

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
MONDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 1864, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

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

Councilmen Allen, Brown, Boaz, Blake, Cook, Coburn,
Emerson, H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Lefever, McNabb,
Staub and Thompson—14.

Absent—Councilmen Colley, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., Jameson, and
Wallace—4.

The proceedings of the regular session, held January 4th, 1864,
were read and approved.

By Mr. Brown—Petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, January 18, 1864:

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

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned petitioner, having made arrange-
ments to sprinkle some of the prominent streets in the city with
water, would most respectfully ask your honorable body to grant
him the privilege of placing a horse-power, next to the gutter, on
Meridian and Georgia streets, for the purpose of pumping water.
said power will not occupy a space over six by ten feet.

Most respectfully,

CHARLES DONMEYER.

Which, on motion of Mr. Brown, was referred to the Commit-
tee on Streets and Alleys.

By Mr. Emerson—Petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, January 18, 1864.

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

GENTLEMEN: Your petitioners would respectfully ask permission of your honorable body to erect a set of hay scales opposite our place of business, on Tennessee street. We are now about to commence the manufacture of scales in this city, and ask the privilege of erecting the scales for the purpose of showing them to the public, as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

SOLOMON BEARD,
ALFRED L. WEBB,
DANIEL F. HILL.

On motion of Mr. Emerson, the prayer of the petitioners was granted, provided that they set their scales under the direction of the Civil Engineer.

Mr. Haughey, Chairman of the Finance Committee, to whom was referred the claim of the heirs of Judge Blackford, against the city of Indianapolis, for lots numbered 75, 76, and part of 77, in Blackford's addition, for the use of schools, reported it back to Council, and recommended that the City Clerk be directed to issue his warrant in favor of the estate of Judge Blackford, for the amount of the notes given by the city, with interest.

Which, on motion, was concurred in, and the City Clerk so directed.

The Civil Engineer reported the contract and bond of John Stumph for taking up the bouldering, re-grading and paving, with boulders, the alley running north and south through square 65, between Washington and Pearl streets. Security John B. Stumph.

Also, the contract and bond of John Stumph, for taking up the bouldering, re-grading and paving, with boulders, the alley running north and south through square 65, between Pearl and Maryland streets. Security, John B. Stumph.

Also, the contract and bond of Kruger & Co., for grading, paving, and curbing, so much of the sidewalk as remains unpaved and curbed, on the west side of Delaware street, between the north side of the Union Railroad track and Washington street. Security, J. G. Waters.

Also, the contract and bond of John Stump, for grading and bouldering the alley running north and south through square 63, between Washington street, and the first alley south of said street. Security, John B. Stumph.

Also, the contract and bond of Cox, Lord & Peck, for furnishing and erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Delaware street, between the south side of New York street and the north side of North street. Security, Jacob Cox.

Which, on motion, were severally accepted and approved.

From the City Clerk—Report:

INDIANAPOLIS, January 18, 1864.

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

GENTLEMEN: Affidavits have been filed with me for the collection of street assessment by precept, as follows: By Thomas Wren, contractor, vs. John B. Stumph, as the owner of lot No. sixty-two (62,) in out-lot No. forty-five (45,) in the city of Indianapolis, Marion county, Indiana; amount of assessment unpaid thirty dollars and ninety cents (\$30 90). I would respectfully recommend that you order precept to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. BUTTERFIELD,

City Clerk.

Which, on motion, was accepted and approved, and the Clerk directed to issue the precept.

Mr. Emerson introduced an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of Blake street and sidewalks, between New York street and the National road.

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

Dr. W. Clinton Thompson, introduced an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the construction, extension, and operation of certain passenger railways in and upon the streets of the city of Indianapolis. *Ordinance Record P. 71660*

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

Mr. Brown moved to amend section 14, by inserting between the word "time," in the tenth line, and the word "on," in the eleventh line, of said section, the following:

"That said company shall, within twenty days from the passage of this ordinance, file with the Mayor of the city of Indianapolis, a bond in the penal sum of one hundred thousand dollars, with such security as may be approved of by the Mayor and a majority of the Common Council of said city; that said company will construct the number of miles of said railway, within the times herein specified, and on the failure of said company to file such bond, within twenty days from the passage of this ordinance, or"

The question being on the adoption of the amendment;

Mr. Brown called for the ayes and noes.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Brown, and McNabb—3.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Boaz, Blake, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Lefever, Staub, and Thompson—11.

So the amendment was not adopted.

Mr. Emerson moved that the rules be suspended and the ordinance read a third time now.

The question being on the suspension of the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Boaz, Blake, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Lefever, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—14.

Noes, none.

So the rules were suspended and the ordinance read the third time.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Boaz, Blake, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Lefever, Staub, and Thompson—11.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Allen, Brown, and McNabb—3.

So the ordinance passed.

By Mr. H. A. Fletcher—Motion:

That the City Marshal be directed to notify the Adams Express Company to immediately replace the gas-post in front of their office, which was broken down by one of their teams.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Brown—Motion:

That the Committee on Bridges be instructed to ascertain if the Indianapolis & Cincinnati Railroad Company were liable to the city, for the bridge built over their track at the crossing of Noble street, and if so, to notify them of the fact, and request them to pay the same.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Brown—Motion:

That the City Clerk, in making up the accounts of Councilmen for services the present quarter, is hereby instructed to not include but one meeting on the night of December 11th, 1863, and one meeting on the night of December 14th, 1863.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Emerson—Motion:

That the Street Commissioner be authorized to fix up the gutter to proper grade on the west side of the Michigan road near Indiana avenue, and also repair the sidewalk on the north side of Indiana avenue, near Mr. Gardner's.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Council proceeded to the election of Wood Measurer for the Western district, in the place of William Scudder, he having volunteered.

David M. Boyd received.....8 votes.

John Ford received.....6 votes.

Mr. Boyd having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

ATTEST :

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.