

PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT CONVENTION.

SIXTH SESSION—DECEMBER 16, 1885.

The Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, convened in sixth Joint Convention, in the Council Chamber, Wednesday evening, December 16th, A. D. 1885, at nine o'clock, pursuant to the following call:

To the Members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—You are hereby called to meet in Joint Convention in the Council Chamber, Wednesday evening, December 16th, 1885, at nine o'clock, for the purpose of the transaction of such business as may come before the body.

BRAINARD RORISON, Pres't.
of the Joint Convention.

PRESENT—Hon. Brainard Rorison, President of the Joint Convention, in the Chair, and Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire—9. 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, Wolf, and John L. McMaster, Mayor—26. Total present, 35.

The following resignation was presented and ordered read:

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

Gentlemen:—I hereby resign the office of City Attorney, said resignation to take effect upon the election and qualification of my successor; and I hereby notify your honorable bodies that I will, in any event, cease to act as your Attorney after December 31st, 1885.

CALKB S. DENNY.

Councilman Thalman moved the *previous question*.

The Chair then put the question, "*Shall the main question be now put?*"

Which was ordered, by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Gallahue, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton. Aldermen Cobb, Endly, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, John L. McMaster, Mayor, and President Rorison.

NAYS, 15—viz. Councilmen Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Moran, Reinecke, Sheppard, and Wolf, and Aldermen Bernhamer, King, and McHugh.

On motion by Councilman Pearson, the resignation was then accepted, by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Gallahue, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton. Aldermen Cobb, Endly, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and John L. McMaster, Mayor, and President Rorison.

NAYS, 14—viz. Councilmen Coy, Curry, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Moran, Reinecke, Sheppard, and Wolf. Aldermen Bernhamer, King, and McHugh.

Councilman Dowling refused to answer to his name as the roll was called, and his vote was not recorded.

Councilman Thalman moved that the Joint Convention proceed to the election of a City Attorney by ballot, and that two Tellers be appointed.

Which motion was adopted, and Alderman Pritchard and Councilman Curry appointed to act as Tellers.

Councilman Thalman offered the following :

I nominate Wm. L. Taylor for City Attorney for the unexpired term ending December 31st, 1886.

Alderman McHugh placed in nomination Albert T. Beck.

A ballot was then taken, which resulted as follows :

Wm. L. Taylor received 20 votes,

Albert T. Beck received 15 votes.

Wm. L. Taylor having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, he was duly declared elected by the Chair, as City Attorney until December 31st, 1886, to fill the unexpired term.

Alderman McHugh presented a protest, objecting to the vote cast by the Mayor; which was received, and on motion by Councilman Spahr, was ordered not printed in the Proceedings.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motion:

That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at the call of the President.

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

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, King, and McHugh. Councilmen Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Haugh, Mack, Moran, Reinecke, Sheppard, and Wolf.

NAYS, 21—viz. Aldermen Cobb, Endly, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Edenharter, Gallahue, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton, John L. McMaster, Mayor, and President Rorison.

Councilman Thalman's motion was then adopted.

Councilman Reinecke moved that the Common Council do now adjourn.

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 11—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Haugh, Mack, Moran, Reinecke, and Wolf.

NAYS, 24—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire. Councilmen Cowie, Edenharter, Gallabue, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton, John L. McMaster, Mayor, and President Rorison.

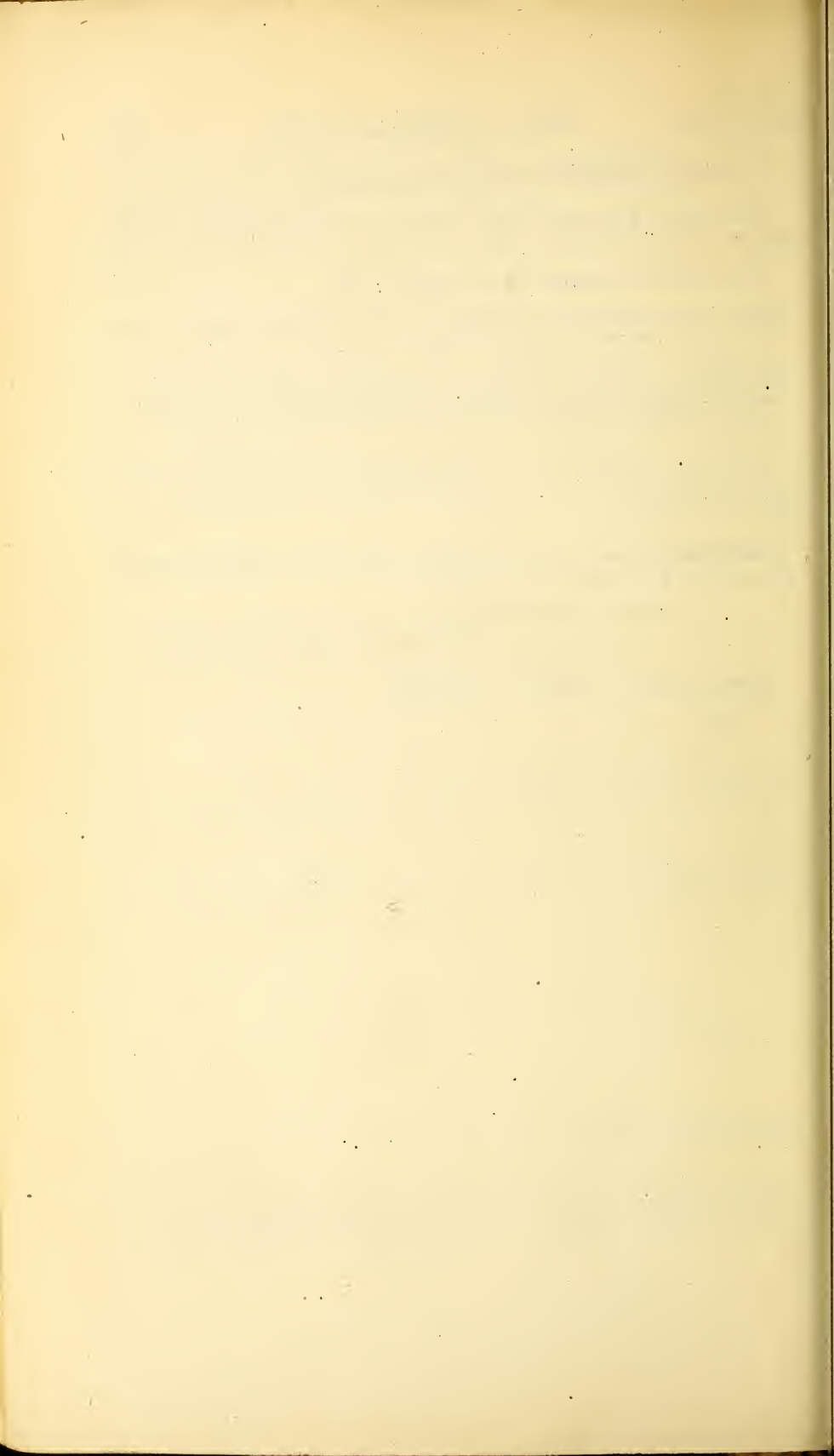
His Honor, the Mayor, was granted time, and the Common Council was called to meet in session immediately after the adjournment of the Joint Convention.

No further business coming before the Convention, President Rorison declared the Joint Convention adjourned.

BRAINARD RORISON, President.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

SIG. 77.



PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

SPECIAL SESSION—DECEMBER 16, 1885.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Wednesday evening, December 16th, A. D. 1885, at 9:38 o'clock, in special session, pursuant to the following call:

To the Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—You are hereby called to meet in special session this, Wednesday evening, December 16th, 1885, at 9:38 o'clock, for the transaction of such business as may come before the body.

JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor.

PRESENT—Hon. John L. McMaster, Mayor, and *ex officio* President of the Common Council in the Chair, and 24 members, viz: Councilmen Benjamin. Cowie, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

ABSENT, 1—viz. Councilman Doyle.

Councilman Spahr offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That Thomas Kearney, Market Master of the West Market, or West Market Master of said city, be, and he is hereby, removed from said office of West Market Master; such removal to take effect just as soon as his successor is elected and qualified.

Resolved, That the President of the Joint Convention is hereby requested to call the members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen together in Joint Convention within three days after the passage of these resolutions by said Board, for the purpose of electing a West Market Master for said city.

Which was referred to the Committee on Markets, on motion by Councilman Thalman, by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Cowie, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Moran, Newcomb, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Thalman, and Wolf.

NAES, 7—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Gallahue, McClelland, Pearson, Spahr^t Trusler, and Wharton.

Councilman Pearson presented the bond of Wm. L. Taylor, City Atorney elect, with Stanton J. Peelle, L. A. Fulmer and James T. Layman as sureties, in the penal sum of \$1,500; which was read.

Councilman Haugh moved to refer the bond to the Committees on Finance and Judiciary.

Councilman Spahr moved as a substitute, that the bond be approved.

Which was adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Edenharter, Gallahue, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS, 6—viz. Councilmen Curry, Dowling, Downey, Haugh, Reinecke, and Wolf.

The bond was then ordered sent to the Board of Aldermen.

On motion the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor,
President of the Common Council.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

SPECIAL SESSION—DECEMBER 16, 1885.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Wednesday evening, December 16th, 1885, at half-past nine o'clock, in special session, pursuant to the following call:

To the Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—You are hereby notified to meet in special session in the Aldermanic Chamber, Wednesday evening, December 16th, 1885, at half-past nine o'clock, for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before the body.

Respectfully, BRAINARD RORISON, President.

PRESENT—Hon. Brainard Rorison, President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire—9.

ABSENT—None.

Alderman Pritchard moved to reconsider the action of the Board at its last meeting, in non-concurring in the action of the Common Council in confirming the appointing of Wm. C. Phipps as Clerk to the Street Commissioner and City Civil Engineer.

Which motion was adopted, and action reconsidered, by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen Cobb, Endly, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS, 3—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, King, and McHugh.

The action of the Common Council was then concurred in, by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen Cobb, Endly, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS, 3—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, King, and McHugh.

President Rorison, in behalf of the Committee on Rules, submitted the following *majority* report:

“To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Standing Committee on Rules, report, and recommend that Rule No. 2 of this Board, be stricken out and annulled, and a new rule be adopted in place thereof, as set out in a resolution accompanying this report; and Rule one (1) be also amended so as to read as set out in resolution submitted herewith. Further, recommend that the resolutions submitted herewith be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

BRAINARD RORISON,
H. J. PRIER,
Majority Committee on Rules.

Be it Resolved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That Rule number two (2) of this Body, be amended, and is hereby amended and set aside, and the following be substituted in place thereof, and the same shall be Rule number two of the Board of Aldermen, to-wit:

RULE 2. At the hour designated in the preceding Rule, the City Clerk shall call the roll of all members elect holding certificates of election, issued upon the authority of the report of the Canvassing Board of Inspectors, at the last preceding City Election, (the said report of Inspectors being on file in his office.)

Be it Resolved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That Rule No. one (1) of this Board be amended so as to read as follows, to-wit:

RULE 1. The first annual session of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, shall be held in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Friday night after the first annual session of the Common Council of said city, at 7:30 o'clock, and organize, and meet with the Common Council in Joint Convention upon the same evening, as provided by law.

Alderman Bernhamer presented the following *minority* report:

I do not concur in the report of the majority on amending the Rules, for the reasons,

First. The Rules now in force were adopted by the Board when controlled by the Republican party, and no reason except a political one, exists for their change.

Second. Because this body has no right to judge of the qualifications or election returns of the members of a future Board.

WILL F. A. BERNHAMER,
Member of the Committee on Rules.

Which was laid on the table, on motion by Alderman Prier, by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen Cobb, Endly, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS, 3—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, King, and McHugh.

The *majority* report was then concurred in, and the resolutions adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen Cobb, Endly, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS, 3—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, King, and McHugh.

Alderman Tallentire offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Move to reconsider the vote by which the minority report on steam heating at the Hospital was adopted.

Action on the above matter was postponed until the next regular meeting.

The bond of Wm. L. Taylor, City Attorney elect, in the penal sum of \$1,500, with Stanton J. Peelle, L. A. Fulmer and James T. Layman as sureties, was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see pages 791 and 792, *ante*), was concurred in.

Alderman King moved to recall from the Committee on Public Light and Education, the report of a certain committee, changing lamp-posts, referred at the last regular meeting.

Which motion was adopted, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 762, *ante*), was concurred in.

The Committee on Fire Department, through Alderman Tallentire, 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 erection of a building on west Ohio street, near Mississippi street, to be used as a Skating Rink, beg leave to submit the following report: We have visited the above locality, and find a large frame building in course of construction, some 100 by 200 feet in dimensions, to be used for the purposes above mentioned. We are clearly of the opinion that the erection of such a structure within the fire limits of the city, is a clear violation of the ordinance governing such; and we are further of the opinion that such a building would be extra hazardous, and would greatly endanger all the property in the immediate vicinity. We strongly recommend that the action of the Council be not concurred in, and that the Chief Fire Engineer and Superintendent of Police be instructed to remove such building within the next fifteen days, at the expense of the owners of the property, unless they comply with the ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Prier,
Thomas Tallentire,
James McHugh,
Committee on Fire Department.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

BRAINARD RORISON, President.

Attest: FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.