

# PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

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SPECIAL SESSION—DECEMBER 30, 1885.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Wednesday, December 30th, A. D. 1885, at 4 o'clock, P. M., 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 this, the 30th day of December, 1885, at 4 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of taking action upon the bond of Treasurer Miller.

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 Coy, Dowling, Doyle, Haugh, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Wharton, and Wolf.

**ABSENT**, 11—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Curry, Downey, Edenharter, Gallahue, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Rees, and Trusler.

Councilman Thalman, in behalf of the Finance and Judiciary Committees, submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and the bond approved:

To His Honor, the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen.*—Your Committees on Judiciary and Finance, herewith present the bond of the County Treasurer. We have investigated as to the value of the bond, and believe it good and sufficient. We recommend it be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Thalman,  
W. C. Newcomb,  
Philip J. Doyle,  
Julius F. Reinecke,  
John R. Pearson.

Councilman Reinecke presented the following; which was received:

That the Clerk insert the following in the proceedings of to-night:

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, from January 1, 1884, to December 31, 1885, consisted of the following officers and members:

OFFICERS.

POLITICS.	NAMES.	OFFICE.	WHERE AND WHEN BORN.
Rep.	McMasters, John L.	Mayor. ...	Rutland, Meigs Co., O., Feb. 9th, 1843.
Rep.	Breunig, George T...	Clerk.....	Wheeling, W. Va., August 6, 1848.
Dem	O'Donnell, Michael..	Sergeant..	Ireland, September 30, 1856.

MEMBERS.

POLITICS.	NAMES.	NO. WARD.	WHERE AND WHEN BORN.
Rep.	Benjamin, Frank E..	17	.....
Rep.	Cowie, John R.....	13	.....
Dem.	Coy, Simeon.....	18	Greensburg, Ind., age 36 years.
Dem.	Curry, William .....	25	Ireland, age 49 years.
Dem.	Dowling, James T...	16	Rochester, N. Y., September 8, 1853.
Dem.	Downey, John T.....	9	.....
Dem.	Doyle, Philip J.....	15	Madison, Ind., November 25, 1854.
Dem.	Edenharter, Geo. F..	8	Piqua, Ohio, June 13, 1857.
Rep.	Gallahue, Phoenix M	20	.....
Dem.	Haugh, Charles E....	10	Indianapolis, Ind., age 37 years.
Dem.	Mack, Frederick.....	24	Cleveland, Ohio, January 5, 1854.
Dem.	Moran, John.....	19	New York, age 45 years.
Rep.	McClelland, Robert..	7	.....
Rep.	Newcomb, Wm. C....	6	Greenfield, Mass., aged 54 years.
Rep.	Pearson, John R.....	5	Pittsburgh, Penn., March 27, 1849.
Rep.	Rees, Robert H.....	12	Montgomery Co., Ind. October 8, 1841.
Dem.	Reinecke, Julius F...	22	Germany, October 2, 1851.
Rep.	Reynolds, Miles M...	1	Greenbrier Co., Va., January 25, 1844.
Dem.	Sheppard, Joseph H.	14	Cincinnati, Ohio, September 22, 1842.
Rep.	Smither, Theo. F....	4	Indianapolis, Ind., July 25, 1844.
Rep.	Spahr, George W.....	2	Burks Co., Penn., 1839.
Rep.	Trusler, Preston C...	21	Connersville, Ind., September 13, 1852.
Rep.	Thalman, Isaac.....	11	Jackson Co., Ind., 1835.
Rep.	Wharton, Joseph W.	3	Claremont Co., Ohio, 1849.
Dem.	Wolf, Philip H.....	23	New London, Shelby Co., Ind., aged 36 years.

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.

SPECIAL SESSION—DECEMBER 30, 1885.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Wednesday, December 30th, 1885, at 5 o'clock, P. M., in special session, pursuant to the following call:

To the Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen.*—You are hereby notified to meet in special session, this, the 30th day of December, 1885, at 5 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of taking action upon the bond of Treasurer Miller.

BRAINARD RORISON, President.

PRESENT—Aldermen Bernhamer, Endly, King, McHugh, Pritchard, and Tallentire—6.

ABSENT—Aldermen Cobb, Prier, and President Rorison—3.

Alderman Bernhamer was called to the Chair.

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 special session, held this afternoon, December 30th, 1885.

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The following report from the Finance Committee was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 833, *ante*), was concurred in:

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Common Council:

*Gentlemen.*—Your Committees on Judiciary and Finance, herewith present the bond of the County Treasurer. We have investigated as to the value of the bond, and believe it good and sufficient. We recommend it be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Thalman,  
W. C. Newcomb,  
Philip J. Doyle,  
Julius F. Reinecke,  
John R. Pearson.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 813, *ante*), was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen.*—In the estimate reported by me, November 5th, 1885, in favor of George W. Seibert, Jr., for the improvement of Highland street, from Washington street to Ohio street, the assessment was made against the property as then appeared on the plats, which assessed James L. Mitchell for 232½ lineal feet, and the city 15 feet for the crossing of the alley in the rear of said Mitchell's property. On my attention being called to the matter by Mr. Mitchell himself, I find that the alley had

been vacated, and was in the name of Jas. L. Mitchell by vacation and by deed; therefore, the assessment, \$16.50, for the 15 feet against the city, and paid for by the city, should have been paid for by said Mitchell, which he is now willing to do upon your directing the City Treasurer to receipt to him for said amount. The contractor was paid in full. Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The following reports from the Judiciary Committee were read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 816, *ante*), was concurred in:

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Judiciary, with the Mayor and City Attorney, to whom was referred the motion that the Police Commissioners be notified that the Council will hereafter require the City Attorney to defend certain cases, would report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that said motion be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor  
WM. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.

W. C. Newcomb,  
Geo. F. Edenharter,  
Committee on Judiciary.

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

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Frank McWhinney, asking for the refunding of \$62.42, principal and interest of taxes paid by him on 18 feet west side of middle part of Out-lot 160, sold in the name of C. Harris, have had the same under consideration, and report that both the City Engineer and City Assessor inform them that such a part of such a lot does not exist. We recommend that said sum be refunded, less the School Board's portion, upon the surrender of his certificate.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Newcomb,  
Geo. F. Edenharter,  
Judiciary Committee.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

WILL. F. A. BERNHAMER,

President *pro tem.*

Attest: FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.