

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIRST JOINT CONVENTION

OF THE

Board of Aldermen and Common Council

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL,
Friday, May 11th, 1877—8 o'clock P. M. }

The Joint Convention met in compliance with section five of "An act supplementary to an act approved March 14, 1867, entitled, 'an act to repeal all general laws now in force for the incorporation of cities, and to provide for the incorporation of cities, prescribing their powers and rights and the manner in which they shall exercise the same, and to regulate such other matters as pertain thereto,' approved March 5, 1877."

PRESENT:

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

Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Newcomb, Snyder, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—10.

Councilmen Bagby, Byram, Bugbee, Brown, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Steinhauer, Stoner, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—22.

Absent—Councilmen Reed and Thomas—2.

His Honor, the Mayor, read section five of the above recited act, calling especial attention to this provision of the same: "For the appointment of such officers, commissioners, trustees, and boards, the Common Council and Board of Aldermen shall meet in Joint Convention, in the Council Chamber, on the first Friday evening after the first annual meeting of the Common Council, at eight o'clock, and shall proceed to the election of such officers, commissioners, trustees, and boards, by ballot; and such Joint Convention may adjourn from time to time until its work is completed."

The Chair then announced nominations for the several offices in the gift of the Joint Convention, to be in order.

On motion of Councilman Byram, it was ordered, that when this Joint Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet on next Friday evening, May 18th, at 8 o'clock.

The Chair appointed Aldermen Foster and McGill as tellers of the election; which was then proceeded with.

For City Attorney—Councilman Walker nominated Roscoe O. Hawkins, and Alderman McGill nominated William P. Fishback.

A ballot was then had; which resulted in Mr. Hawkins receiving 26 votes, and Mr. Fishback 5 votes.

Roscoe O. Hawkins having received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of City Attorney for the ensuing two years.

For City Civil Engineer—Councilman Izor nominated Bernhard H. Dietz.

No further nominations being made, a ballot was then had; which resulted in Mr. Dietz receiving 31 votes.

Bernhard H. Dietz having received all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of City Civil Engineer for the ensuing two years.

For Street Commissioner—Councilman Case nominated Leander A. Fulmer, and Alderman Stratford nominated Peter Routier.

A ballot was then had; which resulted in Mr. Fulmer receiving 26 votes, and Mr. Routier 5 votes.

Leander A. Fulmer having received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of Street Commissioner for the ensuing two years.

For Chief Fire Engineer—Councilman Morse nominated William O. Sherwood.

No further nomination being made, a ballot was then had; which resulted in Mr. Sherwood receiving 31 votes.

William O. Sherwood having received all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of Chief Fire Engineer for the ensuing year.

For Assistant Chief Fire Engineer—Alderman Chandler nominated John H. Webster.

Alderman Stratford rose to the point of order, That the ordinance of May 18, 1874, was in seeming conflict with section seventy-five of the City Charter, by which latter the "Chief Engineer" was invested with power to "appoint a first and second assistant engineer, with the advice and consent of the Common Council."

On motion of Alderman Foster, the Joint Convention decided to give its "advice and consent" to the appointment of Mr. Webster as Assistant Chief Fire Engineer, by the usual formal ballot.

A ballot was then had; which resulted in Mr. Webster receiving 31 votes.

John H. Webster thus received the unanimous "advice and consent" of the Joint Convention for appointment to the office of Assistant Chief Fire Engineer for the ensuing year.

For Chief of Police—Councilman Layman nominated Albert Travis.

No further nomination being made, a ballot was then had; which resulted in Mr. Travis receiving 32 votes.

Albert Travis having received all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected Chief of Police for the ensuing year.

For Captains of Police—Councilman W. G. Wright nominated Joseph R. Forbes; Councilman Steinhauer nominated Robert Campbell; Councilman Dill nominated Warren Ohaver; and Councilman Cochran nominated Jesse T. Murphy.

No further nominations being made, a ballot was then had; which resulted as follows: Mr. Forbes received 32 votes; Mr. Campbell received 32 votes; Mr. Ohaver received 30 votes; and Mr. Murphy received 30 votes.

Joseph R. Forbes, Robert Campbell, Warren Ohaver, and Jesse T. Murphy having received all the votes cast, they were declared duly elected Captains of Police for the ensuing year.

For City Weigher, East Market—Alderman Wallace nominated Willard Nichols.

No further nomination being made, a ballot was then had; which resulted in Mr. Nichols receiving 30 votes, and 2 blank votes were cast.

Willard Nichols having received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of City Weigher of East Market for the ensuing year.

For Wood Measurer, East Market—Councilman Tucker nominated Charles Richmann.

No further nomination being made, a ballot was then had; which resulted in Mr. Richmann receiving 32 votes.

Charles Richmann having received all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of Wood Measurer at East Market for the ensuing year.

For Wood Measurer, West Market—Councilman Byram nominated Robert Q. Cornelius.

No further nomination being made, a ballot was then had; which resulted in Mr. Cornelius receiving 30 votes, and 2 blank votes were cast.

Robert Q. Cornelius having received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of Wood Measurer at West Market for the ensuing year.