

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

SPECIAL SESSION—JULY 19, 1882.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Wednesday evening, July 19th, A. D. 1882, at eight o'clock, in special session, pursuant to the following call:

To the Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—You are hereby requested to meet in special session, in the Council Chamber, Wednesday evening, July 19th, 1882, at eight o'clock, for the purpose of receiving the report of the City Assessor, as to the valuation of taxable property in the city of Indianapolis, for the year 1882, and for the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL W. GRUBBS, Mayor.

PRESENT—Hon. Daniel W. Grubbs, Mayor, and, *ex officio*, President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 15 members, viz. Councilmen Brundage, Bryce, Cole, Dowling, Egger, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Morrison, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Thalman, Weaver, and Yoke.

ABSENT, 10—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Caylor, Cowie, Coy, Dean, Fultz, Harold, Mauer, Stout, and Ward.

The City Assessor submitted the following report; which was received:

CITY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, July 19, 1882.

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

Gentlemen:—The following figures show my valuation of the taxable property in the city of Indianapolis for the year 1882:

Lots.	Improvements.	Personal Property.	Total Valuation.
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Showing an increase over last year's valuation, of one million four hundred thousand dollars, which amount is made up of an increase in personal property of nine hundred thousand dollars, and an increase in improvements of five hundred thousand dollars, in round numbers. This return does not include the assessment made against the Railroads, which reports are now in the custody of the State Board of Equalization. They will be embraced in my final report. The amount of these returns last year, was three hundred thousand dollars. The polls number 14,452, an increase over last year of seven hundred and twenty-seven.

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. CONNETT, City Assessor.

Councilman Pearson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, directed to give the proper legal notice, by publication, of the meeting of the Common Council, Board of Aldermen, the City Clerk and City Assessor, as the Board of Equalization; such meeting to be held on Monday evening, August 7th, 1882, at 8 o'clock.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 15—viz. Councilmen Brundage, Bryce, Cole, Dowling, Egger, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Morrison, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Thalman, Weaver, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Thalman, in behalf of the Committee on Contracts, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred sundry proposals presented to Council July 17th, 1882, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows, viz:

1st. For erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except service pipes) on Wabash street, between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets; lamp frames to be according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the City Civil Engineer.

Aneshaensel & Strong, \$26.00 each.

W. J. Freaney, \$18.50 each.

W. J. Freaney being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

2d. For erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except service pipes), on Spann avenue, between Dillon and Linden streets; lamp frames to be according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the City Civil Engineer.

Aneshaensel & Strong, \$26.00 each.

There being but one bid, and we deeming it too high, we recommend the contract be not awarded, and that the Engineer be directed to re-advertise for bids for same.

3d. For erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except service pipes), on Meridian street, between Kansas and Arizona streets; lamp frames to be according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the City Civil Engineer.

Aneshaensel & Strong, \$26.00 each.

W. J. Freaney, \$18.50 each.

W. J. Freaney being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

4th. For grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Mississippi street, from Second street to Seventh street (where not already properly paved.)

James W. Hudson, 52 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

John Schier, 51 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

C. S. Roney, 49 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

H. C. Roney, 47 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Robert P. Dunning, 44 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

R. P. Dunning being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

5th. For grading and graveling Pleasant street and sidewalks, from Linden street to Reid street.

R. P. Dunning, \$1.15 per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney, \$1.10 per lineal foot front on each side.

H. C. Roney, 89 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Henry Clay, 89 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Fred. Gansberg, 85 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Robert Kennington, 85 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

There being tie bid, and believing same reasonable, we recommend the contract be awarded to Fred. Gansberg.

6th. For grading and paving with brick (where not already done), the sidewalks of Stevens street, from East street to Virginia avenue.

- John Schier, 39 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- James Mahoney, 36 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- C. S. Roney, 35 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Henry C. Roney, 34 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Henry C. Roney being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

7th. For grading and paving with bricks the sidewalks of McCarty street, from East street to Virginia avenue.

- James W. Hudson, 52 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- August Richter, 51 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- John Schier, 49 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- James Mahoney, 49 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Henry C. Roney, 43 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Charles S. Roney, 43 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

There being tie bid, and believing the same reasonable, we recommend the contract be awarded to Charles S. Roney.

8th. For re-graveling the roadway of Indiana avenue, between Fall Creek and White River bridges, according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the City Civil Engineer.

- James Mahoney, 49½ cents per cubic yard.
- H. C. Roney, 49 cents per cubic yard.
- August Richter, 47½ cents per cubic yard.
- R. P. Dunning, 45 cents per cubic yard.
- Robert Kennington, 40 cents per cubic yard.
- Samuel W. Patterson, 39 cents per cubic yard.

S. W. Patterson being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

9th. For grading and paving with brick, and curbing with stone, the west sidewalk of West street, from Third street to McIntyre street.

- John L. Spaulding, 47 cents per lineal foot front for curbing, and 58 cents per lineal foot front for paving.
- John Schier, 53 cents per lineal foot front for curbing, and 51 cents per lineal foot front for paving.
- James W. Hudson, 42 cents per lineal foot front for curbing, and 53 cents per lineal foot front for paving.
- C. S. Roney, 45 cents per lineal foot front for curbing, and 48 cents per lineal foot front for paving.
- H. C. Roney, 44 cents per lineal foot front for curbing, and 47 cents per lineal foot front for paving.
- Robert P. Dunning, 43 cents per lineal foot front for curbing, and 47 cents per lineal foot front for paving.

R. P. Dunning being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

10th. For grading and graveling the roadway of West street, from First street to McIntyre street.

- James W. Hudson, \$1.22 per lineal foot front on each side.
- S. W. Patterson, \$1.09 per lineal foot front on each side.
- James Mahoney, 99 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- C. S. Roney, 90 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- H. C. Roney, 79 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- R. P. Dunning, 73 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Henry Clay, 72 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Henry Clay being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

11th. For grading and graveling Pratt street, from Tennessee street to Mississippi street.

S. W. Patterson, 75 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

R. P. Dunning, 59 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

H. C. Roney, 55 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney, 54 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

J. L. Spaulding, 49 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

J. L. Spaulding being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

12th. For grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Mississippi street, from First street to Second street.

Houston Solomon, 73 cents per lineal foot front.

J. L. Spaulding, 68 cents per lineal foot front.

James W. Hudson, 59 cents per lineal foot front.

John Schier, 58 cents per lineal foot front.

C. S. Roney, 56 cents per lineal foot front.

R. P. Dunning, 55 cents per lineal foot front.

H. C. Roney, 55 cents per lineal foot front.

August Richter, 53 cents per lineal foot front.

August Richter being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

13th. For grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of New York street, from Missouri street to West street.

Houston Solomon, 74½ cents per lineal foot front.

J. L. Spaulding, 68 cents per lineal foot front.

James W. Hudson, 59 cents per lineal foot front.

John Schier, 58 cents per lineal foot front.

C. S. Roney, 56 cents per lineal foot front.

James Mahoney, 56 cents per lineal foot front.

H. C. Roney, 55 cents per lineal foot front.

August Richter, 50 cents per lineal foot front.

August Richter being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

14th. For grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Vermont street, from West street to Blackford street.

Houston Solomon, 71 cents per lineal foot front.

J. L. Spaulding, 58 cents per lineal foot front.

C. S. Roney, 53 cents per lineal foot front.

John Schier, 52 cents per lineal foot front.

James W. Hudson, 52 cents per lineal foot front.

James Mahoney, 49 cents per lineal foot front.

Henry C. Roney, 48 cents per lineal foot front.

Henry C. Roney being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Thalman,
E. H. Koller,
Committee on Contracts.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

DANIEL W. GRUBBS, Mayor.

President of the Common Council.

Attest: JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

ADJOURNED SESSION—JULY 19, 1882.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Wednesday evening, July 19th, A. D. 1882, at eight o'clock, in adjourned session.

PRESENT—Hon. James T. Layman, President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and Wood—9.

ABSENT, 1—viz. Alderman Rorison.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the regular session, held July 10th, 1882, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, said Journals were approved as published.

SPECIAL ORDER—CITY HALL AND MARKET HOUSE.

As a question of privilege, Alderman Hamilton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That \$25,000 of the "Tomlinson Fund" on hand, be appropriated and used for the construction of a Market House on the east Market Space, and the balance for sewers; also, that the proceeds from the sale of the "Tomlinson Estate" now unsold, be appropriated and used for improvement and adornment of the public parks, as the Council and Board of Aldermen may direct.

And it failed of adoption by the following vote :

AYES, 1—viz. Alderman Hamilton.

NAYS, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, Wood, and President Layman.

Alderman Hamilton, in behalf of the Committees on Finance, Judiciary and Public Property, submitted the following report:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, to whom was referred "Ordinance providing for City Hall, Market House," etc., respectfully report that we have considered the same, and recommend that it *do not pass*.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Hamilton,
H. Seibert,
Finance Committee.

D. DeRuiter,
Geo. P. Wood,
Committee on Public Property.

Alderman Tucker, in behalf of the Committees on Finance, Judiciary and Public Property, submitted the following report:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committees on Finance, Judiciary and Public Property, to whom was referred G. O. 51, 1882, an ordinance to provide for building a City Hall, etc., met on Friday evening, July 14th, and made careful examination of said ordinance, section by section. We believe that all amendments or changes that we might suggest, has been carefully guarded by a supplementary, or amendatory ordinance, that has been prepared and carefully examined by us, which will be presented to the Common Council for their action thereon, at their next regular meeting. We recommend that the action of the Common Council in the passage of ordinance G. O. 51, 1882, be concurred in; providing said supplementary or amendatory ordinance shall pass the Council also. In case said ordinance does not pass, we do hereby reserve the right and serve notice on this Board, that a motion to reconsider the action by which G. O. 51, 1882, was passed, will be made at the next regular session.

Since the above report was prepared, there has been a new ordinance introduced and passed the Council, containing all the amendments agreed upon by the committee, which we recommend that the same pass this body.

Your committee further recommend that, that work not be commenced on the City Hall and Market House, until March, 1883.

Respectfully submitted,

James T. Layman,
W. H. Tucker,
H. E. Drew.

President Layman called Alderman Mussmann to the Chair, and took the floor.

Alderman Hamilton moved to indefinitely postpone action on the whole subject of the City Hall and Market House.

Alderman Tucker moved to lay the above motion on the table.

Which motion to lay on the table, failed of adoption by the following vote:

AYES, 2—viz. Alderman Newman, and President Layman.

NAYS, 7—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Seibert, Tucker and Wood.

Alderman Hamilton's motion to postpone then failed of adoption by the following vote:

AYES, 2—viz. Aldermen Hamilton, and Seibert.

NAYS, 7—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Mussmann, Newman, Tucker, Wood, and President Layman.

President Layman moved that the foregoing report, as offered by Alderman Tucker, be concurred in.

Which motion to concur, was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 5—viz. Aldermen Drew, Mussmann, Newman, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS, 4—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Hamilton, Seibert, and Wood.

The following message was read and received :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—The Common Council, in regular session, held in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, July 17th, 1882, passed the following entitled ordinance :

G. O. 62, 1882—An Ordinance to provide for the erection of City Buildings.

For the Common Council :

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first time;

G. O. 62, 1882—An Ordinance to provide for the erection of City Buildings.

On motion by Alderman Tucker, the rules were suspended for the purpose of placing the foregoing ordinance on its final passage, by the following vote:

AYES, 7—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Mussmann, Newman, Tucker, Wood, and President Layman.

NAYS, 2—viz. Aldermen Hamilton, and Seibert.

G. O. 62, 1882, was then read the second time.

Alderman Hamilton offered the following amendment:

Provided, That the total cost of the Market House and City Hall Buildings, in this ordinance contemplated, shall not, in any event, exceed the cash on hand of the "Tomlinson Estate Fund," and the proceeds arising from the sale of the remaining portion of said estate; and nothing herein shall be construed or operated to the contrary.

And it failed of adoption by the following vote :

AYES, 1—viz. Alderman Hamilton.

NAYS, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, Wood, and President Layman.

G. O. 62, 1882, was then ordered engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen Drew, Mussmann, Newman, Tucker, Wood, and President Layman.

NAYS, 3—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Hamilton, and Seibert.

Alderman Hamilton asked consent to file and have printed his written protest against the passage of the foregoing ordinance; which was not granted.

On motion by Alderman Tucker, the Board of Aldermen adjourned.

President Layman then immediately called the Board to order.

The following message was read and received:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The Common Council, in special session, held this evening, July 19th, 1882, favorably passed upon the following papers.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Common Council:

Jos. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The following report from the City Assessor (see page 221, *ante*), was read and received:

CITY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, July 19, 1882.

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

Gentlemen:—The following figures show my valuation of the taxable property in the city of Indianapolis for the year 1882:

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Respectfully submitted,

M. F. CONNETT, City Assessor.

The following resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 221, *ante*), was read:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, directed to give the proper legal notice, by publication, of the meeting of the Common Council, Board of Aldermen, the City Clerk and City Assessor, as the Board of Equalization; such meeting to be held on Monday evening, August 7th, 1882, at 8 o'clock.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, Wood, and President Layman.

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman Hamilton.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

JAMES T. LAYMAN, President.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.