

# PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

---

SPECIAL SESSION—SEPTEMBER 26, 1887.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, September 26th, A. D. 1887, at 7:30 o'clock, in special session, pursuant to the following call:

*Indianapolis, Sept. 26th, 1887.*

To Hon. C. S. DENNY, Mayor of the City of Indianapolis:

*Sir:*—The undersigned, members of the Common Council of said city, respectfully request you to call a special meeting of the Common Council for Monday evening, September 26th, 1887, at 7:30 o'clock, for the transaction of such business as may come before the body.

Joseph H. Howes,  
M. M. Cummings,  
D. F. Swain,

C. H. Haugh,  
Julius F. Reinecke.

To the Members of the Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—Pursuant to the foregoing request, you are hereby called to meet in special session, Monday, September 26th, 1887, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M., for the transaction of such business as may come before the body.

Yours respectfully,

C. S. DENNY, Mayor.

PRESENT—Hon. Caleb S. Denny, Mayor, and *ex officio* President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 20 members, viz: Councilmen Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenbarter, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

ABSENT, 5—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, McClelland, Reynolds, Rooker, and Smither.

The following communication was read by the Deputy City Clerk, and received :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen*.—It is my painful duty to inform your honorable bodies that Michael F. Shields, City Clerk of this city, died on Saturday, September 24, 1887, and that the funeral services will be held at St. John's Cathedral to-morrow, Tuesday morning, at 9:30 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH T. FANNING, Deputy City Clerk.

His Honor, Mayor Denny, offered the following resolutions :

#### IN MEMORIAM.

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk, died at his home in this city, on Saturday, September 24th, at the age of thirty-three years.

He was elected to the office which he held, at the general city election in October, 1885, and entered upon the discharge of its duties January 1, 1886, for the full term of two years. Several months ago he became the unanimous choice of his party for another term.

Thrown upon the world without financial advantages, and with little aid of any kind which he did not earn by his own energy and manly qualities, he steadily gained the confidence and favor of his fellow citizens, until he reached the responsible position which he held at the time of his death.

In all his dealings with his fellow-men, he was patient, careful and generous. As an officer, he was competent, urbane and scrupulously honest. In short, his whole record was one worthy of emulation and imitation.

As a citizen and public official, we deeply deplore his untimely death, and extend to the stricken widow, bereaved parents and sorrowing relatives, our profound sympathy. To the end that this tribute to the memory of our departed friend may be preserved,

*Re it Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen*, That the same be spread of record in the official Proceedings of said bodies, and that a copy thereof be transmitted to the widow, by the Deputy Clerk.

*And be it further Resolved*, That as an evidence of our esteem and respect for the deceased, we will attend the funeral services to-morrow morning in a body. And we hereby invite all the city officers to join us.

Which were unanimously adopted, by a rising vote.

Councilman Pearson moved that Councilman Markey be appointed a pall-bearer on behalf of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

On motion by Councilman Coy, Councilmen Pearson and Haugh were appointed a committee to arrange for the Common Council and City Officers to attend the funeral in a body.

On motion by Councilman Haugh, all the City Offices were ordered closed during the hours of the funeral.

Councilman Pearson offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The Common Council and Board of Aldermen have been officially notified of the death of Michael F. Shields, late City Clerk of this city; and

Whereas, There exists a great necessity for some one to perform the duties of Clerk until a successor to said deceased Clerk shall be elected; and

Whereas, Joseph T. Fanning was appointed Deputy City Clerk by the late Clerk, and his said appointment confirmed by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen; now therefore

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That Joseph T. Fanning be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to perform all the duties of City Clerk until a successor to the said late City Clerk shall have been elected and qualified. That said Joseph T. Fanning be further directed to execute a bond, to the approval of the Mayor, in the sum and with like provisions, as far as applicable, as are required of the City Clerk.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 20—viz: Councilmen Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

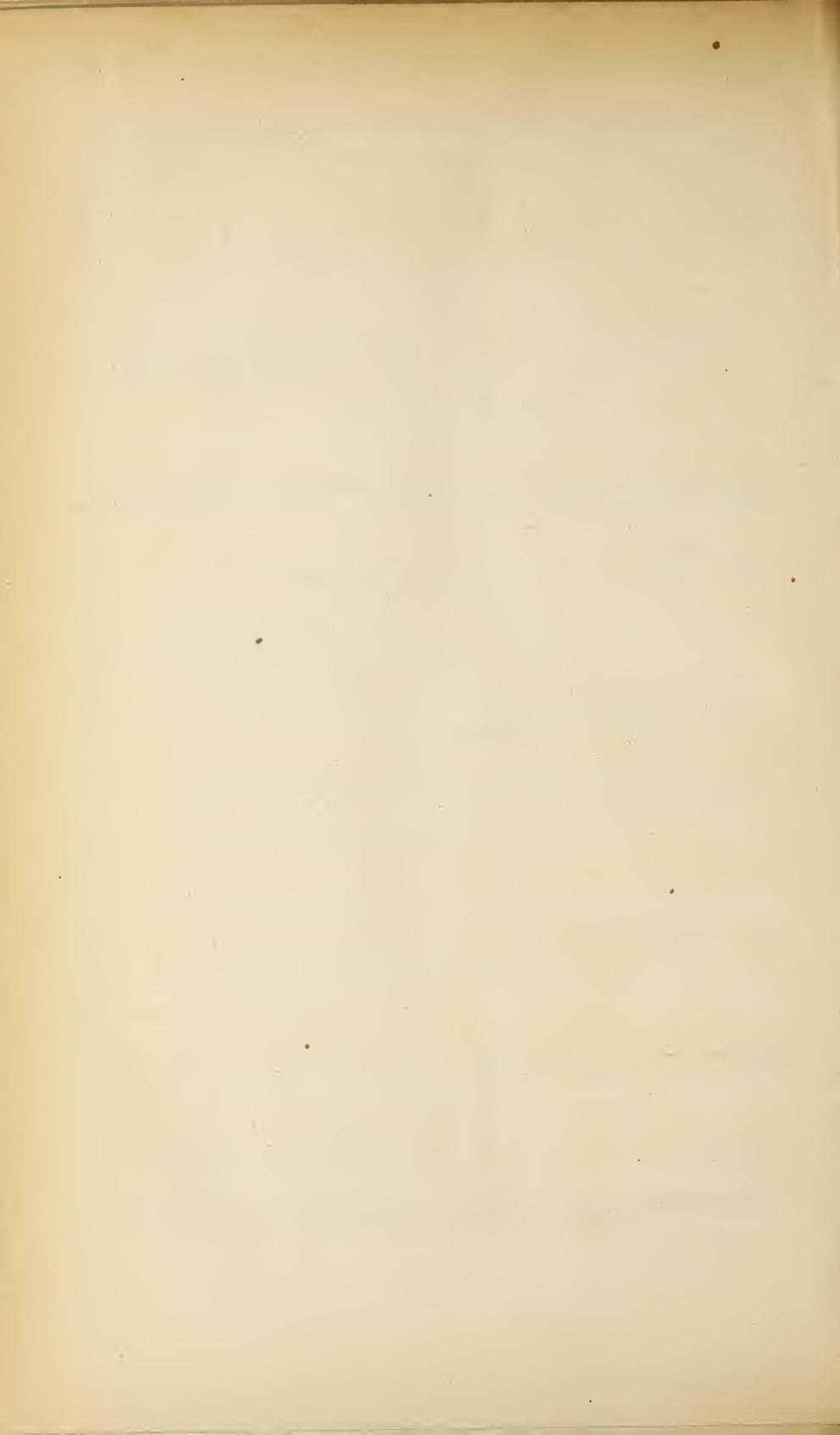
NAYS—None.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

C. S. DENNY, Mayor,

President of the Common Council.

Attest: JOSEPH T. FANNING,  
Acting City Clerk.



# PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—SEPTEMBER 26, 1887.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, September 26th, A. D. 1887, at 7:30 o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Thomas E. Endly, President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen Crosby, Laut, Prier, Rail, Schmidt, and Wright—7.

ABSENT, 3—viz: Alderman Brown, King, and Pritchard.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the adjourned session, held September 19th, 1887, 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 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 a regular session, held September 19th, 1887.

For the Common Council:

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

The report from the Committee on Contracts, awarding sundry and various contracts (see pages 637 and 638, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The report from His Honor, the Mayor, showing the amount of fines and fees collected during the month of August, 1887, (see page 638, *ante*), was read and received.

The petition from the State House Commissioners, requesting permission to construct the sidewalks bordering on the State House grounds, (see page 639, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The report from the City Civil Engineer, accompanied with estimates, (see pages 639 and 640, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The following estimate resolution (see page 640, *ante*), was read :

SIG. 71.

[ 675 ]

*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 Park avenue and sidewalks, from Eleventh street to Bruce 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, 7—viz: Aldermen Crosby, Laut, Prier, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 640, *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 grading and graveling Broadway street and sidewalks, from Eleventh street to Bruce 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, 7—viz: Aldermen Crosby, Laut, Prier, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 641, *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 Wm. F. Gansberg, for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Meek street, from Liberty street to Noble 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, 7—viz: Aldermen Crosby, Laut, Prier, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 541, *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 James W. Hudson, for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Illinois street, from Ray street to Morris 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, 7—viz: Aldermen Crosby, Laut, Prier, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 641, *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 High street, from McCarty street to Coburn 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, 7—viz: Aldermen Crosby, Laut, Prier, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 642, *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 Blackford street, from New York street to the Canal, 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, 7—viz: Aldermen Crosby, Laut, Prier, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 642, *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 west sidewalk of Virginia avenue, from Merrill street to the first alley south of Merrill 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, 7—viz: Aldermen Crosby, Laut, Prier, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The report from the City Civil Engineer, submitting a certain contract and bond (see page 642, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The following contracts and bonds (see pages 654 and 656, *ante*), were read and concurrently approved :

Contract and bond of James W. Hudson, for grading and graveling the roadway, bowldering and curbing the gutters, and paving with brick the sidewalks of Herman street, from Ohio street to the first alley north of Market street.

Bond, \$800.00; surety, L. A. Fulmer.

Contract and bond of George W. Buchanan, for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Summit street, from Washington street to the C., St. L. & P. R. R. tracks. Bond, \$800.00; surety, James W. Hudson.

Contract and bond of J. L. Fisher & Co., for grading and graveling Eleventh street and sidewalks, from Central avenue to the L. E. & W. Railway tracks. Bond, \$8000.00; sureties, L. A. Falmer and J. L. Spaulding.

The report from the Board of Public Improvements and City Civil Engineer, awarding the contract for improving Eleventh street, from Central avenue to the Wabash R. R. tracks (see page 644, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The report from the Board of Public Improvements, on the motion directing the Street Commissioner to lay stone crossings on Noble street, at the crossing of Michigan street, and on Noble street at the crossing of Washington street, (see page 644, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The report from the Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney, on the petition of H. W. & A. A. Evans, for the refunding of taxes, (see page 645, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The report of the Committee on Public Property, relative to the erection of a bridge over Pleasant Run on East street, in Garfield Park, (see pages 645 and 646, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts and Bridges.

The report from the Committee on Public Property, relative to a cement walk through Military Park, (see page 646, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The following motion (see page 654, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage, with power to act:

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to put a new trough on the public fountain in front of the Enterprise Hotel, on Massachusetts avenue.

The following motion (see page 654, *ante*), was read:

That the Street Commissioner be directed to lay stone crossings at the following places: On Morris street, across all streets and alleys from Meridian street to the J., M. & I. Railroad; on the east side of Meridian street across all streets from Morris street to the south side of Palmer street.

Alderman Wright moved to refer the motion to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage.

Alderman Rail moved as a substitute, that the motion be concurrently adopted.



Which was adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 4—viz: Aldermen Crosby, Laut, Rail, and Schmidt.

NAYS, 3—viz: Aldermen Prier, Wright, and President Endly.

The following motions (see pages 653, 654, 655 and 656, *ante*), were read, and concurrently adopted :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to clean up the gutters on Maryland street, from West street to Missouri street.

That the Street Commissioner clean the gutters of Washington street, from Noble to Reid streets.

That J. W. Grennen be allowed to put in a driveway across the sidewalk in front of his office on Reid street, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That Wm. Tipton be, and is hereby, given permission to lay a bowldered driveway across the sidewalk on the east side of Noble street, south of Market street, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, ordered to straighten the gutter across English avenue on the east side of Dillon street, so that it will run due south.

That the Street Commissioner lay double stone crossings on Illinois street across Ray street.

That Wm. Wundram be permitted to pave with brick the sidewalk alongside of his property on Wisconsin street, at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to lay two stone crossings on California street across Pratt street.

That Robert H. Frank et al. be permitted to grade and gravel the alley immediately south of his property on north New Jersey street, between Seventh and Eighth streets. The work to be done at their own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

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 a special session, held this, Monday evening, September 26th, 1887.

For the Common Council:

JOSEPH T. FANNING, Deputy City Clerk.

The following communication (see page 672, *ante*), was read and received:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—It is my painful duty to inform your honorable bodies that Michael F. Shields, City Clerk of this city, died on Saturday, September 24, 1887, and that the funeral services will be held at St. John's Cathedral to-morrow, Tuesday morning, at 9:30 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH T. FANNING, Deputy City Clerk.

The following resolutions (see page 672, *ante*), were read:

#### IN MEMORIAM.

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk, died at his home in this city, on Saturday, September 24th, at the age of thirty-three years.

He was elected to the office which he held, at the general city election in October, 1885, and entered upon the discharge of its duties January 1, 1886, for the full term of two years. Several months ago he became the unanimous choice of his party for another term.

Thrown upon the world without financial advantages, and with little aid of any kind which he did not earn by his own energy and manly qualities, he steadily gained the confidence and favor of his fellow citizens, until he reached the responsible position which he held at the time of his death.

In all his dealings with his fellow-men, he was patient, careful and generous. As an officer, he was competent, urbane and scrupulously honest. In short, his whole record was one worthy of emulation and imitation.

As a citizen and public official, we deeply deplore his untimely death, and extend to the stricken widow, bereaved parents and sorrowing relatives, our profound sympathy. To the end that this tribute to the memory of our departed friend may be preserved,

*Re it Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen,* That the same be spread of record in the official Proceedings of said bodies, and that a copy thereof be transmitted to the widow, by the Deputy Clerk.

*And be it further Resolved,* That as an evidence of our esteem and respect for the deceased, we will attend the funeral services to-morrow morning in a body. And we hereby invite all the city officers to join us.

And were unanimously adopted, by a rising vote.

On motion by Alderman Rail, the President appointed Alderman Wright as a pall-bearer on behalf of the Board of Aldermen.

The motion adopted by the Common Council ordering the City Offices closed during the funeral (see page 672, *ante*), was read and concurrently adopted.

On motion by Alderman Wright, President Endly and Alderman Rail were appointed a committee to arrange for the Board of Aldermen to attend the funeral in a body.

The following resolution (see page 673, *ante*), was read :

WHEREAS, The Common Council and Board of Aldermen have been officially notified of the death of Michael F. Shields, late City Clerk of this city; and

*Whereas*, There exists a great necessity for some one to perform the duties of Clerk until a successor to said deceased Clerk shall be elected; and

*Whereas*, Joseph T. Fanning was appointed Deputy City Clerk by the late Clerk, and his said appointment confirmed by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen; now therefore

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis*, That Joseph T. Fanning be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to perform all the duties of City Clerk until a successor to the said late City Clerk shall have been elected and qualified. That said Joseph T. Fanning be further directed to execute a bond, to the approval of the Mayor, in the sum and with like provisions, as far as applicable, as are required of the City Clerk.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

THOMAS E. ENDLY, President.

Attest: JOSEPH T. FANNING, Clerk.