-floor the Ash street bridge

over the State Ditch ; and (6) that same officer fill, with gravel, the chuck-holes in Washington street, between the White River bridge and the I., B. & W. R. R. crossing, at a cost not exceeding twenty dollars [see Council Proceedings, pages 528 and 529], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in the several clauses above set forth, was duly approved.

Motion, requesting the Board of Aldermen to return to the Common Council, for further consideration, a certain claim of M. S. Bodkin for livery hire, which had been transmitted to this body, with report of Council Committee on Accounts and Claims on 16th October, 1877 [see Council Proceedings, page 526], was read, and then laid on the table.

Motion, to grant G. W. McLelland and C. W. Dickson permission to erect a hay and grain scale in the street at the intersection of Virginia avenue and Shelby street, under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer, the Common Council reserving the power to order removal of same at any time [see Council Proceedings, page 533], was read, and referred to Aldermanic Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Motion, to direct the City Civil Engineer to inspect that part of the Citizens' Street Railway located on College avenue, establish the grade line of said street, and notify said company to make its trackway conform to such grade [see Council Proceedings, page 534], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to grant O. W. Matthews permission to lay a crossing over sidewalk of Ohio street, in the rear of No. 2 Indiana avenue [see Council Proceedings, page 534], was read, and referred to the Aldermanic Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Motion, to direct the Street Commissioner to clean the sewer-pipe under the I., C. & L. R. R. track, at St. Clair street [see Council Proceedings, page 534], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, requesting this body to return general ordinance No. 37, 1877 ("creating the office of City Gauger," etc.) to the files of the Common Council [see Council Proceedings, page 535], was read, and the said request was duly granted.

Motion, to permit R. R. Hammond to improve the sidewalk in front of his property on Massachusetts avenue, at the northeast corner of said avenue and Vermont street, subject to the usual restrictions [see Council Proceedings, page 535], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to permit John Corrigan to lay down a crossing on south side of Court street, east of East street, so as to give him access to his lot with horse and wagon [see Council Proceedings, page 536], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to allow C. A. Rush to erect a wagon scale in front of his malt house on S. Delaware street, according to the grade of the street and to the satisfaction of the City Civil Engineer, the Council to have the power to order the removal of the same at any time [see Council Proceedings, page 537], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to direct the Street Commissioner to repair the crossing on the south side of Merrill and New Jersey streets [see Council Proceedings, page 537], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to allow H. H. Lee and Philip Dohn to lay a stone-crosswalk across S. Meridian street, between their stores, at their own expense, and under instruction of the City Civil Engineer [see Council Proceedings, page 537], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to instruct the Street Commissioner to securely nail up and fasten the gates of Military Park, there being no further use for said park until spring [see Council Proceedings, page 537], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

The following appropriation ordinances were then read the first time :

Ap. O. 76, 1877—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Fire Department.

Ap. O. 77, 1877—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of City Hospital and Branch.

Ap. O. 78, 1877—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses.

Ap. O. 79, 1877—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

Ap. O. 80, 1877—An ordinance appropriating money on account of the City Dispensary.

Ap. O. 81, 1877—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, and Advertising.

Ap. O. 82, 1877—An ordinance appropriating money on account of the Street-Repair Department of the City of Indianapolis.

Appropriation ordinance No. 76, 1877, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 77, 1877, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 78, 1877, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 79, 1877, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 80, 1877, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 81, 1877, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 82, 1877, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

The following general ordinance was read the second time, and then referred to the Aldermanic Committee on Judiciary :

G. O. 40, 1877—An ordinance to prohibit the driving of Advertising Wagons in the streets of the city.

The following special ordinances were then read the second time :

S. O. 139, 1876—An ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Pendleton Pike, between Clifford avenue and Orange street.

S. O. 29, 1877—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling East street and sidewalks (except where such sidewalks have already been properly improved), from Morris street to Minnesota street.

S. O. 30, 1877—An ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, the east sidewalk on Park avenue (where not already paved), between Cherry and Vine streets.

The title of the following ordinance was amended, under instructions of the Board, in consequence of its concurrent adoption of a certain motion [second in order on page 233, *ante*], as follows, and was so read the second time :

S. O. 31, 1877—An ordinance to provide for paving with brick the sidewalks of Fletcher avenue, between Dillon and Linden streets, except in front of lots 130, 131, and 132, in Spann & Co.'s Woodlawn Addition.

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

The following special ordinance was then read the third time :

S. O. 139, 1875—An ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Pendleton Pike, between Clifford avenue and Orange street,

And was passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

The following special ordinance was then read the third time :

S. O. 29, 1877—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling East street and sidewalks (except where such sidewalks have already been properly improved), from Morris street to Minnesota street,

And was passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

The following special ordinance was then read the third time :

S. O. 30, 1877—An ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, the east sidewalk on Park avenue (where not already paved), between Cherry and Vine streets,

And was passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

The following special ordinance was then read the third time :

S. O. 31, 1877—An ordinance to provide for paving with brick the sidewalks of Fletcher avenue, between Dillon and Linden streets, except in front of lots 130, 131, and 132, in Spann & Co.'s Woodlawn Addition,

And was passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman Stratford offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

Moved, That the Council be requested to instruct their Committee on Streets and Alleys to report resolutions changing the names of streets or alleys where the same names have been duplicated.

Alderman Wiles offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

Moved, That the Committee on Gas-Light, with the City Civil Engineer, be ordered to report on the feasibility of re-setting intermediate street lamps so

that they may light alleys which are now not lighted; also, on the possibility of dispensing with intermediate lamps on squares where same are not needed to light alleys.

On Alderman Wiles's motion, the Committee on Streets and Alleys were discharged from further consideration of the first clause of October 15th report of Council Committee on Streets and Alleys [see page 232, *ante*].

And then, on Alderman Krug's motion, the action of the Common Council, in concurring in aforesaid clause, was duly approved.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

H. C. NEWCOMB, President.

Attest:

GEO. T. BREUNIG,

Clerk of Board of Aldermen.