

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—MARCH 4, 1889.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, March 4th, A. D. 1889, at 7:30 o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. John R. Pearson, President *pro tem.* of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 14 members, viz: Councilmen Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Johnston, McClelland, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

ABSENT, 10—viz: Councilmen Burns, Coy, Hicklin, Kelley, Long, Markey, O'Connor, Parkinson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, and Swain.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session held February 18th, 1889, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was referred to the Finance Committee:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit an itemized statement showing the amount of orders drawn upon the city treasury during the month of February, 1889, viz:—

Board of Health.....	\$ 244 70
City Civil Engineer's Department.....	261 29
City Assessor.....	8,172 99
City Dispensary.....	308 55
City Hall.....	36 50
City Hospital and Branch.....	1,499 91
Fire Department—pay-rolls.....	5,360 00
Fire Department—accounts.....	612 11
Garfield Park.....	24 05
Gas.....	4,401 78
Incidentals.....	67 00
Judgments and costs.....	102 15
Markets.....	471 53
Parks.....	406 05
Police.....	5,291 61
Printing.....	1,180 95
Public charity.....	100 00
Redemption of bonds, and interest.....	55,062 50
Salary.....	366 83

Station House.....	\$ 244 81
Street Improvements.....	508 79
Street repairs—pay-rolls.....	2,890 56
Street repair—accounts.....	1,775 43
Tomlinson Hall—accounts.....	168 09
Tomlinson Hall—Janitors.....	108 50
Total.....	\$ 89,666 68

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—I herewith report a first and partial estimate in behalf of Henry W. Tielking, for constructing stone abutments for a bridge over Pleasant Run in Garfield Park.

42 cubic yards of masonry, at \$6 75.....	\$283 50
370 cubic feet of timber, at 16 cents.....	59 20
432 feet B. M. of lumber, at \$18.00.....	7 77
	<u>\$350 47</u>

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. SHAUVER, City Civil Engineer.

Which report was received, and the estimate presented therewith approved, by the following vote :

AYES, 14—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Johnston, McClelland, Pearson, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

S. Loftin, Treasurer for the City, submitted the following report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance :

Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the City of Indianapolis, for the month of February, 1889.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand February 1st, 1889.....	\$ 65,789 72
City miscellaneous receipts.....	2,039 80
Taxes collected (estimated).....	19,117 28
Temporary loan.....	40,000 00
	<u>\$126,942 80</u>

EXPENDITURES.

City orders redeemed.....	\$ 89,862 47
Balance on hand March 1st, 1889.....	37,080 33
	<u>\$126,942 80</u>

Respectfully submitted,

S. LOFTIN,
City Treasurer.

The City Rental Agent submitted the following report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance :

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith report rents collected from Tomlinson estate as follows:

From Alice Robinson, No. 113 north Illinois street.....	\$50 00
From Mrs. Mahan, No. 117 north Illinois street.....	25 00
From Hanna Overman, No. 115 north Illinois street.....	25 00

\$100 00

Less commission, 3½ per cent.....	3 50
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\$ 96 50

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HADLEY, Agent.

On motion by Councilman Gasper, the regular order of business was suspended for the purpose of taking up the appropriation ordinances.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

This being the regular appropriation night, the following entitled Appropriation Ordinances were introduced and placed upon their final passage, without a suspension of the Rules:

Councilman Thalman, on behalf of the Finance Committee, submitted the following entitled appropriation ordinances:

Ap. O. 13, 1889—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of the salaries and compensation of the members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen; of the County Auditor and the Treasurer for the City; of the City Officers and officers and members of the Fire and Police Departments; the Committee Clerk, City Janitor, Assistant City Janitor, Tomlinson Hall Janitor, Tomlinson Hall Assistant Janitor, and Market Masters of the East and West markets. [Amount appropriated, \$16,719.08.]

Read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Johnston, Long, McClelland, Pearson, Smith, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 14, 1889—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station House. [Amount appropriated, \$226 86.]

Read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Johnston, Long, McClelland, Pearson, Smith, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 15, 1889—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$690.65.]

Read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed, by the following vote :

AYES, 17—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Johnston, Long, McClelland, Pearson, Smith, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 16, 1889—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, \$1,807.04.]

Read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed, by the following vote :

AYES, 17—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Johnston, Long, McClelland, Pearson, Smith, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 17, 1889—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$14,857.26.]

Read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed, by the following vote :

AYES, 17—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Johnston, Long, McClelland, Pearson, Smith, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

After the passage of the foregoing appropriation ordinances, on motion by Councilman Thalman, the Hospital Board were ordered not to hereafter insure the Hospital building and fixtures for more than \$12,000 until further orders from the Council.

Councilman Trusler offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That, in the judgment of said bodies, the Statutes just passed by the General Assembly, appointing Boards of Control over the offices of this city, are unwise, destructive of the true principles of free government, and void.

Resolved, That the officers of this city, having under their management the streets, lights, fire, and other departments of the city government mentioned in said Statutes, be, and they are hereby, directed and empowered to inform any and all persons claiming to act under said laws, that their authority is denied; and to hold the property of the city, and exercise their rights and perform their duties, as heretofore required.

Resolved, That the Mayor be, and is hereby, authorized to employ counsel to act with the City Attorney in upholding the rights of the city and its officers, agents, committees and employes.

Councilman Johnston moved to postpone action on the above until the next meeting.

Councilman Darnell moved that the motion offered by Councilman Johnston, be laid on the table.

Which motion was adopted.

The resolution was then adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Long, McClelland, Pearson, Smith, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 3—viz: Councilmen Burns, Gaul, and Johnston.

Councilman Cummings moved that the vote just had on adopting the resolution, be reconsidered.

Councilman Darnell moved to lay the motion to reconsider, on the table.

Which motion was adopted.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman McClelland, submitted the following report; which was read and received:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—We herewith report expenditures in the Street Repair Department for the month of February, together with total expenditures to March 1st, 1889:

Pay-rolls.....	\$ 2,881 06
Blacksmithing.....	179 80
Bowlders.....	54 50
Brick.....	16 00
Fountain repairs.....	52 94
Freight.....	50 00
Gravel, delivered on streets.....	899 85
Hardware.....	68 69
Lumber.....	193 08
Miscellaneous.....	17 05
Rent.....	15 00
Sand.....	49 25
Sewer pipe.....	48 25
Stone crossings.....	13 50

Total expenditures for February..... \$ 4,540 27

Total expenditures per last report..... 2,283 77

Total expenditures for March 1st, 1889..... \$ 6,824 04

Respectfully submitted,

R. McClelland,
W. H. Wilson,
Board of Public Improvements.

D. DERUITER, Street Commissioner.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Councilman Finch submitted the following report; which was adopted:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—Your Committee to whom was referred the papers in reference to the Illinois street tunnel, beg leave to report the following :

The Union Railway Company have agreed to place a watchman at the tunnel through the day, at their own expense, who shall have police powers, and whose duty it shall be to keep the walkways clean, and give his entire attention to the tunnel: *Provided*, however, that the city keep and maintain a night watchman.

The Citizens' Street Railroad Company agrees to keep the road and driveways thoroughly cleaned, and allow no dirt or filth to accumulate, as it has heretofore.

Your committee would recommend the city's placing a watchman, with police powers, at the tunnel for night duty, as the place, as it now is, is an unsafe and filthy passage-way for pedestrians; therefore

Moved, That R. C. Williamson be, and is hereby, appointed as night watchman at the tunnel, and that he be paid two dollars (\$2.00) per night for his services.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Finch,

J. L. Gasper,

Fred. W. Gaul,

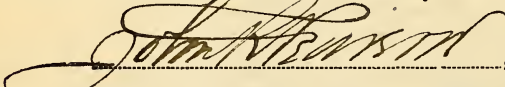
Council Committee.

M. M. Reynolds,

J. H. Taylor,

Aldermanic Committee.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

 _____, President *pro tem.*
of the Common Council.

Attest:  _____, City Clerk,