

# PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—APRIL 13, 1885.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, April 13th, A. D. 1885, at half-past seven o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Brainard Rorison, President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire—8.

ABSENT—Aldermen Cobb and McHugh—2.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the regular session, held March 23d, 1885, and for the special session, held April 6th, 1885, having been printed and placed on the desks of 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 April 6th, 1885.

For the Common Council:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The report from the Committee on Contracts (see page 160, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The report from the Mayor, showing fines and fees collected (see page 160, *ante*), was read and received.

The report from the City Civil Engineer (accompanied with estimate, see page 162, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The following estimate resolution (see page 162, *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 S. W. & R. H. Patterson, for grading and graveling Minerva street and sidewalks, from New York street to its southern terminus, 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 :

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

NAYS—None.

The report from the City Civil Engineer, submitting contract and bond of James W. Hudson, for improving Fort Wayne avenue, was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 162, *ante*), was concurred in.

The report from the City Attorney (see page 167, *ante*), was read and received.

The following report from the Chief Fire Engineer was read, and the action of the Common Council thereon (see page 167, *ante*), was concurred in:

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

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith most respectfully present to you for confirmation, the name of August Ernest, to fill the vacancy in the Fire Department caused by the resignation of T. W. Stratford.

I would also respectfully ask that an eight inch sewer connection be made with the Shelby street sewer to the new Engine House now being erected on Prospect street. Said sewer will not cost to exceed \$200.00.

Respectfully, J. H. WEBSTER, Chief Fire Engineer.

The report from the Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner (see pages 167 and 168, *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 167, *ante*), was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom was referred the petition of E. Williamson, Julius Alder and others, asking that a stone crossing be laid across Washington street, at the intersection of Osage street, recommend the Street Commissioner be directed to lay single crossing.

Respectfully submitted, M. M. Reynolds,

R. H. Rees,  
Board of Public Improvements.

The following clauses from the report of the Judiciary Committee (see pages 168 and 169, *ante*), were read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in:

4th. We have again carefully considered the petition of Mrs. Harriet Keller, presented to the Council December 15, 1884. Our conclusion upon the merits of the controversy, is the same as that expressed in our report of February 2; but we find that the lot of Mrs. Keller is but 130 feet long, instead of 140, as certified by the Engineer; and therefore recommend that the Engineer make the proper deduction to Mrs. Keller, on account of this error, and that the cost of this 10 extra

feet (which appears from the plat to be an alley), be paid by the city—the amount to be certified by the Engineer to the City Clerk for insertion in the next appropriation ordinance in the name of the contractors.

6th. We recommend that the proposition of Wm. S. Hubbard, presented February 2d, to pay \$400 as a full settlement of the Fourth street opening assessment, be accepted. We have examined the matter carefully, and believe that the ground taken from Mr. Hubbard was worth nearly as much as the benefits to the balance of the lot. Beside this, there is little hope of the city ever being able to collect anything by suit; and it is useless to try to get any one to bid at a sale, as past experience proves.

The following report from the Special Committee on Fire Department (see pages 170 and 171, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Special Committee on Fire, to whom was referred a communication from the Chief Fire Engineer, in regard to the purchase of Hose and a Chemical Extinguisher, respectfully report that we have investigated the matter, and recommend that the Chief be authorized to purchase 2,000 feet of Cotton (rubber lined) Eureka Hose, at 90 cents per foot, including couplings, &c. We also recommend that the Chief be authorized to contract for a Double Tank 4-wheel Chemical Engine, at a cost not to exceed \$2,250, to be located at the new Prospect street Engine House, the machine not to be delivered until the new house is completed and ready to receive it.

Respectfully,

Isaac Thalman,  
P. C. Trusler,  
Fred. J. Mack,  
Committee on Fire Department.

The following resolution (see page 178, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage:

*Resolved*, That the petition of A. S. Patterson, Wm. F. Stilz, and E. B. Martindale, asking for the widening and straightening of south East street at the intersection of Morris street, together with the petition and plat presented in such case, be referred to the City Commissioners, with instructions to assess benefits and damages to any person or persons thereby benefited or damaged. The Commissioners are hereby instructed to return as a part of their report all petitions and notices; and the City Clerk is hereby directed to issue the proper notices to the Commissioners.

The following motion (see pages 171 and 172, *ante*), was read:

That the entire matter be left to the Chief Fire Engineer, and that he be given power to select a Surgeon, and that the compensation shall not exceed one hundred and eighty dollars per annum.

Alderman Prier moved to concur in the action of the Common Council; which was laid on the table, on motion by Alderman King.

Alderman King offered the following motion as a substitute for the Council's action; which was adopted:

That the City Clerk advertise for new bids for a Veterinary Surgeon for all horses in the Fire Department, and other city horses—service to include treatment and medicines.

The following petition (see page 176, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage:

To the Honorable the Members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana :

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, Adelide Hassey, would respectfully ask your honorable body for permission to pave, with brick, the sidewalk fronting on her property, situated at the southeast corner of Bright and Michigan streets. Said sidewalk to commence at the southeast corner of Bright and Michigan streets; thence to run east along the south side of Michigan street one hundred and twenty feet to an alley; all of which fronts her own property. Said work to be done at her own expense and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

ADELIDE HASSEY, Petitioner.

The following motions (see pages 176, 178, 179 and 180, *ante*), were read and concurrently adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to repair Fountain on Delaware street, just below South street. Same has been out of repair for some time.

That the Board of Public Improvements take some steps in regard to cleaning the alley between Dougherty and Coburn streets, from East street to Wright street, as the alley is now in a very unhealthy condition.

That J. A. Benson have permission to put in a coal vault in front of his property, No. 220 west Washington street.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to furnish plank for platform in front of Headquarters Fire Department.

That C. F. Schmidt be, and is hereby, granted permission to grade, bowlder and curb the west side of High street, and pave with brick the sidewalk thereof, from McCarty street to Wyoming street, at their own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That Herman C. Holle be, and is hereby, granted permission to pave with brick the sidewalk in front of his property on Dunlap street, at his own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That Caspar Hess be, and is hereby, granted permission to grade, curb and bowlder the gutter in front of his property on Madison avenue, at his own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

#### APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

This being the regular appropriation night, the following entitled Appropriation Ordinances (passed by the Common Council) were placed on their final passage without a suspension of the rules.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time:

Ap. O. 17, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$817.15.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time:

Ap. O. 18, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$49,440.00.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time:

Ap. O. 19, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch. [Amount appropriated, \$1,609.10.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time:

Ap. O. 20, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station House. [Amount appropriated, \$266.74.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

#### REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage, through Alderman Endly, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the matter directing the Mayor to execute a quit-claim deed to the proper person, for any interest the city may have in the ground known as the "Park," being Lot No.

SIG. 21.

28, in T. R. Fletcher's subdivision of Out-lot 51, for a consideration of one hundred dollars, would recommend that the action of the Common Council be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Endly,  
Isaac King,  
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman King offered the following motion; which was referred to a special committee of Aldermen King, Endly and Bernhamer, with the City Attorney and the City Clerk:

That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to designate the proper numbers on Fletcher avenue; also, on Ash street.

On motion by Alderman Bernhamer, Alderman McHugh was granted leave of absence until his return from New York City.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

BRAINARD RORISON, President.

Attest: FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk