

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1869, 7 O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session,

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, Daniel Macauley, in the chair,
and the following members :

Councilmen Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—13.

Absent—Councilmen Brown, Burgess, Colley, Loomis, and Schmidt—5.

The proceedings of the Common Council, held February 8, 1869, were read and approved.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Mr. Coburn offered the following motion :

That the City Treasurer be instructed to collect from the Jeffersonville R. R. Co. the amount of the cost of the culvert built by the Street Commissioner, as reported by him on last evening.

Which was adopted.

Also the following motion :

That the Gas Inspector be instructed to remove the lamp posts on the streets where they have been ordered by Council to be discontinued from being lighted, and to keep them for repairs of lamps broken down.

Dr. Jameson offered the following as a substitute :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to remove the lamp posts not now in use, and that the amount of their value be refunded to the property holders in front of whose property they are situated.

Which Mr. Coburn accepted.

The question being on the adoption of Dr. Jameson's substitute, Mr. Cottrell called for the ayes and noes.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Geisel, Goddard, Jameson, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Woodburn—7.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Henschen and Stanton—5.

So the substitute was adopted.

Mr. Coburn offered the following motion :

That W. F. Christian be allowed to grade and gravel the alley in the rear of his lot, in square 18, if done under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Coburn introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 5—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for street repairs in each of the wards in the City of Indianapolis, and defining the duties of the Street Commissioner in relation thereto, and appropriations heretofore made for such purpose.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Geisel presented the following resignation :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 15, 1869.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

GENTLEMEN :—I having been appointed by your honorable body as one of a Board of Registry for the 9th Ward, and not being able to serve as such, would most respectfully offer my resignation, and pray that you accept it.

C. A. SCHWEIR.

Which was accepted.

Mr. Geisel offered the following motions :

That the Marshal be directed to enforce the hog ordinance after the first day of March, 1869, and notice be given to that effect.

That Christian Niermann be permitted to fill up the alley in the rear of lot 29, out-lot 54, within 60 days, under the direction of the Civil Engineer.

Which were adopted.

Mr. Goddard offered the following motion :

That Messrs. King & Co. be allowed to plank or bowlder across the sidewalk in front of their premises on Kentucky Avenue, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets, at their own expense.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Henschen offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to properly repair the railing on Noble street bridge on the crossing of the I. C. & L. R. R.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Jameson presented the following bill :

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, to J. M. W. LANGSDALE,

Administratoꝛ of the Estate of John W. Hamilton; dec'd, DR.

For corporation taxes paid on tax purchases from said city on the s. w. qr. of square 4, to-wit :

Feb. 7, 1863.	Taxes for year 1862 -----	\$65 00	
	Six per cent interest for six years, to Feb. 7, '69--	23 40	
			\$88 40
Feb. 11, 1865.	Taxes for 1863 and 1864-----	\$243 89	
	Six per cent. interest for 4 years, to Feb. 11, '69--	58 53	
			302 42
	Total-----		<u>\$390 82</u>

Taxes for 1860 and 1861, have been paid by the Baptiste Institute.

Which was referred to the Finance Committee and City Attorney.

Mr. Seidensticker presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 15, 1869.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

GENTLEMEN:—The Trustees of Grace Church respectfully ask your honorable body for permission to pave the sidewalk in front of their Church, corner of East and Market streets, on East street, and that the Engineer be directed to set the proper grade stakes.

OLIVER KEELY,

For the Trustees of Grace Church.

Which was received.

Also the following motion :

That the prayer of the Trustees of Grace Church be granted, and the Engineer be directed to set the proper grade stakes at once.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Seidensticker introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 6—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the purpose of cleaning streets and repairing bridges and culverts by the Street Commissioner.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Woodburn introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 7—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 15, 1869.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned respectfully represents that C. M. Marshall is assessed with certain personal property, for the year 1867, in the sum of eight hundred dollars. Your petitioner shows that he has become the owner of said property by taking the same for a debt due him from Marshall, and that he has repeatedly offered to sell the same at four hundred dollars, using his utmost efforts to sell it for that price, but he has been unable to do so. Your petitioner further represents that the said personal property is assessed at more than double its market value, and he respectfully prays that said assessment may be corrected.

Respectfully,

J. F. RAMSAY.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Coburn offered the following motion :

That the City Clerk be instructed to have all the papers in the hands of the Committee on Streets and Alleys returned to his office and filed.

Which was adopted.

His Honor, the Mayor, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Mayor and City Council assemble to-morrow at 10 45 A. M., at the Mayor's office, for the purpose of attending, in a body, the funeral ceremonies of the late Maj. Gen. George D. Wagner, who died suddenly in this city, on Saturday evening, Feb. 13, 1869:

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—13.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Mr. Kappes, from the Committee on Benevolence, submitted the following :

RECAPITULATION OF THE WEEKLY REPORT OF CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING FEBRUARY 6, 1869.

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	23
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report	4
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report	0
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	5
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report	22

Also, the following :

RECAPITULATION OF THE WEEKLY REPORT OF CONTENTS OF REGISTER OF PATIENTS OF CITY HOSPITAL, ENDING FEBRUARY 13, 1869.

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	22
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	4
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	1
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	2
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	25

Which were received.

Mr. Kappes, from the Committee on Printing and Stationery, introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 8—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first and second times, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Kappes moved that the rules be suspended and that the ordinance be read the third time, and placed upon its passage.

The question being on a suspension of the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—13.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the rules were suspended, and the ordinance read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—13.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The Civil Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 15, 1869.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

GENTLEMEN:—I hereby report the following work finished according to contract :

Samuel Hanway for grading and graveling Muskingum alley, between St. Clair and Pratt streets.

Length on the east side, - - - - - 428 feet.

Length on the west side, - - - - - 428 "

Total length, - - - - - 856 "

At 27 cents per lineal foot, - - - - - \$231 12

William Kowan, for grading and graveling Walnut street and sidewalks, between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets.

Length on the north side, - - - - - 426 feet.

Length on the south side, - - - - - 413 feet.

Total length, - - - - - 839 feet.

At 50 cents per lineal foot, - - - - - \$419 50

Respectfully,

R. M. PATTERSON, *Civil Engineer.*

Which was concurred in.

The City Clerk made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 15, 1869.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

The City Clerk respectfully reports to Council :

GENTLEMEN:—First. Contract and bond of Samuel Hanway, for grading and graveling Michigan street and sidewalks, between Winston and Davidson streets.

Second. Contract and bond of Henry Burke and Frederick Richter, for building stone wall at terminus of Severn and Ray streets, is also presented for your approval.

Third. First and final estimate allowed Samuel Hanway for grading and graveling Muskingum street, between St. Clair and Pratt streets, is also presented for your approval.

Fourth. First and final estimate allowed William Kowan, for grading and graveling Walnut street and sidewalks, between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets, is also presented for your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. RANSDALL, *City Clerk.*

Per JOHN G. WATERS, Deputy.

Which was concurred in, and the contracts and bonds approved.

Also the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed William Kowan for grading and graveling Walnut street and sidewalks, between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—13.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.

Also the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Samuel Hanway for grading and graveling Muskingum alley, between St. Clair and Pratt streets, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—13.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.

The City Clerk made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 15, 1869.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

GENTLEMEN:—The City Clerk respectfully reports to the Common Council that there are on file in his office the following affidavits for the collection of street assessments by precept, as follow :

James Mahoney vs. Jacob Huffman, for \$11.40.
 “ “ vs. Mahala J. Lindsay, for \$11.40.
 “ “ vs. J. C. & E. C. Lord, for \$11.40.
 “ “ vs. John W. Foulke, for \$11.40.

And would respectfully recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

D. M. RANSELL, *City Clerk*.

Which was concurred in.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

On motion, the following ordinances were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed :

Special appropriation ordinance No. 5, 1869.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 6, 1869.

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Seidensticker moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of

passing the ordinance appropriating \$1,000 for the purpose of cleaning streets and repairing bridges and culverts.

The question being on a suspension of the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—13.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the rules were suspended and the ordinance read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—13.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Kappes called up special ordinance No. 4—1869, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp posts and fixtures complete, to burn gas, except the service pipe, on Fort Wayne Avenue, between Alabama and New Jersey streets.

Which was read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—13.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Kappes moved to reconsider the vote by which an ordinance was passed Feb. 8, 1869, prohibiting the erection or repairing of wooden buildings inside the fire limits.

On motion, the subject was postponed one week.

On motion the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY, *Mayor.*

ATTEST:

D. M. RANDELL, *City Clerk.*