

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—JANUARY 26, 1885.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, January 26th, A. D. 1885, at seven o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Brainard Borison, President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire—9.

ABSENT, 1—viz. Alderman Cobb.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the regular session, held January 12th, 1885, having been printed and placed on the desks of the the Aldermen, said Journals were approved as published.

The following message was read and received:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I submit herewith the following papers for your consideration, favorably passed upon by the Common Council at its regular session held January 19th, 1885.

For the Common Council:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The report of the Committee on Contracts, recommending the awarding of sundry contracts for various street improvements (see page 32, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon concurred in.

The report of the Committee on Contracts, recommending the awarding of contracts for constructing an iron bridge, with stone abuments, over Pogue's Run, on East street (see page 33, *ante*), and the contracts and bonds for constructing said bridge (see page 34, *ante*), were read, and on motion by Alderman Pritchard, were referred to the Committee on Contracts and Bridges.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 35, *ante*), was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report a first and final estimate in behalf of George W. Seibert, Jr., for grading, bowldering the gutters, and curbing the sidewalks of Mississippi street, from Maryland street to Washington street.

844 $\frac{80}{100}$	lineal feet bowldering, at 58 cents.....	\$489 98
591.20	lineal feet curbing, at 39 cents.....	230 57
87.10	square yards bowldering wings, at 58 cents.....	50 52
4	square yards re-bowldering, at 25 cents.....	1 00
		\$772 07

Respectfully submitted, S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution (see page 35, *ante*), was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of George W. Seibert, Jr., for grading, bowldering the gutters, and curbing the sidewalks of Mississippi street, from Maryland street to Washington street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

A Y E S, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

N A Y S—None.

The report of the City Civil Engineer, submitting various contracts and bonds (see pages 35 and 36, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon was concurred in.

The following report of the City Civil Engineer (see page 36, *ante*), was read:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the contract and bond of Augustus Bruner for constructing the Geisendorff street sewer. Bond \$20,000.00; sureties Anderson Bruner, Anna M. Bruner, James Loucks, Ovid B. Jamison and John M. Judah.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

And was referred, on motion by Alderman Prier, to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage, by the following vote;

A Y E S, 6—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, King, McHugh, Prier, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

N A Y S, 3—viz. Aldermen Cox, Endly, and Pritchard.

The report of the City Civil Engineer, (see page 36, *ante*), accompanied with the following agreement, was read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts and Bridges:

WHEREAS, By the terms of G. O. No. 50, 1884, the C., St. L. & P. R. R. Co., and the C., H. & I. R. R. Co., agreed to pay for the construction of so much of said City's bridge over Pogue's Run at East street as would be used by said Companies, respectively. And, whereas, by the proposed plans of the City for her bridge across Pogue's Run at East, and of the Railroad Companies above mentioned, for their bridge over Pogue's Run east of East street, the said Railroad Companies will not use any of the superstructure of the City's bridge except to frame one track stringer into the east girder of the City's bridge; therefore the Railroad Companies above mentioned, by their Chief Engineers, have agreed with the City Civil Engineer of the City of Indianapolis to allow the floor beams of the City's bridge framed into the last girder of the R. R. Co's bridge. And, further, to construct at their expense, the stone abutments as contemplated by their plans, to the east line of East street on both sides of said Run.

M. J. BECKER, Ch'f Eng. C., St. L. & P. R. R.
 Jos. RAMSEY, JR., Ch'f Eng. C., H. & I. R. R.

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The following report from the City Clerk (see page 37, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Ordinances:

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following entitled affidavits now on file in my office for the collection of street improvement assessments, by precepts, to wit:

James Mahoney vs. Patrick Doyle, for	\$7 60
James Mahoney vs. Christian F. Moeller, for	7 60
James Mahoney vs. M. E. & J. F. V. McFarland, (christian names unknown), for.....	7 60
James Mahoney vs. Gottlieb Kramer, for.....	7 60

Respectfully submitted, GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The report of the Street Commissioner, showing that proper notices had been served on the Eagle Machine Works (see page 41, *ante*), was read and received.

The following report from the Board of Public Improvements was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 42, *ante*), was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—We would most respectfully ask an extension of time—sixty days—for completing our contract for grading and graveling Minerva street and sidewalks, from New York street to its southern terminus. We have the contract about completed, but will not be able to get gravel for completing same on account of high water within time given.

S. W. & R. H. PATTERSON.

Recommend time be extended.

M. M. Reynolds,
 R. H. Rees,
 Board of Public Improvements.

The petition of Ed. W. Cook, and the report of the Committee on Markets, as to the occupancy of Stall No. six, accompanied with the following resolution (see pages 43 and 44, *ante*), were read:

WHEREAS, David Umpstetter, when he had an opportunity to bid for stall No. 6, in East Market House, in competition with other bidders, refused to do so, plainly for the reason that he would have to bid more than he thought the stall was worth;

And Whereas, he secretly, in violation of all precedents and ordinances, and in defiance of the Market Master and Market Committee, and to the injury of the city treasury, obtained a license to stall six; therefore,

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the market license to stall No. six, in the East Market House, issued by the City Clerk to David Umpstetter, on Friday evening, January 16th, 1885, be, and the same is hereby, revoked.

Resolved, further, that the Market Master and Committee on Markets lease said stall six at private sale, to the highest and best bidder, after giving due notice, in accordance with the opinion of the City Attorney.

And the resolution was concurrently adopted, by the following voté:

AYES, 9--viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The petition of Francis Metzler *et al.*, as to the improvement of Railroad street, between Ohio and Market streets, and the following motion, accompanying the same (see page 34, *ante*), was read, and the motion concurrently adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, instructed to notify the C., C. & I., W., St. L. & P., and the I., B. & W. Railroad Companies to open the drains and gutters so as to afford a free passage for the water under their tracks where they cross Railroad street; and to plank the crossings so as to permit the passage of vehicles; and that if not done within ten days from the service of said notice, the city will do said work, and collect the cost thereof from them. And the Street Commissioner is ordered to proceed to do said work if not done by said companies in said time.

The following motion (see page 48, *ante*), was read and referred to the Committee on Public Light and Education:

That the City Civil Engineer be, and he is hereby, authorized to remove the first lamp post on the south side of market street, (immediately west of Illinois street) to the southwest corner of Illinois street and the first alley west of Illinois street.

The following motions (see pages 46, 48 and 50, *ante*), were read, and concurrently adopted:

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to re-advertise for bids for grading and bowldering the roadway of Alabama street, from Pogue's Run to the C., I., St L. & C. R. R. tracks.

That the first lamp-post north of McCarty street, on the east side of Illinois street, be dismantled; and the first one north of Morris street, on the east side of Meridian street, be re-mantled and re-lighted.

That Robert Jolly have permission to pave with brick the pavement on both sides of his premises, situated on the point between Washington street and National Road west of Blackford street; said work to be done at his own expense. Also that the City Engineer be hereby directed to set the grade stakes.

The following petition (see page 46, *ante*), was read; and granted:

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned respectfully makes application to sell at auction in the City of Indianapolis, such license to be issued for one or more quarters of a year.

Respectfully,

C. H. SPARKS.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Fire Department, through Alderman Tallentire, submitted the following report:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Fire Department, to whom was referred the following resolution (adopted by the Council July 21, 1884):

“WHEREAS, Robert Braxton was discharged from the Fire Department without any charges being preferred against him, and P. Johnson was appointed in his stead; believing that the safety of the property of our citizens depends greatly on the good working of the Fire Department, and that an old and experienced fireman should not be discharged simply to give a friend a place; it is, therefore

Resolved, That the Chief Fire Engineer be requested to reinstate said Robert Braxton, and remove P. Johnson, who was appointed in his place.”

Recommend that the action of the Council be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Prier,

Thomas Tallentire,

James McHugh,

Committee on Fire Department.

Alderman Pritchard moved that the report be concurred in, and the resolution adopted.

Alderman Cox moved that action be indefinitely postponed.

Which was laid on the table, on motion by Alderman Pritchard.

Alderman Prier moved the *previous question*.

Alderman Pritchard's motion was then adopted, and the resolution concurrently adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 7—viz. Aldermen Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS, 2—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, and Cox.

The Committee on Judiciary and Ordinances, through Alderman Pritchard, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

Mr. President and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the claim of City Assessor Saulcy, for \$147.50, report that the claim is not *extras*, but ten cents for transfers on his books, provided for in the salary ordinance. 1,475 transfers at 10 cents each, makes the claim \$147.50. We recommend the claim be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Pritchard,

Will F. A. Bernhamer,

Committee on Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman Bernhamer offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is the sense of this board that all vacancies occurring in the force of the Fire Department, be filled by the appointment of Democrats, until both political parties are equally represented in said department; and that no removals should be made for political reasons.

Alderman Prier moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Fire Department.

Alderman Cox moved to lay the above motion on the table; which failed of adoption, by the following vote :

AYES, 4—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, and King.

NAYS, 5—viz. Aldermen McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

Alderman Prier's motion was then adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 5—viz. Aldermen Endly, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire.

NAYS, 4—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, King, and President Rorison.

Alderman King offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage :

That Rouse Bros. be granted the privilege to erect Scales in front of their place of business, at No. 72 south Delaware street.

Alderman McHugh offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, A city ordinance is now in force, prohibiting the posting of indecent and loathsome prints and engravings upon our streets and public thoroughfares, and the sale of indecent prints and pictures by news dealers;

And whereas, Said ordinance is violated with impunity by the city bill-posters and others; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Police be, and he is hereby, requested to enforce said ordinance.

And it was adopted by the following vote;

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman Pritchard.

Alderman Pritchard offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Markets and Public Property, with power to act :

That the Committee on Public Property, confer with the same committee in the Council, upon the subject of making necessary repairs in the roof of the Dispensary building, to prevent melting snow from the roof from running into the offices and ruining carpets.

President Rorison offered the following motion:

That a Committee of three from this Board be appointed to confer with the committee appointed by the Council at its last meeting, to inquire into the alleged partiality exercised by the Hospital Superintendent. Also, that it is the sense of this Board, that every pay patient should have the privilege of the personal attendance and treatment of his or her physician.

Which was adopted, by the following vote:

YES, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

Alderman Endly in the Chair, appointed President Rorison, and Aldermen Pritchard and Bernhamer to act as the members of such committee, pursuant to the above resolution.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

BRAINARD RORISON, President.

Attest: **FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.**