

# PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—NOVEMBER 22, 1886.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, November 22d, A. D. 1886, at 7:30 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, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, and Wright—10.

**ABSENT**—None.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the regular sessions held October 25th and November 8th, 1886, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, said Journals were approved as published.

## MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message was read :

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 regular session held November 8th, 1886.

For the Common Council :

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

The report from the City Clerk, showing orders drawn on the treasury during October, 1886, (see pages 932 and 933, *ante*), was read and received.

The following report from the City Clerk was read :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen*:—I herewith report the following entitled affidavit now on file in my office, for the collection of street improvement assessment by precept, to-wit :

Fulmer & Seibert vs. Charles Fletcher, for.. .....\$149 31

Respectfully submitted, MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

And the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, (see page 934, *ante*), was concurred in, and the precept ordered to issue, by the following vote :

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AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

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 regular session held November 15th, 1886.

For the Common Council:

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

The report from the Committee on Contracts (see pages 947 to 950, inclusive, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The following report from His Honor, the Mayor, (see page 950, *ante*), was read and received :

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 15, 1886.

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—Since the last meeting of the Council, Cas. Byfield, Trustee, has paid the balance in full due on the \$18,000 guarantee given by N. S. Byram, et al., in settlement of the Pattison deficit, said balance amounting to \$10 92—making a total of \$18,143 56 paid on said obligation.

2. I report the amount of fees and fines due the city, collected by me and paid into the City Treasury, for the month of October, as follows:

Marshal's fees.....	\$182 00
Mayor's fees.....	128 50
Fines due city.....	42 20
Total.....	\$852 70

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. DENNY, Mayor.

The report from the City Civil Engineer, accompanied with estimates, (see pages 950 and 951, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The following estimate resolution (see page 951, *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 Fulmer & Seibert, for paving with red cedar blocks, the roadway of Delaware street, from St. Clair street to Seventh 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 10—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 951, *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 R. P. Dunning, for grading and graveling the first alley west of College avenue, from Ninth street to the first alley north of 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, 10—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS--None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 951, *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 J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of Sixth street, from Illinois street to Tennessee street, where not already done, 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, 10—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 952, *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 J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Olive street, from Orange street to Pleasant Run, 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, 10—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The report from the City Civil Engineer, submitting certain contracts and bonds, (see page 952, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The following contract and bond (see page 952, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in :

Contract and bond of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of Washington street, from Bloomington street to Belmont avenue, where not already done

Bond, \$4,000; sureties, James W. Hudson and Robert Kennington.



The report from the Treasurer for the City, showing receipts and disbursements during the month of October, 1886, (see page 953, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance, and Accounts & Claims.

The report from the Street Commissioner, of the receipt of \$30.00 from the Township Trustee, for hauling and delivering chutes to election precincts, (see page 953, *ante*), was read and received.

The report from the City Clerk, submitting the bonds of the City Officers elect, (see page 953, *ante*), was read, and the bonds severally concurrently approved.

The report from the Board of City Commissioners, accompanied with the following resolution, (see pages 955 and 956, *ante*), was read :

*Resolved*, That the report of the City Commissioners in the matter of vacating the first ally north of Ray street, from West street to the first alley east of Missouri street be, and the same is hereby, in all things, accepted, adopted and approved, and in accordance with said report the following ailey, to-wit: The first alley north of Ray street, from West street to the first alley east of Missouri street be, and the same is hereby, vacated.

*Resolved, further*, That the petitioners for said vacation be, and the same are hereby, required to pay to the County Treasurer, for the City, within 20 days from the adoption of this resolution, the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, the benefits assessed, and the sum of thirty-five dollars, the amount of expenses reported by the City Commissioners as taxed in this matter, and the said petitioners are hereby required to procure, and have recorded in the office of the Recorder of Marion County, Indiana, the proper certified copies of proceedings and maps as required by law, at their own expense, and that until said expenses are paid, and said proceedings and maps recorded as aforesaid, said alley shall not be closed or used otherwise than as now.

Which report was concurred in, and the resolution concurrently adopted, by the folowing vote:

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The report from the Committee on Office Fixtures and Supplies, granting the privilege to the City Civil Engineer and Street Commissioner to move their offices into the rooms vacated by the City Treasurer, provided the expense should not exceed fifty dollars, (see page 959, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The report from the Committee on Judiciary, on the petition of Thos. Wren, asking that a final estimate be given him for work done on Tennessee street, between Garden street and McCarty street, in the year 1866, (see pages 959 and 960, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in

The report from the Committee on Public Light (see page 960, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Public Light and Education.

The following resolution (see page 958, *ante*), was read :

*Be it resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the Finance Committee of the two bodies be, and the same are hereby authorized and directed to borrow the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, for the term of six months from December 1st, 1886, (at a rate of interest not exceeding  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. per annum,) with which to pay the principal of the temporary loan of April 1st, 1886, falling due on that date.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The following motion (see page 963, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Public Light and Education:

That two (2) of the Vapor Lights now on Oriental street be removed, and the same be placed on McKim, avenue, under the instruction of the City Civil Engineer.

Later in the session, on motion by Alderman King, the action of the Board, in referring the above motion, was reconsidered, and the motion then concurrently adopted

The following motions (see pages 963 and 964, *ante*), were read, and concurrently adopted :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby instructed to clear up the gutters on Pearl street, from West to California street.

That the Chief Fire Engineer be allowed to refit the old Station-House part of No. 5 Engine-House into a repair shop, for repairing Engines, etc., for the city use.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to open and clean the gutters of Chestnut street, between Madison avenue and Hill street.

That the Street Commissioner is hereby instructed to notify the owners of the Railway on South Tennessee street, to plank between their tracks at their crossings at South and Garden streets, and if not done in ten days, the Street Commissioner to do it at their expense.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby ordered to fill the mud hole at the corner of Laurel and Willow streets, with gravel or broken stone.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the property owners on the north side of Ohio street between Illinois and Tennessee streets, to raise their sidewalk, where needed; work to be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, and at their own expense.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby instructed to notify the property owner No. 292 East Ohio street to at once repair the sidewalk in front of his property, and if not done within ten days, that said work be done by him at the property owner's expense.

The following entitled ordinance (passed by the Common Council) was read the first time :

G. O. 58, 1886—An ordinance to amend Section 2 of G. O. No 36, of 1886, entitled "An ordinance to vacate a portion of Meridian street for Union Railway purposes," &c., ordained June 15, 1886.

#### APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

The following entitled appropriation ordinance (passed by the Common Council) was read the first time :

Ap. O. 64, 1886—An ordinance appropriating the sum of one hundred and two thousand, six hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-seven cents, to pay the temporary loan of April 1st, 1886.

On motion by Alderman Wright, the Rules were suspended for the purpose of placing the above entitled ordinance—Ap. O. 64, 1886—on its final passage, by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

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

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

#### REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Contracts and Bridges, through Alderman Wright, submitted the following report; which was concurred in :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Contracts and Bridges, to whom was referred the bids for grading and graveling State avenue and sidewalks, from Washington street to Michigan street—being the improvement contemplated by S. O. 93, 1886—have carefully examined into the legality of the said S. O. 93, 1886, and are of the opinion that said ordinance was repealed by S. O. 151, 1886, and therefore recommend that the action of the Council in awarding the contract to Robert Kennington & Co., be not concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. Wright,  
H. J. Prier.

Lorenz Schmidt,

Committee on Contracts and Bridges.

The Committee on Public Light and Education, through Alderman King, submitted the following report:

To the President and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Public Light and Education, to whom was referred the following motions:



"That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to instruct 'The Sun Vapor Light Company' to erect four vapor lamps, and light the same, on Central avenue, between the State Ditch and Eleventh street.

"That four vapor lights be erected on south Arsenal avenue, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

"That the Vapor Light Company be instructed to place three vapor lights on Archer street, between Michigan street and Clifford avenue; also, three on Railroad street, between North and St. Clair streets, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

"That 'The Sun Vapor Light Co.' be, and are hereby, directed to erect and light two lamps on Hall Place street, between Seventh and Eighth streets.

"That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to place two vapor lamps on Walnut street, between Mississippi and Fayette streets

"That the Sun Vapor Light Company be, and are hereby, instructed to erect three Sun Vapor Lights on Everett street, between Bloomington and Decatur streets."

Have examined the same, and respectfully report that we recommend that they be concurrently adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Alderman King moved to recall from the Conference Committee appointed by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen the following motions, to which they were referred:

"To erect vapor lamp posts on south East street, between Morris street and Lincoln Lane."

"To erect two vapor lamps on Valley street."

"To erect six lamps on Ludlow Lane."

"To erect four lamps on Wallace street."

"To erect six lamps on the following named streets: Downey street, between Madison avenue and East street; Dunlap street, between Madison avenue and East street; Nebraska street, between Madison avenue and East street; Lincoln Lane, between Madison avenue and East street."

Alderman Wright moved to lay the motion on the table.

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 3—viz: Aldermen Brown, Prier, and Wright.

NAYS, 7—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, and President Endly.

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

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

NAYS, 3—viz: Aldermen Brown, Prier, and Wright.

On motion by Alderman King, the Board receded from their former action of *non*-concurring in the adoption of the motions, by the following vote:

AYES, 7—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, and President Endley.

NAYS, 3—viz: Aldermen Brown, Prier, and Wright.

Alderman King moved to concurrently adopt the motions.

Alderman Brown moved as a substitute for the motion, that the Board reconsider its action in recalling the motions from the Conference Committee.

Which substitute failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 3—viz: Aldermen Brown, Prier, and Wright.

NAYS, 7—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laur, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, and President Endly.

Alderman Pritchard offered the following motion as a substitute for the motion offered by Alderman King:

"That the foregoing report from the Committee on Public Light and Education, together with the motions which were recalled from the Conference Committee, be referred back to the Committee on Public Light and Education."

Which was adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 7—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS, 3—viz: Aldermen King, Laut, and Schmidt.

The Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage, through Alderman Schmidt, submitted the following report:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, &c., to whom was referred the plat of Herman W. Fenneman's subdivision of a part of the west one-half of the northwest quarter of Section 13, in Township 15, north of Range 3 east, bearing date of September 9th, 1886, has carefully examined into the merits of the same, and we recommend its approval, and the passage of the following resolution, as adopted by the Common Council on October 18th, 1886:

"Resolved, That the plat submitted by Herman W. Fenneman and Anna C. Fenneman, of Herman W. Fenneman's subdivision of the part of the west one-half of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 15, north of Range 3 east, in the City of Indianapolis, Marion county, Indiana, dated the 9th day of September, 1886, be, and the same is hereby, in all things approved and adopted as the plat of said subdivision."

Respectfully submitted,

Lorenz Schmidt,  
H. J. Prier,  
John Rail,

Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage.

Which report was concurred in, and the resolution concurrently adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endley.

NAYS—None.

The same Committee submitted following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned Committee, to whom was referred the plat of Ernest H. Koller's subdivision of the following described tract of land, viz: Beginning at a point on the west line of State street 102 feet  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches north of the north



line of Ohio street, running thence north on the west line of State street 354 feet and 4 inches; thence west on the south line of Koller street 501 feet and 3 inches; thence south 355 feet; thence east 35 feet; thence south 102 feet and  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches; thence east on the north line of Ohio street 342 feet; thence north 102 feet  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches; thence east 121 feet  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches to the place of beginning. Said tract of land being divided into 35 lots, numbered from 1 to 35 inclusive, dated the 8th day of October, 1886 — has carefully examined into the merits of the same. We recommend that said plat be *not* approved unless the 12 foot alley north of Ohio street be extended from the 15 foot alley between Summit and State streets, west to State street; and also, unless the 15 foot alley between Summit and State streets, be extended south to Ohio street.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorenz Schmidt,  
H. J. Prier,  
John Rail,

Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage.

The following entitled ordinance as amended and passed by the Common Council (see page 954, *ante*), was read :

G. O. 47, 1886—An ordinance making and providing for the execution of a contract between the City of Indianapolis and the Indianapolis Water Company.

And the amendments adopted by the Common Council were concurrently adopted, by the following vote :

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

NAYS, 2—viz: Aldermen Pritchard, and Rail.

The ordinance was then read the second and third times, and passed as amended, by the following vote :

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

NAYS, 1—viz: Alderman Rail.

The report submitted by the Committee on Fire Department at the regular session held by the Board October 25th, 1886, relative to the appointment of Henry Cook to fill a vacancy in the Fire Department, upon which final action was not taken at that time, (see page 914, *ante*), was read, and on motion by Alderman Rail, action thereon was postponed until the next regular meeting.

Alderman Wright offered the following motion; which was adopted :

That Thomas Russell be allowed to pave with brick the sidewalk in front of his premises, No. 319 south Missouri street, at his own expense, the work to be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

On motion the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

THOMAS E. ENDLY, President.

Attest: JOSEPH T. FANNING, Clerk.