

PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT CONVENTION.

FIRST SESSION—MAY 16, 1879.

The Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis convened in First Joint Convention for the year 1879-1880, in the Council Chamber, on Friday evening, May 16th, A. D. 1879, at eight o'clock, in compliance with the provisions of section five of the following enactment of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana (approved March 5th, 1877), viz.:

An Act supplementary to an Act approved March 14, 1867, entitled "An Act to repeal all general laws now in force for the Incorporation of Cities, and to provide for the Incorporation of Cities, prescribing their Powers and Rights, and the manner in which they shall exercise the same, and to regulate such other matters as pertain thereto."

It appearing, from an informal count, that a quorum of both Aldermen and Councilmen were in attendance, on Councilman McKay's motion, Hon. J. M. Ridenour, President of the Board of Aldermen, was called to the chair, to serve as presiding officer until the Joint Convention could be permanently organized.

On assuming the chair, Alderman Ridenour announced the first business to be dispatched would be the election of President and Secretary, to serve in all the Joint Conventions held during the ensuing year.

Thereupon, Alderman Grubbs nominated His Honor, John Caven, for the position of President.

No further nominations being made, Mayor Caven was duly elected by an unanimous *viva voce* vote, and was declared President of Joint Conventions for the ensuing year.

Councilman McKay nominated Benj. C. Wright, City Clerk, for the position of Secretary.

No further nominations being made, Mr. Benj. C. Wright was duly elected by an unanimous *viva voce* vote, and was declared Secretary of Joint Conventions for the balance of his official term.

President Caven was inducted as presiding officer, and ordered the Secretary to call the rolls of the members of the Board of Aldermen and

Common Council; which being done the following qualified members of the Joint Convention were found to be

PRESENT—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, Seibert, and President Ridenour—10. And Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Harmening, Kahn, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker VanVorhis, Wiese, Wood, and President Caven—25. Total present—35.

ABSENT—Councilman Sheppard—1.

His Honor, the President, now read section five of the Legislative Act (the title of which is recited above), and called especial attention to this provision of the same :

“For the appointment of such officers, commissioners, trustees, and boards, the Common Council and Board of Aldermen shall meet in Joint Convention, in the Council Chamber, on the first Friday evening after the first annual meeting of the Common Council, at eight o'clock, and shall proceed to the election of such officers, commissioners, trustees, and boards, by ballot; and such Joint Convention may adjourn from time to time until its work is completed.”

On motion, the First Joint Convention entered upon the discharge of its statutory duties.

His Honor, the President, appointed Councilmen Downey and Dowling as tellers, and announced that nominations for the several offices in the gift of the Joint Convention would now be in order.

Councilman Brown offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the term of office of all officers elected by this Joint Convention shall commence upon the first day of June, 1879, and they shall enter upon the duties of their officers upon said date, if properly qualified.

Councilman Layman offered the following resolution, amendatory to the foregoing :

Resolved, That the term of office of all officers to be elected by this Joint Convention shall be for two years and one year, as the laws provide, and shall commence with the 1st day of June, 1879, and expire on the 31st day of May, 1880 and 1881, respectively; except that of the Superintendent of the City Hospital, whose term of office shall commence on July 1st, 1879, and expire on May 31st, 1880.

Which amendatory resolution was duly adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 35—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, Seibert, and President Ridenour; and Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Harmening, Kahn, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, Wiese, Wood, and President Caven.

NAYS—None.

Nominations were then made and balloting proceeded with, as follows :

For Police Board—Councilman Brown nominated Alderman Grubbs and Councilmen Downey and Wood.

No further nominations being made, on Councilman Kahn's motion, Secretary Wright was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Joint Convention for aforesaid nominees.

Alderman Daniel W. Grubbs, and Councilmen John T. Downey and George P. Wood having thus received 35 votes, President Caven declared that said gentlemen had been duly elected as members of the Police Board for the ensuing year.

For Fire Board—Councilman Kahn nominated Alderman Layman and Councilmen Tucker and Pearson.

No further nominations being made, on Councilman Dowling's motion, Secretary Wright was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Joint Convention for aforesaid nominees.

Alderman James T. Layman and Councilmen William H. Tucker and John R. Pearson having thus received 35 votes, President Caven declared that said gentlemen had been duly elected as members of the Fire Board for the ensuing year.

For Hospital Board—Alderman Ridenour nominated Alderman Chandler and Councilmen Morrison and Bryce.

No further nominations being made, on Alderman Layman's motion, Secretary Wright was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Joint Convention for aforesaid nominees.

Alderman Thomas E. Chandler and Councilmen William H. Morrison and Peter F. Bryce having thus received 35 votes, President Caven declared that said gentlemen had been duly elected as members of the Hospital Board for the ensuing year.

For Board of Public Improvements—Alderman Layman nominated Alderman Coburn and Councilmen McKay and Bieler.

No further nominations being made, on Alderman Grubbs's motion, Secretary Wright was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Joint Convention for aforesaid nominees.

Alderman Henry Coburn and Councilmen M. Horace McKay and Jacob L. Bieler having thus received 35 votes, President Caven declared that said gentlemen had been duly elected as members of the Board of Public Improvements for the ensuing year.

For Board of Health—Councilman Downey nominated Drs. William Wands, Henry Jameson, and William E. Jeffries.

No further nominations being made, on motion, Secretary Wright was

instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Joint Convention for aforesaid nominees.

Drs. William Wands, Henry Jameson, and William E. Jeffries having thus received 35 votes, President Caven declared that said gentlemen had been duly elected as members of the Board of Health for the ensuing year.

For City Civil Engineer—Councilman Morrison nominated Thaddeus Reed, and Councilman Wiese nominated D. B. Hosbrook.

No further nominations being made, a ballot was had; which resulted as follows:

Thaddeus Reed received 26 votes, and D. B. Hosbrook received 8 votes.

Thaddeus Reed having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, President Caven declared that said Reed had been duly elected to the office of City Civil Engineer for the ensuing two years.

For City Attorney—Councilman Pearson nominated John A. Henry, and Councilman McGinty nominated Edward C. Buskirk.

No further nominations being made, a ballot was had; which resulted as follows:

John A. Henry received 27 votes, and Edward C. Buskirk received 8 votes.

John A. Henry having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, President Caven declared that said Henry had been duly elected to the office of City Attorney for the ensuing two years.

For Chief of Police—Councilman Lamb nominated Albert Travis, and Councilman O'Connor nominated James Daugherty.

No further nominations being made, a ballot was had; which resulted as follows:

Albert Travis received 26 votes, James Daugherty received 7 votes, and 2 scattering votes were cast.

Albert Travis having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, President Caven declared that said Travis had been duly elected to the office of Chief of Police for the ensuing year.

For Chief Fire Engineer—Councilman McKay nominated John G. Pendergast, and Councilman Bermann nominated Jesse T. Whitsit.

No further nominations being made, a ballot was had; which resulted as follows:

John G. Pendergast received 26 votes, Jesse T. Whitsit received 8 votes, and 1 scattering vote was cast.

John G. Pendergast having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, President Caven declared that said Pendergast had been duly elected to the office of Chief Fire Engineer for the ensuing year.

For Street Commissioner—Councilman Tucker nominated Leander A. Fulmer, and Alderman Piel nominated August Richter.

No further nominations being made, a ballot was had; which resulted as follows:

Leander A. Fulmer received 29 votes, August Richter received 5 votes, and 1 scattering vote was cast.

Leander A. Fulmer having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, President Caven declared that said Fulmer had been duly elected to the office of Street Commissioner for the ensuing two years.

For Superintendent of City Hospital and Branch—Alderman Grubbs nominated William N. Wishard, M. D.

No further nominations being made, on Councilman Morrison's motion, Secretary Wright was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Joint Convention for aforesaid nominee.

William N. Wishard, M. D., having thus received 35 votes, President Caven declared that said Wishard had been duly elected to the office of Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch for the eleven months terminating with May 31st, 1880.

For Captains of Police—Councilman McKay nominated R. C. Williamson, and Councilman Dowling nominated Michael Griffin, for the captaincy of Northeast District; Councilman Shilling nominated E. W. Nicholson, and Councilman Dowling nominated J. Scantlin, for the captaincy of Northwest District; Councilman Bieler nominated Robert Campbell, and Councilman Dowling nominated W. Coulter, for the captaincy of the Southeast District; and Councilman Wood nominated Timothy Splan, and Councilman Dowling nominated E. McCarty, for the captaincy of the Southwest District.

No further nominations being made, a ballot was had; which resulted as follows:

R. C. Williamson, E. W. Nicholson, Robert Campbell, and Timothy Splan, each, received 27 votes; Michael Griffin, J. Scantlin, and E. McCarty, each, received 8 votes; W. Coulter received 7 votes; and 1 scattering vote was cast.

R. C. Williamson, E. W. Nicholson, Robert Campbell, and Timothy Splan having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, President Caven declared that aforesaid persons had been duly elected to the offices of Captains of Police for the ensuing year.

For Market-Master at East Market—Councilman Morrison nominated Albert Izor, and Alderman Newman nominated Edward Meredith.

No further nominations being made, a ballot was had; which resulted as follows:

Albert Izor received 26 votes, Edward Meredith received 8 votes, and 1 scattering vote was cast.

Albert Izor having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, President Caven declared that said Izor had been duly elected to the office of Market-Master at East Market for the ensuing year.

For Market-Master at West Market—Councilman King nominated Leroy C. Morris, and Alderman Mussmann nominated George Kenzel.

No further nominations being made, a ballot was had; which resulted as follows:

Leroy C. Morris received 25 votes, George Kenzel received 8 votes, and 2 scattering votes were cast.

Leroy C. Morris having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, President Caven declared that said Morris had been duly elected to the office of Market-Master at West Market for the ensuing year.

For City Weigher at East Market—Councilman Prier nominated William P. Ballard, and Councilman McGinty nominated John Lynch.

No further nominations being made, a ballot was had; which resulted as follows:

William P. Ballard received 26 votes, John Lynch received 8 votes, and 1 scattering vote was cast.

William P. Ballard having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, President Caven declared that said Ballard had been duly elected to the office of City Weigher at East Market for the ensuing year.

For Wood-Measurer at East Market—Councilman Wood nominated Maston Dashiell.

No further nominations being made, on motion of Alderman Grubbs, Secretary Wright was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Joint Convention for aforesaid nominee.

Maston Dashiell having thus received 35 votes, President Caven declared that said Dashiell had been duly elected to the office of Wood-Measurer at East Market for the ensuing year.

For Wood-Measurer at West Market—Councilman Brown nominated Levi H. Rowell.

No further nominations being made, on motion of Councilman Dowl-

ing, Secretary Wright was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Joint Convention for aforesaid nominee.

Levi H. Rowell having thus received 35 votes, President Caven declared that said Rowell had been duly elected to the office of Wood-Measurer at West Market for the ensuing year.

For City Janitor—Councilman Harmening nominated Joseph Raible.

No further nomination being made, on motion of Councilman Pearson, Secretary Wright was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Joint Convention for aforesaid nominee.

Joseph Raible having thus received 35 votes, President Caven declared that said Raible had been duly elected to the office of City Janitor for the ensuing year.

For City Sexton—Councilman Rooker nominated Robert Turner, and Councilman McGenty nominated James R. Locklear.

No further nominations being made, a ballot was had; which resulted as follows:

Robert Turner received 20 votes, James R. Locklear received 7 votes, and 8 scattering votes were cast.

Robert Turner having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, President Caven declared that said Turner had been duly elected to the office of City Sexton for the ensuing year.

The nominations and elections for offices in the gift of the Joint Convention being now fully completed, the President stated that he would entertain any propositions that might be within the power of the Joint Convention to consider and act upon.

Councilman McKay made the following motion; which was duly adopted:

That when the Joint Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet on the call of the President.

Alderman Grubbs offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, in Joint Convention assembled, That the Honorable the Judge of the Marion Circuit Court be, and is hereby, respectfully requested to appoint William Hadley, George W. Hill, James C. Yohn, Newton Kellogg, and Lyman W. Mix as City Commissioners for the City of Indianapolis, as provided for by an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 17th, 1875, to serve for the term of one year, or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified.

Which was duly adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 31—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Musssman, Newman, Piel, Seibert, and President Ridenour; and Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Downey, Hamilton, Harmoning, Kahn, King, Lamb, Morrison, McKay, Pearson, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, Van Vorhis, Wiese, and Wood.

NAYS, 3—viz.: Councilmen Dowling, McGinty, and O'Connor.

His Honor, President Caven, presented a draft of "Rules for the Government of Aldermen and Councilmen when assembled in Joint Convention."

On Councilman McKay's motion, the President was requested to appoint a select committee to which said Rules should be referred.

And His Honor thereupon named Councilman McKay, Alderman Layman, and Councilman McGinty as such select committee.

On motion, the Joint Convention then adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor,
President of Joint Convention.

Attest: BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk,
Secretary of Joint Convention.