

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.

SPECIAL SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 1863, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in special session.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair ;  
and the following members :

Councilmen Allen, Brown, Boaz, Colley, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—16.

Absent—Councilmen Blake and Wallace—2.

The proceedings of the regular session, held November 2d, 1863, were read and approved.

His Honor, the Mayor, announced that the first business in order was to hear and consider reports from the Committee on Revision of Ordinances.

Dr. P. H. Jameson, Chairman of the Committee on Revision of Ordinances, reported an ordinance entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to prevent Cruelty to Animals.

Which was read the first time, and, on motion of Mr. Jameson, was read a second time by its title.

Dr. P. H. Jameson, Chairman of the Committee on Revision of Ordinances, reported an ordinance entitled :

AN ORDINANCE preventing Frauds in the Sale of Wood.

Which was read the first time, and, on motion of Mr. S. A. Fletcher, Jr., was referred back to the Committee on Revision of Ordinances, with instructions to provide therein for the election or appointment of a wood measurer, to be paid a fee by the seller.

Dr. Thompson, Chairman of the Committee on Markets, called up the Market Ordinance, and moved that it be amended by striking out, sections 48 and 52.

The question being, shall the ordinance be so amended :

Mr. Colley called for the ayes and noes.

Those who voted in the affirmative, were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Boaz, Coburn, Emerson, H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb, and Thompson—12.

Those who voted in the negative, were Councilmen Colley, Cook, and Staub—3.

So the ordinance was amended.

When, on motion, it was laid upon the table.

Dr. P. H. Jameson, Chairman of the Committee on Revision of Ordinances, reported an ordinance entitled :

AN ORDINANCE prohibiting the Moving of Houses over Bridges, except in certain cases.

Which was read the first time, and, on motion of Dr. Jameson, was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Brown moved to amend by inserting after the words "over any bridge," the words, "or across, through, or upon any street or alley."

Which amendment was adopted.

Dr. Jameson then moved that the ordinance be referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys for further amendments.

Which motion was adopted.

Dr. P. H. Jameson, Chairman of the Committee on Revision of Ordinances, reported an ordinance entitled

AN ORDINANCE relative to the Election of School Trustees.

Which was read the first time, and, on motion of Mr. Jameson, was read a second time by its title.

And which, on motion of Mr. Haughey, was referred back to

the Committee on Revision of Ordinances, with instructions to amend so as to comply with the provisions of the School Law.

Dr. P. H. Jameson, Chairman of the Committee on Revision of Ordinances, reported an ordinance entitled :

AN ORDINANCE regarding Public Safety, Comfort and Convenience.

Which, on motion of Dr. Jameson, was read a second time by its title, and laid upon the table.

Dr. P. H. Jameson, Chairman of the Committee on Revision of Ordinances, reported an ordinance entitled :

AN ORDINANCE establishing Police Districts for the City of Indianapolis, Establishing and Regulating the Police Force of said city, and repealing all existing ordinances on the subject.

Which was read the first time, and, on motion of Dr. Jameson was read a second time by its title.

Dr. P. H. Jameson, Chairman of the Committee on Revision of Ordinances, reported an ordinance entitled :

AN ORDINANCE regulating the Lighting of the City.

Which, on motion of Dr. Jameson, was read a second time by its title, and laid upon the table.

There being no further reports from the Committee on Revision of Ordinances, the Council resumed the regular order of business.

By Mr. Brown, from the Judiciary Committee :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 9th, 1863.

*Mr. President:*—The Committee on the Judiciary beg leave to report the following ordinance, in compliance with the instructions of the Council.

S. A. COLLEY,  
AUSTIN H. BROWN, } *Committee.*  
S. A. FLETCHER Jr., }

AN ORDINANCE to repeal an ordinance entitled “an ordinance to impose additional duties upon the City Assessor, and to provide compensation therefor,” ordained and established July 13th, 1863.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That an ordinance entitled “an ordinance to impose additional duties upon the City Assessor, and to provide compensation therefor,” ordained and established July, 13th, 1863, be, and the same is hereby repealed.*

SEC. 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

The ordinance was read the first time, and, on motion of Mr. Brown, was laid upon the table.

By Mr. Brown, Chairman Committee on Streets and Alleys:

INDIANAPOLIS, November 9th, 1863.

*Mr. President:*—The Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred sundry bids for street improvements, report that they have examined the same and find that Samuel J. Patterson, is the best bidder for grading and graveling the north sidewalk of New York street, between West and Blackford streets; and also, for grading and graveling the north sidewalk of New York street, between the east side of Blackford street, and the first alley west of Bright street, and recommend that the contracts be awarded to said Samuel J. Patterson.

AUSTIN H. BROWN, }  
HENRY COBURN, } *Committee.*  
WILLIAM COOK, }

Which, on motion, was concurred in, and the contract awarded.

By Mr. Brown, Chairman Committee on Streets and Alleys:

INDIANAPOLIS, November 9th, 1863.

*Mr. President:*—The Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the bid of Kruger & Co., for paving the west side of Delaware street, between Washington street, and Pogue's Run, report that it is inexpedient to award a contract upon one bid.

AUSTIN H. BROWN, }  
HENRY COBURN, } *Committee.*  
WILLIAM COOK, }

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

By Mr. Brown—Motion:

That the motion offered by Mr. Boaz, and adopted, at a meeting of the Council, held October 19th, 1863, to have the boulders raised to the proper grade in the alley running north and south through square 65, between Washington and Pearl streets, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Brown then obtained leave to introduce an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the taking up of the boulders, and for the re-paving with boulders, the alley running north and south through square 65, between Washington and Pearl streets.

Which was read the first time, and, on motion of Mr. Brown, was read a second time by its title.

By Mr. Boaz, Chairman Board of Police :

INDIANAPOLIS, November 9th, 1863.

*Mr. President* :—The Police Board would respectfully recommend Joseph Charles, for night policeman for the third ward to fill the vancancy occasioned by the resignation of Daniel B. Charles.

J. CAVEN,  
WILLIAM BOAZ,  
HENRY COBURN,

On motion of Mr. Brown, the report was received, and the Council proceeded to ballot.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed Councilmen Allen and Cook as tellers.

Joseph Charles received.....	11 votes.
Levi Wilmington received.....	2 votes.
Blank received.....	2 votes.

Joseph Charles having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected.

By Mr. Brown :

*Resolved*, That a resolution adopted at the meeting of the Council on the 2d of November 1863, providing for naming the first alley south of Washington street, between East and West streets, Pearl street, be rescinded.

*Resolved*, That all that part of said alley lying between Illinois and Pennsylvania streets, be kown and designated as Pearl street.

The question being, shall the resolutions pass? those who voted in the affirmative, were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Boaz, Colley, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—15.

Noes, none.

So the resolutions passed.

By Mr. H. A. Fletcher—Motion :

That a person be appointed by the Council to take charge of and distribute the wood purchased by the city for the poor.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Jameson—Motion :

That the City Printer be directed to print three thousand blank orders for wood, to be used by the Councilmen in distributing wood to the poor, to be gotten up under the instruction of the Mayor.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Brown—Motion :

That Cyrus W. Catterson be appointed to take charge of and distribute the wood to the poor, at a compensation of one dollar and seventy-five cents per day.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Colley, the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

ATTEST :

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*