

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
*Friday, June 16th, 1876—7½ o'clock P. M.* }

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair, and the following members:

Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—21.

Absent—Councilmen Case, Diffley, Lughlin, Poudet and Schmidt.—5.

By consent the following papers were submitted:

Mr. Adams offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the German Reformed Church be granted the use of the Southern Park for Thursday, June 22, 1876, for the purpose of holding a pic-nic.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Byram, from the Police Board, submitted the following report :

*Indianapolis*, May 29, 1876.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

*Gentlemen* :—The Board of Police, to whom was referred a motion by request of the Board of Health, that the said Board of Police be empowered to appoint an additional sanitary policeman in place of officer J. J. Cameron, would respectfully report that they have had the matter under consideration, and in accordance with the wishes of said Board of Health, have appointed Edward A. Vance to serve as sanitary policeman until October 1, 1876, unless sooner removed.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,  
MICHAEL STEINHAUER,  
GEO. C. WEBSTER.

Board of Police.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

*Indianapolis*, May 29, 1876.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

*Gentlemen* :—The Board of Police respectfully reports for approval, the official bonds of G. W. McCain and Benjamin Thornton, who have been appointed turnkeys of the Central Station House, said bonds having been accepted by said Board of Police.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,  
MICHAEL STEINHAUER,  
GEO. C. WEBSTER,

Board of Police.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

*Moved,* That the Street Commisioner be and is hereby instructed to clean out the culverts at the crossing of Market and New Jersey streets.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Izor, from the Committee on Gaslight, submitted the following report :

*Indianapolis, June 16, 1876.*

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

*Gentlemen :—*The Committee on Gaslight respectfully report in favor of allowing the bill presented by John Kistler, for thirty-one burners and globes. Amount of bill, \$36.

Respectfully submmitted,

ALBERT IZOR,  
MARTIN McGINTY,  
Committee on Gas.

Which was concurred in, and Committee on Accounts and Claims instructed to incorporate such amount in next appropriation ordinance.

Mr. Darnell offered the following motion :

*Moved,* That the Marshal notify the Street Railway Company not to stop their cars on Washington street on the Pennsylvania street line, while changing the team from one end of the car to the other.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kenzel offered the following motion :

*Moved,* That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to erect a stone protection on the northeast corner of Morris street bridge as recommended by the City Civil Engineer January 3, 1876.

Which was referred to the Committee on Bridges.

Also, the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the owners of the following real estate, to-wit: Lot No. 4 (four) in out-lot No. 128 (one hundred and twenty-eight) in Klingensmith's sub-division of the 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 draining 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 proceed 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.

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bugbee, Byram, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Thalman, Thomas, Webster, Wright, Arthur L., and Wright, William G.—17.

Negative—None.

Mr. Morse, from the Committee on Bridges, submitted the following report :

*Indianapolis*, June 16, 1876.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

*Gentlemen* :—Your Committee on Bridges, to whom was referred sundry papers, report as follows ;

First—Is a motion calling attention to the dangerous condition of the bridge on East Michigan street, near the Arsenal. The bridge is broke down. We recommend that the Street Commissioner put in a wooden one immediately.

Second—Is a report from the Civil Engineer calling attention to an obstruction placed in Pogues Run by the Cin. Ham. & Ind. R. R. Co. We have examined the same, and consider it dangerous during a flood. We recom-

mend that the City Attorney draw up a proper notice to said company that they must remove the same at once, and that the city will hold them liable for any damage that may occur by said obstruction. Also, that the City Marshal be directed to serve the same.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. MORSE,  
ISAAC THALMAN,  
Committee on Bridges.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

*Moved,* That his Honor, the Mayor, and the City Attorney, be, and are hereby instructed to examine the title of the lot recently bought of Mr. Northrop for an engine-house, situate on East Washington street, and report the standing of the same to this Council on next Monday evening.

Which was adopted.

Mr. McGinty offered the following motion :

*Moved.* That Michael Murry be allowed the privilege to move a small room about half a square from Tennessee to Eddy streets.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Ransdell, from Committee on Water Works, submitted the following report :

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

*Indianapolis, June 16, 1876.*

*Gentlemen* :—Your Committee on Water Works, to whom was referred the petition of Shover & Christian, praying that the Council shall supply water for the fountain erected by them on Massachusetts avenue, would recommend that the prayer of said petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. RANSDOLL,  
W. H. CRAFT,  
Committee on Water Works.

Which was concurred in.



Mr. Stienhauer, from Committee on Public Buildings, submitted the following report :

*Indianapolis, June 14 1876*

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

*Gentlemen* :—Your Committee on Public Buildings, to whom was referred the report of the Board of Health, asking permission to move their office to the " Council Committee Room," as the present office, which they share with the City Commissioners, is totally unfit for their purpose, would respectfully recommend that the permission asked for be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL STIENHAUER,  
WM. BUEHRIG,  
WM. G. WRIGHT,  
Committee on Public Buildings.

Which was concurred in.

Dr. Stratford, from Committee on Sewers, submitted the following report :

*Indianapolis, June 16, 1876.*

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

*Gentlemen*.—Your Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred the report of the City Civil Engineer on the best plan of drainage for the territory at and about the intersection of St. Clair and Charles streets, have examined the premises and recommend that the suggestion of the Engineer be concurred in and the work done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, and if the work be done otherwise than by contract, that some thoroughly competent person be employed to superintend the same.

Respectfully submitted,

I. W. STRATFORD,  
WM. S. WRIGHT,  
F. SCHMIDT,  
Committee on Sewers.

Which was concurred in.

Dr. Stratford moved that the City Civil Engineer be directed to advertise for proposals for doing such work : persons bidding, to bid on cement pipe and stoneware pipe.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the report of the City Commissioner of June 3, 1876, in regard to the opening and straightening Blackford street from Indiana avenue to North street, be, and is hereby adopted, and that the City Treasurer be directed to pay the assessments and collect the benefits as per report.

Mr. Byram moved to strike out all after the word "adopted."

On motion by Mr. Thalman, the amendment was laid on the table by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Darnell, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas and Wright, William G.—15.

Negative—Councilmen Byram, McGill, McGinty, Webster, and Wright, Arthur L.—5.

The question being on the adoption of Mr. Thalman's resolution those who voted in the affirmative were :—

Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas and Wright, William G.—17.

Those who voted in the negative were :—

Councilmen Byram, McGill, Webster and Wright, Arthur L.—4.

It requiring eighteen votes to confirm the report of the Commissioners, the resolution was declared not adopted.

Mr. Ransdell offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the City Treasurer be instructed to proceed at once to collect all moneys due the city from opening streets and alleys where damages have been paid by the city, under report of City Commissioners, and by resolution of this Council.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Darnell moved to reconsider the vote by which Mr. Thalman's resolution failed to pass.

Which motion to reconsider was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGinty, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas and Wright, Wm. G.—17.

Negative—Councilmen Byram, McGill, Webster and Wright, Arthur L.—4.

Mr. Ransdell offered the following resolution as a substitute for Mr. Thalman's :

*Resolved*, That the report of the City Commissioners in the matter of opening Blackford street, made to this Council on June 3d, 1876, be adopted, and that the necessary real estate and property be appropriated for the opening of said street, and that the City Treasurer be instructed to collect the benefits and pay the damages according to law, and the City Clerk be directed to certify to the City Treasurer a transcript of the benefits and damages assessed.

Which was accepted by Mr. Thalman, and adopted by the following vote :



Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Buehrig, Bugbee, Byram, Craft, Darnell, Izor, Kenzel, Morse, McGill, McGinty, Ransdell, Reasener, Reed, Steinhauer, Stratford, Thalman, Thomas, Webster and Wright, William G.—20.

Negative—Councilman Wright, Arthur L.—1.

Mr. Adams offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to furnish the printed proceedings of the City Council to the officers of the Chamber of Commerce upon application for the same.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Darnell moved that the special order for the evening, viz : the consideration of the S. J. Patterson matter be taken up.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Darnell, as chairman of the Committee, stated that the committee had no written report to make, but stated what had been done so far.

Mr. Adams moved that the committee be granted further time until next Monday evening to submit a report.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the City Attorney be and is hereby instructed to examine the several court records and see that the record of credits are properly given the city in the matter of costs paid by the city in cases in which the city has been a party in suit.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Stratford offered the following motion :

*Moved,* That the Committee on Judiciary and the Board of Health and the City Attorney be, and is hereby directed to examine Sullivan street from Bismarck to Buchanan streets, and report to this Council who are responsible and liable for maintaining the nuisance in said street, if such it is considered by the Board of Health.

Which was adopted.

On motion the Council adjourned.

*J. G. Owen* Mayor.

Attest:

*B. W. Wright* City Clerk.