

# PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—JUNE 28, 1886.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, June 28th, A. D. 1886, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Thomas E. Endly, President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, and Wright—9.

ABSENT, 1—viz: Alderman Prier.

## MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following special message was read, and the action of the Common Council concurred in:

To the President and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—The Common Council, in adjourned session held in the Council Chamber Wednesday evening April 7th, 1886, adopted the following motion, to-wit: "That the lamp-post just east of Ellsworth street on New York street be moved west to the corner of New York and Ellsworth streets, so as to light both of the streets."

For the Common Council:

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

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 at its adjourned session held June 21st, 1886.

For the Common Council:

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

The reports from His Honor, the Mayor, (see page 543, *ante*), were read and approved.

The report from the City Civil Engineer (accompanied with estimates—see pages 545 and 546, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The following estimate resolution (see page 546, *ante*), was read:

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*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Fulmer & Seibert, for grading and graveling the roadway of Illinois (or Chicago) street, from Morris street to Wisconsin street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut,<sup>2</sup> Pritchard, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 546, *ante*), was read:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Joseph Bernauer for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Grove street, from Virginia avenue to Dillon street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Pritchard, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 546, *ante*), was read:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Richter & Twiname, for grading, curbing with stone and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Fifth street, from Illinois street to Meridian street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Pritchard, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 547, *ante*), was read:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Richter & Twiname, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Broadway street, from Eighth street to Ninth street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Pritchard, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The report from the City Civil Engineer, submitting certain contracts and bonds (see page 547, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The communication from the City Sexton (see page 547, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The report from the City Attorney (see page 548, *ante*), was read and received.

The report from the Board of Public Improvements (see pages 548 and 549, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The report from the Committee on Contracts, awarding sundry contracts (see pages 541, 542 and 543, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The second clause of the report from the Building Committee (see page 553, *ante*), was read and concurrently adopted.

The fourth clause of the report from the Committee on Public Light (see page 551, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The report from the Committee on Finance (see page 551, *ante*), was read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts and Claims.

The following report and resolution from the Committee on Streets and Alleys (see pages 551 and 552, *ante*), were read and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, and Sewers & Drainage:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of Margaret R. McCarty Harrison, and others, for the vacation of the first alley north of Ray street, from West street to the first alley east of Missouri street, recommend the prayers of the petitioners be granted, and that the accompanying resolution relative thereto, be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Dunn,  
Julius F. Reinecke,  
John H. Herig,  
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

*Resolved,* That the petition of Margaret R. McCarty Harrison, John C. S. Harrison, and others, for the vacation of the first alley north of Ray street, from West street to the first alley east of Missouri street, together with the plats, be referred to the City Commissioners with instructions to assess benefits and damages, and to make due report. The said Commissioners are instructed to return, as a part of

their report, all petitions, plats and notices. The City Clerk is hereby directed to issue, and the Superintendent of Police to serve, the proper notices upon the Commissioners, and the petitioners are hereby required to serve the proper notices upon all interested parties as may be designated by the City Commissioners.

The report from the Committee on Water (see page 552, *ante*), was read and referred to the Committee on Water and Public Health.

The following resolution was read:

*Resolved*, That the owners of the following described real estate, to-wit: Lots 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, in Martindale & Stiltz's addition to the city of Indianapolis, which lots front west on south East street and lay immediately south of Morris street, in said city of Indianapolis, be, and they are hereby required to fill or drain the same, as, in the opinion of this Council, there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant or noxious as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and of the inhabitants thereof, and that the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby required to notify the owners thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 28, 1866, entitled: "An ordinance providing for the drainage and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same." and that in case of the failure of the owners thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceeded to fill or drain the said hole or excavation as provided in said ordinance, *Provided*, That the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the value of the aforesaid Real Estate, as assessed upon the tax duplicate for city purposes.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The petition from the Official Board of the Blackford Street M. E. Church (see page 556, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The application of McCurdy & Jenison, for an Auctioneers' License, (see page 562, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The petition of Wm. H. Fuehring, to erect a water pipe and stand on Market street (see page 562, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The following motion (see page 555, *ante*). was read and referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage:

That the Street Commissioner and City Engineer be instructed to lower the sidewalk crossing Indiana avenue on California street, or put in culvert.

The following motion (see page 557, *ante*), was read:

That the Mayor and Chairman of the Building Committee of the Council and President of the Board of Aldermen be, and they are hereby appointed as a permanent committee to fix the price for and rent Tomlinson's Hall in the future. *Provided*, That the hall shall not be let at any time free of charge.

Alderman King moved to amend by striking out the words "and Chairman of the Building Committee of the Council," and to insert in lieu thereof the words "City Clerk."

Alderman Pritchard moved to refer the motion to a Special Committee.

Alderman King moved to lay that motion on the table.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 5—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, Rail, and Schmidt.

NAYS, 4—viz: Aldermen Brown, Pritchard, Wright, and President Endly.

Alderman Pritchard moved as a substitute for the amendment offered by Alderman King, that the City Clerk be added to the committee.

Which was, on motion by Alderman King, laid on the table, by the following vote:

AYES, 5—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, Rail, and Schmidt.

NAYS, 4—viz: Aldermen Brown, Pritchard, Wright, and President Endly.

The amendment as offered by Alderman King, was then adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 7—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS, 1—viz: Alderman Pritchard.

The following motions (see pages 555, 556, 557 and 560, *ante*), were read and concurrently adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to put up signs at the foot of Mayhew street, forbidding parties from dumping garbage, making it a fine for doing same.

That the Union Railway Company be and are hereby instructed to repair their crossings on the south side of east Washington street at Noble street.

That Stout & Bannister be and are hereby granted the right to lay a bowldered roadway across the side walk of Noble street, west side, south of C. H. & D. Railroad tracks, under the instruction of the City Civil Engineer.

That the Street Commissioner notify the property owners on the west side of Liberty street near the corner of Michigan street to repair the sidewalks in front of their property.

That the Model Clothing Co. be allowed to place a drinking fountain in front of their store on Washington street, subject to approval of the City Civil Engineer.

That C. Duval be permitted to pave the sidewalk in front of her property on West Georgia street, the same to be done at her own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, who is hereby directed to set the necessary grade-stakes.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby directed to notify the citizens on both sides of Alabama, from North to Walnut, to raise the sidewalks to the proper grade, and if said work is not done in thirty days, said work to be done by the Street Commissioner at the expense of said property owners.

That the City Civil Engineer be and is hereby instructed to re-number Hosbrook street, from Cedar to Dillion street, at the expense of the property owners.

That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby instructed to repair the water fountain at the corner of Fletcher avenue and Dillon street.

That the Citizens street Railway Company be and is hereby notified to extend its tracks on College avenue in compliance with resolution passed by this body July 28, 1884, and as per petition herewith.

The following entitled ordinance (passed by the Common Council—see page 554, *ante*), was read the first time:

Ap. O. 35, 1886—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis on account of miscellaneous. (Amount appropriated, \$63,352.90.)

On motion by Alderman Wright, the Rules were suspended for the purpose of placing the above entitled ordinance upon its final passage, by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The ordinance was then read the second time, read the third time and passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The Committee on Contracts and Bridges, through Alderman Wright, submitted the following report:

To the President and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Contracts and Bridges, to whom was referred the proposals for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of John street from Massachusetts avenue to Hanna street, have had the same under consideration and recommend that the Board of Aldermen concur in the action of the Council in awarding the contract for said improvement to J. L. Spaulding.

Respectfully Submitted, G. S. Wright.

Lorenz Schmidt.

Committee on Contracts and Bridges.

And it was concurred in, by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, Laut, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS, 1—viz: Alderman King.

The Committee on Finance, through Alderman Schmidt, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*--Your Committee to whom was referred the annexed report of the City Attorney and order of the Common Council, viz: "That the City Attorney be instructed to offer one hundred dollars to Charles and Mary Bea as payment in full of all claims they may have against the city." Has given the matter due consideration and we recommend its adoption. Respectfully submitted,

Lorenz Schmidt,  
H. W. Laut,  
M. L. Brown,  
Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Public Light, through Alderman King, submitted the following reports; which were concurred in:

*Indianapolis, Ind., June 14, 1886.*

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*--Your Committee on Public Light, to whom was referred Special Ordinance No. 22, 1886, recommend that the ordinance be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac King.  
H. W. Laut.  
Jas. A. Pritchard.  
Committee on Public Light.

*Indianapolis, June 28th, 1886.*

To the President and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*--Your Committee on Public Light to whom was referred Special Ordinance No. 9 and No. 21 recommend that the ordinances be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac King,  
H. W. Laut.  
Jas. A. Pritchard.

On motion by Alderman King, the motion to erect a vapor lamp at the corner of Chesapeake street and the first alley running between Meridian and Illinois streets, was called from the Committee, and concurrently adopted.

The Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage, through Alderman Schmidt, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*--Your Committee to whom was referred S. O. 106, 1883, an ordinance "To provide for grading and paving with brick the sidewalk of Wright street, from Buchanan street to Coburn street," has given the matter due consideration, and we recommend the passage of said ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorenz Schmidt,  
John Rail,  
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

## PENDING ORDINANCES.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, and then read the third time:

S. O. 106, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Wright street, from Buchanan street to Coburn street.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, and then read the third time:

S. O. 9, 1886—An ordinance to provide for the erection of two lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Fourth street, between Illinois and Meridian streets.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, and then read the third time:

S. O. 21, 1886—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Mississippi street, between Garden and Merrill streets.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, and then read the third time:

S. O. 22, 1886—An ordinance to provide for the erection of two lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Willard street, between Merrill and Garden streets.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.



The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, and on motion, it was stricken from the files, by the following vote :

S. O. 37, 1886—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Meridian street, from Seventh to Eighth street.

AYES, 8—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time :

G. O. 24, 1886—An ordinance regulating the manner, and fixing the terms and conditions, on corporations and individuals, for the laying of pipes in the streets and highways of the City of Indianapolis, for the conveyance or supplying of natural or artificial gas to consumers.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

THOMAS E. ENDLY, President.

Attest: JOSEPH T. FANNING, Clerk.