

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—APRIL 22, 1879.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis met in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Tuesday evening, April 22d, A. D. 1879, at half-past seven o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—His Honor, the President, Wm. D. Wiles, in the Chair, and Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Piel, Ridenour, and Stratford—7.

ABSENT—Aldermen Grubbs, Mussmann, and Snider—3.

The Proceedings of the regular session of the Board of Aldermen, held April 8th, and of the adjourned session, held April 15th, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, said proceedings were duly approved as published.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message was read :

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—The Common Council, at the adjourned session of said body, held on last evening (April 21st, 1879), persisted in its adherence to action of March 17th, and April 7th and 14th, when it granted permission for the construction of three certain *plank* driveways over sidewalks, insisting upon the modification in the manner of laying such driveways (2 x 4 inch planks, placed edgewise), as determined upon at its session of 14th instant.

For the Common Council :

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk,

And then, on Alderman Foster's motion, President Wiles appointed Aldermen Ridenour, Coburn, and Piel as a Committee of Conference, to meet a like committee of Councilmen, with a view to adjust the long-continued differences of opinion of the two bodies on the subject referred to in the preceding message.

Alderman Stratford was excused for the balance of this session.

The following message was then read :

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To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit, to your honorable body certain papers, which were favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its regular session, held last evening (April 21st, 1879), for your action upon same.

For the Common Council:

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

City Civil Engineer's report of the following estimate was read:

A first and partial estimate, in behalf of John Greene, for improving Lawrence street, from Beech street to Rural street, by grading and graveling the roadway thereof, for nineteen cents per lineal foot front on each side—present estimate being made at the rate of ten cents per lineal foot front on each side—

4,583 lineal feet, at 10 cents..... \$458 30

And the action of the Common Council, in receiving such report and in approving the accompanying estimate [see page 941, *ante*], was duly concurred in.

The following estimate resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see pages 941 and 942, *ante*] was then read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and partial estimate, allowed John Greene, for improving Lawrence street, from Beech street to Rural street, by grading and graveling the roadway thereof, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of said 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 adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Piel, Ridenour, and President Wiles.

NAYS—None.

Communication from same officer, transmitting the following contracts and bonds, was then read, viz.:

Contract and bond of Hiram Seibert, for re-grading and re-paving the east sidewalk of Virginia avenue, from Maryland street to Alabama street. Bond, \$100; surety, Richard Carr.

Contract and bond of William Morrison, for improving the first alley west of California street, by grading and graveling. Bond, \$100; surety, James Mahoney.

And the action of the Common Council, in receiving such communication, concurring in the contracts, and approving the several bonds [see page 942, *ante*], was duly concurred in.

A communication from same officer, recommending the use of certain portions of the late Delaware street viaduct, supported by double wooden bents, for a bridge over canal at St. Clair street, and which he estimates would cost \$666 [see page 942, *ante*] was read; and the action of the

Common Council, in ordering the Street Commissioner to construct said bridge, was duly concurred in, *provided* that such work be done at the expense of the Bridge Fund instead of out of the Street-Repairs Fund.

The following clauses in the report from the Board of Public Improvements were read; and the action of the Common Council, in concurring therein [see page 943, *ante*], was duly approved:

1st. Is a motion instructing the Street Commissioner to bridge the gutter on the southeast corner of Noble and St. Clair streets.

We recommend the repair of the bridge already there.

2d. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to fill the chuck-holes in West street, between New York and North streets; also, to clean the gutter of West street, west side, between Michigan and North streets.

We recommend this work be done.

3d. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to clean the gutters and fill the chuck-holes in Union street, between Ray and Hill streets.

We recommend this work be done.

4th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to fill the chuck-holes, between the J., M. & I. Railroad track and Merrill street, on Madison avenue—expense not to exceed \$10 per square.

We recommend the work be done, but at a cost not to exceed \$25, complete.

5th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to repair one square of Ray street, between Meridian and Illinois streets.

We recommend this work be done.

6th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to fill the low places and holes in N. Illinois street, with some of the broken stone now at the city stone-yard.

We recommend this work be done.

7th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to improve S. Meridian street, between McCarty and Morris streets, by hauling on said street at least twenty-five yards of gravel per square.

We recommend only the filling of the large chuck-holes at said point.

The following report from same official board and the City Civil Engineer was also read; and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in such report [see page 944, *ante*], was duly approved:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Public Improvements, together with the City Civil Engineer, were instructed to examine the ditch at the corner of Woodlawn avenue and Reed street, and report the best and most economical way of securing the proper drainage for that locality.

We have examined the ditch referred to, and would recommend the same be filled with earth, to a proper level, and then secured from washing by rolling-mill cinders. This is a much needed improvement, the cost of making which will not be to exceed fifteen dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. MCKAY,
H. COBURN,
JOHN L. MARSEE,

Board of Public Improvements.

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer,

Report from Board of Health, giving a tabulated statement, by ages, of deaths registered in the City of Indianapolis, during the period from April 1st to 15th, inclusive [see page 944, *ante*], was read, and was duly received.

Report from Council Committee on Markets, recommending that the Market-Master of West Market proceed immediately to carry out the instructions given by a certain motion, which had been duly adopted on April 7th and 8th [see pages 893 and 909, *ante*], was read; and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in such recommendation, was duly approved.

The following report from the Council Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys and the City Attorney [see page 947, *ante*] was read:

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the complete papers in the matter of the vacation of the plat known as Metcalf and Cook's Subdivision of Blocks 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of Wm. F. H. and Almira D. Brooks's Addition to the City of Indianapolis, having made a careful and full examination into said matter, would now report in favor of such vacation for the following reasons:

1. Through the purchase of certain tax-titles, the sole ownership of said Subdivision is now vested in Jacob W. Hoagland, the petitioner.

2. There is no platted territory on either the west or south sides of the proposed vacation.

3. The east line of this Subdivision is Fall Creek, and, consequently, the vacation of its east and west thoroughfare will work no harm to the public.

4. There is no public thoroughfare projecting from this Subdivision into Burr and Miller's Addition, lying north thereof.

We, herewith, offer a resolution to legalize the vacation prayed for, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES T. LAYMAN,
WM. F. REASNER,

Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys.

R. O. HAWKINS, City Attorney.

The following concurrent resolution [appended to foregoing report, and which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see pages 947 and 948, *ante*] was then read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the plat of ground known as Metcalf and Cook's Subdivision of Blocks 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of William F. H. and Almira D. Brooks's Addition to the City of Indianapolis, as recorded in Plat-Book No. 6, page 133, together with all the streets and alleys passing over and through the same, be, and the same are hereby, declared to be vacated and forever annulled (*provided* the owner of said plat shall dedicate to the public use a strip of land thirty feet in width along the entire length of the west side of the said Subdivision, for use as a public highway), in compliance with the petition of Jacob W. Hoagland, the sole owner of such platted territory.

And was duly adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Piel, Ridenour, and President Wiles.

NAYS—None.

The following petitions were read; and the action of the Common Council, in granting the prayers of the petitioners (see page 952, *ante*) was duly concurred in:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable bodies for permission to construct a coal vault under the Mississippi street sidewalk, alongside of No. 100 Indiana avenue—said vault to be thirty-two feet in length and fifteen feet in width, and to be built of brick, and in strict compliance with the ordinance governing such matters.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM PFAFFLIN.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Ind.:

The Indiana National Bank of Indianapolis, Ind., the owner of lots ten (10), eleven (11), twelve (12), thirteen (13), and seven and two-twelfths (7 2-12) feet off of the west side of lot fourteen (14), in Anderson and Bell's Addition or Subdivision of out-lot four (4), west of White River, in the City of Indianapolis, Ind., respectfully petitions your honorable body that it be authorized to grade and gravel a sidewalk in front of said lots, on the National Road—said improvements to be done to the satisfaction of the City Civil Engineer.

INDIANA NATIONAL BANK OF INDIANAPOLIS,

By WM. COUGHLEN, Pres.

The following concurrent resolution (which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see pages 949 and 950, *ante*) was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the owners of the following described real estate—to wit, lots one (1), three (3), and four (4), in Woodruff's Subdivision of Morris's Addition to the City of Indianapolis—be, and they are hereby, required to fill or drain the same, as, in the opinion of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant or noxious as to be a nuisance, and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and of the inhabitants thereof; and that the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, required to notify the owners thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 23th, 1866, entitled "An Ordinance providing for the drainage and filling up of Ponds, Excavations, and Holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same"; and that in case of the failure of the owners thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to fill or drain the said hole or excavation, as provided in said ordinance, *provided* that the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the value of the aforesaid real estate, as assessed upon the tax duplicate for city purposes.

And was duly adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Piel, Ridenour, and President Wiles.

NAYS—None.

The following resolution (which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 951, *ante*) was also read :

Resolved, That the resolution appointing inspectors and judges for the coming City Election, to be held on Tuesday, the 6th day of May, 1879 (adopted at the last meeting of the Council), be amended as follows :

Ward 4—By inserting the name of Dennis Sullivan, as judge, in lieu of Edward Tomlinson.

Ward 6—By inserting the name of Riley Foster, as judge, in lieu of William Hadley.

Ward 10—By inserting the name of Charles Lamotte, as judge, in lieu of W. F. Christian.

Ward 11—By inserting the name of William Mansur, as inspector, in lieu of John H. Vajen; and the name of William H. English, as judge, in lieu of John W. Murphy.

Ward 13—By inserting the names of Charles N. Lee and Samuel E. Perkins, jr., as judges, in lieu of William Powell and Daniel Coble.

Ward 15—By inserting the name of John Rupp, as judge, in lieu of Patrick Manley.

Ward 18—By inserting the name of Peter Zimmer, as judge.

Ward 22—By inserting the name of Emsley H. Shaw, as judge.

And was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 6—viz. : Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Piel, Ridenour, and President Wiles.

NAYS—None.

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

That David S. Benson be granted license as auctioneer, at No. 68 E. Washington street, under the provisions of the city ordinances upon the subject, and that the City Clerk be directed to issue the same.

That Mrs. M. Miller be granted permission to grade, and pave with brick, the sidewalk in front of her property, No. 36 Central avenue, at her own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to notify the owners of 484 and 486 Virginia avenue to repair the sidewalk in front of said property; and if not repaired within five days to repair the same at their expense.

The following entitled ordinances [which had been duly passed by the Common Council—see pages 955 to 957,] *ante* were read the first time :

G. O. 11, 1879—An Ordinance granting J. P. Wiggins, F. D. Neeld, and I. N. Neeld, partners doing business under the name and style of "Indianapolis Ice Storage Company," the right and privilege of building and constructing a Railroad Switch, connecting their warehouse with the main track of the Indianapolis, Cincinnati & Lafayette Railroad, near the corner of Georgia and Missouri streets, in the City of Indianapolis.

G. O. 14, 1879—An Ordinance granting John C. New, Edward D. Woodruff, John M. Denison, and T. Edward Hambleton permission to erect a balcony over the sidewalk of Pennsylvania street, in front of lots number 10, 11, and 12, in square number forty-four (44), in the City of Indianapolis.

- S. O. 4, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Arsenal avenue, from Washington street to the first alley north of Washington street.
- S. O. 6, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for curbing with stone and paving with brick the west sidewalk, and bowldering the west gutter, of Alabama street, from Washington street to Market street.
- S. O. 7, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering Delaware street, from Washington street to the north line of Wabash street.
- S. O. 8, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for paving with brick the sidewalks of Pratt street, from Illinois street to Mississippi street.
- S. O. 9, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for improving the alley between Ash street and College avenue, from the first alley north of Christian avenue to the second alley north of Christian avenue, by grading and graveling.
- S. O. 10, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for improving the north sidewalk of Washington street (except where already properly improved), from White River bridge to Ray street, by grading and graveling.

NEW BUSINESS.

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

The Committee on Bridges, to whom was referred the ordinance providing for grading and graveling Wilkins street and sidewalks, from Church street to West street, report that they have examined the line of the proposed improvement, and are of the opinion that it is not advisable, at this time, to order it done, for the reason that it would tax a large amount of unimproved, unproductive property with a heavy expense, and would involve the building a new bridge over Pogue's Run, at a large cost to the city treasury, the funds for which are not available. There being bridges over the Run immediately above and below the one proposed, the public interest can not be greatly served by this additional one; and as the improvement of the street can not be utilized, to any extent, without the erection of a bridge, we would recommend that the ordinance do not pass at this time.

J. M. RIDENOUR,
H. COBURN,
Committee on Bridges.

The Aldermanic and Council Committees on Gas-Light, through Alderman Chandler, submitted the following report; which was considered and concurred in by clauses :

To His Honor, the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen, City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—Your joint Committee on Gas-Light, to whom was referred Special Ordinance 50, 1878, for the erection lamp-posts on Agnes street, between New York and North streets, beg leave to report, and recommend that the ordinance be not passed during the existing contract between the city and gas company.

We also report adversely on the motion of Councilman McKay, for the removal of lamp-post on east side of Park avenue, south of Home avenue, and recommend that the change be not made at present.

We report, also, that we have examined the lamps in covered bridge over White River, and find them in poor condition, and endangering the safety of the bridge. We would recommend that the City Civil Engineer be directed to have them cleaned and repaired, and also to have tin protectors placed over each lamp.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. CUMMINGS,
T. E. CHANDLER,
Of Committees on Gas-Light.

It being reported that the Common Council had adjourned to meet on Monday evening, 28th instant, on Alderman Foster's motion, the Board of Aldermen was adjourned to meet on next Tuesday evening, at the usual hour.

W. D. WILES, President.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.