

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
MONDAY, JULY 24TH, 1866, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Councilmen Allen, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Fletcher, Grosvenor, Kappes, Loomis, McNabb, Seidensticker and Staub—11.

Absent—Councilmen Colley, Glazier, Jameson, Kemker, MacArthur, Schmidt and Thompson—7.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the order of business was resumed in the order in which it was left off at the last meeting of Council, *i. e.* at "Ordinances on their third reading."

Mr. Fletcher called up special ordinance No. 74—1866, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading the first alley south of North street running east and west between the alley running north and south through square Eight and Mississippi street,

Which was 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, Emerson,

Fletcher, Grosvenor, Kappes, Loomis, McNabb, Seidensticker and Staub—11. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Brown called up the following entitled ordinance, to-wit :

AN ORDINANCE amendatory of an ordinance, entitled "An ordinance prescribing rules and regulations for the government of the City Council, its officers, and officers connected with the City government," passed June 12, 1865,

Which, on motion, was referred to a Select Committee of three.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed as such committee Councilmen Brown, Jameson and Seidensticker.

Mr. Loomis called up special ordinance No. 70—1866, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling Waters street and sidewalks, between McCarty and Stevens streets,

Which was 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, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Kemker, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—15. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Brown called up special ordinance No. 75—1866, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE providing for the construction of a sewer and drains with catch-basins at the corners of intersecting streets, and at intersecting alleys, on Illinois street, between the south side of Market street and the south side of Maryland street.

And moved to amend by striking out the words, "a Civil Engineer to be hereafter appointed by the Common Council for that purpose," in the third and fourth lines of the second section, and insert in lieu thereof, the following words, "City Civil Engineer."

Which amendment was adopted.

Dr. Thompson moved that the ordinance be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the Board of Public Improvements, the Committee on Streets and Alleys, the City Civil Engineer, and the City Attorney.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Brown moved that special ordinances numbered respectively 76—1866, and 77—1866, on the same subject, be taken up and referred to the same committee.

Which motion was adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. MacArthur offered the following motion :

That the Committee on Streets and Alleys be instructed to report an ordinance providing for the painting of the names of all the streets of the city in the most practical manner, said names to be placed on the corners of each street.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. MacArthur moved—

That the City Auditor be instructed to advertise for proposals for the white-washing of the West Market House and the fence around the same.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Brown moved—

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to open the gutters on the street on the south Corporation line, between Union street and the Madison and Indianapolis Railroad, so as to drain the water that accumulates at the foot of Union street.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. McNabb moved—

That the Street Commissioner remove the pump off the sidewalk in front of Rockwell's Dining Saloon, on Louisiana street.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Coburn moved—

That the Civil Engineer furnish the City Auditor with plans and specifications for the bridge over Pogue's Run, on Liberty street, so he can advertise for proposals to do the same.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Coburn moved—

That the City Attorney be directed to inquire whether, under the present contracts of the Gas Company, requires that they shall furnish service pipes without cost for the city lamp-posts.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Brown moved—

That the Board of Public Improvements be instructed to issue such instructions to the Street Commissioner as will secure to the public the free use of all pumps located on sidewalks in front of private property. Also, to enforce the rule requiring sinks to be made near all such pumps.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Emerson introduced special ordinance No. 80—1866, entitled :
AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling New York street, between the west side of West street and the west side of Blackford street,

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

Mr. Emerson introduced special ordinance No. 81—1866, entitled :
AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of Blackford street and sidewalks, between New York and Market streets,

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

Mr. Brown introduced special ordinance No. 82—1866, entitled :
AN ORDINANCE to provide for furnishing and erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Pennsylvania street and Madison Avenue between South street and McCarty street,

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

By Mr. Allen, from Committee on Fire Department :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 24, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Fire Department, to whom was referred the report of the Chief Fire Engineer in regard to the purchase of hose for use of the Fire Department, have examined the same, together with the bills presented, and find them correct, and herewith present an ordinance appropriating money to pay said bills.

WILLIAM ALLEN,
J. A. GROSVENOR, } Committee.
HENRY COBURN, }

On motion the report was received.

Also, 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 two thousand and five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to Charles Richmann, Chief Fire Engineer, to pay the amount due to the New York Belting and Packing Company for one thousand feet of gum hose and pipes, and for other articles needed for the use of the Fire Department.

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

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

Ordnained and established this 24th day of July, 1866.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, City Clerk.

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

Mr. Allen 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, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Kemker, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—15. 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, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Kemker, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—15. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

The City Clerk reported the official bond of Joshua Staples, Jr., as City Civil Engineer, elect, in the penal sum of \$1,500.00, with E. J. Peck and W. N. Jackson as securities.

Which, on motion, was accepted and approved.

From the City Civil Engineer :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 24, 1866.

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

I hereby propose the following person, Chas. J. M. Koster, for the position of Deputy or Assistant Engineer, he being recommended to me as a person well qualified to fill the situation. Yours, most obediently,

JOSHUA STAPLES, JR., *Civil Engineer.*

The appointment of Mr. Koster was confirmed by the following vote :

The question being on the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. Koster, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Kemker, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—16. Noes, none.

From the City Civil Engineer :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 24, 1866.

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

I have to-day been handed a number of estimates, made by Mr. Wood, the former Engineer of this city, requiring my signature. The time allowed me has not

been sufficient to re-estimate them. I have no doubt they are correct. I therefore return them, asking your advice whether or not I shall sign them.

Respectfully, JOSHUA STAPLES, JR., *Civil Engineer.*

On motion of Mr. Brown, the report was received and the City Civil Engineer authorized and directed to sign all estimates on file for work done and measured up by the former Engineer.

From the City Civil Engineer—Report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 24, 1866.

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

The Civil Engineer would respectfully report that the following named contractors have completed their work according to contract, and final estimates are herewith submitted for your approval.

C. E. Whitsit, for paving the west sidewalk on Pennsylvania street, between North street and the Corporation line north.

Samuel Patterson, for grading and graveling Vermont street and sidewalks, between Meridian and Alabama streets.

O'Conner & Dorsey, for grading and graveling Liberty street and sidewalks, between North street and Massachusetts Avenue.

James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the continuation of Duncan street through out-lots 19 and 22.

John Schier, for grading and graveling Merrill street and sidewalks, between Pennsylvania and East streets.

Messrs. Dunn & Karney for furnishing and erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Alabama street, between New York and North streets.

JOSHUA STAPLES, JR., *Civil Engineer.*

Resolved, That the first and final estimate allowed C. E. Whitsit for grading and paving the sidewalk on the west side of Pennsylvania street, between North street and the Corporation line north, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Kemker, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Seibensticker, Staub and Thompson—16. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

Resolved, That the first and final estimate allowed Samuel Patterson for grading and graveling Vermont street and sidewalks, between Meridian and Alabama sts., be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the passage of the resolution those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Kemker, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—16. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

Resolved, That the first and final estimate allowed Messrs. O'Conner & Dorsey, for grading and graveling Liberty street and sidewalks, between North street and Massachusetts Avenue, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Kemker, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—16. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

Resolved, That the first and final estimate allowed James Mahoney for grading and graveling the continuation of Duncan street and sidewalks, through out-lots 19 and 22, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the passage of the resolution those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Kemker, Loomis, McArthur, McNabb, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—16 Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

Resolved, That the first and final estimate allowed John Schier for grading and graveling Merrill street and sidewalks, between Pennsylvania and East streets, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Kemker, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—16. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

On motion the estimate reported by the Civil Engineer in favor of Dunn and Karney for erecting lamps-posts, lamps and fixtures on Alabama street, between New York and North streets, was referred to the City Attorney.

From the City Treasurer—Report:

OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER,
Indianapolis, July 24, 1866. }

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

The City Treasurer herewith submits the following report of Receipts and Disbursements for the month ending July 10th, 1866:

RECEIPTS.

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| Balance from last report | \$5,182 27 |
| Delinquent tax collected | 3,084 41 |
| Licenses | 341 75 |
| Fines for May and June | 1,342 21 |
| Total receipts and balance | \$9,950 64 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Interest on Bonds | \$690 00 |
| Fire Department | 550 00 |
| War Fund | 515 00 |
| Salary | 420 54 |
| Police | 341 30 |
| Lighting and Extinguishing Lamps | 290 70 |
| Tax Refunded | 276 25 |
| Government Tax on Gas | 95 94 |
| Street Repairs | 50 00 |
| Street Improvements | 30 00 |
| Specific | 4 50 |
| Balance to next report | \$3,264 23 |
| | \$6,686 41 |
| | \$9,950 64 |

Respectfully,

WM. H. CRAFT, *City Treasurer.*

Which, on motion, was accepted and approved.

From the City Clerk—Report:

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK,
Indianapolis, July 23, 1866. }

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

The City Clerk would respectfully report that affidavits have been filed for the collection of street assessments by precept as follows to-wit:

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| Michael O'Connor, for O'Connor & Dorsey v. Emeline Robinson | \$25 20 |
| Michael O'Connor, for O'Connor & Dorsey v. McKernan & Pierce, for | 25 20 |
| Michael O'Connor, for O'Connor & Dorsey v. McKernan & Pierce, for | 25 20 |
| Michael O'Connor, for O'Connor & Dorsey v. Hiram Bland, for | 25 20 |
| Michael O'Connor, for O'Connor & Dorsey v. Hiram Bland, for | 25 20 |
| Michael O'Connor, for O'Connor & Dorsey v. M. S. & J. Coffman, for | 79 73 |
| Michael O'Connor, for O'Connor & Dorsey v. Mary A. Gillmore, for | 378 73 |
| Michael O'Connor, for O'Connor & Dorsey v. M. Conner, for | 79 73 |
| Michael O'Connor, for O'Connor & Dorsey v. M. Gimble, for | 139 19 |
| Michael O'Connor, for O'Connor & Dorsey v. J. R. Cully, for | 79 73 |
| James Stewart v. J. R. McCormick | 61 06 |
| Cogill, Smock & Cogill v. Samuel Dunlop | 256 91 |
| James Stewart v. George Black | 39 28 |

And would respectfully recommend that you order precepts to issue.

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*

On motion the report was concurred in, and the City Clerk directed to issue the precepts.

Dr. Jameson called up the following entitled ordinance, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE supplementary to an ordinance, entitled "An ordinance prescribing the duties of City Auditor and such other officers as are affected by the creation of that office, and regulating other matters connected therewith,

Which, on motion, was ordered to be printed in pamphlet form.

Mr. Seidensticker moved—

That the Finance Committee be instructed to report an amendment to the Salary Ordinance, so as to provide therein for a salary to the Assistant Engineer.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion of Dr. Thompson, the Council adjourned.

Present at roll-call on adjournment, Councilmen Allen, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Kemker, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—16.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*