

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—JANUARY 5, 1881.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis met in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Wednesday evening, January 5th, A. D. 1881, at seven o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—His Honor, the President, Henry Coburn, in the Chair, and Aldermen Drew, Grubbs, Hamilton, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and Tucker—9

ABSENT—Alderman Wood—1.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen, for the regular session held on December 22d, 1880, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, said Journals were approved as published.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following special message was read:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The Common Council, in regular session, held in the Council Chamber January 3d, 1881, adopted the following motion:

That the Board of Police be instructed to carry the name of Carter Temple on the police pay roll during the month of January, 1881.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Common Council:

Jos. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

On motion, the action of the Common Council, in adopting the motion as set forth in the above message, was concurred in.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read; and the action of the Common Council in receiving the report, and in approving the estimate and assessment (see page 789, *ante*) was concurred in:

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

Gentlemen :—I herewith report the following estimate :

A first and partial estimate in behalf of August Richter, for improving Tennessee street, from Seventh street to Twelfth street, by grading and graveling the roadway and bouldering the gutters thereof.

4,482 lineal feet property line, at 90 cents.....	\$ 4,033 80
Less 50 per cent.....	2,016 90—\$2,016 09

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and partial estimate in behalf of August Richter, for improving Tennessee street, from Seventh street to Twelfth street, by grading and graveling the roadway and bouldering the gutters thereof, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 7—viz. Aldermen Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Coburn.

NAYS—None.

The following report from the City Clerk was read :

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

Gentlemen :—I herewith report the following affidavit now on file in my office for the collection of street assessments by precepts, to-wit :

James Mahoney vs. James T. Crichton for.....	\$19 80
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And recommend you order the precept to issue.

Respectfully,

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

And the action of the Common Council in adopting the report and ordering the precept to issue was concurred in by the following vote :

AYES, 7—viz. Aldermen Grubbs; Layman, Mussman, Newman, Seibert, Tucker and President Coburn.

NAYS—None.

The following report from the City Hospital and Branch was read and received :

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—The following reports of the City Hospital and Branch, for the month of December, 1880, are respectfully submitted :

	First Week.	Second Week.	Third Week.	Fourth Week.	Two Days.	Monthly Totals
Number of paid Officers and Employes in Hospital	13					
Number of paid Officers and Employes in Branch.....	1					
Number of beds in Hospital	100					
Number of beds in Branch.....	10					
No. of adult patients in Hospital at beginning of week.....	53	58	56	50	54	53
No. of infant patients in Hospital at beginning of week....	1	2	2	2	2	1
No. of adult patients received during week	15	8	9	8	2	42
No. of infant patients received or born during week.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	3
No. of adult patients discharged during week	10	9	15	4	4	42
No. of infant patients discharged during week.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1
No. of adult patients who died during week.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1
No. of infant patients who died during week.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1
No. of patients in Branch at beginning of week.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of patients in Branch at end of week.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of adult patients in Hospital and Branch at end of week	58	56	50	54	52	52
No. of inf't patients in Hospital and Branch at end of week	2	2	2	2	2	2
No. of pay-patients at beginning of week.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of pay-patients at end of week .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Aggregate number of days of patients in Hospital.....	405	427	388	378	168	1766
Aggregate number of days of employes in Hospital .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	417
Number of prescriptions filled for December.....	1009					
Total.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Total expenditures for month	\$ 834 25
Cash collected from pay-patients and other sources, and paid to City Treasurer.....	\$80 75
Aggregate number of days subsistence furnished	2183
Average daily cost of each patient .....	.42-2 cts.
Average daily cost for patients, officers, and employes.....	.38-2 cts.

WILLIAM N. WISHARD, M. D., Superintendent.

The following report from the City Dispensary was read and received:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—The following reports of the City Dispensary for the month of December, 1880, are respectfully submitted:

Number of Patients treated at Dispensary.....	124
Number of Medical cases at Dispensary	78
Number of Surgical cases at Dispensary	35
Number of Disease of Nervous System.....	7
Number of Disease of Eye and Ear.....	4
Number of Diseases of the Throat.....	0
Number of Out-door Patients treated	142
Number at Station House.....	8
Number at News Boys' Home.....	0
Total number of Patients treated during month.....	274
Total number of Visits made during month.....	496
Total number of Prescriptions filled during month.....	826
Number of Births during month.....	0
Number of Deaths during month.....	4

EXPENDITURES FOR MONTH.

C. A. Ritter, Superintendent.....	\$ 61 66
F. A. Morrison, 1st Assistant.....	45 83
C. I. Fletcher, 2d Assistant.....	37 50
F. M. Ferree, Prescription Clerk.....	30 00
W. A. & I. N. Pattison, drugs.....	38 76
Drew & Co., coal.....	15 00
Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke Co.....	5 00

Total expenditures for month..... \$233 69

C. A. RITTER, M. D., Superintendent.

The following report from the Fire Board was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 794 *ante*) was concurred in:

Indianapolis, January 3d, 1880.

Honorable Mayor Caven, Board of Aldermen and Common Council, of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen :—The motion referred to us with reference to building a cistern at, or near, the corner of Clifford avenue and Jefferson street, would report that we have examined the location and recommend that the cistern be *not* built.

Respectfully,

James T. Layman,

Isaac Thalman,

Fire Board.

J. G. PENDERGAST, Chief Fire Engineer.

The following estimates were read and concurrently adopted :

Indianapolis, Ind., January 3d, 1881.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TO SHOVER & CHRISTIAN, Dr.

Fourth and Partial Estimate on the Two (2) New Engine Houses.

ENGINE HOUSE No. 9.

Plastering.....	\$ 75 00
Inside finish and stairs.....	800 00
Plumbing.....	150 00
Hardware.....	60 00
Painting.....	225 00
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	\$1,310 00

ENGINE HOUSE No. 10.

Painting.....	\$ 225 00
Inside finish and stairs.....	200 00
Plumbing.....	150 00
Hardware.....	60 00
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	635 00

Total..... \$1,945 00

We recommend that \$1,626.80 of the above bill be allowed.

James T. Layman,

Isaac Thalman,

Fire Board.

JOHN G. PENDERGAST, Chief Fire Engineer.

The following report from the Police Board was read:

Indianapolis, January 3, 1881.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen.—At a meeting of the Common Council held December 20, 1880, the following resolution was referred to the Police Board:

“Resolved, That the Police Board be, and is hereby, directed to pay patrolmen known as ‘extras’ the sum of one dollar per day, providing that the number of such extras shall not exceed five at any one time.”

We have fully considered the resolution, and report that we are of the opinion that such compensation would be right and proper. Should five extras be constantly employed and none of the regulars be absent from duty, the cost would be \$1,825.00 per year. But at such times as any of the regular force failed to perform duty, the extras would be called on to supply the vacancy, and the pay provided for in this resolution would be saved, as the extra would receive the same pay which otherwise would have been credited to the regular. Judging from past experience we have estimated the additional expense to the city would accrue under this resolution at about \$1,200.00. For the remainder of the current year the expense would not exceed \$500.00.

It is necessary to have about five extras on the roll to supply the places of such of the regulars as may be sick, or from any cause absent from duty, and also that we may have men in training for regular service when vacancies occur. These extras are required to report at roll-call each day, and are thereby, to a great extent, prevented from engaging in any other occupation. We are therefore of the opinion that they should be paid at least one dollar per day for each day they may report for duty. The outlay, as shown, would not be large. Small however as it is, it was not taken into consideration in making up the estimate for the pay of police for the current year, and we do not feel authorized to make the expenditure without the order of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

We recommend the passage of the resolution as a matter of justice to the worthy men who are now doing duty as “extras” without adequate compensation.

Respectfully,

D. W. Grubbs
Jno. T. Downey,
H. J. Prier,
Police Board.

Alderman Mussman moved that the above report be referred to the Finance Committee.

Which motion was lost by the following vote:

AYES, 4—viz. Aldermen Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman and President Coburn
NAYS, 4—viz. Aldermen Grubbs, Layman, Seibert and Tucker.

The question then being on the adoption of the report; on motion, the action of the Common Council in adopting the report, and the resolution as set forth in said report, was not concurred in by the following vote:

AYES, 4—viz. Aldermen Drew, Grubbs, Seibert and Tucker.
NAYS, 5—viz. Aldermen Hamilton, Layman, Mussmann, Newman and President Coburn.

The report of the Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner for the month of December, 1880, (see page 795, *ante*) was read and received.

The report of the Board of Health, showing the deaths during the last half of December, 1880, (see page 796, *ante*) was read and received.

The following report of the Committee on Accounts and Claims was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 799, *ante*) was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Accounts and Claims, to whom was referred the claim of A. A. Zion (*ante* pages 345 and 346) for \$52.81, for damages sustained to his horse and buggy on the 3d day of May last, at the crossing of Mississippi street and the railroad tracks on Louisiana street, find that said accident occurred at the crossing of the Indianapolis and Vincennes Railroad Company's track and Mississippi street; and believing the city only secondarily, and the said railroad company primarily, liable, recommend that a certified copy of said petition, with the proceedings of the Council thereon, be transmitted by the clerk to said railroad company.

F. J. Van Vorhis,
Will F. A. Bernhamer,
Committee on Accounts and Claims.

The following report from the Judiciary Committee was read:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Joint Committee on Judiciary, together with the City Attorney, to whom was referred a plan proposed by the City Civil Engineer and presented to the Common Council by the Board of Public Improvements, for the improvement of Market, Ohio, Highland streets and vicinity, report back said plans without recommendation on the merits thereof; but say that if the plans proposed be adopted, any changes to be made in said streets where the grade has been already established, should be made on petition of the property owners interested, and that the damages, if any, should be first assessed and tendered to the parties so damaged before the improvement is made.

William C. Lamb,
James T. Dowling,
James A. Pritchard,
W. H. Tucker,
D. W. Grubbs,
Joint Committee on Judiciary.

JOHN A. HENRY, City Attorney.

On motion of Alderman Hamilton, the above report was referred to the City Civil Engineer, with instructions to report the probable cost to the city for the improvement of the city's portion as set forth in the foregoing report.

The following motions (adopted by the Common Council—see pages 804 and 805, *ante*) were read and concurrently adopted:

That J. L. Spaulding be granted ninety days additional time to complete his contract for the improvement of the first alley east of Virginia avenue, from Grove street to Elk street.

That J. L. Spaulding be granted ninety days additional time to complete his contract for the improvement of Cypress street, from Linden street to Olive street.

That A. Bruner be granted sixty (60) days further time to complete his contract for constructing the sewer in the first alley east of Meridian street, from Washington street to Maryland street.

The following resolution (favorably passed by the Common Council) was unanimously concurrently adopted by a rising vote.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an Allwise Providence to remove from earth a late member of this Council; therefore be it

Resolved, That the sympathy of this Council be and is hereby extended to the family of Mr. McGinty in this the hour of their sad bereavement.

The following entitled appropriation ordinances (passed by the Common Council—see page 803, *ante*) were severally read the first time:

- Ap. O. 1, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department.
- Ap. O. 2, 1881—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. 3, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station-Houses.
- Ap. O. 4, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.
- Ap. O. 5, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, and Advertising.

This being the regular appropriation night, the foregoing entitled Appropriation Ordinances were placed on their final passage without suspension of the rules.

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

- Ap. O. 1, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated \$992.06.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Drew, Grubbs, Hamilton, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Coburn.

NAYS—None.

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

- Ap. O. 2, 1881—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, \$1,053.98.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Drew, Grubbs, Hamilton, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Coburn.

NAYS—None.

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

- Ap. O. 3, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station-Houses. [Amount appropriated, \$305.75.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Drew, Grubbs, Hamilton, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Coburn.

NAYS—None.

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

Ap. O. 4, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated \$14,747.15.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Drew, Grubbs, Hamilton, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Coburn.

NAYS—None.

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

Ap. O. 5, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery and Advertising. [Amount appropriated, \$554.62.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Drew, Grubbs, Hamilton, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Coburn.

NAYS—None.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Alderman Drew, submitted the following report :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—Your Joint Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred S. O. 12 and S. O. 13, 1880, relative to the improvement of Meridian street with cedar blocks, from New York street to Seventh street, with all remonstrances and petitions thereto pertaining, would recommend, after a careful consideration, that the petitions and remonstrances be received and spread on the records, and the action of the Common Council in passing the above entitled ordinances be not concurred in. And do further recommend that some action should be taken, and that at once, so that work can be commenced as soon as the weather will permit; and that the ordinance for the improvement of said street shall provide that the roadway be constructed with good red cedar blocks, from New York street to St. Clair street, with bouldered gutters ten feet in width; and the roadway from St. Clair street to Seventh be constructed of red cedar blocks, with bouldered gutters six feet in width. Your committee believe that a majority of the resident property owners on the street will be satisfied with the above improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Drew,
W. H. Tucker,
John Newman,

Aldermanic Committee.

John T. Downey,
Wm. H. Morrison,
Council Committee.

Alderman Hamilton moved that the above report be not concurred in.

Which motion failed of adoption by the following vote :

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen Hamilton, Layman, and Musssmann.

NAYS, 5—viz. Aldermen Drew, Grubs, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Coburn.

The report was then adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Coburn.

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman Hamilton.

Alderman Tucker moved that the former report of the Joint Committee on Finance and Judiciary (see page 786, *ante*; the action on said report having been postponed for two weeks) be taken up and concurred in.

Which motion was adopted, and the report concurred in.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alderman Grubbs offered the following remonstrance; which was received:

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

Gentlemen:—Understanding that there is a petition before your honorable bodies asking to have the grade of Market street changed, from Arsenal avenue to Pogue's Run, we, the undersigned property owners on Market street, most respectfully remonstrate against any change in the grade, or reimprovement of said street in front of our property.

John B. Stumph,
Mary J. Vance, 210 feet,
J. L. Mitchell, 210 feet,
Henry Bauer,
Cabinet Makers' Union, per G. Sturp, Sec'y,
John Herrmann,
E. A. Norton, 240 feet,
H. R. Payson, 248 feet, 10 inches.

Alderman Hamilton offered the following motions; which were adopted :

That the Committee on Printing be directed to ascertain the cost of revising and printing two hundred (200) copies of the City Charter, ordinances and resolutions in force, including all acts and amendments of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana for 1881, which may apply to the city, and with index complete.

That, with a view to a reduction of the bonded indebtedness of the City of Indianapolis, by the amount of \$500,000, the Committee on Finance and City Attorney is hereby directed to inquire into the possibility of exchanging the bonds issued by the Union Railroad Transfer and Stock Yards Company, known as the "Belt Railroad," for the city's bonds issued in aid of said corporation. Said committee is ordered to report fully on this matter at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Alderman Hamilton offered the following resolution ; which was referred to the Committee on Markets and Public Property :

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Property be directed to take steps for the immediate conversion of the "Tomlinson Estate property," belonging to the city, into cash, with a view to the speedy erection of public buildings for the use of citizens and city authorities, for *market purposes*, on the south half of square forty-three (43), Indianapolis—such "public buildings" in no event to exceed in cost the amount received from the sale of said property.

Alderman Mussmann offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That the Police Board enforce the ordinance which provides for not blocking the streets by moving trains any longer than the ordinance allows them ; and all other city ordinances.

Alderman Tucker offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That the President of the Board of Aldermen and his honor, Mayor Caven, call a joint convention of the Republican members of the Council and Board of Aldermen for Saturday evening, January 8th, at the Council Chamber, at 7:30 P. M., to take into consideration the estimates for the several departments for the year.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

H. Hoban

....., President.

Attest:

Geo. T. Brining

....., Clerk.