

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
MONDAY, JUNE 18TH, 1866, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

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

Councilmen Allen, Brown, Colley, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, MacArthur, McNabb, Seidensticker and Thompson—11.

Absent—Councilmen Coburn, Emerson, Fletcher, Loomis, Schmidt and Staub—6.

CHARLES KEMKER, Esq., Councilman elect from the Sixth Ward, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of William Boaz, Esq., having filed his certificate of election and oath of office with the City Clerk, in compliance with the provisions of the City Charter, in such cases made and provided, appeared and took his seat as a member of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis.

The proceedings of the regular sessions held June 4th and 11th, 1866, were read and approved.

By Mr. MacArthur—Petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 18, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned would most respectfully petition your honorable body to grant the refunding of the sum of \$4.62 cents, being the sur-

plus amount received by the Marshal in the sale of an estray hog, belonging to me, at the last sale of impounded animals, and your petitioner will ever pray, &c.

NICHOLAS ROACH,
Per Jno. B. MACARTHUR.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Finance Committee.

By Dr. Thompson—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 15, 1866.

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

Your petitioners represent that they are property holders of the real estate on the west side of Meridian street, between North and St. Clair streets; that an ordinance has been passed and an advertisement made for letting of the work, for grading and graveling said street between North and St. Clair streets, that no stakes have been set as indicating the amount of grading and graveling to be done, and as the bids for the work are to specify the cost per lineal foot on each side of said street, no person can form an estimate of the probable cost of said work, wherefore, your petitioners pray that no contracts or lettings for said work be made until the proper officer shall set the stakes and indicate in a proper manner the nature and extent of the work to be done under said ordinance.

William P. Fishback,
J. H. Baldwin,
J. W. Copeland,

J. J. Hayden,
G. P. Tuttle,
W. C. Holmes.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 15, 1866.

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

Your petitioners represent that they are property holders of the real estate on North Meridian street, between St. Clair and the Corporation line north; that an ordinance has been passed, and an advertisement made, for letting of the work for grading and graveling said street, between St. Clair and the Corporation line, that no stakes have been set as indicating the amount of grading and graveling to be done, and as the bids for the work are to specify the cost per lineal foot on each side of said street, no person can form an estimate of the probable cost of said work, wherefore, your petitioners pray that no contracts or lettings for said work be made until the proper officer shall set the stakes and indicate in the proper manner the nature and extent of the work to be done under said ordinance.

Mrs. Mary J. Craighead,
John H. Ohr,
J. H. Baldwin,

Jesse D. Carmichael,
William Sullivan,
And 8 others.

Which, on motion, were referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

By Mr. Grosvenor—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 18, 1866.

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

I, the undersigned, would respectfully ask your honorable body to grant me permission to grade and pave with brick the sidewalk in front of my property on Meridian street, at the corner of St. Clair and Meridian streets.

Respectfully,

GEO. TOUSEY.

On motion of Mr. Grosvenor, the prayer of the petitioner was granted.

By Mr. Kappes—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 18, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, property owners on Delaware street, north, respectfully petition your honorable body for the privilege to pave the sidewalk in front of their premises with brick, under the direction of the Civil Engineer.

Respectfully,

John Weis,
James Trueblood,
Horace Parrott

On motion of Mr. Kappes, the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

By Mr. Brown—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 18, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned respectfully represent that they are ready to commence the work of bowldering West Washington street, under the contract awarded them, but that they have been notified by officers of the Street Railway Company that the Company will not bowlder the part of said street which the ordinance provides shall be done by them. They further represent that it will be impossible to protect their work in a proper manner unless the Railway Company do the bowldering required of them, because there will be no support to the bowldering on either side of the railway track.

Your petitioners respectfully petition your honorable body to take such action in the premises as may enable the undersigned to proceed with the work contracted for by them. Respectfully,

WHITSIT & HUBBARD.

Which, on motion, was referred to the City Attorney.

Mr. MacArthur moved—

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair the bridge across the Canal, on Indiana Avenue, forthwith.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Glazier moved—

That the Street Commissioner be directed to place a bridge across the gutters on Wyoming street, on the north side, at the crossing of the second alley east of Delaware street.

Which motion was adopted.

By Dr. Jameson :

Resolved, That the action of the City Auditor in issuing to Wm. H. Craft, City Treasurer, by order of the Finance Committee, orders to the amount of three thousand dollars, dated May 8, 1866, for interest paid to S. A. Fletcher & Co. on loan; and also in issuing orders to the amount of forty-five dollars to James Smith, May 16, 1866, for the payment of interest due on Bonds, and his action is hereby approved by this Council.

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

Colley, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Kemker, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker and Thompson—14. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

Mr. Allen introduced the following ordinance :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the use of the Fire Department.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,* That the sum of five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to Charles Richmann, Chief Fire Engineer, for the purpose of purchasing forage and other things needed for the use of the Fire Department.

SEC. 2. The City Auditor is hereby directed to issue warrants on the City Treasury, in favor of Charles Richmann, for the above named amount.

SEC. 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Ordained and established this 18th day of June, 1866.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*

Which was read the first time by its title, and, on motion, was read the second time.

Mr. Allen then moved that the rules be suspended and the ordinance read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being on the suspension of the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Fletcher, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Kemker, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Seidensticker and Thompson—14. Noes, none.

So the rules were suspended and the ordinance read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Kemker, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Seidensticker and Thompson—15. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Loomis introduced special ordinance No. 69—1866, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of Merrill street and sidewalks, between East street and Virginia Avenue,

Which was read the first time by its title, and, on motion was read the second time.

Dr. Jameson, chairman Finance Commmittee introduced the following ordinance, to wit:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the compensation of City Officers, and officers and members of the Police Force and Fire Department, for the fiscal year ending May 15, 1867.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,* That the annual compensation of the following named Officers for the fiscal year ending May 15th, 1867, be as follows:

- The Mayor, one thousand dollars.
- The Clerk, one thousand five hundred dollars, out of which amount he is to pay his Deputy and Clerk hire.
- The Marshal, five hundred dollars.
- The Deputy Marshal, five hundred dollars.
- The Street Commissioner, twelve hundred dollars.
- The Civil Engineer, two thousand dollars.
- The Assessor, one thousand dollars.
- The Attorney, five hundred dollars.
- The Sexton of the Grave Yard, eighty dollars.
- The Winder of the Town Clock, one hundred dollars.
- The Market Master, four hundred and fifty dollars.

Sec. 2. The sum of ten thousand seven hundred and fifty-two dollars is hereby appropriated to pay the salaries provided for in the first section of this ordinance, and the Auditor is authorized to draw his warrant on the Treasurer, in payment of such salaries, in favor of the persons entitled to receive the same at the end of each quarter, at the rate fixed by the first section of this ordinance, charging the same to the account of "Officers' Salaries;" and the City Auditor is hereby expressly prohibited from overdrawing the amount thus appropriated between the 15th day of May, 1866, and the 15th day of May, 1867, unless authorized to do so by a special ordinance of the Common Council.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer shall be entitled to receive two per cent. upon all current taxes he may collect during the fiscal year ending May 15th, 1867, and five per cent. on all collections of delinquent taxes made by him during the same fiscal year, on real estate, personal property and poll tax, but on all sums collected by him by distraint and sale on personal property and poll tax, he shall be allowed the sum of ten per cent. additional to the five per cent. above named, out of which percentage he shall pay his Deputy and Clerk hire. Such percentage shall be paid by the City Auditor drawing his warrant, at the end of each settlement, upon the filing in his office a sworn statement of the amount claimed, which statement shall have, in addition, endorsed thereon, the approval of the members of the Finance Committee of the Common Council. It shall be the duty of such Committee to first examine the books and settlement sheets of the Treasurer before giving such approval.

Sec. 4. The officers and members of the Police Force shall receive the following compensation during the fiscal year ending May 15th, 1867:

The Chief of Police, one thousand five hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly, as other City Officers are paid.

The Lieutenants of the Police Force, three dollars per day for each day actually employed.

The Day and Night Patrolmen of the Police Force, two dollars and fifty cents per day each, for each day actually employed.

Sec. 5. The officers and members of the Fire Department, shall receive the following compensation during the fiscal year ending May 15th, 1867:

The Chief Fire Engineer, one thousand two hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly, as other City Officers are paid.

The Engineers in charge of each Steam Fire Engine, one hundred dollars per month, payable monthly, upon the certificate of the Chief Fire Engineer to the pay-roll of the Fire Department.

Each Driver and Fireman of the Companies of the Fire Department, two dollars and fifty cents per day for each day actually employed, payable monthly, on the certificate of the Chief Fire Engineer to the pay-roll of the Fire Department.

Each Hoseman, one hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly, upon the certificate of the Chief Fire Engineer to the pay-roll of the Fire Department.

Each Watchman on the Central Alarm Tower, two dollars and seventy-five cents per day for each day actually employed, payable monthly, upon the certificate of the Chief Fire Engineer to the pay-roll of the Fire Department.

Sec. 7. The Councilmen shall, during the fiscal year ending May 15th, 1867, receive two dollars for each and every session, regular or special, of the Common Council which they may attend, payable quarterly; and the City Auditor is authorized to draw his warrant on the City Treasurer, upon the certificate of the City Clerk certifying to him the number of meetings each Councilman has been present, and said Clerk is hereby directed to file said certificates with the Auditor on the first days of August, November, February and May after the passage of this ordinance.

Sec. 8. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

Ordained and established this — day of —, 1866.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Allen moved to amend by inserting "fifteen hundred dollars," as the Street Commissioner's salary instead of "twelve hundred dollars."

Which amendment was adopted.

Mr. Seidensticker moved—

To amend the Ordinance on Salaries, by inserting the clause in last year's ordinance on appropriations, prohibiting an increase of salaries during the year, be inserted.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. MacArthur the ordinance was then laid on the table and made the special order of business for next regular meeting.

On motion of Mr. Coburn the sealed proposals for public works were received and referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

On motion of Mr. MacArthur, the Council adjourned.

Present at roll-call on adjournment: Councilmen Allen, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Kemper, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Seidensticker and Thompson—15.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.