

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

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ADJOURNED SESSION.

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CHAMBER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF }  
THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
*Wednesday, June 13th, 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 June 6th, 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 13, 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 last regular session, held June 11th, 1877, for your action upon same.

Respectfully,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,  
City Clerk.

## PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL—ACTION UPON.

Report from City Civil Engineer, (1) recommending a plan for the drainage of West Market street, from Mississippi street to the railroad track; and (2) relative to re-lighting Military Park, [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 110], was read.

On motion, the action of the Common Council, in approving the drainage plan, was concurred in.

On motion of Alderman Wiles, that portion of report relative to lighting Military Park, and the endorsed motion passed by the Common Council [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 110], was referred to the Committee on Parks.

Report from the City Clerk, relative to his proceedings in the matter of laying out and opening an alley, running north, from St. Clair street to the West End of Arch street [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 111], was received.

Report from the Committee on Finance and the City Assessor, in the matter of the petition of Bridget Gorman, for the refunding of taxes returnable under the provisions of the Widows' Exemp-

tion Act [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 127], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in granting the prayer of the petitioner, was concurred in.

Report from Committee on Sewers, recommending that permission be granted to V. Chambers to tap sewer on Clifford avenue and Archer street [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 128], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in granting such permission, was concurred in.

Report from Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, adverse to the proposition of Drs. Boynton and Buck, for furnishing medical attendance and medicines to the city poor, and recommending the continuance of the City Dispensary under the superintendence of Dr. Wm. B. Fletcher; and that the sum of two thousand dollars be appropriated on account of said Dispensary during the year ending March 1st, 1878 [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 130], was read, and, on motion of Alderman Wiles, was referred to the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, with instructions to inquire into and report back the exact terms of the contract between said Drs. Boynton and Buck and the County Commissioners.

Memorial from Geo. T. Bateman *et al.*, in relation to the proposition of Drs. Boynton and Buck [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 130], was read, and referred to the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals.

Report from the Committee on Sellers' Farm, in relation to the proposition of the "Indiana Fertilizer Company" to lease said Sellers' Farm, and the form of lease accompanying said report, [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 131], was read, and on motion by Alderman McGill, was referred to the Committee on Sellers' Farm.

Resolution, requiring architects having in charge the construction of Public Buildings to furnish a copy of the plans, etc. [see

Proceedings of Common Council, page 126], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such resolution, was concurred in.

Motion, instructing the Street Commissioner to clean the gutters on Tennessee street, between Ray and McCarty streets [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 124], was read, and, on motion by Alderman Chandler, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Motion, instructing the Street Commissioner to improve the gutter in front of the James House, on North Alabama street, and north to Wabash street, and to haul off the dirt scraped up in front of said property [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 124], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was concurred in.

Motion, instructing the Street Commissioner to lower the grade of Pearl street, from the west end of A. A. Helfer's lot to Tennessee street, etc. [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 125], was read, and, on motion by Alderman Chandler, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys and the City Civil Engineer.

Special ordinance No. 71, 1876, entitled

An ordinance to provide for grading, curbing, and bowldering the gutter, and graveling the streets and sidewalks, on Court street, between East and Noble streets,

Was read the first time.

Special ordinance No. 6, 1877, entitled

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Maryland street and sidewalks, from Helen street, west, to White River,

Was read the first time.

Appropriation ordinance No. 44, 1877, entitled

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of a certain claim against the City of Indianapolis, in favor of Irwin & Hanna,

Was read the first time.

By consent, Alderman Chandler, from the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen*:—Your Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, to which was referred the ordinance appropriating \$635.58 to Wm. B. Fletcher, on account of City Dispensary for the quarter ending June 1st, 1877, would report that we have examined the same, and find, by information from good authority, that Dr. Fletcher was instructed by the old Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals to continue the dispensary during the quarter ending as above, and that the expense of said quarter is the amount above named, and is still unpaid.

We, therefore, recommend that the ordinance be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. CHANDLER,  
I. W. STRATFORD,  
WM. WALLACE,

Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals.

On motion, the rules were suspended for the purpose of taking up, reading second and third times, and placing on their final passage special ordinances No. 71, 1876, and No. 6, 1877, and appropriation ordinances Nos. 36 and 44, 1877, by the following vote:

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

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 71, 1876, entitled

An ordinance to provide for grading, curbing, and bowldering the gutters, and graveling the street and sidewalks, on Court street, between East and Noble streets,

Was read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Special ordinance No. 6, 1877, entitled

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Maryland street and sidewalks, from Helen street, west, to White River,

Was read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 36, 1877, entitled

An ordinance appropriating money on account of City Dispensary,

Was read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 44, 1877, entitled

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of a certain claim against the City of Indianapolis, in favor of Irwin & Hanna,

Was read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

The following message was received from the Common Council:

*Indianapolis, June 13, 1877.*

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith return to your honorable body the report of your Committee on Finance, which the Common Council, at its last regular session, held the 11th instant, refused to concur in.

The said Common Council, at the same session, determined to adhere to its former action, in passing general ordinance No. 21, 1877, and in adopting a certain resolution, which provided for the redemption of outstanding orders, issued prior to the 1st May, 1877, with moneys now in the City Treasury. Said ordinance and resolution I herewith transmit, for your consideration of and action upon same.

The said Common Council, at same session, on the report of your Committee on Printing, Stationery and Advertising being read before them, referred said report back to your honorable body, with the request that you amend same by reducing the number of copies of your printed proceedings to "one hundred." I return said report herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,

City Clerk.

Concerning the question of the number of copies of the printed proceedings of the Board of Aldermen, on motion of Alderman Wallace, the recommendation of the Common Council was *not* concurred in, by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, and Wallace—7.

Negative—Aldermen Chandler and Wiles.

## CALL OF COMMITTEES.

Alderman Wallace, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and the action of the Common Council approved:

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the report of the committee to confer with the Gas and Water Works Companies, and the several motions of the Common Council thereon, beg leave to report that they recommend a concurrence by the Board of Aldermen in the action of the Common Council in reference thereto.

Respectfully,

WM. WALLACE,  
I. W. STRATFORD,  
R. S. FOSTER.

Also, the following report; which was concurred in, and the action of the Common Council approved:

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the report of the City Attorney in reference to certain suits, beg leave to report that, upon due consideration, they recommend that the Board of Aldermen concur in the action of the Common Council.

Respectfully,

WM. WALLACE,  
I. W. STRATFORD,  
R. S. FOSTER.

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

*Indianapolis, June 13, 1877.*

To the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—The Committee on Streets and Alleys recommend that special ordinance No. 14, '77, providing for the grading and graveling and bowldering the gutters of Clifford avenue, between Massachusetts avenue and Pogue's Run,



be amended to read "between Massachusetts avenue and the northwest corner of the Arsenal grounds."

The reason we offer this amendment is, that there is six or seven hundred feet of ground of the proposed ordinance owned by the U. S. Arsenal, and the commander reports that there is no money to pay for the portion along their Ground.

Respectfully submitted,

H. COBURN,  
G. C. KRUG,  
ROBT. C. MCGILL,  
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

#### ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

General ordinance No. 21, 1877, was taken up, read the second time, and passed to its third reading.

Special ordinance No. 14, 1877, was taken up on its second reading, and amended in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Streets and Alleys. The ordinance, as amended, was then ordered engrossed, and passed to its third reading.

#### ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

General ordinance No. 21, 1877, entitled

An ordinance providing for a Temporary Loan of three hundred thousand dollars, to defray the current expenses of the city for the present fiscal year,

Was read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Krug, Wallace, and Wiles—5.

Negative—Aldermen Foster, McGill, Snider, and Stratford—4.

Special ordinance No. 14, 1877, entitled

An ordinance to provide for the improvement of Clifford avenue, between Massachusetts avenue and the northwest corner of the United States Ar.

senal Grounds, by grading and graveling the street with good screened or raked gravel, and bowldering the gutters to a width of seven (7) feet,

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.

On motion of Alderman Wiles, the vote concurring in the action of the Common Council, instructing the City Attorney to appeal the suit of Casper Maus vs. The City, to the Supreme Court, was reconsidered by an unanimous vote.

On motion of Alderman Chandler, the City Attorney's report of this case was referred back to that officer, with instructions not to appeal said suit, if Mr. Maus would sign a release of the city from any and all further action for damages to himself and property, growing out of the indicated overflow.

On motion of Alderman Wiles, the action of the Board, taking away the granting of privileges to use of Southern Park to picnic parties from Committee on Parks, and placing such power in hands of Commissioner of Southern Park, was reconsidered.

Alderman Stratford moved that above motion "lay on the table," and demanded the "ayes and noes"; which, being had, the motion "to lay on the table" was defeated by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen McGill, Snider, and Stratford—3.

Negative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, Wallace, and Wiles—6.

The motion to reconsider was then adopted.

On motion of Alderman Stratford, the subject was then referred to the Committee on Parks.

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 Finance Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of May 28, 1877, providing for the payment of outstanding city orders, beg leave to report that they recommend the passage of said resolution.

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

The resolution referred to [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 67], was then taken up, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting said resolution, was concurred in by the following vote :

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

Negative—Alderman Stratford—1.

On motion of Alderman Wiles, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned until Wednesday, June 20th, 1877, at 8 o'clock P. M.

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

Attest :

GEO. T. BREUNIG,

Clerk of Board of Aldermen.