

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL

ADJOURNED SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }

Wednesday, June 14, 1871, 7½ o'clock P. M.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—His Honor the Mayor, Daniel Macauley, in the chair,
and the following members :

Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Cottrell, Craft, Gimber,
Heckman, Kennington, Marsee, Newman, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles,
and Woodburn—14.

Absent—Councilmen Locke, Reagan, Thalman, and Thoms—4.

The Proceedings of the Regular Session held June 5, 1871, were read and approved.

Mr. Heckman presented the following petition :

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

The undersigned, your petitioners, would respectfully show to your Honorable Body that they are the sole owners and operators of the Union Starch Factory in the City of Indianapolis; that at the last regular meeting of your honorable body, a motion, previously introduced, was adopted, ordering the City Marshal to notify said starch factory to "cease emptying their offal and water into Pogue Run * * * after five days service of such notice;" that said notice was served by said Marshal on yesterday, June 13; and if your petitioners should be compelled to cease operations at the expiration of said five days from the date of said notice, it would work a very great hardship upon them, and cause them great loss and damage, as will hereinafter more fully appear.

At the time of, and before receiving the notice above referred to, your petitioners were preparing to cease operations for this season, not having purchased any corn to be manufactured into starch for weeks previous thereto; and but for the breakage of certain of their machinery, would have ceased work for this summer by the middle of the present month. That they have large orders out to be filled, and now have, and had at the time of receiving said notice, over (3,000) three thousand bushels of corn in soak, over 3,000 bushels in vats; and that now in process of being ground, several hundred bushels, making in all between six and eight thousand bushels of corn now unfitted for any other purpose than to be made into starch, which would become worthless or nearly so; on the hands of your petitioners if they should be prevented from manufacturing the same into starch, as was intended. Your petitioners would further show, that if not interfered with and if allowed to run said factory three weeks longer, they will have converted the corn above referred to (and which is spoiled for any

other purpose,) into starch, and thus be saved from an immediate loss of from \$4,000 to \$6,000 which they would certainly sustain, if compelled to cease operations now.

Wherefore, by reason of the premises, your petitioners most respectfully request your Honorable body to rescind the order made on last Monday evening, requiring in effect, your petitioners to cease operations in five days; and ask permission to operate said factory for the time herein mentioned, for the purposes herein set forth. And your petitioners will ever pray.

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W. F. PIEL.

CHARLES WISHMEIER.

HENRICH BURKE.

Which was received, and on motion the vote on the motion instructing the City Marshal to give the Company five days notice &c., was reconsidered and amended by instructing him to give twenty-one days notice.

The special order for the evening, viz: the consideration of Water and Water rates, was then taken up.

On motion, Mr. John R. Elder addressed the Council at some length on the subject.

Mr. Kennington offered the following motion:

To postpone the question of water works until the company is prepared to furnish water in accordance with the charter.

Mr. Craft offered the following amendment:

That the question in regard to the Water Works Company complying with their charter, be referred to a Special Committee of five, with the Chief Fire Engineer, and that the said Committee report to this Council at our next regular or some subsequent meeting, as to

whether said Company is prepared to furnish the amount of pure filtered water, as specified by their charter, also as to throwing capacity in quantity and hight, and amount of mains laid. and that Professors Cox and Brown be requested to act in conjunction with said Committee.

The question first being on the adoption of the amendment as offered by Mr. Craft, those who voted in the affirmative were:

Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Cottrell, Craft, Gimber, Heckman, Marsee, Newman, Weaver, Wiles and Woodburn—12.

Those who voted in the neagative were:

Councilmen Kennington and Whitsit—2.

So the amendment was adopted.

The motion as amended was then adopted.

His Honor appointed as such special committee, Councilmen Woodburn, Brown, Bigham Batty and Marsee.

Mr. Cottrell offered the following motion:

That the Chief Fire Engineer be instructed to use the public hydrants, (located as per order of Council,) of the Water Works Company, for the extinguishment of fires and filling of cisterns, and the Council hereby agree to pay for the use of the same at a rate not exceeding \$50 per annum.

Which was postponed until the reception of the report of the Special Committee above referred to.

Dr. Woodburn offered the following motion:

That the Finance Committee examine the condition of the city treasury and if they find it necessary, report an ordinance at the next meeting of the Council, authorizing a loan.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Wiles called up the report of the Special Committee made to Council May 15th, 1871, in regard to the proposition of J. R. Morton, to furnish a certain number of copies of the Journal of Commerce &c., and moved that the report be concurred in.

The question being—shall the report be concurred in. Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Councilmen Bigham, Kennington, Newman and Wiles—4.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Councilmen Batty, Brown, Cottrell, Craft, Gimber, Heckman, Marsee, Weaver, Whitsit and Woodburn—10.

So the report was not concurred in.

His Honor the Mayor introduced general ordinance No. 33, 1871, entitled

An ordinance to provide for the safety of the people when attending Theatres, Lectures or other places of amusement or instruction.

Which was read the first time.

The City Attorney introduced general ordinance No. 34, 1871, entitled:

An ordinance to prevent contractors from removing dirt, sand or gravel from any street or alley other than the street or alley embraced in the contract.

Which was read the first time.

On motion the Council adjourned

DANIEL MACAULEY,

Mayor.

ATTEST:

JOHN R. CLINTON,

City Clerk.