

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 20th, 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 the following members: Aldermen Chandler, Krug, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, Wiles and President Newcomb—8.

Absent—Aldermen Coburn and McGill—2.

The proceedings of the adjourned session, held June 13th, 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 18th, 1877, for your action upon same.

Respectfully,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,  
City Clerk.

## PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL—ACTION UPON.

Opinion of the City Attorney, relative to lease and use of all the fire plugs heretofore located [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 143], was read, and the said report was duly received.

Report from same officer, stating that a change of venue had been granted, and the suit of the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company vs. The City had been transferred to Johnson county [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 146], was read, and duly received.

Report from the City Commissioners, in the matter of laying out and opening West Vermont street, from first alley east of Douglass street to Blake street [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 146], was read, and the action of the Common Council in concurring in said report, was duly approved.

Remonstrance against opening Vermont street through to Blake street] see Proceedings of Common Council, page 147], was read, and duly received.

Report from Board of Police, covering inventory of property on hand at Station Houses, and transmitting official bond of John Minor, city jailor at Sixth Street Station House [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 165], was read, report duly received, and the action of the Common Council, in approving said bond, was concurred in.

Report from Fire Board, recommending passage of motion providing for the removal and re-setting of fire plug nearest the headquarters of the Fire Department [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 165], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in said report, was duly approved.

Report from Fire Board, recommending the publishing of the annual report of the Chief Fire Engineer [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 165], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in said report, was duly approved.

Report of Committee on Streets and Alleys, relative to wages of Street Commissioner's employes [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 160], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in said report, was, on motion of Alderman Krug, duly approved.

Report from same committee, relative to repair of Indiana avenue [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 161], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in said report, was duly approved.

Report from same committee, on certain motions to it referred [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 161], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in said report, and in limiting outlay on account of repair of Virginia avenue, was duly approved.

Report of Committee on Printing, Stationery, and Advertising, relative to city printing, stationery, and advertising [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 162], was read, and, on motion of Alderman Wallace, the entire report and accompanying papers were referred to the Committee on Printing, etc.

Motion, instructing the Street Commissioner to gravel the alley-crossing on west side of Linden street, between Prospect and Orange streets [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 152], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was concurred in.

Motion, instructing City Civil Engineer to re-advertise for the erection of lamp-posts on Bellefontaine avenue and Peru street, from Home avenue to Seventh street [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 153], was read, and, on motion of Alderman Wiles, was referred to the Committee on Gas Light.

Motion, authorizing the City Attorney to employ other attorneys to assist in the suit of the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Co. vs. The City, and authorizing said officer to expend the money necessary to procure the attendance of witnesses, and to enable him to properly defend said case [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 153], was read, and, after its amendment, on motion of President Newcomb, by striking out "attorneys," and inserting "attorney," said motion was adopted as amended.

Motion, placing the management of the parks under the control of the Committee on Parks [see Proceedings of Common Council, page 156], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was concurred in.

Motion, instructing the Street Commissioner to whitewash the walls of the South Illinois street tunnel [see Proceedings of Com-

mon Council, page 157], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was concurred in.

General ordinance No. 26, 1877, entitled

An ordinance to prohibit the use of false or incorrect scales, weights, or measures,

Was read the first time.

Appropriation ordinance No. 45, 1877, entitled

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of judgment and costs in suit of Johnson & Christerson vs. The City of Indianapolis,

Was read the first time.

#### CALL OF COMMITTEES.

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

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis :

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution introduced by Alderman Stratford, "That the Board of Aldermen recommend to the Mayor and Common Council the appointment of two or more experts, to examine the books of the City Treasurer and City Clerk, such examination not having been made for many years," beg leave to report that they recommend the passage of the resolution.

WM. WALLACE,  
W. D. WILES,  
Committee on Finance.

Alderman Krug, from the Committee on Parks, submitted the following report; which, on motion of Alderman Wiles, was concurred in :

*Indianapolis, June 20, 1877.*

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen* :—Your committee, to whom was referred certain papers, would respectfully report as follows thereon :

1st. Relative to the report of the City Civil Engineer regarding the lamps in Military Park, we would recommend the lighting of said lamps with gas during the summer season, provided more economy is used in the consumption of gas; and, to this end, we would further recommend that the person in charge of the park be instructed to light the lamps at dark, and extinguish them and close the park gates at 11 o'clock P. M., promptly.

2d. The motion authorizing the Council Committee on Parks to grant picnic parties the use of Southern Park during interims of meetings of said Council, we have considered and recommend its adoption.

3d. We would also recommend that said committee be authorized and instructed to rent or lease said park, as soon as possible, to some responsible party.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. KRUG,  
W. H. SNIDER,  
Committee on Parks.

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

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

The Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, to whom was referred the report of the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals of Common Council, and, also, the proposition of Drs. Boynton and Buck to render the necessary medical and surgical aid to the poor of the city, furnishing medicines, etc., would report that, upon due consideration, they recommend that the report of the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals of the Common Council be not concurred in, but that in lieu thereof, the matter be referred back to the Common Council, with recommendation that a proper ordinance be prepared and enacted, providing that such medical and surgical assistance and supplies be given to the best bidder, upon due notice given for bids.

T. E. CHANDLER,  
I. W. STRATFORD,  
WM. WALLACE,  
Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals.

Alderman Stratford moved to re-consider the motion by which Councilman Tucker's motion, placing the control of the city parks in the direct charge of the committees on same [see Proceedings

of Common Council, page 156, and action of Board, page 90, *ante*]; upon which, a call of the "ayes and noes" was had, and the motion to re-consider was defeated by the following vote:

Affirmative—Alderman Stratford—1.

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

General ordinance No. 26, 1877, and appropriation ordinance No. 45, 1877, were then taken up, and read the second time.

Alderman Wallace moved to suspend the rules, for the purpose of now reading above ordinances the third time, and placing them on their passage; which motion was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Krug, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—7.

Negative—None.

General ordinance No. 26, 1877, entitled

An ordinance to prohibit the use of false or incorreect scales, weights, or measures,

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

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Krug, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—7.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 45, 1877, entitled

An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of judgment and costs in suit of Johnson & Christerson vs. The City of Indianapolis,

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

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Krug, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—7.

Negative—None.

On motion of Alderman Wallace, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned until Wednesday, June 27th, 1877, at 8 o'clock P. M.

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

Attest :

GEO. T. BREUNIG,

Clerk of Board of Aldermen.