

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—AUGUST 6, 1878.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis met in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Tuesday evening, August 6th, A. D. 1878, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—His Honor, the President, Wm. D. Wiles, in the Chair, and Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, and Stratford—10.

ABSENT—None.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the special session, held on June 8th, and of the Joint Meetings on the Gregg Bequest, held on June 8th and 10th, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, said proceedings were approved as published.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message from the Common Council was duly received :

To the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—I herewith transmit certain papers, which were favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its regular session, held last evening (August 5th, 1878), for your action upon same.

For the Common Council :

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

Report from Council Committee on Contracts, giving abstracts of proposals for painting twenty (20) iron bridges, and recommending the awarding of contracts to certain bidders [see page 298, *ante*], was read ; and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in such report, was duly approved.

Invitation extended by Committee on Invitation of Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias of the World, asking the Board of Aldermen to participate in the grand parade of said organization, on Tuesday, August 27th [see page 298, *ante*], was read, and duly accepted.

Reports from Superintendent of City Hospital and Branch of the con-

tents of hospital register, expenditures, etc., for the month of July, 1878 [see page 299, *ante*]; were read, and duly received.

City Clerk's report that the following affidavits had been filed in his office, for the collection of street assessments by precept, viz.:

Indiana Cement Pipe Company, by John W. Dodd, president, vs. John Carlisle, for.....	\$77 81
John Greene vs. August Halle, for.....	1 75

and recommending that the precepts be ordered to issue [see page 299, *ante*], was read; and the action of Common Council, in approving such recommendation and in ordering the precepts to issue, was concurred in by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

Report from Council Committee on Bridges, recommending the use of a portion of the late Delaware street viaduct for a foot-bridge over the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette Railroad, where its track crosses Benton street [see page 302, *ante*], was read, and then, on Alderman Foster's motion, said report was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Report from the City Dispensary for the month of July, 1878 [see page 302, *ante*], was read, and duly received.

The following report from the Aldermanic and Council Committees on Gas-Light was read, and duly approved:

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your committees, to whom was referred Alderman Ridenour's motion to purchase argand (gas) burners for City Clerk and City Treasurer's offices, report that they have purchased two such burners, complete for use, at a total expense of eighteen dollars.

M. M. CUMMINGS,

WM. H. TUCKER,

C. H. O'BRIEN,

Council Committee on Gas-Light.

D. W. GRUBBS,

T. E. CHANDLER,

Aldermanic Committee on Gas-Light.

The following report from same committees was also read:

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your committees, to whom was referred the matter of lighting the engine and station houses with coal-oil lamps would report, that Headquarters of Fire Department has been supplied and so lighted during the past week, and the light is entirely satisfactory.

We, therefore, ask for instructions to purchase lamps for the other engine houses and station house, and to purchase oil, and oil-tanks, etc., necessary for such lighting.

M. M. CUMMINGS,
W. H. TUCKER,
C. H. O'BRIEN,
Council Committee on Gas-Light.

T. E. CHANDLER,
D. W. GRUBBS,
Aldermanic Committee on Gas-Light.

And, on motion, the Board of Aldermen concurred in said report and approved the order of the Common Council [see page 303, *ante*], "that gas be continued in the prisoners' rooms in the Station Houses."

The following Council motion [see page 304, *ante*], was read, and duly adopted:

Moved, That a select committee, consisting of three members of the Council, be appointed by the Chair, to co-operate with the Committee on Gas-Light in the adjustment of our present difficulty with the gas company, and that we request the Board of Aldermen to add two of their body to the committee; and that said committee report to an adjourned meeting, in one week from to-night.

And President Wiles appointed Aldermen Ridenour and Piel as the Aldermanic members of the select committee to be raised by virtue of said adopted motion.

The following concurrent resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 310, *ante*] was read:

WHEREAS, The present contract between the city and the Water-Works Company of Indianapolis provides that the same shall be in force from and during the term of one year from the 15th day of August, 1877, and thereafter until a new arrangement shall be demanded by either party, which may be done by either party at the expiration of any year; and,

WHEREAS, This year expires on the 15th day of August, 1878, and the city is desirous of making a new arrangement in relation to the water supplied to the city for public purposes in the future, and to terminate the present contract: Therefore, be it

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the city hereby demands a new arrangement with the said Water-Works Company, in relation to the water supplied to the city for fire and other public uses, after the 14th day of August, 1878, and that the present contract with said company be terminated after said day. That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, directed to notify said company on the 14th day of August, 1878, of the passage of this resolution, and of the demand of the city for a new arrangement as to water supplied for public uses in the future, and the termination of the present contract.

And was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

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

Moved, That the Judiciary Committees of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen be authorized to procure assistance for the City Attorney in the case of the Indianapolis Gas-Light and Coke Company vs. The City of Indianapolis, now pending.

Moved, That the City Clerk give the legal notice that the Common Council and Board of Aldermen will meet as a Board of Equalization, at the regular session of the Common Council, on August 19th, 1878.

The following Council motions were also read ; and the Board of Public Improvements were given "power to act," instead of being "instructed to act" :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters on Chadwick street, between McCarty and Ray streets. The street is but little over a square in length.

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to take up the wooden crossing, at the intersection of McCarty and Tennessee streets, and deepen the gutter, to give the water chance to run; and clean the gutter on the west side of Tennessee street.

The Council reference of Henry Baumhoefer's \$500 proposal for the sycamore and cottonwood trees on Sellers' Farm, to the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Sellers' Farm [see page 313 *ante*], was duly approved.

The following entitled ordinances [which had been duly passed by the Common Council—see pages 308 and 309, *ante*], were read the first time :

- Ap. O. 49, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department.
- Ap. O. 50, 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. 51, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses.
- Ap. O. 52, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.
- Ap. O. 53, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Advertising, and Stationery.
- Ap. O. 54, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money on account of the City Dispensary, for the month of July, 1878.
- G. O. 41, 1878—An Ordinance changing the location of the West Market, and establishing the same upon a part of Square Seventy (70) and the streets adjacent thereto.

This being the regular appropriation night, the several Appropriation Ordinances were taken up for second and third readings, and placed on their passage, without suspension of the rules.

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

Ap. O. 49, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$777.13.]

And was passed by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

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

Ap. O. 50, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch. [Amount appropriated, \$895.14.]

And was passed by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

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

Ap. O. 51, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station-Houses. [Amount appropriated, \$109.12.]

And was passed by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

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

Ap. O. 52, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$69,605.95.]

And was passed by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

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

Ap. O. 53, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Advertising, and Stationery. [Amount appropriated, \$279.41.]

And was passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

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

Ap. O. 54, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money on account of the City Dispensary, for the month of July, 1878. [Amount appropriated, \$166.66.]

And was passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

On Alderman Chandler's motion, the rules were suspended, for the purpose of now reading General Ordinance 41, 1878, the second and third times, and placing same on its passage, by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

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

G. O. 41, 1878—An Ordinance changing the location of the West Market, and establishing the same upon a part of Square Seventy (70) and the streets adjacent thereto.

And was passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

NEW BUSINESS.

The Committee on Sewers, through Alderman Coburn, submitted the following report; which was duly concurred in:

Indianapolis, August 6, 1878.

To the Board of Aldermen :

The Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred the petition of J. M. W. Langsdale, to connect his building on Delaware street with the Court street sewer, would recommend that the action of the Council, in granting the permission be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

H. COBURN,
D. W. GRUBBS,
W. H. SNIDER,
Committee on Sewers.

Alderman Stratford appeared, and took his seat.

Said gentleman rose to a question of privilege, and asked to have his vote recorded in the negative on Councilman McKay's resolution on the subject of public gas-lighting [see resolution on page 288, ante]; which request was granted.

Alderman Ridenour also made a like application, and had his vote recorded in the affirmative on same resolution.

Alderman Grubbs presented the following communication; which was received :

Indianapolis, August 6, 1878. }
BOARD OF STATE HOUSE COMMISSIONERS. }

At a meeting of the Board of State House Commissioners, held on the 6th day of August, 1878, the following, among other proceedings, were had :

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WHEREAS, it is ascertained that the present grounds owned by the State, upon which the new State House is to be erected, are entirely inadequate for the proper storage of materials during the construction of the same : Therefore

Resolved, That the Common Council and Board of Aldermen be informed of the same, and respectfully solicited to give such relief as may be required, by authorizing the use of so much of the adjoining streets, except Washington street, as may be necessary for the purpose, not exceeding thirty (30) feet in depth, and not inconsistent with the public good. And, further,

Resolved, That this Board request the appointment of a committee of conference, with a view of preparing a suitable ordinance on the subject.

Which resolutions were adopted, unanimously, by the Board.

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I, John M. Godown, Secretary of the Board of State House Commissioners, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and complete copy of a resolution passed by said Board, on the 6th day of August, 1878.

JOHN M. GODOWN, Secretary.

And then offered the following motion; which was duly adopted :

Moved, That the Board of Public Improvements and the City Attorney be instructed to confer with the Board of State House Commissioners relative to the use, by said Commissioners, of the streets adjoining the State House grounds, for the deposit of building materials for the proposed new State House; and that they report by ordinance, or otherwise.

Alderman Stratford offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer, and City Attorney be directed to report to this Board and the Common Council the amount of fees received by each of them during the fiscal year, ending May 15th, 1878, in order that the Council and Board may act advisedly in the matter of curtailing expenses.

Alderman Foster moved to lay the preceding motion on the table; but the motion to lay on the table was defeated by the following vote :

AYES, 3—viz.: Aldermen Foster, Ridenour, and President Wiles.

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

Alderman Stratford's motion was then adopted by a *viva voce* vote.

On Alderman Grubbs's motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned until next Tuesday evening, the 13th instant, at the usual hour.

W. D. WILES, President.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.