

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF  
THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
*Wednesday, June 6th, 1877—8 o'clock P. M.* }

The Board of Aldermen met, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

His Honor, the President *pro tem.*, Robert S. Foster, in the chair; and Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—9.

Absent—President Newcomb—1.

The proceedings of the adjourned session, held May 30th, 1877, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, the reading of the same was dispensed with.

## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message was received from the Common Council:

*Indianapolis, June 6, 1877.*

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith transmit certain papers, favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its late regular session, held June 4th, 1877, for your action upon same.

Respectfully,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,  
City Clerk.

## PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL—ACTION UPON.

Report from City Civil Engineer, giving a first and final estimate in favor of John Low, for grading and graveling Second street and sidewalks, between Meridian and Illinois streets; also, a first and final estimate in favor of John Greene, for grading and graveling the first alley east of East street, between McCarty street and the first alley north of Buchanan street [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 82], was read, and the action of the Common Council in approving said report and adopting the resolutions allowing preceding estimates [see Proceedings of Common Council, pages 82-3], was concurred in.

Report from same officer, covering contract and bond of John Greene, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Alvord street, between Home and Malott avenues [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 84], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in approving said bond, was concurred in.

From same officer, recommending that the Street Commissioner be instructed to make weekly reports of number and locations of foot-bridges, culverts, street-crossings, sewers, and drains con-

structed by him, that such may be entered of record and platted in office of the City Civil Engineer [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 84], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in approving the recommendation, was concurred in.

From same officer, recommending a plan for the drainage of the south end of Douglass street [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 85], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in approving the recommendation, was concurred in.

Report from City Attorney, that the claim of Scott and Mathews for stone used in building hose-reel house No. 8, had been adjusted and satisfied between said parties and the contractor for said house [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 85], was received.

Report from same officer, as to a favorable decision, by the Supreme Court, of the case of J. George Stilz vs. The City; also, of a favorable jury verdict in the case of John Donahue vs. The City; also, of a verdict and judgment against the city in the sum of \$1600, in the suit of Caspar Maus vs. The City [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 86], was read, and the matter of appealing the Maus case to the Supreme Court, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Report from same officer, that he had procured and filed abstracts of title of all the city's real estate [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 87], was read, and the instruction given by the Common Council, to notify Amos Sellers to promptly satisfy purchase-money mortgage on "Sellers Farm," or bring suit against said Sellers to compel him so to do, was concurred in.

Report from City Treasurer, showing the receipts and disbursements from May 16th to May 31st, 1877, inclusive [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 88], was received.



Report from City Clerk, showing amount of orders drawn on City Treasurer, during same period [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 89], was received.

Report from same officer, transmitting official bond of Dr. William H. Davis, as Superintendent of City Hospital and Branch, and of Jehiel B. Hampton, as Market Master at East Market [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 89], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in approving the official bonds, was concurred in.

Report from same officer, as to filing with him of the affidavits of Richard Carr against John Robinson and Adam Smith, for collection of street assessments from said parties by precept [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 90], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in ordering precepts to issue, was concurred in.

Communication from City Assessor, showing a necessity for further time in which to return assessment list [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 91], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in granting two months further time, was concurred in.

Report of Council Committee on Streets and Alleys, recommending (1) that the Street Commissioner be directed to repair the north sidewalk of East Market space; (2) that same officer take up cement pipe at intersection of Plum and Vine streets, and construct a wooden culvert in lieu of said pipe; (3) that same officer be directed to put in a large culvert at intersection of Torbet and Brooks streets [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 104], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in said report, was duly approved.

Report of Special Committee, charged with compromising contract terms with Gas and Water Works Companies, stating it could not accomplish any saving to city treasury out of payments made said companies [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 97], was read; and said report, together with the motion requesting the City Civil Engineer to furnish estimate of cost of connecting drinking fountains with fire-plugs [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 98], and the motion requesting City Attorney to furnish an opinion as to existence of contract to lease any or all of the fire-plugs, and, if such contract exists, what steps are necessary to annul the same [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 98], were, on motion of Alderman Stratford, referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the City Attorney.

Motion, adopting oil lamps in engine and hose-reel houses in lieu of gas; procuring gates for entrances to Illinois street tunnel, and discontinuing use of gas in same; and instructing City Clerk to advertise for bids for oil lamps to be used in engine and hose-reel houses [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 98], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was concurred in.

Resolution, amending the list of inspectors and judges for the School Commissioner election, to be held on 9th instant, by inserting the name of John S. Wright, in lieu of Omer Rodibaugh, as inspector on Eighth District Board; and by inserting the name of John Updike, in lieu of B. Atkinson, as judge on the Seventh District Board [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 101], was read, and the adoption of such resolution by the Common Council was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—8.

Negative—None.

Motion, relieving members of the Board of Aldermen from positions n Police, Fire, and Hospital Boards [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 101], was read.

On motion of Alderman Wallace, said motion was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Alderman Coburn, the Committee on Judiciary were instructed to see that the ordinances now in force, creating such Boards, should be so amended as to give aldermanic representation on same.

Motion, re-considering the vote by which general ordinance No. 20, 1877, was passed on May 28th, and requesting City Clerk to re-place same on Council files [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 98], was read.

On motion of Alderman Wallace, the Committee on Finance, in whose possession said general ordinance No. 20 now was, were instructed to return same to the custody of the City Clerk, so that the request made by the Common Council could be complied with.

Motion, instructing the City Civil Engineer to report, at next meeting of the Common Council, whether any improvement can be made in the drainage of West Market street, between Mississippi street and railroad track [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 100], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was concurred in.

Motion, instructing the Street Commissioner to cut a ditch from Douglass to Bright street, in accordance with recommendation of City Civil Engineer and under the latter officer's direction [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 100], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was concurred in.



Motion, directing the Street Commissioner to clean the gutters on McCarty street, from West street to Pogue's Run [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 100], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was concurred in.

Motion, authorizing Council Committee on Parks to grant picnic parties the use of Southern Park during interims of meetings of said Board [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 103], was read.

On motion of Alderman Stratford, such motion was amended so as to place the granting of such privilege in the hands of the Commissioner of the Southern Park.

Motion, permitting A. W. McOuat to re-lay the flagging in rear of Schraeder's store, at his own expense, and under direction of City Civil Engineer [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 100] was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was concurred in.

Appropriation ordinance No. 36, 1877, entitled

An ordinance appropriating money on account of the City Dispensary,

Was taken up, read the first and second times, and was then, on motion of Alderman Coburn, referred to the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals.

Appropriation ordinance No. 37, 1877, entitled

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of City Hospital and Branch, for part month of April and for the month of May, 1877,

Was taken up, and read the first and second times.

Alderman Stratford moved to refer to the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals; which motion was lost, and the ordinance was passed to the third reading.

Appropriation ordinance No. 38, 1877, entitled

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of General Election, held May 1st, 1877,

Was taken up, read the first and second times, and passed to the third reading.

Appropriation ordinance No. 39, 1877, entitled

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, for the month of May, 1877;

Appropriation ordinance No. 40, 1877, entitled

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department;

Appropriation ordinance No. 41, 1877, entitled

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, etc.;

Appropriation ordinance No. 42, 1877, entitled

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses;

Appropriation ordinance No. 43, 1877, entitled

An ordinance appropriating money on account of the Street-Repair Department of the City of Indianapolis,

Were taken up, read the first and second times, and passed to the third reading.

Appropriation ordinance No. 37, 1877, was then read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—9.

Negative—None.



Appropriation ordinance No. 38, 1877, was read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—9.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 39, 1877, was read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Alderman Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—9.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 40, 1877, was read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—9.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 41, 1877, was read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—9.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 42, 1877, was read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—9.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 43, 1877, was read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—9.

Negative—None.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Alderman Coburn, from the Committee on Streets and Alleys, submitted the following report ; which was concurred in :

*Indianapolis*, June 6, 1877.

To the President and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis :

*Gentlemen* :—The Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the ordinances for the grading and graveling of the following streets and alleys, would respectfully report that the Board of Aldermen concur with the Council in their passage, as the improvements are desired by the property owners :

1st. To grade and gravel Carlos street and sidewalks, between Ray and Morris streets.

2d. To grade and gravel the first alley west of Japan street, from Yeiser street to the first alley north of Yeiser street.

3d. To grade and gravel the first alley north of English avenue, between Cedar and Dillon streets.

Respectfully submitted,

H. COBURN,

G. C. KRUG,

ROBT. C. MCGILL,

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Alderman Wallace, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report ; which was concurred in :

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis :

The undersigned, to whom was referred general ordinance providing for a temporary loan of three hundred thousand dollars, to defray the current expenses of the city for the present fiscal year, and passed by the Common Council, May 28, 1877, respectfully report :

That in our opinion said ordinance should be so modified that the outstanding indebtedness, in the form of city warrants, on the first day of May, 1877, should be funded, and the money now in the city treasury should be used in paying current expenses of the city, and provision made by temporary loans, as the exigencies of the city may require hereafter.

We recommend that said ordinance be referred back to the Common Council.

WM. WALLACE,  
W. D. WILES,  
ROBT. C. MCGILL,  
Committee.

Alderman Stratford, from the Committee on Printing, Stationery, and Advertising, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen*.:—The Committee on Printing, etc., to whom was referred the matter of printing the Proceedings of the Board, beg leave to report, that they recommend the Clerk be authorized to have printed two hundred copies of the Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen, and that the work be done by the same parties, and at prices contracted for by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. FOSTER,  
I. W. STRATFORD,  
W. D. WILES,  
Committee on Printing, etc.

#### PENDING ORDINANCES.

General ordinance No. 21, 1877, was taken up, and read the second time.

On motion of Alderman Wiles, said ordinance was referred back to the Common Council, along with report of the Board Committee on Finance.



General ordinance No. 22, 1877, entitled

An ordinance to amend section twenty-two (22) of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance regulating the Markets within the City of Indianapolis, defining the duties of Market Master, and prescribing certain rules and regulations relative to the sale of provisions, produce, and other articles in the markets and other portions of said city; ordained November 30, 1863,"

Was taken up, and read the second time.

On motion of Alderman Stratford, the ordinance was then referred to the Committee on Markets, with instructions to so amend existing ordinances as to require the immediate payment of prices bid for stalls.

Special ordinance No. 5, 1877, entitled

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Japan or East street, from Yeiser street to the first alley north of Yeiser street,

Was taken up, read the second time and engrossed, and read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—9.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 10, 1877, entitled

An ordinance to provide for the grading and graveling of the first alley north of English avenue, between Cedar and Dillon streets,

Was taken up, read the second time and engrossed, and read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—9.

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 16, 1877, entitled

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Carlos street and sidewalks, from Ray street to Morris street.

Was taken up, read the second time and engrossed, and read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—9.

Negative—None.

President *pro tem.* Foster submitted the following invitation ; which, on motion, was accepted :

Indianapolis, June 4, 1877.

To the President of the Board of Aldermen :

Dear Sir :—The officers of C., C., C. & I. R. R., some two years ago, decided upon the erection of a large number of shops, round-houses, etc., etc., to be located at Brightwood, and to be used by the road, for the purpose of building their engines, passenger coaches, freight cars, and repairs of the same. And while our enterprise is not yet completed, yet a large number of the shops are now finished and equipped, and I desire to invite you and, through you, the members of the Board of Aldermen, to take a view and inspection of our works.

Should you be pleased to accept this invitation, would suggest next Friday, leaving Union Depot at 2 o'clock p. m.

Yours truly,

C. C. GALE,

Superintendent.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned until Wednesday, June 13th, 1877, at 8 o'clock P. M.

R. S. FOSTER, President *pro tem.*

Attest :

GEO. T. BREUNIG,

Clerk of Board of Aldermen.