

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,  
*Tuesday, April 2d, 1878—7 ½ o'clock P. M.* }

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session.

Present at roll-call—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—8.

Absent—President Newcomb and Alderman McGill—2.

The President being absent, Alderman Foster was called to the chair, as president *pro tempore*.

The proceedings of the regular session, held March 19th, 1878, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, the reading of the same was dispensed with.

## MESSAGES FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message was received from the Common Council :

*Indianapolis*, April 2, 1878.

To the President and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen* :—At a called session of the Common Council, held Wednesday evening, March 27th, 1878, that body refused to concur in the amendatory section 6, adopted by your honorable body on March 19th, as a substitute for section 6 of general ordinance No. 4, 1878 (" An ordinance ratifying and confirming the Contracts heretofore entered into between the City of Indianapolis and the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis Railway Company and the Indianapolis, Peru and Chicago Railway Company, and empowering said Companies to carry out the provisions of the same, and for other purposes "), and a new section was offered and duly substituted in lieu thereof. I herewith transmit aforesaid new section, for your action upon same.

Respectfully,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The following section (referred to in preceding message) was then read, viz.:

SEC. 6. The Indianapolis, Peru & Chicago Railway Company is hereby granted the right to locate, construct, and maintain its tracks, on a strip of ground not to exceed fifteen feet in width, on the extreme west side of Macy or Alvord street, from Seventh street, south, to the north side of Malott avenue; and, from thence, on a strip, thirteen feet in width, along the extreme west side of said Alvord street to Massachusetts avenue, and across said avenue, at a convenient point, to connect with its tracks south of said avenue.

And was duly adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Aforesaid general ordinance was then read the third time by title, viz.:

G. O. 4, 1878—An ordinance ratifying and confirming the Contracts heretofore entered into between The City of Indianapolis and The Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis Railway Company and The Indianapolis, Peru and Chicago Railway Company, and empowering said Companies to carry out the provisions of the same, and for other purposes ;

And was passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

The following message was also received :

*Indianapolis, April 2, 1878.*

To the 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 April 1st, 1878, for your action upon same.

Respectfully,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL—ACTION UPON.

Report from Council Committee on Contracts, recommending (1) that the contract for erecting lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete to burn gas, except the service-pipes, on Olive street, from Prospect street to Pleasant Run, and on Fletcher avenue, from Dillon street to Linden street, be awarded to John Knight; and (2) on account of no satisfactory bid having been made for building stone abutments on the Central Canal, at the crossing of Vermont street, that the City Civil Engineer be instructed to re-advertise for proposals for doing such work [see Council Proceedings, page 842], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in awarding the contracts referred to in clause (1), and in giving the instruction set forth in clause (2), was duly approved.

Report from City Civil Engineer, giving (1) a first and final estimate to James W. Hudson, for grading, graveling, and curbing the west sidewalk of Missouri street, from New York street to Vermont street; and (2) a first and final estimate to James H. Hart, for grading, and paving with brick, the sidewalks of First street, from Illinois street to Meridian street [see Council Proceedings, page 843], 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 844], was then read:

*Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed James W. Hudson, for grading, graveling, and curbing the west sidewalk of Missouri street, from New York street to Vermont 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, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—8.

Negative—None.

The following concurrent resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 844], was also read:

*Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed James H. Hart, for grading, and paving with brick, the sidewalks of First street, from Illinois street to Meridian 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, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—8.

Negative—None.

Reports from Superintendent of City Hospital and Branch, for the month of March, 1878 [see Council Proceedings, page 848], were read, and duly received.

Report from Board of Health, stating that there was nothing deleterious to health in draining the waste from the works of the Indianapolis Gas-Light and Coke Company into the South street sewer [see Council Proceedings, page 847], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in approving such report, was duly concurred in.

Report from same official board, giving a tabulated statement of the number of deaths in the City of Indianapolis registered during the half-year commencing August 11, 1877, and ending February 11, 1878 [see Council Proceedings, page 848], was read, and duly received.

Report from Council Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys, recommending the granting of the prayer of one Henry Kruse, for the vacation of all the streets and alleys in Howland and Webb's Second Addition to the City of Indianapolis [see petition on pages 751 to 753, and report on page 852, of Council Proceedings]; also, the notice of pendency of aforesaid petition for vacation, proof of publication of such notice of pendency, and the affidavit of said Henry Kruse that he had posted three copies of such notice in the immediate neighborhood of aforesaid Addition [see Council Proceedings, pages 853 and 854], were read.

And then the following concurrent resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 854], was also read:

WHEREAS, It appears to the satisfaction of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, that Henry Kruse is the absolute owner, in fee simple, of all the lots in what is known as Howland & Webb's Second Addition to the City of Indianapolis, the same being a subdivision of lot number two (2) of Hermann Heinrich Schroer's subdivision of twenty-seven and ninety one-hundredths acres in section thirteen (13), township fifteen (15), range three (3) east, in Marion County, Indiana; and,

WHEREAS, It further appears to the satisfaction of this Council and Board of Aldermen that said lots are totally unimproved, and are beyond the limits of the city where lots are desirable for building purposes; and,

WHEREAS, It is reasonable to suppose that said lots would not be desirable for building purposes for many years to come, if, indeed, at all; and,

WHEREAS, It would be to the interest of the owner of said lots, as also to the public at large, that the streets and alleys in said Addition should be vacated, and that said real estate should be fenced in and cultivated; and,

WHEREAS, Said Henry Kruse has petitioned this Common Council and Board of Aldermen to vacate said streets and alleys for the purposes aforesaid; now therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That Mozart street, Webb street, and Ransdell street, together with all the alleys included within the boundaries of said lot number two (2) of Hermann Heinrich Schroer's subdivision of 27 90.100 acres in section 13, township 15, range 3 east, in Marion County, Indiana, the same being within the limits of the City of Indianapolis, be, and the same are hereby, vacated.*

And was duly adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Coburn, Foster, Krug, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—7.

Negative—Alderman Chandler—1.

Motion, to grant to the trustees of the Fourth Christian Church the privilege of moving their building from Fayette street, west, on St. Clair street, to West street, and thence, north, to First street [see Council Proceedings, page 857], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Contracts and bonds (two) of John Knight, for erecting lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete to burn gas, except the service-pipes, on Olive street, from Prospect street to Pleasant Run, and on Fletcher avenue, from Dillon street to Linden street [which had been severally concurred in and approved by the Common Council—see page 859], were submitted, and the action of the Common Council thereupon was duly concurred in.

The following appropriation ordinances [which had been duly passed by the Common Council—see pages 841 and 842] were read the first time :

Ap. O. 19, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department.

Ap. O. 20, 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. 21, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses.

Ap. O. 22, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

Ap. O. 23, 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. 19, 1878, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 20, 1878, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 21, 1878, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 22, 1878, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 23, 1878, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

The following general ordinance [which had been duly passed by the Common Council—see page 857], was read the first time :

G. O. 10, 1878—An ordinance to amend sections five (5) and six (6) of an ordinance entitled “ An ordinance authorizing the construction, extension, and operation of certain Passenger Railways, in or upon the streets of the City of Indianapolis (ordained and established January 18, 1864).”

On Alderman Snider’s motion, the rules were then suspended, for the purpose of reading the above ordinance the second and third times, and placing same on its passage, by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Aforesaid ordinance was then read the second and third times, viz. :

G. O. 10, 1878—An ordinance to amend sections five (5) and six (6) of an ordinance entitled “ An ordinance authorizing the construction, extension and operation of certain Passenger Railways, in or upon the streets of the City of Indianapolis (ordained and established January 18, 1864)”;

And was passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

#### NEW BUSINESS.

The Committee on Judiciary, through Alderman Wallace, submitted the following report ; which was concurred in :

*Indianapolis, April 2, 1878.*

To the President and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen* :—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred the motion of Councilman A. L. Wright, transmitted from the Common Council, having duly considered the matter, would recommend that the action of the



Common Council, in adopting said motion (for the suspension of all proceedings opening or changing of Dillon street) be not concurred in.

WM. WALLACE,  
I. W. STRATFORD,  
R. S. FOSTER.

Committee on Judiciary.

Alderman Stratford offered the following motions ; which were severally adopted :

*Moved*, That the Committee on Public Buildings are hereby directed to procure suitable hat and coat racks for this Chamber, and also a desk suitable for the Clerk.

*Moved*, That the Committee on Railroads are hereby directed to confer with the management of the I., C. & L. Railroad, with a view to procuring the removal of their track from Louisiana street, so that they will enter the city on the Union Railway track ; and the Common Council is hereby requested to direct their Committee on Railroads to co-operate with this committee in securing said removal ; also, that Messrs. F. M. Churchman, Wm. H. English, Dr. T. M. Stevens, B. C. Shaw, and T. A. Morris be requested to meet with and assist the committees in the above named work.

*Moved*, That the Committee on Parks and City Attorney inquire into the responsibility of the parties now holding a lease of the "Southern Park" as a trotting course, and report the result of their investigations to this body.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

R. S. FOSTER, President *pro tem*.

Attest :

GEO. T. BREUNIG,

Clerk of Board of Aldermen.