

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
Tuesday, April 16th, 1878—7½ o'clock P. M. }

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session.

Present at roll-call—Aldermen Chandler, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, and Wiles—6. Appeared subsequently—Aldermen Coburn, Foster, and Wallace—3. Total present—9.

Absent during entire session—President Newcomb—1.

The President being absent, on Alderman Chandler's motion, Alderman Wiles was called to the chair, as president *pro tempore*.

The proceedings of the regular session, held April 2d, 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 read, and, at the suggestion of Alderman Stratford, the Chair declared the same to be out of order :

Indianapolis, April 16, 1878.

To the President and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—The Common Council, at its regular session, held last evening, determined to adhere to its action of March 18th, 1878, directing the City Commissioners to “suspend all proceedings looking to the opening or changing of Dillon street, until the further order of this Council.”

Respectfully,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The following message was then read, and the additional appointments made by the Common Council were, on motion, duly consented to :

Indianapolis, April 16, 1878.

To the President and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—At the regular session of the Common Council, held last evening, Aldermen Stratford's motion relative to change of the tracks of the I., C. & L. Railroad from Louisiana street to the Union Railway tracks, being under consideration, on Councilman Tucker's motion, His Honor, Mayor Caven, Councilman Tucker (appointed by the Mayor), and Messrs. John S. Spann, S. A. Fletcher, jr., B. A. Atkinson, and George W. Hill were selected and appointed, in addition to the Council Committee on Railroads.

Respectfully,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The following message was then read :

Indianapolis, April 16, 1878.

To the President and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—The Common Council adjourned last evening, to meet in special session on Monday evening, 23d instant, at which time the resolution appointing inspectors and judges for the general city election, to be held May 7th, will be considered and adopted, and “all unfinished business on the calendar will be made the special order for said meeting.”

I am directed to notify you of this called session, and to request your honorable body to meet, in special session, on the following evening, 23d instant.

Respectfully,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

On Alderman Stratford's motion, it was ordered that when this Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet again on Tuesday evening next, April 23d, at 7½ o'clock.

The following message was duly received :

Indianapolis, April 16, 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 April 15th, 1878, for your action upon same.

Respectfully,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL—ACTION UPON.

Communication from Mayor Caven, giving a statement of forfeitures collected by him during the months of January, February, and March, due the "Home for Friendless Women"; and, also, the amount of fines collected by him during the month of March, and due the City Treasury [see Council Proceedings, page 862], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in approving such report, and in instructing the City Clerk to insert, in next regular appropriation ordinance, the sum of the forfeitures due the "Home for Friendless Women," was duly concurred in.

Aldermen Coburn and Foster appeared, and took their seats.

Report from City Civil Engineer, giving (1) a first and final estimate in behalf of Indianapolis Stove Company, for erecting lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete to burn gas, except the service-pipes, on Bellefontaine street, from Home avenue to Tinker street; (2) a first and final estimate in behalf of same company, for like improvement on Peru street, from Home avenue to Tinker street; (3) a first and final estimate in behalf of same company, for like improvement on Stevens street, from East street to Virginia avenue; (4) a first and final estimate in behalf of John Knight, for like improvement on Fletcher avenue, from Dillon street to Linden street;

(5) a first and final estimate in behalf of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Cook street, from Georgia street to Louisiana street; and (6) a second and final estimate in behalf of 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 863], 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 864], was then read:

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed Indianapolis Stove Company, for erecting lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete to burn gas, on Bellefontaine street, from Home avenue to Tinker 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, Snider, Stratford, and Wiles—8.

Negative—None.

The following concurrent resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 864], was also read:

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed Indianapolis Stove Company, for erecting lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete to burn gas, on Peru street, from Home avenue to Tinker 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, Snider, Stratford, and Wiles—8.

Negative—None.

The following concurrent resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 864], was also read :

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed Indianapolis Stove Company, for erecting lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete to burn gas, on Stevens street, from East street to Virginia avenue, 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, Snider, Stratford, and Wiles—8.

Negative—None.

The following concurrent resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 865], was also read :

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed John Knight, for erecting lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete to burn gas, on Fletcher avenue, from Dillon street to Linden 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, Snider, Stratford, and Wiles—8.

Negative—None.

The following concurrent resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 865], was also read :

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Cook street, from Georgia street to Louisiana 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, Snider, Stratford, and Wiles—8.

Negative—None.

The following concurrent resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 866], was also read :

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing second and final 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, Snider, Stratford, and Wiles—8.

Negative—None.

Report from same officer, covering contract and bond of David A. Haywood, for grading and graveling the first alley east of the lower arm of the canal, from Washington street to its southern terminus [see Council Proceedings, page 866], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in the contract and in approving the bond, was duly concurred in:

Report from City Attorney, stating that the Superior Court had rendered a verdict and judgment in favor of the city in the case of Walter L. Smith, jr. vs. The City et al. (for injuries received by plaintiff by driving, at night, over obstructions left in N. Mississippi street [see Council Proceedings, page 866], was read, and duly received.

Report from City Clerk, stating that the Sentinel Company had failed to make the proper legal publication of "Notices to Non-Residents" in the matter of laying out and opening Dillon street, from the first alley north of Deloss street to the Michigan Road, and also in the matter of opening and widening Shelby street, from

Prospect street to the south corporation line [see Council Proceedings, page 866], was read.

Alderman Wallace appeared, and took his seat.

The following concurrent resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 890], was then read :

Resolved, That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, instructed to issue the proper notices to the City Commissioners and property owners, in the matter of laying out and opening Dillon street, from the first alley north of Deloss street to the Michigan Road; also, in the matter of laying out and widening Shelby street, from Prospect street to the south corporation line; and that the Marshal be instructed to serve said notices, and make due return thereof, as required by law.

And was duly adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—Alderman Chandler—1.

Report from City Assessor, nominating a list of Deputy City Assessors and four clerks for his Department, and reporting the appointment, by Township Assessor Brouse, of twenty Deputy Township Assessors [see Council Proceedings, page 867], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in confirming such nominations and appointments, was duly concurred in.

Reports from Board of Health, giving a tabulated statement of the number of deaths in the City of Indianapolis registered during the months ending March 11th and April 11th, 1878, respectively, [see Council Proceedings, pages 870 and 871], were read, and duly received.

Report from Board of Police, stating the acceptance by said official board, of the resignation of Captain Jesse Murphy of the Police Force, and recommending that the vacancy thus created be not filled [see Council Proceedings, page 871], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in aforesaid resigna-

tion and in continuing the vacancy recommended, was duly approved.

Report from Board of Public Improvements, recommending (4) that Samuel E. Moran be granted permission to lay a stone cross-walk from corner of McNabb and Illinois streets, to the southwest entrance of the Union Depot, at his own expense, and under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer [see Council Proceedings, page 873], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in aforesaid recommendation, was duly approved.

Report from Board of Public Improvements, as to the work done in, and the materials purchased on account of, the Street-Repair Department, during the month of March, 1878 [see Council Proceedings, pages 874 to 878], was read, and duly received..

Resolution, instructing "the city officers to take steps to have Councilman Joseph W. Bugbee indicted for forgery, and that the Mayor be instructed to offer a reward of five hundred dollars for the arrest and conviction of said Bugbee" [see Council Proceedings, pages 878 and 879], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such resolution, was duly concurred in by the following vote :

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

Negative—Aldermen Chandler and Snider—2.

The following concurrent resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 881], was also read :

Resolved, That the following named and designated places be, and the same are hereby, designated as the places for holding the elections in the several wards of the city, at the coming city election, to be held on the 7th day of May, 1878:

First Ward—Corner Home and Columbia avenues.

Second Ward—Corner Home avenue and Ash street.

Third Ward—Sixth street Engine House.

Fourth Ward—No. 363 Indiana avenue.

Fifth Ward—St. Joseph street Reel House.

Sixth Ward—Bacon's Block, Ft. Wayne avenue.

Seventh Ward—Office of Capital City Planing-mill, Massachusetts avenue.

Eighth Ward—Corner New York and Davidson streets.

Ninth Ward—Corner of East and Market streets.

Tenth Ward—No. 129 Massachusetts avenue.

Eleventh Ward—Headquarters of Fire Department, Massachusetts avenue.

Twelfth Ward—No. 1 Engine House, Indiana avenue.

Thirteenth Ward—Corner of Blackford and Vermont streets.

Fourteenth Ward—No. 149 Minerva street.

Fifteenth Ward—No. 77 S. West street.

Sixteenth Ward—No. 52 Kentucky avenue.

Seventeenth Ward—No. 26 E. South street.

Eighteenth Ward—South street Hook and Ladder House.

Nineteenth Ward—Georgia street, between Benton and Cady streets.

Twentieth Ward—Butler Mission Church, Fletcher avenue.

Twenty-First Ward—No. 23 Prospect street.

Twenty-Second Ward—Corner of Virginia avenue and Bradshaw street.

Twenty-Third Ward—Shilling's Chair Factory, McCarty street, between Delaware and Alabama streets.

Twenty-Fourth Ward—Paul's Shoe Store, No. 17 E. McCarty street.

Twenty-Fifth Ward—Maloney's Carpenter Shop, corner of Tennessee and McCarty streets.

And was duly adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—Alderman Stratford—1.

Petition from E. F. Claypool, asking the privilege of putting in a stone crossing over N. Illinois street, from north corner of his building to sidewalk in front of Bates House [see Council Proceedings, page 889], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in granting such privilege, after requiring the work to be done at said Claypool's own expense and under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to allow Hughey and Johnson to place a plank sidewalk in front of their property on the Pendleton Pike [see Council

Proceedings, page 890], was read, and then, on motion, was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Motion, to allow E. B. Martindale to construct an asphalt sidewalk in front of his property, on the north side of Fourth street, between Meridian and Illinois streets, subject to all the usual restrictions [see Council Proceedings, page 890], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to allow L. S. Ayres to lay a brick sidewalk, five feet wide, in front of his property on the south side of Fourth street, between Meridian and Illinois streets, subject to all the usual restrictions [see Council Proceedings, page 890], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to instruct the City Civil Engineer to advertise for proposals for placing the assigned portion of the late Delaware street viaduct on the stone abutments already erected on the canal at Fifth street crossing [see Council Proceedings, page 890], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to instruct the Street Commissioner to clean the Mississippi street gutters, between New York and Washington streets [see Council Proceedings, page 891], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to grant D. A. Haywood fifteen days' further time in which to complete his contract for grading and paving the Pendleton Pike sidewalk, from Massachusetts avenue to Orange street [see Council Proceedings, page 891], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to allow Hettie M. Adams to lay a brick pavement in front of her property on St. Clair street, between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets, subject to all the usual restrictions [see Council Proceedings, page 892], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to allow H. C. Long to bowlder a crossing over the sidewalk in front of his property, on Walnut street, between New Jersey and East streets, subject to all the usual restrictions [see Council Proceedings, page 892], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to direct the City Civil Engineer to change the first two public gas-lamps on East street, north of the I., C. & L. R. R. tracks, so as to light the alleys on either side of said street near such railroad tracks [see Council Proceedings, page 892], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in referring such motion to the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Gas-Light, was duly approved.

Motion, to direct the Street Commissioner to clean the West street gutters, from Catharine street to Morris street [see Council Proceedings, page 893], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to allow Richard Essigke and Edward Rentsch to lay a flagstone sidewalk in front of their property on west side of Illinois street, between Louisiana and South streets, subject to all the usual restrictions [see Council Proceedings, page 894], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, stating that Street Railway Company had raised its track in the tunnel above the regular floor thereof, and holding said company responsible for any and all damages done to gas-fixtures in tunnel by passing through the same with their cars [see

Council Proceedings, page 898], was read, and then, on motion, was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

The following appropriation ordinances [which had been duly passed by the Common Council—see page 886], were read the first time :

Ap. O. 24, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money on account of the Street-Repair Department of the City of Indianapolis.

Ap. O. 25, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of "Time Warrants of 1877."

On Alderman Foster's motion, the rules were suspended, for the purpose of now reading the above ordinances the second and third times, and placing them on their passage, by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—9.

Negative—None.

The following ordinance was then read the second and third times :

Ap. O. 24, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money on account of the Street-Repair Department of the City of Indianapolis;

And was passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—9.

Negative—None.

The following ordinance was also read the second and third times :

Ap. O. 25, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of "Time Warrants of 1877";

And passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—9.

Negative—None.

ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING.

The following ordinance was read the second time, and then, on Alderman Stratford's motion, was stricken from the files :

G. O. 8, 1878—An ordinance amendatory of an ordinance entitled "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"; duly passed by the Common Council March 4th, 1878.

NEW BUSINESS.

Alderman Stratford offered the following motion; which was adopted :

Moved, That the Committee on Markets be directed to examine the ground on Delaware street, between Merrill and South streets, where Mr. Deitrick proposes to move the "Southside Market"; and the Council Committee on Markets are requested to act with this Committee, so that they may inform the Council, at its next meeting, in regard to the practicability of said change.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

W. D. WILES, President *pro tem.*

Attest:

GEO. T. BREUNIG,

Clerk of Board of Aldermen.