

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

ADJOURNED SESSION—MAY 28, 1878.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis met in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Tuesday evening, May 28, A. D. 1878, at half-past seven o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—His Honor, the President, William D. Wiles, in the Chair, and Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, and Stratford—9.

ABSENT—Alderman Coburn—1.

President Wiles presented the following communication; which was received, and ordered to be spread on the minutes:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Esq., Clerk Board of Aldermen:

Please announce the following Standing Committees for 1878-79:

- FINANCE**—Ridenour, Chandler, and Mussmann.
- ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS**—Chandler, Coburn, and Piel.
- JUDICIARY**—Grubbs, Ridenour, and Stratford.
- PARKS**—Foster, Coburn, and Snider.
- MARKETS**—Coburn, Grubbs, and Piel.
- RAILROADS**—Ridenour, Chandler, and Stratford.
- GAS-LIGHT**—Chandler, Grubbs, and Snider.
- PRINTING**—Grubbs, Foster, and Piel.
- CONTRACTS**—Foster, Grubbs, and Mussmann.
- BRIDGES**—Coburn, Ridenour, and Mussmann.
- SCHOOLS**—Ridenour, Grubbs, and Stratford.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT**—Chandler, Ridenour, and Snider.
- REVISION OF ORDINANCES**—Grubbs, Foster, and Piel.
- POLICE**—Foster, Ridenour, and Mussmann.
- SEWERS**—Coburn, Grubbs, and Snider.
- BENEVOLENCE AND HOSPITALS**—Ridenour, Foster, and Snider.
- WATER-WORKS**—Foster, Chandler, and Stratford.
- PUBLIC BUILDINGS**—Stratford, Coburn, and Mussmann.

OPENING STREETS AND ALLEYS—Mussmann, Chandler, and Piel.
 SELLERS' FARM—Snider, Coburn, and Mussmann.
 STREETS AND ALLEYS—Piel, Foster, and Stratford.
 SUPPLIES—Chandler, Coburn, and Snider.
 TUNNELS—Coburn, Ridenour, and Mussmann.

W. D. WILES, President of Board of Aldermen.

MESSAGES FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message from the Common Council, and appended remonstrance, were duly received:

To the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—By order of the Common Council, I herewith transmit to your honorable body the accompanying remonstrance against the amendment of S. O. 12, 1878 (now pending before you), in accordance with the recommendation made by the Board of Public Improvements in the first clause of the report submitted to your honorable body on the 21st instant. [See Aldermanic Proceedings of May 21, 1878, page 22.]

For the Common Council:

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

Indianapolis, May 22, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of all the real estate fronting on both sides of Railroad street, between St. Clair street and Massachusetts avenue, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of said Railroad street and sidewalks, from Market street to St. Clair street, as amended by the Board of Aldermen—to include said Railroad street, between St. Clair street and Massachusetts avenue.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Capital City Planing Mill Company, by Chas. J. Many,
 President, 172 feet; Nancy L. Brown, per W. S.
 Brown, 173 feet; L. Bertelsmann, 46 feet; Elizabeth
 W. Walker, 63½ feet; Theo. Dietz, 64 feet.

On motion, the preceding remonstrance, together with S. O. 12, 1878, were referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

The following message was also duly received:

To the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith transmit certain papers, which were favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its adjourned regular session, held last evening (May 27, 1878), for your action upon same.

For the Common Council:

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL—ACTION UPON.

The following concurrent resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 37, *ante*] was then read :

Resolved, That the City Clerk be instructed to give the necessary legal notice that an election will be held on Saturday, the 8th day of June, 1878, for the election of one School Commissioner from each of the Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth Districts; and that School House No. 5 in the Fifth District, School House No. 19 in the Sixth, and School House No. 9 in the Ninth District, be, and are hereby, designated as the places of holding such elections.

Resolved, That the following named persons be, and are hereby, appointed to serve as inspectors and judges of the election to be held in the Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth School-Commissioner Districts in the City of Indianapolis, on the 8th day of June, 1878, for the election of one School Commissioner from each one of said Districts:

Fifth District—Inspector, S. C. Astley; Judges, James W. Dixon and James Renihan.

Sixth District—Inspector, B. F. Hetherington; Judges, Geo. W. Hardesty and J. C. Johnston.

Ninth District—Inspector, Chas. Many; Judges, Charles Aldag and H. S. Keely.

And was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, Stratford, and President Wiles.

NAYS—None.

Invitation to participate in reception and procession of German Catholic Central Association on Sunday, June 9th, 1878 [see page 38, *ante*], was read, and the invitation was duly accepted.

Communication from City Civil Engineer, transmitting the contract and bond of John A. Buchanan, for placing that portion of the Delaware street viaduct, set apart for that purpose, on the stone abutments already erected on the canal, at the crossing of Fifth street (penalty of bond \$500; surety, W. G. Wasson), together with aforesaid bond [see page 38, *ante*], were severally read, and the action of the Common Council, in receiving such communication, concurring in the contract, and approving the bond, was duly concurred in.

Communication from City Clerk, submitting the official bond of John G. Pendergast, Chief Fire Engineer (penalty of bond, \$1,500; sureties, Adam Scott and N. S. Byram), and that of Joseph M. Sutton, Market-Master at East Market (penalty of bond, \$3,000; sureties, Samuel A. Johnston, D. V. Burns, and Leon Kahn), together with aforesaid bonds [see page 38, *ante*], were read, and the action of the Common Council, in receiving such communication, and in approving the several bonds, was duly concurred in.

Report from Council Committee on Contracts, giving abstracts of proposals, and recommending (1) that D. A. Haywood be awarded the contract for grading and graveling Mill street and sidewalks, from Sixth street to Seventh street; (2) that William Earls be awarded the contract for grading and graveling the first alley west of Tennessee street, from McCarty street to the second alley south of McCarty street; (3) that Fred. Gansberg be awarded the contract for grading and graveling Michigan street and sidewalks, from the east line of the C., C., C. & I. Railroad Company's grounds to Archer street; (4) that D. A. Haywood be awarded the contract for grading, and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Pennsylvania street (where not already paved), from Union Railway tracks, or Louisiana street, to South street; and (5) that D. A. Haywood be awarded the contract for re-graveling Ohio street, bowldering the gutters, and curbing with stone, the sidewalks thereof, from Alabama street to East street [see pages 39 to 41, *ante*], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in awarding the several contracts, as recommended, was duly concurred in.

Report from Select Committee on University Square Park, transmitting and accompanied by the consent of Hon. E. Henderson, as Auditor of State, to open such property as a public park, and recommending the immediate repair of the gates, cleaning up the grounds, and opening such park, at as early a day as possible [see page 42, *ante*], were severally read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon was duly concurred in.

The following Council motions were then read, and severally adopted :

Moved, That John J. Davis be granted permission to move frame house from Brookside avenue, southwest on said avenue, to Archer street; thence, south on Archer street, to the corner of John and Archer streets, he crossing over no bridges and culverts with such building.

Moved, That the time for completing contract given to J. M. McKnight, for the improvement of the alley between College avenue and Broadway street, be extended sixty days from the first day of June, 1878.

Moved, That the Leiderkranz Singing Society be allowed the privilege of using the Southern Park for a picnic, on Sunday, June 2, 1878.

The following concurrent resolution [which had been adopted by the Common Council—see page 50, *ante*], was read :

Resolved, That the report of the City Commissioners in the matter of Kingan street be adopted, and the several persons against whom benefits are assessed be required to pay the same to the City Treasurer within twenty days, and that said street be not closed until such benefits are paid; and that the City Treasurer be instructed to collect such benefits, and report the same to this Council within twenty days.

And was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, Stratford, and President Wiles.

NAYS—None.

The following General Ordinances [which had been duly passed by the Common Council—see pages 48 to 50, *ante*], were read the first time :

G. O. 17, 1878—An Ordinance creating the Police Board; prescribing its Powers and Duties; and regulating the Organization of the Police Force of the City of Indianapolis.

G. O. 18, 1878—An Ordinance amending sections two (2), three (3), and four (4), of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance re-organizing the Fire Department (ordained and established May 15, 1876)."

G. O. 19, 1878—An Ordinance providing for the Compensation of the Officers of the City of Indianapolis, and the Officers and Members of the Police and Fire Departments of said city, for the Fiscal Year ending May 15th, 1879.

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

AYES, 9—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, Stratford, and President Wiles.

NAYS—None.

General Ordinance 17, 1878, was then read the second time.

General Ordinance 18, 1878, was then read the second time.

Alderman Foster offered the following motion :

Moved, That section two (2) of General Ordinance 18, 1878, be amended, by inserting after the words "Chief Fire Engineer," in second line of amended section three (3), the following words: "One clerk to Chief Fire Engineer, who shall receive the same pay as a fireman."

Alderman Stratford offered the following, as a substitute for the above :

Moved, That section three (3) be amended so as to read as follows: "One Chief Fire Engineer, one Assistant Chief Fire Engineer."

Alderman Grubbs moved that the amendment proposed by Alderman Stratford be laid on the table; which was done by the following vote :

AYES, 5—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Grubbs, Ridenour, and President Wiles.

NAYS, 4—viz.: Aldermen Mussmann, Piel, Snider, and Stratford.

A vote was then taken on Alderman Foster's proposed amendment; and it failed of adoption by the following vote :

AYES 2—viz.: Aldermen Foster and Ridenour.

NAYS, 7—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Snider, Stratford, and President Wiles.

Alderman Foster then moved to reconsider the vote by which Alderman Stratford's amendment was laid on the table.

Alderman Grubbs moved that Alderman Foster's motion to reconsider be laid on the table; which the Board refused to do by the following vote :

AYES, 3—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Grubbs, and Ridenour.

NAYS, 6—viz.: Aldermen Foster, Mussmann, Piel, Snider, Stratford, and President Wiles.

A direct vote on Alderman Foster's motion to reconsider was then had; and aforesaid amendment was again brought before the Board by the following vote :

AYES, 7—viz.: Aldermen Foster, Mussmann, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, Stratford, and President Wiles.

NAYS, 2—viz.: Aldermen Chandler and Grubbs.

A direct vote on Alderman Stratford's proposed amendment was then taken; and said amendment failed of adoption by the following vote :

AYES, 4—viz.: Aldermen Mussmann, Piel, Snider, and Stratford.

NAYS, 5—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Grubbs, Ridenour, and President Wiles.

General Ordinance 19, 1878, was then read the second time.

Alderman Stratford offered the following amendment :

Moved, That \$2 per day be substituted for \$1.75 per day in section 3.

Which failed of adoption by the following vote :

AYES, 4—viz.: Aldermen Mussmann, Piel, Snider, and Stratford.

NAYS, 5—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Grubbs, Ridenour, and President Wiles.

Alderman Stratford also offered the following amendment :

Moved, That section 4 be amended so as to read as follows: "*Provided*, That policemen shall receive no fees in city cases, and that \$2 be substituted instead of \$1.75."

Alderman Chandler called for a division of the question; which was consented to by the mover.

Alderman Grubbs moved to lay the entire proposed motion on the table; which was done by the following vote:

AYES, 5—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Grubbs, Ridenour, and President Wiles.

NAYS, 4—viz.: Aldermen Mussmann, Piel, Snider, and Stratford.

The following ordinance was then read the third time:

G. O. 17, 1878—An Ordinance creating the Police Force; prescribing its Powers and Duties; and regulating the Organization of the Police Board of the City of Indianapolis;

And was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, Stratford, and President Wiles.

NAYS—None.

The following ordinance was also read the third time:

G. O. 18, 1878—An Ordinance amending sections two (2), three (3), and four (4) of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance re-organizing the Fire Department (ordained and established May 15, 1876)";

And was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, Stratford, and President Wiles.

NAYS—None.

The following ordinance was also read the third time:

G. O. 19, 1878—An Ordinance providing for the Compensation of the Officers of the City of Indianapolis, and the Officers and Members of the Police and Fire Departments of said city, for the Fiscal Year ending May 15, 1879;

And was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, Stratford, and President Wiles.

NAYS—None.

Alderman Chandler offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That the Board of Public Improvements be instructed to station a watchman, or place warning lights, at the crossing of Vermont street and canal,

to prevent accidents occurring at night during the time that above crossing is without a bridge.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

W. D. WILES, President.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.