

# PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

SPECIAL SESSION—MAY 11, 1885.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, May 11th, A. D. 1885, at eight o'clock, in special session, pursuant to the following call:

To the Members of the Common Council:

*Gentlemen.*—You are hereby called to meet in special session, in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, May 11th, 1885, at 8 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of considering the report of the Building Committee of the City Hall and Market House, recommending the award of the contract for the stone masonry, for giving notice of School Commissioners' election, and for the transaction of no other business.

Very respectfully, JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor.

PRESENT—Hon. John L. McMaster, Mayor, and, *ex officio*, President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 14 members, viz: Councilmen Cowie, Curry, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

ABSENT, 11—viz Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Moran, Pearson, Spahr, and Wolf.

His Honor, the Mayor, in behalf of the Building Committee of the City Hall and Market House, submitted the following report; which, on motion by Councilman Rees, was concurred in, the contract awarded as recommended, and the Mayor instructed to execute the same on behalf of the city:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen.*—Your Building Committee would respectfully report that they have advertised for proposals for doing the foundation stone work for the new Market House, &c, and in response thereto, have received the following bids:

Wm. Petrie, \$9,754 for either St. Paul or Greensburg stone, and \$5.25 per cubic yard for any additional work. Sureties L. Woerner and H. Bailie.

Koss & Fritz, \$8,300 for St. Paul, and \$8,100 for Spencer stone, and for additional work per cubic yard, \$4.90 for the former, and \$4.80 for the latter kind of stone. Sureties, P. Fritz and A. M. Kuhn.

Jno. A. Whitsit, \$8,908.71 for either St. Paul or Spencer stone, and \$6.00 per cubic yard for additional work. Sureties, H. C. Adams and L. A. Fulmer.

Helm & Son, \$9,800 for St. Paul or Spencer stone, and \$5.00 per cubic yard for additional work. Sureties, H. M. Talbott and F. M. Dell.

Torr Bros., \$10,250 for Oakalla stone, and \$5.35 per cubic yard for additional work. Sureties, Benj. Osborn, E. B. Evans and others.

Richter & Twiname, \$8,890 for St. Paul or Greensburg stone, and for addition work per cubic yard \$4.10 for rubble, and \$5.50 footings and \$6.50 for stone pillars. Sureties, D. V. Burns and Fred. Lange.

M T. Lewman, \$9,984 for Oakalla stone, and \$6.00 per cubic yard for addition work. Sureties, J. A. Curtis, H. H. Hallis, and others.

Koss & Fritz being the lowest and best bidders, and, in the judgment of your committee, St. Paul stone being the most desirable for said work, we recommend that the contract be awarded to said Koss & Fritz, the work to be done with St. Paul stone; and that the Mayor be instructed to execute the proper contract on behalf of the city.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. McMASTER, Ch'n.,  
BRAINARD ROBISON, Sec'y.,  
Isaac King,  
J. H. Sheppard,

His Honor, the Mayor, offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police of the City of Indianapolis be, and is hereby, directed to give proper legal notice to the voters of said city, that an election will be held in the First, Second, Tenth and Eleventh School Commissioners' Districts, on Saturday, the 13th day of June, 1885, to elect one School Commissioner from each of said districts; such election to be held in the following places, viz:

School Commissioner District No. One—At School House No. 1, corner of Vermont and New Jersey streets.

School Commissioner District No. Two—At School House No. 2, corner of Delaware and Walnut streets.

School Commissioner District No. Ten—At School House No. 10, corner of Honover avenue and Ash street.

School Commissioner District No. Eleven—At School House No. 11, corner of Tennessee and Fourth streets.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 13—viz. Councilmen Cowie, Curry, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS—None.

By consent, Councilman Thalman offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the "When" Band have permission to give free concerts in University Military and Circle Parks, during the season.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor,  
President of the Common Council.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk,

# PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—MAY 11, 1885.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, May 11th, A. D. 1885, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

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

ABSENT, 2—viz. Aldermen Cobb, and Prier.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the regular session, held April 27th, 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 May 4th, 1885.

For the Common Council:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The report from the Mayor, showing fines and fees collected (see page 219, *ante*), was read and received.

The contract of Leander A. Fulmer and Geo. W. Seibert, with Hiram Seibert and Henry C. Adams as sureties, for making all the excavation required for a Market House building, was read, and the action of the Common Council thereon, (see page 219, *ante*), was concurred in.

The report from the City Civil Engineer (accompanied with estimates, (see page 220, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The following estimate resolution (see page 220, *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 and graveling the first alley north of Woodlawn avenue, from Linden street to Laurel 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:

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

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 220, *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 David A. Haywood, for grading and bowldering the first alley west of Illinois street, from Maryland street to Georgia 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:

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

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 221, *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 Henry C. Roney, for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of Seventh street, from Central avenue to the W., St. L. & P. R. R., 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, 8—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Pritchard Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following report from the City Clerk (see page 224, *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 affidavit, now on file in my office, for the collection of street improvement assessments by precept, to-wit:

Henry C. Roney vs. John C. Kellogg, for..... \$10 20  
Respectfully submitted, GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The report from the City Attorney (see pages 224 and 225, *ante*), was read and received.

The report from the City Attorney, as to short-hand reporters, and appropriating money for paying minor court expenses (see page 226, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The petition of Richter & Twiname, asking for an extension of time, (see page 227, *ante*), was read and granted.

The report from the Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner (see page 227, *ante*), showing receipts and disbursements, was read and received.

The report from the Judiciary Committee, as to the communication of the Indianapolis Fertilizer Company, in regard to the Sellers Farm (see page 228, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The report from the Judiciary Committee (see page 229, *ante*), recommending the payment of the claim of Wm. T. Steele, \$27.20, and the cancellation of \$84.00 petitioned for by Byram & Cornelius, was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The report from the Committees on Judiciary and Railroads, in relation to the laying of the track of the C., I., St. L. & C. Railway on Missouri street (see page 229, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Public Charities.

The following reports from the Committee on Public Light (see pages 229 and 230, *ante*), were read, and severally referred to the Committee on Public Light and Education:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*.—Your Committee on Public Light to whom sundry papers were referred, would report thereon as follows:

1st. Is a motion "That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to direct the Gas Company to dismantle the first lamp post west of Mississippi street, on the south side of Fifth street, and remantle and light the lamp on the northeast corner of Mississippi and Eighth streets." Recommend said motion be adopted.

2d. Is a motion "That the first lamp east of Tennessee street, on Maryland street, on the north side, be remantled and relit, and the lamp on the south side of Kentucky avenue and west of Mississippi street, be dismantled." Recommend said motion be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. Gallahue,  
T. F. Smither,  
Fred. J. Mack,  
Committee on Public Light.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*.—Your Committee on Public Lights, to whom was referred the matter of allowing J. R. Robinson, 349 Massachusetts avenue, to paint a barber sign on the lamp post in front of his residence, recommend the same be granted.

P. M. Gallahue,  
T. F. Smither,  
Committee on Public Light.

The report from the Committee on Public Property (see page 230, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Common Council in ordering the City Sexton to purchase three lots at fifteen dollars each, was concurred in.

The following report from the Special Committee on Fire Department, (see page 232, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Fire Department:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Fire and Chief Fire Engineer to whom was referred sundry motions in regard to locating and building fire cisterns, would say that we have carefully investigated the same and recommend as follows:

That a 1,000-barrel cistern, be built at the intersection of National Road and Miley avenue.

Also a 1,000-barrel cistern corner of Hill avenue and Newman street.

That the Clifford avenue and Archer street motion be deferred, and that the Councilman of that ward be requested to ascertain whether the Water Works Company will lay mains in that vicinity soon, as is now contemplated.

Respectfully,

Isaac Thalman,  
P. C. Trusler,  
Fred. J. Mack.

Special Committee on Fire Department.

The following petition (see page 239, *ante*), was read and granted:

*Indianapolis*, May 1, 1885.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned respectfully makes application for Auctioneers' license for one year, or one or more quarters of a year.

Respectfully,

JOHN J. HARLAN.

The following motions (see pages 237, *ante*), were read, and referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage:

That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the property holders on the east side of Alabama street, between Michigan street and the first alley north, to raise and widen the brick sidewalk to a width of eight feet, and to cut down the lawn to grade of curbstone.

That the Street Commissioner serve notice on S. A. Morrell or other proprietor of the scales recently placed in West street near the southeast corner of West and Washington streets, to remove the same within five days. Is the same be not removed as ordered, the Street Commissioner is then ordered to tear out and remove the same forthwith, no permit having been applied for or obtained to place the same in said street.

The following motions (see pages 236, 237, 238 and 239, *ante*), were read and concurrently adopted:

That St. Vincent's Hospital be allowed to make the proper connection between its property on the southeast corner of Delaware and South streets with the South street sewer without charge.

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to re-advertise for the erection of lamp posts on Michigan street, between New Jersey and East streets, under S. O. 109, 1884.

That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to re-advertise for bids to erect lamp-posts on Agnes street according to ordinance.

That the Committee on Public Property have instructions to have the policeman at Military Park dig a dry well to carry off surplus water.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair and put in good order all stone crossings, without delay.

That the City Civil Engineer be directed to dismantle the lamp post on the west side of Meridian street, on the inner side of the Circle, and place the same at the crossing of the first alley west of the Circle between Market and Meridian streets.

The following motion (see page 238, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to fill with broken stone the chuck-hole on Virginia avenue, between Stevens and Coburn streets, at once.

The following entitled ordinances (passed by the Common Council) were severally read the first time:

S. O. 15, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Pennsylvania street, from Eighth street to the first alley south of Ninth street.

S. O. 31, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Noble street, from New York street to Lockerbie street.

#### 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. 21, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$4,656.75.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, 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. 22, 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, \$1,389.21.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, 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. 23, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$302,608.15]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, 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. 24, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station House. [Amount appropriated, \$229.12.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

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

The Committee on Contracts and Bridges, through Alderman Tallentire, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—The Committee on Contracts, to whom were referred sundry items, report as follows:

1st. For grading and graveling the roadway of Greenbrier Lane, from Fernway street to the Belt Railway.

Recommend the action of the Council be concurred in.

2d. For grading and graveling the roadway of Bloyd street, from Greenbrier Lane to Fountain street. Recommend the action of the Council be concurred in.

3d. For grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Delaware street, from Seventh street to Eighth street.

Recommend the action of the Council be concurred in.

4th. Recommend the contracts and bonds of J. H. Forrest and S. W. & R. H. Patterson, (see page 212, *ante*), be approved, and the action of the Council concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Tallentire,  
Thomas E. Endly,  
James McHugh,  
Committee on Contracts.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, (see page 222, *ante*), was concurred in:

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

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith report the contract and bond of Richter & Twiname, for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of Delaware street, from Seventh street to Eighth street. Bond, \$300.00; surety, Peter Fritz.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

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

To the President and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Council Judiciary Committee of April 20th, 1885, (see page 196, *ante*), recommend concurrence in all the items, *except* item four, proposing to accept \$25.00 from Wm. Brown in full payment of a street opening assessment against Lot 7, Crane's subdivision of Out-lot 158, for the reasons,

1st. Brown's proposition was to pay \$12.50 for release of lien.

2d. In his petition he gives us no reason why the city should release the \$50.00 lien, except that it was there when he bought the lot, and he does not want to pay it.

We recommend we do not concur in the Council's action on this item.

Respectfully submitted,

Jas. A. Pritchard,  
Will F. A. Bernhamer,  
Judiciary Committee.



The Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage, through Alderman Endly, submitted the following report; which was received, the first and second clauses referred back to the Committee, with the Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney, and the third clause approved:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred sundry papers, would report thereon as follows:

1st. Is S. O. No. 10, 1885, "An ordinance providing for the construction of a brick sewer in and along New Jersey street, from Washington street to New York street." Recommend said ordinance be passed.

2d. Is the matter of widening East street, at the intersection of Morris street. Recommend that the action of the Common Council, in adopting the resolution relative thereto, (see Council Proceedings, page 178., *ante*), be concurred in.

3d. Is the petition of Adelide Hassey, asking permission to lay a brick sidewalk in front of property southeast corner of Bright and Michigan streets.

Recommend that no further action be taken in this matter, as the work has been let under ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

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

#### INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

President Rorison offered the following motion:

That the Street Commissioner take immediate steps to repair the block pavement on Meridian street its entire length, by raising depressed blocks, so that the same shall conform to the grade.

Alderman Pritchard offered the following motion:

That the Street Commissioner put a coat of gravel on Seventh street, from Meridian street west to Tennessee street.

On motion, it was ordered that the Clerk present the above motions to the City Attorney, with instructions to have the same introduced in the Common Council.

#### PENDING ORDINANCES.

On motion of Alderman Bernhamer, the rules were suspended for the purpose of placing S. O. 31, 1885, on its final passage, by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

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

S. O. 31, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Noble street, from New York street to Lockerbie street.

And it was passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

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, as its session held this evening, May 11th, 1885.

For the Common Council:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The report from the Building Committee of the City Hall and Market House, awarding the contract for the foundation stone work to Koss & Fritz, for \$8,300, (see page 243, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The following resolution (see page 244, *ante*), was read:

*Resolved*, That the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police of the City of Indianapolis be, and is hereby, directed to give proper legal notice to the voters of said city, that an election will be held in the First, Second, Tenth and Eleventh School Commissioners' Districts, on Saturday, the 13th day of June, 1885, to elect one School Commissioner from each of said districts; such election to be held at the following places, viz:

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School Commissioner District No. Ten—At School House No. 10, corner of Home avenue and Ash street.

School Commissioner District No. Eleven—At School House No. 11, corner of Tennessee and Fourth streets.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

The following motion (see page 244, *ante*), was read and concurrently adopted:

That the "When" Band have permission to give free concerts in University, Military and Circle Parks, during the season.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

BRAINARD RORISON, President.

Attest: FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.