

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 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, Cook, Coburn, Emerson,
H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb,
Staub and Thompson—14.

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

The proceedings of the regular session, held February 1st, 1864,
were read and approved.

By Mr. Boaz—Petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, February 15th, 1864.

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

We the undersigned, Pastor and Trustees of St. Mary's Church,
do hereby beg leave to petition your honorable Board to vacate
the alley running west of our Church, and do hereby agree to
give the city the same number of feet to enlarge the alley run-
ning east of said Church.

Thus the city will lose no ground, and Block 77 will have an
alley larger than other Blocks, and the Church, which has pur-

chased the lot adjoining, will have an easy access from the pastoral residence erected on said lot.

Respectfully yours,

S. SIEGRIST, *Pastor*,
HENRY GUTIG,
GERHARD L. BAAR,
NICOLAS BLAES,
CHARLES HEITKAM.

INDIANAPOLIS, February 8th, 1864.

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

The petition of Siegrist and others to vacate the alley west of the church, in Block 77, will be of great advantage to the city. It will give us a 25 feet alley, instead of 10, as now. The alley terminates 195 feet from Maryland street. The petitioners own all the property on said alley that they ask to vacate. Please find the plat of the property.

I pray your honorable body will grant the prayer of the petition.

Your obedient servant,

ANDREW WALLACE.

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

By Mr. Boaz—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 15th, 1864.

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

GENTLEMEN—We respectfully petition your honorable body to grant us the authority to erect a shed for carriages, &c., on west side of Delaware street, between Washington and Maryland streets—not to be permanent. If convenient, we would beg your honorable body to act immediately, as we wish to have the building erected immediately.

Your most obedient servants,

BRINKMAN & RUSCHAUP.

Which, on motion of Mr. Brown, was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

By Mr. Brown—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 15th, 1864.

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

The undersigned, having been so unfortunate as to be brought into the world deformed and without arms, has therefore been compelled to make his living by exhibiting himself to the public. The amount required to be paid for license by your city for such public exhibition being far more than he can realize, he would therefore most respectfully petition and pray your honorable

body to grant him a special permit to exhibit himself for as long a period as you may see fit to grant.

Your humble petitioner, KING CELENS.
By HENRY PULLMAN, *Agent*.

Which, on motion, was laid upon the table.

By the Mayor—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 4, 1864.

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

We, the undersigned, would most respectfully ask the Council to so arrange the contract for grading and graveling the alley running east from New Jersey street to the first alley running north, so that the north side of said alley running east from New Jersey may be built without a sidewalk, so far as the property belonging to the heirs of M. Little's estate and the property of A. Galvin and the property of Geo. W. Stilwell is concerned, owing to the fact that upon the above named property stands a large frame stable, said stable stands upon said alley about two feet. Your petitioners ask the walk to be abandoned for the present, as the owners contemplate tearing away said stable in about two years, at which time said parties will make the walk at their own expense.

A. R. HYDE,
For S. J. Little, Adm. of M. Little's estate.

A. GALVIN,
G. W. STILWELL,
E. H. KOLLER,
J. M. W. LANGSDALE,
J. MARSEE & SON.

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

Mr. McNabb presented a petition from B. Condit, administrator of the Estate of Isaac Blackford, deceased, asking the Council to pay five per cent. discount on city orders, to be taken by him for certain notes and interest given by the city for lots numbered 75, 76 and part of 77, in Blackford's addition, said note amounting to \$1038 00; discount \$51 90.

Which, on motion of Mr. Boaz, was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

By Mr. Boaz, Chairman Board of Police :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 15, 1864.

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

Your committee would respectfully recommend the following named persons for election as members of the Police of the city :

Chief—Jacob B. Power.

Lieutenant—John S. Bray.

NIGHT PATROLMEN.

First Ward—George Taffe, George Smock.

Second Ward—David Powell, Wm. W. Loucks.

Third Ward—Hannibal Taffe, Wm. Williams.

Fourth Ward—William Patterson, Wm. S. Johnson.

Fifth Ward—Samuel Buser, Levi B. Wilmington.

Sixth Ward—Henry Paul, Stephen Wilson.

Seventh Ward—H. S. Adams, A. Unversaw.

Eighth Ward—A. E. Catterson, J. W. Bradley.

Ninth Ward—John Gray, Daniel I. Thompson.

DAY PATROLMEN

J. P. Duvall,

Robert B. Barbee,

Wm. Bretney,

Robert Redmond,

M. W. E. Doran,

Wm. Brennemer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CAVEN,

WM. BOAZ,

HENRY COBURN, } *Committee.*

On motion the Council proceeded to ballot for members of the Police Force to serve for the term of three months, Councilmen Allen and Cook acting as tellers, which resulted as follows :

For Chief of Police—No election.

For Lieutenant of Police—John S. Bray.

NIGHT PATROLMEN.

First Ward—George Taffe and George Smock.

Second Ward—David Powell and William W. Loucks.

Third Ward—William Williams.

Fourth Ward—William S. Johnson and William Patterson.

Fifth Ward—Samuel Buser.

Sixth Ward—Henry Paul and Stephen Wilson.

Seventh Ward—Hubert S. Adams and Andrew Unversaw.

Eighth Ward—Abel E. Catterson and Jephtha W. Bradley.

Ninth Ward—John Gray.

DAY PATROLMEN.

Joseph P. Duvall,

Robert Redmond,

Robert B. Barbee,

M. W. E. Doran,

William Bretney,

William Brennemer.

By Mr. Brown—Motion :

That the recommendation by any Councilmen of any person as a member of the Police Force, be considered by the Police Board of no more weight than the recommendation of a citizen.

The question being on the adoption of the motion, the ayes and noes were called for.

Those who voted in the affirmative, were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Cook, Emerson, H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb and Staub—11.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Boaz and Coburn—2.

Councilman Thompson not voting.

So the motion was adopted.

From the Market Master—Report:

INDIANAPOLIS, February 12th, 1864.

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

Quarterly Report of J. J. Wenner, Market Master of the City of Indianapolis, ending with the 12th day of February, 1864.

The markets have been well attended up to the first day of January, when the excessive cold weather commenced.

There are neither income nor expenditures to report at this time.

I would suggest to the Council that the market houses should be enclosed. They do not answer the convenience of sellers and buyers during very cold weather. This, however, will not conflict with the plan of the Chairman of the Committee on Markets.

I would further suggest improvements on the West Market space similar to those made on the East Market space during last year. The West Market house is now in possession of General Stone, for the use of the veteran regiments. It will be thus occupied for the present.

The market ordinances have been well observed during the quarter.

J. J. WENNER.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Markets.

From the Sexton—Report:

Report of the Sexton for the month ending January 11, 1864:

NUMBER OF INTERMENTS.

Under 1 year.....	15
1 to 5 years.....	17
5 to 10 years.....	1
10 to 20 years.....	3
20 to 30 years.....	12
30 to 40 years.....	2
40 to 50 years.....	3
50 to 60 years.....	3
60 to 70 years.....	3
70 to 80 years.....	1
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Total.....	60
From the country.....	5

G. W. ALLRED, Sexton.

Report of the Sexton for the month ending February 8, 1864:

NUMBER OF INTERMENTS.	
Under 1 year.....	8
1 to 5 years.....	9
5 to 10 years.....	2
10 to 20 years.....	6
20 to 30 years.....	29
30 to 40 years.....	2
40 to 50 years.....	2
50 to 60 years.....	2
60 to 70 years.....	1
70 to 80 years.....	2
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Total.....	63
From the country.....	4

G. W. ALLRED, *Sexton.*

Which were accepted.

Mr. Brown introduced an ordinance entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of Illinois street, between South street and McCarty street, and for the grading and graveling of the Bluff Road between Merrill and McCarty streets.

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

Mr. Emerson presented an ordinance entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of Washington street, and the National Road, exclusive of the sidewalks, between Missouri and Blake streets.

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

By Dr. Thompson :

Resolved, That Cox, Lord & Peck be allowed a final estimate for furnishing and erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Delaware street, between the south Side of New York and the North side of North streets, when finished according to contract.

Resolved, That D. Root & Co., be allowed a final estimate for furnishing and erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Market street, between New Jersey and Liberty streets, when finished according to contract.

Resolved, That D. Root & Co., be allowed a final estimate for furnishing and erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Tennessee street, between Georgia and South streets, when finished according to contract.

The question being on the passage of the resolutions, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Brown,

Boaz, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—14.

Noes, none.

So the resolutions passed.

By Dr. Thompson :

Resolved, That the first and final estimate allowed Cox, Lord & Peck for furnishing and erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Meridian street, between North street, and the Donation line north, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and 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 Allen, Brown Boaz, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—14.

Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

By Mr. Brown :

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to issue an order for \$300, in favor of the Street Commissioner to be expended for labor, lumber and teaming in repairing streets.

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

Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

By Dr. Jameson—Motion :

That a committee be appointed to confer with the Medical Director, as to the terms, if any, on which persons afflicted with small-pox, may be received in military pest-houses, and empower the Board of Health, to send such persons to said pest-house, as may be in destitute circumstances provided the cost shall not exceed three dollars a week.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, with instructions to make such arrangements with the Medical Director, if possible.

His Honor, the Mayor, stated that he had made arrangements with Mr. Emerson to build a pest-house for persons afflicted with the small-pox.

By Mr. Brown—Motion :

That the Committee on Public Buildings be instructed to carry out the arrangements made by the Mayor with Mr. Emerson for the erection of a pest-house.

Which motion was adopted.

GEORGE BRUCE, Esq., County Commissioner, stated to the Council that the County would pay one-half the expense of the erection of such pest-house; whereupon the Committee on Public Buildings were instructed to present one-half of the bill for the erection of such pest-house to the County for payment.

By Mr. H. A. Fletcher—Motion :

That the Committee on Public Buildings, make enquiries from government authorities at what rate per month or year, they are paying the city for the occupancy of the building and grounds owned by the city, known as the City Hospital.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Brown—Motion :

That the Street Commissioner be authorized to settle with the Union Railway Company, and collect from said Company one-half of the cost of constructing the Meridian street bridge, in pursuance of an agreement to that effect.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Brown—Motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to fill up with gravel the ruts and holes on Washington street, between Pogue's Run, and the East Donation line; also, similar places on the Michigan Road north and south within the corporate limits.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Brown—Motion :

That the Mayor inform parties applying for city bounty over the \$25,000 appropriation, that the appropriation has been expended, and at present, the city has no more money to appropriate for such purpose.

Which motion was adopted.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 14th, 1864.

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

I hereby tender my resignation as Councilman from the Ninth Ward.

Yours truly,

WILLIAM JOHN WALLACE.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the resignation of Mr. Wallace, as Councilman from the Ninth Ward was accepted.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

ATTEST :

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*