

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
MONDAY, JULY 3D, 1865, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—His Honor, Mayor Caven, in the chair, and the following members at first roll-call:

Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—14.

Absent—Councilmen Fletcher, Lefever, MacArthur and Schmidt—4.

The proceedings of the regular session, held June 26th, 1865 and of the adjourned session, held June 28th 1865, were read and approved.

By Mr. Grosvenor—Petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, July 3, 1865.

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

Your petitioner would respectfully ask the privilege of laying down a railroad track from the Rolling Mill track, on Tennessee street; said track to leave the Rolling Mill track at a point south of South street and enter upon Square No. 94 at or near the south-east corner.

J. A. GROSVENOR,
Pres't Indianapolis Agricultural Works.

Which, on motion of Dr. Jameson, was laid on the table.

By Mr. Brown—Petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, July 3, 1865.

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

I would respectfully submit to your consideration, whether or not you are willing to allow me any time lost, commencing on the 2d day of June, 1865,

to the 13th inclusive; the time lost was when I was beaten by those *Ruffs* on Illinois street. I paid a man to run for me \$30.00. The question is, are you willing to reimburse me? Respectfully submitted,

W. S. JOHNSON.

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

By Mr. Grosvenor—Petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, July 3, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your petitioners, Dennis Redmond and Arthur Sullivan, respectfully represent that the statements contained in the communication of one McCoy, so far as the same charges petitioners with any improper conduct, is wholly untrue.

For a statement of the facts, petitioners respectfully refer to the affidavits of John Blizzard and Sergeant A. B. Ferguson, which accompany this petition.

Petitioners state that they never asked, received, or demanded of the said McCoy any money whatever, except as stated in the affidavit of John Blizzard, the jailer, and that they went with McCoy to get the fifteen dollars, mentioned in said affidavit, upon the suggestion of the said John Blizzard, and that they neither asked or received pay or reward from said McCoy.

Petitioners respectfully ask that said affidavits may be read in open session of your honorable body, that all charges against petitioners may be dismissed, and that the petitioners be no further held to answer thereto.

ARTHUR SULLIVAN,
DENNIS REDMOND.

STATE OF INDIANA, }
COUNTY OF MARION. } SCT.

Dennis Redmond and Arthur Sullivan, being duly sworn upon oath say, that the statements contained in the foregoing petition are true.

DENNIS REDMOND,
ARTHUR SULLIVAN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3d day of July, 1865.

BYRON K. ELLIOTT, *Notary Public*.

STATE OF INDIANA, }
COUNTY OF MARION. } SCT.

Aurora F. Ferguson being duly sworn upon his oath, says: That on the night that Dennis Redmond and Arthur Sullivan arrested McCoy (the man who preferred charges against Sullivan and Redmond), he was on duty as Sergeant of the Provost Guard at the Union Depot in this city; that between eight and nine o'clock, a man came to the Guard room and wanted Guards to arrest some one, who, he alleged, had stolen some money from a soldier, and who was at some hotel. I refused the Guards, as I had no power to let him have them. Afterwards I saw this man, whom I do not know, with McCoy, both seeming much excited, and under the influence of liquor; said they had not found the man, and had been through the Lafayette train. I then passed them, going out of the Depot. I entered Depot at west side, and saw McCoy and this other man; they had arrested two men, and said they were deserters. These two men, when I came up, appealed to me, showed me their discharges, which were regular and legal. I told them to release the two men. McCoy and the other man then went into the Peru train; a few minutes afterwards I saw them coming out of the train with another man whom they had arrested as a deserter. This man also had a

discharge. They wanted me to send this man to the Guard House, and I refused to do so. McCoy and this man then went through the Jeffersonville train, and I saw them after that several times walking rapidly through the Depot. A few minutes after I heard firing, and Mr. Sullivan came in and said McCoy was firing in the Depot, and for me to arrest him. I went and saw McCoy; asked him what he was firing at, and he said at a deserter. I wanted to know where the man went to, and McCoy said he ran off; asked him what authority he had to shoot; said he was acting under authority of other man. Sullivan said I had better arrest the men, as it was dangerous for them to be in the community. I said in answer that they were not soldiers but citizens, and he had better arrest them, and he did so.

AURORA B. FERGUSON.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of July, 1865.

BYRON K. ELLIOTT, *Notary Public.*

STATE OF INDIANA, }
COUNTY OF MARION, } *Secr.*

John Blizzard being duly sworn upon his oath says: That he is the jailer of Marion county; that a man by the name of McCoy was brought to the jail by Dennis Redmond and Arthur Sullivan, having been arrested on a charge of shooting in public. McCoy, after he was delivered to me, said he did not want to go in the jail, and asked me what he could do. I told him if he would leave fifteen dollars as bail, he could go. He said he had not got the money, but had some friends in town and could get it from them. He asked me if one of the men who brought him could not go with him and I told him they could if they saw proper. They consented to go; were gone a short time, and Mr. Sullivan brought the money back to me and I gave it to the Marshal the next morning.

JOHN W. BLIZZARD.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3d day of July, 1865.

BYRON K. ELLIOTT, *Notary Public.*

Which, on motion of Mr. Brown, was referred to Committee on Police.

By Mr. Coburn, from the Board of Public Improvements:

OFFICE BOARD PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, July 3, 1865. }

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

1. The Board to whom was referred sundry bids and proposals for public works, have examined the same, and find that

a. For erecting lamp posts on Delaware street, between South and McCarty streets, Messrs. Coulter & White are the best bidders—at \$44.75 for each galvanized lamp and post; \$45.00 for each cast iron lamp and post.

b. For erecting lamp posts on Meridian street, between Pogue's Run and McCarty street, Messrs. Coulter & White are the best bidders—at \$44.75 for each galvanized lamp and post: \$45.00 for each cast iron lamp and post.

c. For grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk on Illinois street, between Market and North street, C. E. Whitsit is the best bidder at 73 cts. per superficial yard.

d. For the re-building of the culvert and bridge over Pogue's Run at the intersection of Washington and Noble streets, Frederick Richter is the best bidder—at the following prices:

For excavation, per cubic yard, 75 cents.

For mudsills, per lineal foot, 15 cents.

For plank flooring on the mudsills, per 100 feet, board measure, \$2.75.

For laying stone on the ground, per cubic yard, \$4.50.

For furnishing and laying stone, per cubic yard \$7.50.

e. For the grading and graveling of North street, between Alabama street and East street, Cornelius Shea and Co. are the only bidders—at 52 cents per cubic yard for grading; \$1.78 per cubic yard for graveling.

And we recommend that all said contracts be awarded to said bidders, and that the Engineer be instructed to enter into contracts, and that he contract for galvanized lamps and posts on Meridian street.

2. In reference to the petition of Otto Ph. Volmer, for the grading and graveling St. Clair street, and for indemnifying him for damages sustained by him in consequence of said street not having been graded before, the Board report that the Council have already passed the ordinance for grading and graveling St. Clair street, in front and adjoining the petitioner's residence, and that, in their opinion, no damages ought to be or can be allowed to the petitioner.

3. In relation to the petition of Orion Thornley, for permission to build a frame building within the limits prohibited by the ordinance, the Board respectfully report that, in their opinion, it is neither competent nor expedient for the Common Council to grant privileges in violation of ordinances, or to amend the ordinance on fire limits for the accommodation of a single individual.

4. Concerning the report of the Committee on Bridges referred to them, the Board report that the Street Commissioner is now engaged under their orders, in repairing and covering the whole width of the canal bridge at the intersection of Washington and Missouri streets; and that said officer will, as soon as he has finished said work, take up the repairs of the canal bridges across Market and North streets. The covering of the bridge across Pogue's Run on Pennsylvania street, *in its whole width*, the Board would recommend, to be deferred until the price of lumber comes farther down and the condition of the City finances has improved. The middle of said bridge has been placed in good repair by said officer.

5. With reference to other calls upon the Street Commissioner, we report:

We have instructed said officer to fill the space around the cistern on the corner of Blackford and North streets with cinders and gravel.

Also, to fill the mudholes on Ohio street, between Delaware and East street.

Also, the mudholes on the southern end of Delaware street.

In reference to the resolution calling for the repair of North Illinois and North New Jersey streets, by the Street Commissioner, we would report that the condition of said streets requires their entire rebuilding, either by bowldering or graveling, which ought to be done by ordinance, at the property holders' expense.

6. In compliance with a resolution passed, we herewith report for confirmation the names of James W. Brown and Frederick Stein, to act in conjunction with the City Engineer, as a Board for the establishment of the cheapest and best mode of draining such portions of the city which are now deficient in drainage.

7. The petition of D. S. Beaty and others, in reference to draining part of out-lots 100 and 101, we recommend to lay on the table until said Board of Engineers can report upon the subject matter of said petition.

8. As Washington street, between Pogue's Run and the east Corporation line, of which complaint is made in the memorial of the Central Plank Road Company, is indeed in an impassible condition; and as the season has progressed too far to have said street bowldered, we recommend the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Civil Engineer is hereby directed to re-advertise by ten days notice in the Indianapolis Daily Journal and by posting notices in at least five of the most public places of the city, for sealed proposals for the grading and graveling of Washington street (exclusive of the sidewalks), between Pogue's Run and the Corporation line, east, in accordance to the provisions of an ordinance passed October 3d, 1864, said proposals to be

received at the meeting of the Common Council to be held on the 25th day of July, 1865.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. COBURN,
AD. SEIDENSTICKER, } *Board.*

The question being, on the passage of the resolution directing the Engineer to re-advertise for proposals for the grading and graveling of Washington street, between Pogues Run, and the corporation line east, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—14. Noes, none.

So the resolution was passed.

On motion of Mr. Brown, so much of the report as relates to the bids for public works was concurred in, and the contracts awarded as recommended; and the Engineer was instructed to contract for galvanized iron lamps.

Mr. Brown moved to recommit that portion of the report referring to Pennsylvania street bridge, with instructions that the Street Commissioner be directed to cover the whole width of the street, including sidewalks, with plank, and to present the bill for one-half of such work to the President of the Union Railway Company and collect the same.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion, the appointment of Messrs. Brown, Wilson and Stein was referred back to the Board.

On motion, the balance of the report was concurred in.

By Dr. Jameson, from the Finance Committee:

INDIANAPOLIS, July 3, 1865

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance would respectfully recommend the granting of the prayer of the petition of Samuel Blythe, fireman, asking for a duplicate of order for work done by him in the month of April: *Provided*, He shall file with the Clerk an indemnifying bond, with good security, in double the amount asked for. Very respectfully,

P. H. JAMESON, *Chairman.*

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

By Dr. Jameson, from the Finance Committee.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 3, 1865.

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

Your Committee would recommend that the City Clerk be directed to cancel the accompanying City Orders, and also make a tabular statement of the same upon the records of the city, giving name of party, to whom issued, number, when allowed, amount, and what for.

Respectfully submitted,

P. H. JAMESON. *Chairman.*

No.	DATE WHEN AL- LOWED.	TO WHOM ISSUED.	AMOUNT.	WHAT FOR.
1966	Dec. 14, 1863.....	William Mason	\$50 00	Relief of Soldiers' Families.
1968	"	Albert Martin.....	50 00	" "
1952	"	Stanford Boone.....	50 00	" "
1959	"	William Henry	50 00	" "
1963	"	David Lane.....	50 00	" "
1965	"	William Mitchell.....	50 00	" "
1892	"	Wm. M. Davis.....	50 00	" "
1919	"	John McGrah.....	50 00	" "
1922	"	Andrew Nichols.....	50 00	" "
1970	"	Henry Overton	50 00	" "
960	Sept. 21, 1863.....	M. Davis	3 00	Specific.
840	"	R. Bacon	3 00	"
839	"	Rudolph Fey	3 00	"
843	"	J. M. Frost	3 00	"
845	"	J. M. Sutton.....	3 00	"
850	"	J. D. Brown.....	3 00	"
917	"	John Brown.....	3 00	"
911	"	Adolph Wieble.....	3 00	"
903	"	Leonidas Phipps.....	3 00	"
915	"	O. H. P. Bly.....	3 00	"
958	"	L. Helle.....	3 00	"
961	"	Wm Johnson.....	3 00	"
950	"	F. Ropsbey	3 00	"
949	"	J. Jordan.....	3 00	"
948	"	F. Simon	3 00	"
943	"	O. Thornley.....	3 00	"
942	"	L. Edwards.....	3 00	"
941	"	S. Tewell.....	3 00	"
934	"	C. Wehn	3 00	"
969	"	Joseph Griswold.....	3 00	"
970	"	W. L. Morrison.....	3 00	"
975	"	Jacob Grimm	3 00	"
980	"	Chas. Morrison.....	3 00	"
983	"	Thos. W. Fiscus.....	3 00	"
984	"	James Wilson.....	3 00	"
990	"	N. W. Renonals.....	3 00	"
993	"	E. H. Balliff	3 00	"
998	"	H. Greenwalt	3 00	"
1002	"	J. Wisemann.....	3 00	"
1003	"	J. A. Giffir.....	3 00	"
875	"	Chas. Wreidt	3 00	"
870	"	O. Butler	3 00	"
867	"	A. D. Shaw	3 00	"
866	"	Geo. Sweetser.....	3 00	"
865	"	McGuire.....	3 00	"
864	"	Rev. D. Stevenson. ...	3 00	"
863	"	Lewis Deitz.....	3 00	"
862	"	J. A. Moore.....	3 00	"
861	"	Ingram Fletcher.....	3 00	"
859	"	F. Beal	3 00	"
889	"	Jacob T. Wright.....	3 00	"
888	"	J. T. Cannon.....	3 00	"
886	"	George Yandes	3 00	"
884	"	A. D. Wood.....	3 00	"
882	"	B. C. Wright.....	3 00	"
879	"	R. L. Talbott.....	3 00	"
891	"	E. R. Clarke.....	3 00	"
Amount carried forward.....				

No.	DATE WHEN ALLOWED.	TO WHOM ISSUED.	AMOUNT.	WHAT FOR.
		Am't bro't forward,		
897	Sept. 21, 1863.....	G. Wright.....	3 00	Specific.
898	"	C. W. Marshall.....	3 00	"
885	"	E. D. Merriman.....	3 00	"
3694	Oct'r 12, 1864.....	John Caven	500 00	War Fund.
3692	"	John Caven	500 00	"
3689	"	John Caven.....	500 00	"
3688	"	John Caven.....	500 00	"
3686	"	John Caven.....	500 00	"
3585	"	John Caven.....	500 00	"
17	"	M. M. Landis.....	20 00	"
Total.....				

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

By Dr. Jameson, from Committee on Printing and Stationery :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 3, 1865.

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

Your Committee would respectfully report the following accounts, with the accompanying ordinance :

Accounts of Holloway, Douglass & Co., amounting to \$1,253 25.
 Accounts of E. J. Metzger, amounting to \$70 15.

P. H. JAMESON, *Chairman.*

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the City Printer.

Which, on motion, were referred back to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

By Dr. Jameson, from Committee on Printing and Stationery :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 3, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the instructions of the Common Council, the Committee on Printing would respectfully report; that the cost of printing the proceedings, as reading matter, in the *Daily Journal*, will be twenty dollars per meeting, which will amount, in the aggregate, to a sum between eleven and twelve hundred dollars per annum. The cost of printing the same in pamphlet form, as at present, is two dollars for each page, the aggregate amount per annum being estimated at about the same as it would be with the proposed change. The Committee would respectfully ask for instructions as to your preferences.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. H. JAMESON.
 WM. BOAZ,
 CHAS. GLAZIER,

} *Committee.*

By Mr. Brown—Motion :

That the Committee on Printing and Stationery be instructed to dispense with the printing of the proceedings of the Council in pamphlet form, and to contract with the Journal Company for the publication of the same as

reading matter in the Daily Indianapolis-Journal, at a cost not exceeding \$20 for each meeting, and to furnish 30 copies of the Daily Journal containing such proceedings, for the use of the Council.

The ayes and noes being demanded on the adoption of the motion, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn and Seidensticker—3.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—12.

So the motion was not adopted.

By Mr. Seidensticker, from Committee on Revision of Ordinances.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 3, 1865.

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

The Committee on Revision of Ordinances, to whom the hack ordinance and the petition of hackmen and citizens in reference to the same was referred, respectfully ask for instructions whether the petition is to be complied with in the amendment of said ordinance or not?

AD. SEIDENSTICKER,	} <i>Committee.</i>
S. A. COLLEY,	
P. H. JAMESON,	

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Committee were instructed to reject the prayer of the petitioners.

From the Civil Engineer—Report:

INDIANAPOLIS, July 3, 1865.

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

The Civil Engineer reports to the Council:

1st. That Daniel Mahoney has completed the contract for grading and graveling Norwood street, sidewalks, and grading and coating the street with coal cinders, between the Bluff road and Illinois street. An estimate is herewith reported for the same.

2d. Bennett Brooks, the contractor for building foot bridge over the western arm of the canal, near Geisendorff's woolen factory, has completed the same according to contract, and there is due him for the same the sum of two hundred and twenty dollars, that amount being the contract price.

3d. William H. Tuttle, the contractor for building foot bridge over Pogue's Run, at its intersection with New Jersey street, has completed the same according to contract, and there is due him the sum of two hundred and fifteen dollars, that amount being the contract price.

4th. Sundry proposals for the improvement of streets advertised to be received July 3, 1865.

Respectfully,
JAMES WOOD, *Civil Engineer.*

By Mr. Brown:

Resolved, That the first and final estimate allowed Daniel Mahoney, for grading and graveling the sidewalks on Norwood street, and coating the street with coal cinders, between the Bluff Road and Illinois street, be, and

is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and the property owners are hereby required to pay the sum set opposite their respective names.

The question being shall the resolution pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—14. Noes, none.

So the resolution was adopted.

On motion, the bills of William H. Tuttle and Bennet Brooks were referred to the Committee on Accounts, with instructions to embrace them in the ordinance.

The Civil Engineer also reported sundry bids for public works, which were opened and read.

And on motion of Mr. Brown, were referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

By Mr. Brown :

WHEREAS, The privy at the Union Depot is kept in such condition as to create an intolerable nuisance in the immediate vicinity: Therefore,

Be it resolved, That the Chief of Police is hereby directed to notify the Superintendent of the Union Depot to abate such nuisance by causing such privy to be kept cleaned by means of a force-pump, forcing a stream of water constantly through such privy into a sewer to be constructed so as to have the lower end thereof enter Pogue's Run below the lowest water mark.

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to furnish the Chief of Police with a copy of this resolution.

The question being, shall the resolution pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—14. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

By Mr. Kappes :

Resolved, That the publishing of special notices to contractors in the German papers be dispensed with.

The question being, on the adoption of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Seidensticker and Staub—10.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Allen, Colley, Loomis and Thompson—4

So the resolution was adopted.

By Mr. Loomis :

WHEREAS, Brig. Gen. Henry B. Carrington is about to depart from this State, where, for nearly three years, he has been laboring with signal industry, wisdom and success in organizing and disciplining our volunteers and State militia, and in undermining and exposing the conspiracies of disloyal secret societies at the West; and whereas, we hold him in the highest estimation for his many valuable services, and especially for his uniform and unselfish devotion to duty, his unvarying courtesy, and his personal character and moral worth; therefore,

Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis. That our thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to Brig. General Henry B. Carrington for his services to us, the State, and the Nation, while he has been stationed in Indiana.

Resolved, That we appreciate his services, in their various relations, as no less valuable than battles won in the field, as to his prudence and firmness we are largely indebted for the immunity of our own State and other Western States from invasion and civil war, and for securing to our troops in the field the freedom to return, without danger, to the homes they left behind them.

Resolved, That we extend to Gen. Carrington our best wishes for his success and welfare, with the hope that he may receive that prompt advancement in his profession which his distinguished services so justly merit.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the city papers, and also be transmitted to Gen. Carrington and to the President of the United States.

Mr. Brown moved to lay the resolutions on the table.

The ayes and noes were called for on the motion to lay on the table.

The question being on laying the resolutions on the table, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes and Seidensticker—6.

Those who voted in the negative were Allen Boaz, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Loomis, Staub and Thompson—8.

So the motion to lie on the table was not adopted.

Dr. Jameson moved to amend by striking out that part of the preamble relating to the "organizing and disciplining our volunteers and State Malitia."

Pending which amendment, Mr. Colley moved the previous question.

The question being, shall the main question be now put? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Alien, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—14. Noes, none.

The question then being on the adoption of the amendment offered by Dr. Jameson, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Jameson, Kappes, Seidensticker and Staub—9.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Colley, Glazier, Grosvenor, Loomis and Thompson—5.

So the amendment was adopted.

The question then being on the adoption of the resolution as amended, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis and Staub—10.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Grosvenor and Seidensticker—2.

So the resolutions were passed.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

Present at roll call on adjournment: Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Seidensticker and Staub—12.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.