

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—JANUARY 22, 1883.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, January 22d, A. D. 1883, at seven o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. James T. Layman, President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Rorison, Seibert, and Tucker—8.

ABSENT, 2—viz. Aldermen Newman, and Wood.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the regular session, held January 8th, 1883, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, said Journals were approved as published.

The following special message was read, and on motion by Alderman Tucker, the Board of Aldermen adhered to their former action:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen.—The Common Council in regular session, held in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, January 15th, 1883, adhered to their former action in recommending that taxes be refunded to the following persons, for void tax sales. (See page 712, *ante*):

S. A. Fletcher & Co., Lots 38 and 39, in McGill's subdivision of Square 93; certificate 14,380.

Wm. C. Anderson, part of Lot 37, Square 10, southeast addition, and Lot 34, Woodruff's subdivision Morris' addition.

For the Common Council:

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The following special message was read, and on motion by Alderman Tucker, the whole matter was laid on the table:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen.—The Common Council in regular session, held in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, January 15th, 1883, adhered to their former action in adopting the following motion, thereby non-concurring in your recommendation "that the Chief of Police be instructed to notify the property owners.":

"That the Street Commissioner be instructed to notify the property owners on Fletcher avenue to clean the dirt from the sidewalk, between Dillon and Olive streets; and if not done in ten days, to do the work, and collect from the property owners."

For the Common Council:

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The following message was read and received:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit the following papers, for your consideration, favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its regular session, held January 15th, 1883.

For the Common Council:

Jos. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The following report from the City Clerk was read:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

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

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| Fred. Gansberg vs. Stoughton J. Fletcher and Francis M. Churchman, for | \$17 92 |
| John Schier vs. Franz X. Wimmer, for..... | 4 00 |
| John Schier vs. Franz X. Wimmer, for..... | 4 00 |

And recommend you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully,

Jos. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

On motion, the favorable action of the Common Council thereon—see page 811, *ante*), was concurred in, and the precepts ordered to issue by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Mussmann, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman Hamilton.

The report of the City Attorney (see page 812, *ante*), was read.

On motion by Alderman Hamilton, the action of the Common Council was non-concurred in as to the second clause of said report; and on further motion, the City Attorney was instructed to pay the costs in said case, demand a new trial, and carry the case to the Supreme Court, if necessary.

The action of the Common Council as to the balance of the report, was then concurred in.

The report of the Hospital Board, as to the erection of additions to the City Hospital (see pages 813 and 814, *ante*), and the communication accompanying the same (see pages 814 and 815, *ante*), were read.

Alderman Tucker moved that the report be referred to a Special Committee and the Committee on Hospital and Dispensary.

Which failed of adoption by the following vote:

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

NAYS, 5—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Hamilton, Rorison, Tucker, and President Layman.

Alderman Tucker offered the following amendment:

Amend that the Hospital Committee from this Board be a part of the committee on Hospital Building; and that no action of theirs be binding on the city, unless approved by two members of the Hospital Committee from this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 4—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Mussmann, Tucker, and President Layman.

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

The action of the Common Council, in awarding the contract (see page 815, *ante*), was then concurred in by the following vote:

AYES, 7—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Hamilton, Mussmann, Rorison, Tucker, Seibert, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

The annual report of the City Dispensary (see pages 815 and 816, *ante*), was read and referred to the Committee on Printing and Office Fixtures & Supplies.

The following report from the Committees on Accounts and Claims, and Judiciary, (see page 816, *ante*), was read; and on motion by Alderman Seibert, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts & Claims:

Indianapolis, Jan. 15th, 1882.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committees on Claims and Judiciary, to whom was referred petition of David V. Burns, showing that from January 1st, 1882, to June, 1882, he rendered legal services for the city—assisting the City Attorney in the preparation and trial of several large and very important suits against the city—and that the services rendered were well worth \$687.50.

This is the only extra assistance given the City Attorney, for which the city has been asked to pay; and we therefore recommend the claim be allowed and paid. The City Attorney has, during his entire term, given half his salary for assistance, and we think it but right that the city should pay for this extra service rendered from January to June, 1882, when his salary was about \$1,500 per year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed. Brundage,
John Egger,
Committee on Claims.

James Pritchard,
N. Yoke,
John W. Fultz,
Judiciary Committee.

The following clauses from the report of the Judiciary Committee were read, (see pages 817 and 818, *ante*); and on motion by Alderman Seibert, were referred to the Committees on Judiciary and Ordinances, and Finance and Accounts & Claims:

The first is the petition of F. McWhinney, showing that on February 9, 1880, at city tax sale, he bought the following lots:

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| Lot 21, Square 26, Bell's sub-division Johnson's addition | \$12 25 |
| Lot 26, Square 26, Bell's sub-division Johnson's addition..... | 12 25 |

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| Lot 27, Square 26, Bell's sub-division Johnson's addition..... | 12 25 |
| Lot 28, Square 28, Bell's sub-division Johnson's addition..... | 13 54 |

\$50 29

And subsequently paid taxes, on January 4, 1881, on four lots, of... 11 78

Total.....\$62 07

Petition shows further that all of said property was taxed double on the duplicate, and taxes paid in name of *one* and sold in the other.

City Treasurer informs your committee that the facts stated in petition are true.

We therefore recommend that \$62.07, with interest from dates of payment, be refunded to petitioner.

The second is the petition of S. A. Fletcher & Co., showing that on February 9, 1880, at city tax sale, they purchased Lot 7, in Wooten's sub-division of A. E. Fletcher's second addition, for the sum of \$21.67, and deed was made to same under said sale, May 9, 1882, costing petitioners further sum of \$2.35.

Further, that on February 21, 1881, said Lot 7 was condemned and appropriated by the city for a public street, and called *Newman* street.

The City Assessor informs your committee that the facts stated in petition are true.

We therefore recommend the following sums be refunded to petitioners, to-wit:

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| February 9, 1880, paid | \$21 67 |
| January 9, 1883, interest to date..... | 3 90 |
| May 9, 1882, deed and recording the same..... | 2 35 |
| January 9, 1883, interest, eight months | 10 |

Total.....\$28 02

The third is the petition of S. A. Fletcher & Co., showing that at city tax sale, February 9, 1881, they bought

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| Lots 19 and 21, Kapp's sub-division Morris' addition, for.. | \$15 50 |
| Subsequent taxes paid..... | 13 55 |

Total.....\$29 05

Interest, 6 per cent., to date

\$34 95

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| Also purchased Lot 21, same addition, February 12, 1881, paying... | \$ 8 83 |
| Subsequently paid | 12 82 |

\$21 65

Interest, 6 per cent., to date..... 3 89

\$25 54

Petitioners ask that the two sums \$34.95 and \$25.54 be refunded, for the reason that all of said lots were forfeited to the State under a school fund mortgage, March 24, 1879. Our Supreme Court has decided that on property in this condition all taxes are wiped off, accruing between the date of the mortgage and date of deed to State.

We therefore recommend that the two sums, \$34.95 and \$25.54, be refunded to petitioners.

The fourth is the petition of S. A. Fletcher & Co, showing the same state of facts as to Lot 19, Square 8, south-east addition, as set out in item 3 of this report.

Petitioners are entitled to purchase price at tax sale, taxes subsequently paid, including interest on same, all amounting to \$36.22.

We recommend that the sum of \$36.22 on this account be refunded to petitioners.

The sixth is a motion that John J. Cooper be given permission to connect with the Reid street sewer for the purpose of draining surface water, he paying the customary fee for such privilege.

We recommend that the motion be passed.

The seventh is the matter of employing some person to hunt up property not returned for taxation, and ascertain the best terms we could for doing said work.

We report the following bids received, to-wit:

Henry C. Campbell, 16½ per cent. of the amount of taxes collected.

Terrell Patterson, 15 per cent. of the amount of taxes collected.

J. W. Whorton, 14 per cent. of the amount of taxes collected, and to be paid when the taxes are paid in on the property found.

We recommend that the contract be given to J. W. Whorton, he being the lowest and best bidder.

The following report of the Committee on Streets and Alleys, and the resolution accompanying the same, were read, (see page 819, *ante*); and on motion by Alderman Tucker, were referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Ordinances:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of John Waehner, Jr., E. C. Sewall, et al, asking that seven and one-half (7½) feet off of the north side of lot number seven (7), McQuat's addition, be condemned for alley purposes. We recommend the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the accompanying resolution adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

George Weaver,

Sim Coy,

B. W. Cole,

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Resolved, That the petition of John Waehner, Jr., E. C. Sewall, Ovid D. Butler, James Stevenson, I. H. Stevenson, W. C. Hobbs and J. S. Smith, praying for the laying out and opening of the alley on the north side of lot seven (7) of McQuat's addition to the city of Indianapolis, between Seventh street and Lincoln avenue, from Park avenue to first alley east, together with the plat, petition, etc., be referred to the Commissioners, with instructions to assess benefits and damages, and to make due report; and that for the purpose of such opening, the Common Council do propose to appropriate such real estate and property as may be necessary therefor.

The said Commissioners are instructed to return, as part of their report, all petitions and notices. The City Clerk is hereby directed to issue, and the City Marshal to serve, the proper notices upon the City Commissioners; and the petitioners are hereby required to serve the proper notices upon all interested parties as may be designated by the City Commissioners.

The following resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 820, *ante*), was read:

WHEREAS, A bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives of this State, by a member of the Marion County delegation, providing for a Metropolitan Police System for the city of Indianapolis; said bill provides for a very large increase over the amount now paid by the city for its Police Department, amounting to thirty-eight thousand dollars per annum in excess of the amount now paid by the city of Indianapolis;

Whereas, The Constitution of the State, Section 220, of the Revised Statutes, by its provisions, limits the city from ever becoming indebted, in any manner, or for any purpose, to an amount in the aggregate exceeding two (2) per centum on the value of its taxable property; the indebtedness of the city is now more than two (2) per cent. of her taxables, therefore, with the constitutional provision, and the law of 1877, we, as a Council, cannot, in any manner, increase the debt of the city, or make proper levy to maintain said police system.

Whereas, The city of Indianapolis is much more in need of legislation providing for a special levy for Sinking Fund, in order that proper provisions may be made looking to the payment of her debt, as the rate of interest now paid by this city costs the citizens and tax payers more per annum than the entire cost of the Police and Fire Departments of the city.

Whereas, A committee of the Council, with a like committee from the Board of Aldermen, have reported to the Council that the City Hospital, now in use, is totally unfit for hospital purposes, and that the foundation, roof, weatherboarding and floors are old and decaying, and that said building should be torn down, that said buildings are unfit to furnish protection to the sick, from rain and cold, and provision must be made for the erection of a new City Hospital.

Whereas, The citizens and tax payers are now demanding of the city government that the streets be kept in proper repair, and when once they make the streets, by ordinance, that it then becomes the duty of the city to keep said streets in a good and safe condition; and in order to do this, expenses in the Police Department must not be increased.

Whereas, Petitions have been presented asking the city to erect a Market House and City Hall, and other improvements are also demanded of the city, providing for a Work House, and the purchase of burial grounds; said improvements have not, or cannot be made, owing to the limited amount of revenue derived from taxation, after the annual interest is paid; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the city of Indianapolis, that we most respectfully ask the Legislature not to pass the law providing for a Metropolitan Police System, creating an increase of the present force, and that if said bill is passed, that the Legislature provide in said bill for the State to make provision for the payment of said Metropolitan System; and that the City Clerk be directed to prepare a copy of this preamble and resolution, and have the same properly presented before the State Legislature.

Alderman Tucker moved to refer the above resolution to the Committee on Police Department.

Alderman Drew moved to lay the above motion on the table; which failed of adoption by the following vote:

AYES, 2—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, and Drew.

NAYS, 6—viz. Aldermen Hamilton, Mussmann, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

Alderman Tucker's motion was then adopted.

On motion by Alderman Hamilton, Alderman Mussmann was added to act as a member of said committee on the above resolution.

The following report from a certain special committee was read (see page 821, *ante*), and received:

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen:—Your joint select committee, appointed by Council and Board of Aldermen in August last, to examine and destroy all cancelled city warrants up to January 1, 1877, would respectfully report: That with the assistance of Deputy City Clerk Geo. T. Breunig, the said cancelled warrants were examined and destroyed by burning them on January 6, 1883.

Respectfully submitted,
F. W. Hamilton,
Aldermanic Committee.

B. Ward,
H. B. Stout,
John W. Fultz,
Council Committee.

The mortality report of the Board of Health (see page 816, *ante*), was read and received.

The following motions (adopted by the Common Council—see pages 821 and 823, *ante*), were read and concurrently adopted:

WHEREAS, Under the resolution adopting the City Commissioners' report in regard to the widening and straightening of East street, at the intersection of Morris street, no money has or can be tendered to Mrs. Powers for her property to be taken for said improvement; *And whereas*, no bond has yet been executed by the petitioners to save the city harmless on account of the condemnation of said property; *And whereas*, the husband of Mrs. Powers is detained in Boston, Mass., by a broken limb, and cannot return home before April; therefore,

Moved, That the city officers take no further steps toward the condemnation of said property, or opening of said street, till the further order of the Council and Board of Aldermen.

That two patrolmen be specially appointed to attend to the enforcing of the ordinance regulating the running of trains inside of the city limits; that one of said officers be taken from the Park Policemen, and the other from the regular force.

The following motion was read, and the action of the Common Council thereon (see page 824, *ante*), was not concurred in:

That the express men who stand on Circle street, be allowed to erect a small building, at their own expense, in Circle Park, south side, just west of the Meridian street entrance, for the purpose of placing a few benches and stove therein, in order to keep them warm during the winter months; said building to be removed by the express men on the first day of April, 1883.

The following petition was read (see page 825, *ante*), and referred to the Committee on Public Light and Education:

Indianapolis, Dec. 30, 1882.

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, residents of Huron street, most respectfully petition your honorable bodies to re-light the lamp in front of No. 207, Huron street and extinguish the lamp in front of, or near No. 190, Huron street.

Your petitioners believe that the above would make a fair distribution of light on this part of the street.

George W. Coffin, 207; David Heistand, 211; J. T. Shepard, 215; Elizabeth Greene, 217; Mrs. Amanda Mendenhall, 229; John E. Preston, 197.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—At your last meeting, I was directed to report whether, in my opinion, further overflows of Pogue's Run could not be prevented by connecting said Run by sewer with the Illinois street sewer at Ohio street; with the Delaware street sewer at New York street, and with the Washington street sewer at its intersection with said Run.

The connections with the Run at the two former streets, would, of necessity, be too small to relieve the Run much at times of overflow. The Washington street sewer would be large enough to receive all the water of Pogue's Run at an ordinary stage; but at the time of a freshet, would not carry more than one-fourth the amount of water that would fill the banks level full.

However, if the Washington street sewer is extended, it would be advisable to connect it with Pogue's Run, so as to relieve said Run at times of overflow.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

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

Indianapolis, Jan. 22d, 1883.

Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—Referring to your request, that the City Treasurer report whether the Tomlinson Funds are in an available condition, I most respectfully report that the above funds are in an available condition, and the custodian is ready at all times to obey your commands.

Very respectfully,

I. N. PATTISON, City Treasurer.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Contracts and Bridges, through Alderman Rorison, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Contracts and Bridges, to whom was referred the report of Council Committee on Contracts, November 20, 1882, (see pages 667, 668 and 669, *ante*), recommend that the action of the Common Council, in awarding the contracts mentioned in the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th clauses of said report, be concurred in, the 1st, 2d and 3d clauses having already been awarded.

Respectfully submitted,

Brainard Rorison,
Geo. P. Wood,
Committee on Contracts and Bridges.

Alderman Rorison, in behalf of the same committee, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Contracts and Bridges, to whom was referred the report of Council Committee on Contracts, November 13, 1882, (see pages 627, 628, 629 and 630, *ante*), recommend that the action of the Common Council, in awarding the contracts mentioned in the 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th clauses in said report, be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted, Geo. P. Wood,
Brainard Rorison,
Committee on Contracts and Bridges.

The Committee on Fire Department, through Alderman Tucker, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Fire, respectfully report against the printing of the Fire Department report. Very respectfully submitted,

W. H. Tucker,
D. DeRuiter,
Committee.

The Committee on Judiciary, Ordinances and Rules, through Alderman Rorison, submitted the following report:

To the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the following report, viz:

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

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

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| Fred. Gansberg vs. Christopher Hilgenberg, for..... | \$34 00 |
| Fred. Gansberg vs. Shaw Carriage Company, for..... | 34 00 |
| Richard Carr and Geo. W. Buchanan vs. The Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad Company, for..... | 294 65 |
| Henry Clay vs. S. A. M. Canfield (christian name unknown), for.. | 23 76 |
| Henry Clay vs. Fred. H. Wiley, for | 27 54 |
| Henry Clay vs. Fred. H. Wiley, for..... | 27 54 |
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| Henry Clay vs. Fred. H. Wiley, for..... | 27 54 |
| Henry Clay vs. Fred. H. Wiley, for..... | 26 56 |

And recommend you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

Return the above without recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Brainard Rorison,
W. H. Tucker,
Judiciary Committee.

Alderman Hamilton moved that the report be received.

Alderman Seibert moved that the action of the Common Council be concurred in (see page 786, *ante*), and that the precepts be ordered to issue; which was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 5—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Mussmann, Seibert, and President Layman.

NAYS, 3—viz. Aldermen Hamilton, Rorison, and Tucker.

The Committee on Water and Public Health, through Alderman DeRuiter, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—Your committee, to whom was referred the claim of R. R. Rouse, for placing a driven well at the corner of Virginia avenue and East street, recommend that the claim be allowed.

Respectfully,

D. DeRuiter,
H. Seibert,
Committee.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Alderman Tucker, in behalf of a certain special committee, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—Your special committee, to whom was referred Ap. O. No. 3, 1883, an ordinance appropriating money on account of Station House, together with the bills named therein, viz:

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| Boettcher Bros..... | \$ 44 73 |
| Fred. Schuman..... | 19 80 |
| G. W. J. Renner..... | 19 95 |
| B. T. Wait..... | 9 15 |
| A. P. Poor..... | 24 64 |
| Mansfield & Jenkins..... | 3 60 |
| Joseph R. Perry..... | 6 00 |
| Cobb & Branham..... | 133 50 |
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| | \$261 37 |

Would report that we have examined the same, and recommend said ordinance be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Tucker,
Hiram Seibert,
Committee.

The following entitled ordinance, presented with the above report, was read the third time:

Ap. O. 3, 1883—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis on account of the Station House. [Amount appropriated, \$261.37.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS—None.

Alderman Rorison, in behalf of a certain special committee, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your special committee on Cemetery, beg leave to present herewith the proposal of Ruth Harris, to exchange the sixty acres therein described, for Sellers Farm, under the conditions named.

The tract lies south of west Washington street; is about two miles from the corner of Washington and Meridian streets, and is accessible by either Washington street or Kentucky avenue. The ground is somewhat rolling, and has gravel subsoil, and all of it is available for the proposed purpose.

The proposition is the best your committee has received, and it seems very equitable with respect to the relative values of the two tracts. We respectfully recommend its acceptance.

Brainard Rorison,
F. W. Hamilton,
Committee.

The following proposition, presented with the above report, was read and received:

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 18, 1882.

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

Gentlemen:—I will give the piece of ground described as follows: Being all that part of the Obadiah Harris farm situated in Section nine (9), in Township No. 15 north, Range 3 east, and lying east of an extension of the west line of the lane running north and south west of the old house or (formerly the residence of the late Obadiah Harris), until said extension intersects Oliver avenue; thence east to Vandalia Railroad; thence along said railroad to the east line of the west half of the northeast quarter of Section nine (9), Township 15 north, Range 3 east; thence north along said line to the Indianapolis & St. Louis Railroad; thence westerly along said line to said lane—containing sixty acres, more or less; and also I will give the ground for an avenue the same width of Washington street, from said Washington street to the Indianapolis & St. Louis Railroad, for an outlet from said ground, the ground to be used as a Cemetery, in exchange for the two hundred and twenty-five acres, more or less, of land known as the Sellers Farm, and now owned by the city of Indianapolis; *provided*, the farm is clear of all incumbrance, and perfect title can be made. Both parties to furnish satisfactory abstracts of title, and possession to be given upon the transfer of title, except the growing wheat now on my land, which I reserve for my own, being about thirty acres, until said crop can be harvested.

The said sixty acres of land is level, above overflow, and is underlaid with a fine bed of gravel, from 15 to 20 feet in thickness, and is easily accessible from both Washington and Oliver streets.

RUTH HARRIS,
By H. W. Carpenter, Agent.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman Hamilton offered the following motion:

That the City Attorney prepare and present to Council, an ordinance providing for the transfer of \$12,000.00 from the receipts for Liquor Licenses, to the General Fund, for the purpose of paying for an addition to the City Hospital Building.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 5—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Rorison, and Seibert.

NAYS, 3—viz. Aldermen Mussmann, Tucker, and President Layman.

Alderman Hamilton offered the following motion; which was unanimously adopted:

The members of the Legislature are hereby requested to pass no law that will authorize any city of 30,000 population, and over, to levy taxes in excess of 90 cents on each one hundred dollars of taxables, *for any purpose whatever.*

Alderman Hamilton offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Chief Fire Engineer, with the Fire Board and Committee on Fire Department of this body, examine at once, each hotel, theatre, public building and hospital of the city, and report within thirty days, whether or not said buildings have for cases of sudden emergency, from fire or panic, proper escapes by stairway and otherwise, for the safe and speedy exit of all persons therein; *further*, that said committees frame an ordinance and have it presented to the Common Council, that will compel the owners and lessees of all such buildings to properly provide for the safety of lives and property of all the inmates thereof.

Alderman Hamilton offered the following motion:

That the zeal and energy of Officer Griffin, of the Health Board, in the arrest and prosecution of dealers in diseased and unwholesome meats, is hereby approved and commended; and the Mayor, City Attorney and Board of Health are directed to uphold and encourage such officer, and to defend him from all prosecution and annoyance in the performance of such duty.

And it failed of adoption by the following vote:

AYES, 4—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Hamilton, Seibert, and President Layman.

NAYS, 4—viz. Aldermen Drew, Mussmann, Rorison, and Tucker.

Alderman Tucker offered the following motion:

That it is the sense of this Board of Aldermen, that the interests of the city of Indianapolis, that the bills now before the Legislature, be not passed, abolishing the office of City Marshal and City Assessor; further, that the City Clerk send to each Representative from Marion County, a copy of this resolution, and also a copy to Senators Fletcher and Van Voris.

Alderman Rorison moved to refer the motion to the Committee on Finance and Accounts & Claims; which failed of adoption.

The motion then failed of adoption by the following vote:

AYES, 4—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Hamilton, Tucker, and President Layman.

NAYS, 4—viz. Aldermen Drew, Mussmann, Rorison, and Seibert.

Alderman Tucker offered the following motion:

That His Honor, the Mayor, and the Chief of Police, devise some plan by which the census of Indianapolis can be taken by the Police Department, during the months of February and March; and that His Honor, the Mayor, and Chief take charge of said work, and to supply all necessary blank books for the taking of said census, the work to be done by the day patrolmen.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 5—viz. Aldermen Hamilton, Mussmann, Rorison, Tucker, and President
Layman.

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

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

JAMES T. LAYMAN, President.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.