

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2D, 1866, 7 O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in adjourned session.

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

Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, Staub and Thompson—11.

Absent—Councilmen Coburn, Colley, Fletcher, Lefever, Loomis, Schmidt and Seidensticker—7.

His Honor, the Mayor, announced that the first business in order was the adoption of some sanitary regulation.

With the unanimous consent of the Council, Councilman Brown read the provisions of the new City Charter giving to the Common Council additional powers to enforce sanitary laws and regulations within the city and its suburbs.

Dr. P. H. Jameson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee consisting of the City Attorney and the Committee on Streets and Alleys, be directed to draft an ordinance providing for the abatement of nuisances at the expense of the property holders.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Em-

erson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, Staub and Thompson—11. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

Mr. Brown offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Council, the Street Commissioner and his deputy, under the joint direction of the Board of Health and a proper Committee of the Council, are the proper persons to enforce the ordinance, when adopted, regulating the cleaning of streets, alleys, premises of inhabitants, and for removing the offal, &c., from the city, and that all such offal, &c., ought to be sold and the proceeds paid into the city treasury, as a special fund for keeping the streets cleaned,

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, Staub and Thompson—11. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

Mr. Boaz offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, In the opinion of this Council it is apprehended that the disease of hydrophobia is in danger of becoming prevalent in the city; therefore,

Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That the Mayor of this city is hereby directed to issue his proclamation ordering and requiring all persons, owning or harboring any animal of the dog kind, to confine the same by good and sufficient means to the house, out-house, or yard, where such person may reside, for a term of not less than sixty days ensuing the date of such proclamation, and that the Committee on Revision of Ordinances report an amendatory ordinance, giving the Marshal and Policemen power to kill all dogs found running at large.

Mr. Emerson moved to lay the resolution upon the table.

The question being on laying the resolution on the table, the ayes and noes were called for.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, MacArthur, Staub and Thompson—6.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Jameson and Kappes—5.

So the resolution was laid upon the table.

By Mr. Grosvenor—Communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, February 2, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN :—The City Hospital is not occupied at the present time, and I propose to your honorable body to procure at once the Sisters of the Good Shepherd to open there a House of Refuge, or Female City Prison, until the new building can be finished. His Honor, the Mayor, has in his possession

letters and statistics from the Mayor of the City of Cincinnati, showing that there it is made by the Sisters a self-supporting institution, and advising him to adopt the same plan.

Should you, however, gentlemen, have other use for the City Hospital Buildings, at the suggestion often made to me by Mr. Fletcher, the donor of the land for the House of Refuge, and also by an old and influential member of your body, I will ask of you on what terms and conditions you would be willing to make to the Sisters a good deed, in fee simple, of the land donated by Mr. Fletcher, and improvements thereon, and if such terms and conditions appear to the Sisters and to me sufficiently liberal to enable us to get through, I will bind myself to complete the building the ensuing summer, and receive inmates by the 1st of November, 1866. This, I know, will meet the approbation of the donor of the land, who will contribute towards completing the building; and as there is but little hope that anything can be done soon to procure a House of Refuge, except by one of the two ways hereby proposed, it is confidently hoped by the undersigned, and by thousands of our citizens, that your honorable body will adopt one of those propositions, and the petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

AUG. BESSONIES.

Which, on motion of Mr. Grosvener, was referred to the Committee on Benevolence.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the Council adjourned.

Present at roll-call on adjournment: Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, Staub and Thompson—11.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

ATTEST :

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.