

# PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

SPECIAL SESSION—JANUARY 11, 1884.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Friday evening, January 11th, 1884, at half-past seven o'clock, in pursuance of the following :

We, the undersigned, members of the Board of Aldermen, do hereby agree to meet in Special Session, on Friday evening, January 11th, 1884, at 7½ P. M. in the Aldermanic Chamber, for the purpose of electing a President and Vice President for the ensuing term, and confirming a Deputy City Clerk as Clerk of the Board of Aldermen.

Isaac King,	James A. Pritchard,
James McHugh,	Thomas E. Endly,
Will. F. A. Bernhamer,	Brainard Rorison,
W. A. Cox,	Ths. Tallentire.

George T. Breunig, City Clerk, called the Board to order, and stated all the members elect had duly qualified as Aldermen.

A roll-call was had, with the following result:

PRESENT—Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier Pritchard, Rorison, and Tallentire—10.

ABSENT—None.

On motion by Alderman Bernhamer, Alderman Pritchard was called to the Chair, to preside as temporary Chairman.

Alderman Bernhamer offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Board do now proceed to elect, *viva voce*, 1st, a President of the Board of Aldermen; 2d, a President *pro tem*.

*For President*—Alderman Cox placed in nomination Alderman Rorison.

Alderman King placed in nomination Alderman Bernhamer.

A call of the roll was then taken, with the following result:

Those who voted for Alderman Rorison, were: Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire—7.

Those who voted for Alderman Bernhamer, were: Aldermen King, McHugh, and Rorison—3.

Alderman Rorison having received a majority of all the votes, Chairman Pritchard declared him duly elected President of the Board of Aldermen for the ensuing term.

*For President pro tem.*—Alderman Endly placed in nomination Alderman Prier.

Alderman McHugh placed in nomination Alderman King.

A call of the roll was then taken, with the following result:

Those who voted for Alderman Prier, were: Aldermen Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison—7.

Those who voted for Alderman King, were: Aldermen Bernhamer, McHugh, and Prier—3.

Alderman Prier having received a majority of all the votes, President Rorison declared him duly elected President *pro tem.* of the Board of Aldermen for the ensuing term.

The following report of the City Clerk was read, and the appointments confirmed:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I have appointed Frank W. Ripley as my deputy, and Clerk of the Board of Aldermen.

I have also appointed Wm. C. Phipps as a deputy, to perform the duties required of him as set forth in General Ordinance 68, of 1879.

I respectfully request your honorable bodies to confirm such appointments.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

BRAINARD RORISON, President.

Attest: FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

# PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT CONVENTION.

FIRST SESSION—JANUARY 11, 1884.

The Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, convened in first Joint Convention, in the Council Chamber, Friday evening, January 11th, A. D. 1884, at eight o'clock, in compliance with the provisions of Section four, of the following Act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 8th, 1881:

An Act supplementary to An Act approved March 14th, 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 was present, on motion by Councilman Thalman, Hon. Brainard Rorison, President of the Board of Aldermen, was called to the Chair, to serve as presiding officer until the Joint Convention could be permanently organized.

Alderman Rorison, on assuming the Chair, announced that the first business in order would be the election of a President and Secretary.

The roll of the members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen having been called, the following members of the Joint Convention were found to be present.

Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tal-  
lentire, and President Rorison—10.

Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter,  
Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke,  
Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf—25.  
Total present, 35. Absent, none.

Alderman Pritchard placed in nomination Hon. John L. McMaster,  
Mayor, as permanent President of the Joint Convention.

Alderman Bernhamer placed in nomination Alderman James McHugh.

Councilman Benjamin placed in nomination Councilman Spahr.

Chairman Rorison appointed Alderman Prier and Councilman Downey  
as tellers.

Alderman Pritchard moved that this Joint Convention proceed to elect  
by a *viva voce* vote.

Councilman Dowling offered the following as a substitute for the above :

That this Joint Convention do now proceed to elect a permanent President by ballot.

Which motion as a substitute was adopted (and verified) by the following vote:

AYES, 18—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, King, McHugh; Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Moran, Reincke, Sheppard, Spahr, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS, 17—viz. Aldermen Cobb, Cox, Endly, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison; Councilmen Cowie, Gallahue, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reynolds, Smither, Thalman, and Trusler.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows:

*First ballot*—Hon. John L. McMaster received 14 votes; Alderman James McHugh, none; George W. Spahr, 18 votes, and Councilman Pearson, 3 votes.

There being a mistake in the casting of votes, by request of Councilman Spahr, a second ballot was had, which resulted as follows:

*Second ballot*—Hon. John L. McMaster Mayor, received 16 votes; Alderman James McHugh none, and Councilman Geo. W. Spahr, 19 votes.

Councilman George W. Spahr having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected President of the Joint Convention.

President Spahr having taken the Chair, announced that the next business in order, would be the election of a permanent Secretary.

On motion by Councilman Thalman, George T. Breunig, City Clerk, was unanimously elected Secretary of the Joint Convention.

On motion by Alderman Dowling, the Joint Convention proceeded to the election of members of the Official Boards.

President Spahr appointed Alderman Prier and Councilman Downey to act as tellers.

*For Fire Board*—Councilman Pritchard nominated Councilmen Thalman, Trusler and Spahr; Councilman Trusler withdrew in favor of Councilman Benjamin.

Councilman Benjamin placed in nomination Councilman Wharton.

Councilman Mack placed in nomination Councilman Dowling.

Councilman Wharton placed in nomination Councilman Benjamin.

Councilman Dowling placed in nomination Councilman Spahr.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows:

Councilman Thalman received 16 votes.

Councilman Spahr received 28 votes.

Councilman Benjamin received 34 votes.

Councilman Dowling received 6 votes.

Councilman Wharton received 21 votes.

Councilmen Spahr, Benjamin and Wharton having each received a majority of all the votes cast, they were declared by the President duly elected members of the Fird Board.

*For Hospital Board*—Councilman Dowling moved that the Joint Convention proceed to the election of a Hospital Board.

Councilman Pritchard moved as a substitute, that the Joint Convention proceed to the election of the members of the Board of Public Improvements; which failed of adoption.

Councilman Dowling's motion was then adopted.

Councilman Dowling placed in nomination Councilmen Gallahue, McClelland and Newcomb.

Councilman Pearson placed in nomination Councilman Rees.

Councilman Reinecke placed in nomination Councilman Edenharter.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows:

Councilman Gallahue received 35 votes.

Councilman McClelland received 20 votes.

Councilman Newcomb received 35 votes.

Councilman Rees received 15 votes.

Councilman Edenharter received none.

Councilmen Gallahue, McClelland and Newcomb having each received a majority of all the votes cast, they were declared by the President as duly elected members of the Hospital Board.

*For Board of Public Improvements*—Councilman Dowling placed in nomination Councilmen Thalman, Reynolds and Rees.

Councilman McHugh placed in nomination Councilman Coy.

Councilman Trusler placed in nomination Councilman McClelland.

Councilman Pearson placed in nomination Councilman Cowie.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows:

Councilman Thalman received 24 votes.

Councilman Reynolds received 34 votes.

Councilman Rees received 26 votes.

Councilman Cowie received 12 votes.

Councilman Coy—none.

Councilman McClelland received 9 votes.

Councilmen Thalman, Reynolds and Rees having each received a majority of all the votes cast, they were declared by the President as duly elected members of the Board of Public Improvements.

*For Dispensary Board*—Councilman Dowling placed in nomination Councilmen Pearson, Trusler and Cowie.

Councilman Pearson declined to serve, and resigned in favor of Theodore F. Smither, who was then placed in nomination.

Councilman Wolf placed in nomination Councilman Haugh.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows:

Councilman Trusler received 27 votes.

Councilman Cowie received 23 votes.

Councilman Smither received 17 votes.

Councilman Haugh received none.

Councilman Pearson received 17 votes.

Councilman Dowling received 9 votes.

Councilman Wharton received 1 vote.

Councilman Benjamin received 1 vote.

Councilmen Trusler and Cowie having each received a majority of all the votes cast, were declared by the Chair as duly elected.

Councilmen Pearson and Smither having each received an equal number of votes, on motion by Alderman Bernhamer, the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Convention for Councilman Smither.

Which was done, and the Chair declared Councilman Smither duly elected as a member of the Dispensary Board.

Alderman Bernhamer moved that when this Joint Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet on the call of the President.

Which was adopted.

On motion, the Joint Convention then adjourned.

GEORGE W. SPAHR, President.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, Secretary.

# PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

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SPECIAL SESSION—JANUARY 11, 1884.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Friday evening, January 11th, A. D. 1884, immediately after the adjournment of the Joint Convention, in Special Session, pursuant to the following call :

*Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 11th, 1884.*

To the Honorable JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor of the City of Indianapolis :

We, the undersigned, members of the Common Council, respectfully request you to call a Special Session of the Common Council immediately after the adjournment of the Joint Convention, Friday evening, January 11th, 1884, for the transaction of such business as may be presented.

Jas. T. Dowling,  
Charles E. Haugh,  
John Moran,  
Fred. J. Mack,  
John T. Downey.

Sim. Coy,  
J. A. Sheppard,  
P. H. Wolf,  
Julius R. Reinecke,

To the Members of the Common Council :

*Gentlemen:*—In pursuance of the foregoing request, you are hereby called to meet in Special Session Friday evening, January 11th, 1884, immediately after the adjournment of the Joint Convention.

Respectfully,

JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor.

**PRESENT**—Hon. Jno. L. McMaster, Mayor, and *ex officio* President of the Common Council in the Chair, and 25 members, viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

**ABSENT**—None.

Councilman Thalman offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That John R. Pearson be appointed President *pro tem.* of the City Council for the ensuing term.

Councilman Coy moved to amend the resolution by striking out the name of John R. Pearson, and inserting in lieu thereof the name of John T. Downey.

Councilman Cowie moved to lay Councilman Coy's motion on the table.

Which failed of adoption by the following vote:

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**AYES, 12—viz.** Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Gallahue, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reynolds, Smither, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

**NAYS, 13—viz.** Councilmen Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Moran, Reinecke, Sheppard, Spahr, and Wolf.

Councilman Coy's motion to amend the resolution, was then adopted, by the following vote:

**AYES, 13—viz.** Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Moran, Reinecke, Sheppard, and Wolf.

**NAYS, 12—viz.** Councilmen Cowie, Gallahue, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

The resolution as amended, was then adopted, by the following vote:

**AYES, 13—viz.** Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Moran, Reinecke, Sheppard, and Wolf.

**NAYS, 12—viz.** Councilmen Cowie, Gallahue, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

On motion by Councilman Coy, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor,

President of the Common Council.

Attest: GEC. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.