

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
Tuesday, January 8th, 1878—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, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, and Wiles—7.

Absent—Aldermen Snider, Stratford, and Wallace—3.

The proceedings of the regular session, held December 18th, 1877, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, the reading of the same was dispensed with.

This being the first session held in the new Aldermanic Chamber, since removal to the Marion county Court House, on Alderman Wiles's motion, His Honor, the President, was requested to

draw the District numbers, and the Aldermen, thus represented, would then make choice of seats in the order drawn.

The ballots were announced in the following order :

Third District, First District, Second District, Fourth District, Fifth District.

As the result of above drawing, the sittings are assigned as follows :

First District—Aldermen Foster and Wallace; rear desks, on east side.

Second District—Aldermen Wiles and Chandler; front desks, on west side.

Third District—Alderman Coburn (Alderman Newcomb occupying the Chair); single desk, east side.

Fourth District—Aldermen Snpder and Krug; front desks, on east side

Fifth District—Aldermen Stratford and McGill; rear desks, on west side.

MESSAGES FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message was received, and the time designated by Mayor Caven, for assembling of the Joint Convention, was duly concurred in :

Indianapolis, January 8, 1878.

To the President and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—At the last regular session of the Common Council, held January 7, 1878, said body concurred in your amendment to section 2 of general ordinance No. 43, 1877 ("Creating a Board of Public Improvements," etc.)

His Honor, Mayor Caven, designated Monday evening, January 21st, 1878, for the assembling of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen in joint convention, for the purpose of electing the members of such Board of Public Improvements, in accordance with the requirements of the second proviso of the first section of aforesaid ordinance.

Respectfully,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The following message was duly received :

Indianapolis, January 8, 1878

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 January 7th, 1878, for your action upon same.

Respectfully,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL—ACTION UPON.

Report from the Council Committee on Contracts, recommending (1) that the contract for grading and graveling the first alley north of Fletcher avenue, from Cedar street to Dillon street, be awarded to Richard Carr; (2) that the contract for grading and graveling the first alley west of Illinois street, from Morris street to the first alley south of Morris street, be awarded to Thomas Niland; (3) that the contract for grading and graveling the first alley east of Meridian street, between Phipps and McCarty streets, be awarded to Richard Carr; and (4) that the contract for grading, graveling, and curbing the west sidewalk of Missouri street, from Vermont to New York street, be awarded to James W. Hudson [see Council Proceedings, page 635], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in awarding the several contracts, was duly concurred in.

Communication from Mayor Caven, giving a statement of fines collected by him during the months of October, November, and December, 1877, and due the "Home for Friendless Women"; and, also, the amount of fines collected by him during the month of December, and due the City Treasury [see Council Proceedings, page 636], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in approving such report, was duly concurred in.

Communication from Mayor Caven, reporting the execution of the agreement between the Water-Works Company of Indianapolis and the City of Indianapolis, as set forth in general ordinance No. 42, 1877, and transmitting a duplicate executed copy of such document [see Council Proceedings, page 637], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in approving said proceedings, was duly concurred in.

Report (final) from Trustees having custody of the city bonds issued in aid of the Union Railroad Transfer and Stock-Yard Company, and two exhibits accompanying the same [see Council Proceedings, page 637], were read and duly received, and the action of the Common Council, in accepting the resignation of said Trustees, was approved.

Report from City Civil Engineer, giving a first and partial estimate to John Greene, for grading and graveling Franklin street and sidewalks, from Nebraska street to the first alley north of Yeiser street [see Council Proceedings, page 639], 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 639], was then read :

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and partial estimate, allowed John Greene, for grading and graveling Franklin street and sidewalks, from Nebraska street to the first alley north of Yeiser street, 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, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Wiles, and President Newcomb—7.

Negative—None.

Report from same officer, covering contract and bond of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling East street and sidewalks (except where the sidewalks are already improved) from Morris street to Minnesota street [see Council Proceedings, page 640], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in approving such contract and bond, was duly concurred in.

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

Fred. Gansberg vs. Geo. K. Hornaday, for.....	\$14 30
Fred. Gansberg vs. Wm. E. Alcorn, for ...	14 38
Fred. Gansberg vs. Wm. E. Alcorn, for	13 20

And recommending that precepts be ordered to issue [see Council Proceedings, page 643], 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—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Wiles, and President Newcomb—7.

Negative—None.

Report from City Attorney, stating that the case of Thomas Moore vs. The City (for \$3,000 damages, caused by the floods of 1875, in washing away portions of certain lots, owned by the plaintiff, in Indianola) had resulted in a verdict and judgment in favor of the city [see Council Proceedings, page 644], was read, and such report was duly received,

Report from Street Commissioner, of work done in his Department during the month of December, 1877 [see Council Proceedings, page 645], was read, and duly received.

Report from the Fire Board, stating, in answer to Council motion [for which, see Council Proceedings, page 627], that the fire engines had not been used in pumping for the Water-Works Company during present Council year, and that the small pumping engine had only been in the possession of said company because the Fire Department had no place in which to store it; also, recommending that the Chief Fire Engineer be authorized to sell the aforesaid pumping engine to the Water-Works Company or other party [see Council Proceedings, page 446], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in receiving such report, and in concurring in the recommendation therein contained, was duly approved.

Reports from Superintendent of City Hospital and Branch, for the month of December, 1877 [see Council Proceedings, page 646], were read, and duly received.

Report from Board of Police, transmitting official bond of Thos. W. Durham, as Turnkey at Central Station [see Council Proceedings, page 647], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in receiving such report, and in approving said official bond, was duly concurred in.

Report from Council Committee on Gas-Light, recommending concurrence in the action of the Board of Aldermen, as set forth on page 267, *ante*, except as to the selection of a "gas expert" by the Indianapolis Gas-Light and Coke Company [see Council Proceedings, page 647], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in objecting to such proposed selection, was concurred in.

Report from Council Committee on Streets and Alleys, recommending (2) that the Street Commissioner fill the chuck-holes in Vermont street, from Pennsylvania to Delaware street, at a cost not exceeding five dollars; and (3) that same officer lay a double stone crosswalk from the northeast corner of New York and Delaware streets to the southwest corner of Delaware street and Massachusetts avenue [see Council Proceedings, page 648], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in aforesaid clauses, was duly approved.

Report signed by Council Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys and select committee of the Common Council, recommending the opening and extending of Dillon street, from its present northern terminus to the intersection of Washington street and Michigan Road, according to a plat accompanying such report [see Council Proceedings, page 649], was read, and then referred to the Aldermanic Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys.

Report from Council Committee on Sellers' Farm, recommending the acceptance of "the sum of \$200 for the bodies of the cottonwood trees located on the Sellers' Farm [see Council Proceedings, page 650], was read, and then referred to the Aldermanic Committee on Sellers' Farm.

Contracts and bonds (two) of the Indianapolis Stove Company (1) for erecting lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete for burning gas, except the service-pipes, on Bellefontaine street, from Home avenue to Tinker street; and (2) on Peru street, between Home avenue and Tinker street [which had been duly concurred in and approved by the Common Council—see page 655], were submitted, and, on motion, referred to the Aldermanic Committee on Gas-Light.

An invitation to visit the City Hospital, extended by the Superintendent of that institution, was read, and duly accepted.

Resolution, to annex the "Southern Park" to the city [see Council Proceedings, page 666], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such resolution, was duly concurred in by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Resolution, to allow a corrected estimate to be prepared for John Greene, for grading and graveling Wisconsin street and sidewalks, from Mississippi street to Meridian street, on account of certain assessments being erroneous as to ownership of two strips of ground assessed [see Council Proceedings, page 668], was read, and after such resolution had been amended by striking out the words "for the reason that the same should have been made against the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette Railroad Company," the action of the Common Council, in adopting the residue of said resolution, was duly concurred in by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Motion, to direct the City Marshal to notify the Water-Works Company to repair the excavation made by it at the intersection of

College avenue and Seventh street [see Council Proceedings, page 663], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to allow Roll & Morris to lay a stone crosswalk over Illinois street, in front of their place of business (No. 32 S. Illinois street), at their own expense and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer [see Council Proceedings, page 664], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to instruct the City Marshal to notify the I., C. & L. Railroad Company to plank between its tracks on Alabama street, within thirty days [see Council Proceedings, page 666], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to instruct the City Marshal to remove a fence, belonging to Robert Chism, from Blackford street, said fence being in that street contrary to law [see Council Proceedings, page 666], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

The following appropriation ordinances [which had been duly passed by the Common Council—see pages 653 and 654] were read the first time:

- Ap. O. 1, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department.
- Ap. O. 2, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch.
- Ap. O. 3, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses.
- Ap. O. 4, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

Ap O. 5, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, and Advertising.

Appropriation ordinance No. 1, 1878, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 2, 1878, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 3, 1878, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 4, 1878, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, and Wiles—6.

Negative—President Newcomb—1.

Appropriation ordinance No. 5, 1878, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, and President Newcomb—6.

Negative—None.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

H. C. NEWCOMB, President.

Attest :

GEO. T. BREUNIG,

Clerk of Board of Aldermen.