

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1869, 7 O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—Dr. J. H. Woodburn the chair, and the following members :

Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Henschen, Jameson, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—12.

Absent—Councilmen Burgess, Colley, Goddard, Kappes, Loomis and Schmidt—6.

The proceedings of the regular session held March 15th, 1869, were read and approved.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Mr. Brown presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 29, 1869.

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

The petition of Dr. Horace R. Allen shows that he has purchased the Commercial Hotel and intends to convert the same into an Infirmary, and to carry out his plan it is necessary that the basement thereof be converted into

and used as a shop or working room; that for such a room there is not sufficient light, but that this deficiency can be overcome by making an area of 4 or 5 feet on the south side of the building on Georgia street, and at the front on Illinois street.

The undersigned, therefore, respectfully asks the City Council to grant him the privilege of making an area on the south side of the building on Georgia street 4 or 5 wide, and to the depth of the basement, and also on Illinois street, both to be securely walled up with stone, and the area on Illinois st. to be covered with suitable iron grating, and the one on Georgia street to be securely protected by an iron railing—all to be done under the direction of of such officer as the Council shall designate.

HORACE R. ALLEN.

Which was granted, provided that said party shall not use more 4 feet of the sidewalk.

Mr. Brown introduced general ordinance No. 6—1869, entitled :

**AN ORDINANCE** to amend an ordinance entitled "An ordinance establishing and bounding the Wards of the City of Indianapolis," passed January 18, 1869.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Coburn offered the following motion :

That the City Clerk advertise for proposals for building of a tower at No. 2 Engine House after the plan now before Council.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Cottrell presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 29, 1869.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned property holders on the line of New Jersey street, between McCarty street and the present southern terminus of New Jersey street, would respectfully petition your honorable body to grade and gravel said New Jersey street and sidewalks between the points named with good river or creek gravel. And as in duty bound will ever pray.

C. F. Schmidt,	Wm. G. Chetester,
Christian Wehe,	Harmann Jasper,
Geo. E. Haemmerle,	And 9 others.

Which was received.

Also, special ordinance No. 15—1869, entitled :

**AN ORDINANCE** to provide for grading and graveling New Jersey street and sidewalks, between McCarty street and the present southern terminus of New Jersey street.

Which was read the first time.

Also, special ordinance No. 16—1869, entitled :

**AN ORDINANCE** to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures

complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on New Jersey street, between South street and the south side of Merrill street.

Which was read the first time.

Also, special ordinance No. 17—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on Alabama street, between Virginia Avenue and the south side of McCarty street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following motion :

That the Civil Engineer be requested to report to the Common Council a profile of a grade for Merrill street, between East street and Virginia Avenue ; also, New Jersey street, between McCarty street and the south Corporation line.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys and Civil Engineer.

Mr. Cottrell introduced general ordinance No. 7—1869, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the compensation of City Officers and Officers and Members of the Police Force and Fire Department for the fiscal year ending May —, 1871.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, Ambrose P. Stanton, elected at the annual election in 1867 as Councilman from the Fourth Ward of the City of Indianapolis, has removed from the said Fourth Ward to another Ward of the city :

AND WHEREAS, Adolph Seidensticker, elected at the annual election in 1865 as Councilman from the Ninth Ward of the City of Indianapolis, has removed from the said Ninth Ward to another Ward of the city :

AND WHEREAS, Such removals by such Councilmen aforesaid, under the provision of the City Charter, causes a vacancy in the office of each of the said Councilmen, if the Common Council shall so declare : Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the seats in the Common Council of Ambrose P. Stanton and Adolph Seidensticker be, and the same are hereby, declared vacated by their voluntary removal from the Wards from which they were elected, to take effect from and after the adoption of this resolution.

The Chair decided that, inasmuch as the same subject had been voted down, and a motion to reconsider also been voted down, the resolution was therefore out of order.

Mr. Brown appealed from the decision of the Chair.

Mr. Cottrell seconded the appeal.

After a long discussion, a call of the House was demanded, which showed the following members present :

Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Henschen, Jameson, Seidensticker and Woodburn--9.

There being no quorum present, the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY, *Mayor.*

ATTEST:

D. M. RANDELL, *City Clerk.*