

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

CALLLED SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN }
OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Thursday, September 20th, 1877—7½ o'clock P. M. }

The Board of Aldermen met, pursuant to the following call :

City of Indianapolis, September 20, 1877.

To the Members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said City :

You are hereby notified to meet at the Council Chamber, on this (Thursday) evening, September 20th, at 7½ o'clock, to concert and act upon measures for fire protection for the city.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

H. C. NEWCOMB, Pres't B. of A.

Present at roll-call—His Honor, the President, H. C. Newcomb, in the chair, and Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—9.

Absent during entire session—Alderman Snider—1.

The object of the meeting was stated by the chair, and then a communication of inquiry, addressed by Mayor Caven to the Chief Fire Engineer [see Council Proceedings, page 440], was read.

Chief Fire Engineer W. O. Sherwood made a verbal report upon the inquiries contained in the Mayor's communication, and recommended the prompt construction of six additional fire-cisterns in the central portion of the city, in the event of the Water-Works Company shutting off the supply of water from the fire-plugs at 12 o'clock midnight, this date.

The "situation" was then quite thoroughly discussed by His Honor, the President, and other Aldermen.

The following resolution, transmitted from the Common Council, was taken up, and considered :

Resolved, That the Fire Board, Chief Fire Engineer, and City Civil Engineer report, at the next meeting of the Common Council, on the following points :

1. What additional number of cisterns it will be necessary to provide, in case the Water-Works Company refuses to supply water for the extinguishment of fires.
2. The best locations for such additional cisterns.
3. The probable cost of building the necessary number of cisterns, with the wells to supply them with water; and, also, whether it will be necessary to provide larger and deeper wells, to supply the cisterns already constructed.
4. What action ought to be adopted, touching the modification or repeal of the several ordinances of the city conferring privileges upon said company relative to the use of the streets, or otherwise.
5. Also, to make any recommendations that, in their judgment, will increase the efficiency of the Fire Department, and secure our citizens from the ravages of fire.

And the action of the Common Council, in adopting such resolution [see Council Proceedings, page 441], was concurred in by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Alderman Foster offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee of three of the Board of Aldermen be appointed, and that the City Council be requested to appoint a like number of Councilmen, to act jointly with the committee of the Board of Aldermen, to confer with the Water-Works Company regarding the further supply of water to the city by said company.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—Alderman McGill—1.

His Honor, the President, appointed the following gentlemen as the special committee required by preceding resolution :

Aldermen Foster, Stratford, and Coburn.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned until Tuesday evening, September 25th, 1877, at 7½ o'clock.

H. C. NEWCOMB, President.

Attest :

GEO. T. BREUNIG,

Clerk of Board of Aldermen.