

# PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—MARCH 26, 1888.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, March 26th, A. D. 1888, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Granville S. Wright, President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, and Tousey—10.

ABSENT—None.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the regular session, held March 12th, 1888, having been printed and placed on the desk 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 March 19th, 1888. For the Common Council: JNO. W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

The report from the Committee on Contracts, releasing W. F. Gansberg from a certain contract, (see page 149, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Council concurred in.

The report of the City Civil Engineer, in relation to the employment of additional help, fixing the compensation of the same, also the compensation of those who have been acting as Inspectors (see page 177, *ante*), was read.

Alderman Connett moved that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Alderman Rail moved as a substitute, that it be referred to the Committee on Finance, with power to act.

Which failed of adoption by the following vote:

AYES, 5—viz: Aldermen Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Taylor, and President Wright.

NAYS, 5—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Smith, and Tousey.

Alderman Connett's motion was then adopted.

The following report of the City Clerk (see page 177, *ante*), was read :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

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

D. A. Haywood vs. Heirs of Sarah Sinker, viz: Alfred T. Sinker, Clara B. Rossum and Rudolph Rossum, her husband, for.....\$28 40  
Respectfully submitted, Jno. W. BOWLES, City Clerk.

And the favorable action of the Common Council thereon was concurred in, and the precept ordered to issue, by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The report of the City Clerk, requesting the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company to sign contract for lighting the city, (see pages 177 and 178, *ante*), was read and received.

The communication from the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company (see pages 178, 179 and 180, *ante*), was read and received.

The following resolution, adopted by the Common Council (see page 180, *ante*), was read :

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke Company be, and it is hereby, notified and directed to discontinue the lighting of all street lamps in the city, on the first day of May, 1888; that from and after said date, no thing will be paid said company, by the city, for any gas burned in any of the street lamps in the city, and that on said date all contracts heretofore or theretofore entered into between the said company and this city, for street lamps, shall terminate; and that in the interim, the City Civil Engineer be instructed to advertise for bids for lighting the streets of the city by means of electricity, for a term not exceeding one year. That the City Clerk be, and he is hereby, directed to prepare and deliver to said company, a certified copy of this resolution.

Alderman Taylor offered the following resolution as a substitute for the above :

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the City Civil Engineer be, and he is hereby, directed to immediately advertise for bids for lighting the streets of the city by means of electricity, for a term of one, two or three years; bidders to state the number of lights (if arc lights, not less than three hundred); also the kind and candle-power of the lights proposed; the number of hours of light to be furnished, shall be fixed by schedule designated by the City Civil Engineer.

*Be it further Resolved,* That the Indianapolis Gas Light & Coke Company be, and it is hereby, notified and directed to discontinue the lighting of all street lamps in this city when notified so to do by the Mayor, which notice shall give said company at least fifteen days in which to comply with the same; and that from and after the date fixed in said notice, nothing will be paid said company by the city for any gas burned in any of said street lamps; and that the City Clerk is hereby directed to prepare and deliver to said company a certified copy of so much of this resolution as relates to said company.

Alderman Smith offered the following amendment :

Amend by omitting the words "two and three years."

Alderman Reynolds moved to lay the amendment on the table.

Which was adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz: Aldermen Clark, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS, 2—viz: Aldermen Connett, and Smith.

The resolution as offered by Alderman Taylor, was then adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 7—viz: Aldermen Clark, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Taylor, and President Wright.

NAYS, 3—viz: Aldermen Connett, Smith, and Tousey.

The report from the Board of Public Improvements (see page 180, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The report from the Board of Public Improvements, relative to the proposition of Henry Greenwald, to deed to the city certain realty (see page 180, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Council thereon concurred in.

The report from the City Commissioners, in the matter of the vacation of the first alley south of Eighth street, between Meridian and Illinois streets, and the following resolution accompanying the same (see pages 181, 182 and 183, *ante*), was read :

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the report of the Board of City Commissioners of the said city, in the matter of the vacation of the first alley south of Eighth street, and extending from Meridian street to Illinois street, in the City of Indianapolis, as petitioned for by G. R. Root, M. G. McLain and others, be, and the same is hereby, in all things accepted, adopted and approved; and that in accordance with said report said alley therein and above described, is hereby vacated. That the said petitioners are hereby ordered to pay into the county treasury, for the use of the city, the said sum of \$20.00, and the further sum of \$48.00 costs in this matter, and to have made out, filed with the said City Clerk, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Marion county, Indiana, a proper plat of the said proposed vacation, and also to procure and have recorded at the same time, and in the same place, a certified copy of this resolution, all at the expense of the said petitioners; and that until all said things are done in the manner indicated, said alley shall remain as it is now.

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

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.



The report from the Committee on Bridges, relative to the painting of Signs on Washington street bridge, (see page 183, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Council thereon concurred in.

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

G. O. 10, 1888—An ordinance regulating the laying and testing of natural gas mains, service pipes and house connections, in the City of Indianapolis, and providing penalties for the violations thereof.

The report from the Committee on Streets and Alleys, in relation to the petition of Charles Dehne (see page 184, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Council thereon concurred in.

The following motion (see page 186, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in :

That Jacob Wachstetter be allowed to improve the sidewalk in front of his property on west Washington street, corner of Missouri street, at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

The following motion (see page 186, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys :

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to raise all stone crossings to the proper grade of the street.

The following motions (see pages 187, 188 and 189, *ante*), were read, and concurrently adopted :

That the T. H. & I. Railway Company be requested to plank their crossing on Dakota street, between Morris and Wisconsin streets, at the place known as the "Butter Dish Switch."

That the resolution authorizing the City Clerk to lease the Garfield Park, be repealed, and that he be directed to receive no proposals for leasing the same.

That Mrs. R. N. Duncan be allowed to lay a brick sidewalk in front of her own property on Peru avenue, subject to the direction of the City Civil Engineer; said work to be done at her own expense.

That the Chief Fire Engineer and City Attorney be instructed to take immediate steps to compel the owners of the Park Theatre building to at once make such exits from said building as will secure the safety and life of its patrons.

That R. W. Furnas be, and he is hereby, granted permission to lay a driveway, made of brick set on edge, across the east sidewalk of Sciota street, in the rear of Meridian Rink. Work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That Mr. Amos Clifford be allowed to repair the brick sidewalk at the northwest corner of Indiana avenue and West street, extending eighty feet from point, and the same distance on Indiana avenue, at his own expense. Said work to be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

The following motions (see pages 161 and 189, *ante*), were read, and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to raise the curb and re-lay the brick sidewalk on east Market street, beginning on the north side of Market street, at the east line of the Meat Market building, running thence east to Alabama street; thence north to the City Hall Scales. Said sidewalk to be laid to a width of twenty feet, being five feet inside of the property line, and to be raised to the height of the walk in front of the Meat Market. Work to be done according to stakes set by the City Civil Engineer.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair the sidewalks of Prospect street in accordance with the report of the City Civil Engineer, on page 162, Proceedings of Council for the year 1885.

The following entitled ordinance (passed by the Common Council—see page 185, *ante*), was read the first time:

Ap. O. 17, 1888—An ordinance appropriating \$7,440.00 to pay the interest due on April 1st, 1888, on the bonds of the city.

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

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

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

AYES, 9—viz: Aldermen Clark, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance (passed by the Common Council—see page 151, *ante*), was read the first time, and referred to the Judiciary and Railroad Committees:

G. O. 1, 1888—An ordinance supplemental to an ordinance entitled "An ordinance authorizing the construction, extension and operation of certain passenger rail-ways in and upon the streets of the City of Indianapolis;" ordained and established January 18, 1864, and all ordinances amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto.

The following entitled ordinance (passed by the Common Council—see page 190, *ante*), was read the first time:

G. O. 11, 1888—An ordinance fixing the price to be charged for the use of Tomlinson Hall; appointing a Rental Committee, and defining their duties.

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

AYES, 8—viz: Aldermen Connett, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS, 2—viz: Aldermen Clark, and Laut.

The foregoing entitled ordinance was read the second time, read the third time, and it was passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS, 1—viz: Alderman Laut.

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

The Committee on Bridges, through Alderman Tousey, submitted the following report:

To the President and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of constructing a bridge on Willow street over Pleasant Run, respectfully recommend that the action of the Council be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. Smith,  
Will. E. Tousey,  
J. H. Taylor,  
Tim. Clark,  
Committee on Bridges.

Alderman Reinecke moved that the report be referred back to the Committee, to report at the next regular meeting.

And it failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 5—viz: Aldermen Clark, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, and President Wright.

NAYS, 5—viz: Aldermen Connett, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, and Tousey.

The report of the Committee, as offered by Alderman Tousey, was then adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, and Tousey.

NAYS, 2—viz: Aldermen Reinecke, and President Wright.

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

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Railroads make the following report on G. O. No. 45, 1887: Said ordinance provides for stationing a Flagman at the crossing of the C., I., St. L. & C. R. R. tracks and Dillon street, and requires the said C., I., St. L. & C. Company to maintain said Flagman. We think the ordinance should pass, and so recommend.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Reynolds,  
J. H. Taylor,  
John Rail,  
Committee on Railroads.



The Committee on Streets and Alleys, and City Attorney, through Alderman Tousey, submitted the following report:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, to whom was referred the resolution approving the report of the Board of City Commissioners in the matter of opening a forty foot street south of Morris street, in the old bed of the Canal, report that we find all the interested parties are in favor of it, and that it will settle the long dispute over this old Canal bed, and that we recommend that the action of the Council be concurred in, and that the resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

WM, L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.

Will. E. Tousey,  
J. H. Taylor,  
Julius F. Reinecke,  
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Which report was received, and the resolution (see page 134, *ante*), adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following proposition (see page 162, *ante*), was read:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I propose to take up one hundred of the choicest trees now in Circle Park, and carefully re-set the same in the square north of the Blind Asylum, under the supervision of any officer you may select, for the sum of six hundred dollars.

GEORGE WOODFILL & SNYDER.

I propose to guarantee the payment of one half of the said sum of six hundred dollars, out of money to be raised by private subscription, if the Council will order the work done and pay the other \$300.00.

JOHN J. COOPER.

And the action of the Common Council was concurred in, by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz: Aldermen Clark, Laut, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS, 1—viz: Alderman Connett.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman Reinecke offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Sacred Heart Church be granted the privilege to have their annual picnic in Garfield Park, on Monday, May 21st.

President Wright offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Florists of the city be invited to make a display of flowers and plants by planting in beds in Military and University Parks; spaces to be allotted them by the Committees on Parks of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council.

## PENDING ORDINANCES.

The following entitled ordinance, as amended by the Common Council (see page 50, *ante*), was read the second time, and then read the third time:

G. O. 43, 1887—An ordinance requiring the C., I., St. L. & C. Railroad Company to station and maintain a Flagman at the crossing of its tracks and Dillon street.

And it was passed by the following vote:


AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

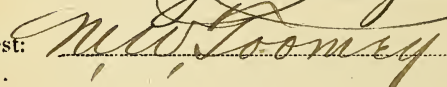
NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first time:

S. O. 82, 1887—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Phipps street and sidewalks, between Union street and Madison avenue.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

 \_\_\_\_\_, President.

Attest:  \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk.