

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN.
REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
Tuesday, January 22d, 1878—7 o'clock P. M. }

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session.

Present at roll-call—His Honor, the President, H. C. Newcomb, in the chair, and Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—10.

Absent—None.

The proceedings of the regular session, held January 8th, 1878, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, the reading of the same was dispensed with.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

Indianapolis, January 22, 1878.

To the President and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals having been instructed to report what amount, if any, it would be necessary to appropriate for the relief of the poor during the winter, beg leave to report that we have given the matter due consideration, and would recommend that the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated for the purchase of fuel, and that the above sum be equally divided between the Indianapolis Benevolent Society and the Ladies' Relief Society.

Respectfully,

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

Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals.

Alderman Snider offered the following motion :

WHEREAS, The appropriation of five hundred dollars, to defray the expense of the decorations on the occasion of the funeral of the late Senator Morton was made without due consideration, and at a time when opposition to it would have been misconstrued; and,

WHEREAS, The appropriation was made without warrant of law; Therefore,

Moved, That the members of this Board, the Mayor, and members of the Common Council, each instruct the City Treasurer to retain out of their next quarter's salary, due them, the sum of thirteen dollars and eighty-nine cents, which will amount, in the aggregate, to five hundred dollars; and that the appropriation for benevolent purposes be increased to one thousand dollars—that is, five hundred dollars each to the Indianapolis Benevolent Society and the Ladies' Relief Society, both to be made for the purchase of fuel, and nothing else.

On Alderman Wallace's motion, the preceding motion was amended by striking out all after the words "which will amount, in the aggregate, to five hundred dollars," and inserting the following: "Which several amounts shall be paid back into the city treasury."

Alderman Foster moved that the preamble be stricken out; upon which Alderman Stratford demanded the "ayes and nays," and the preamble was ordered to be stricken out by the following vote :

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

Negative—Alderman Stratford and President Newcomb—2.

On Alderman Wallace's motion, the following phrase was added to original motion, as amended: "Thus equaling the appropriation made by the Board of Aldermen and Common Council on November 2d, 1877."

Alderman Snider's motion, as amended, was then adopted, and is as follows:

Moved, That the members of this Board, the Mayor, and members of the Common Council, each instruct the City Treasurer to retain, out of the next quarter's salary due them, the sum of thirteen dollars and eighty nine cents (\$13 89), which will amount, in the aggregate, to five hundred dollars; which several sums shall be paid back into the city treasury, thus equaling the appropriation made by the Board of Aldermen and Common Council, on November 2d, 1877.

Alderman Stratford moved that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an ordinance, appropriating the five hundred dollars recommended by the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, as preceding, so that said ordinance could be introduced at next regular session of the Common Council, to be holden on February 4th, 1878. Lost.

The Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys, through Councilman McGill, submitted the following report:

Indianapolis, January 22, 1878.

To the President and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Laying Out and Opening Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred a joint report from a like committee and a select committee of the Common Council, together with a plat, exhibiting said committee's views for the proper line on which to open and extend Dillon street, from its present northern terminus to the intersection of Washington street and the Michigan Road, recommend that the line of such opening be accepted, as proposed, to the south line of Meek street. From this point, we recommend the thoroughfare extend westward, on Meek street, to a point on line with the alley which is proposed to be made the west side of Dillon

street, from the railroad tracks to the new northern terminus of said street. By taking the line we suggest, it will be only necessary to appropriate about two lots between Meek street and the railroad tracks, instead of cutting five lots into such fragments as would be almost valueless.

We submit, herewith, a draft of the change we recommend.

We would, also, express our approval as to the vacation of Bobbs street, on the terms mentioned in the report of the Council committee.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. C. MCGILL,
G. C. KRUG,
W. D. WILES.

Which was concurred in by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, Wiles, and President Newcomb—10.

Negative—None.

The same committee also submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, January 22, 1878.

To the President and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Opening and Laying Out Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of property owners, and report from Council Committee on Opening and Laying Out Streets and Alleys, in the matter of opening and widening Shelby street, in a width of sixty feet, from Prospect street to the south corporation line, have examined the same, and recommend that the action of the Council, in referring the subject to the City Commissioners for their action, be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. C. MCGILL,
G. C. KRUG,
W. D. WILES,

Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys.

Which was concurred in by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, Wiles, and President Newcomb—10.

Negative—None.

The Committee on Sellers' Farm, through Alderman Snider, submitted the following report ; which was concurred in :

Indianapolis, January 22, 1878.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the action of the Council, recommending the sale of the cotton wood trees on the city property known as the "Sellers' Farm," would most respectfully make the following report:

That we are of the opinion that said action should not be concurred in, as in our opinion, the timber would be of much more value to the grounds at some future day than a mere nominal price would be for the sale of it now.

We would most respectfully submit this to the consideration of your honorable body.

W. H. SNIDER,
H. COBURN,
T. E. CHANDLER,
Committee on Sellers' Farm.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message was duly received:

Indianapolis, January 22, 1878.

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith transmit to your honorable body certain papers, favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its last regular session, held January 21st, 1878, for your action upon same.

Respectfully,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL—ACTION UPON.

Report from the Council Committee on Contracts, recommending that the contract for erecting lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete to burn gas, except the service-pipes, on Stevens street, from East street to Virginia avenue, be awarded to the Indianapolis Stove Company [see Council Proceedings, page 674] was read, and the action of the Common Council, in awarding such contract, was duly concurred in.

Report from City Civil Engineer, covering contracts and bonds (1) of Thomas Niland, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Illinois street, from Morris street to the first alley south of Morris street; (2) of William L. Roney, for paving with brick the

sidewalks of Fletcher avenue, between Dillon and Linden streets ; (3) of Richard Carr, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Fletcher avenue, between Cedar and Dillon streets ; (4) of James W. Hudson, for grading, graveling, and curbing the west sidewalk of Missouri street, from New York street to Vermont street ; (5) of Richard Carr, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Meridian street, between Phipps and McCarty street ; and (6) of McKnight & Co., for grading and graveling the alley between Broadway street and College avenue, from Butler street to Home avenue [see Council Proceedings, pages 674 and 675], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in the several contracts, and in approving such bonds, was duly concurred in.

Communication from same officer, asking for a two months' leave of absence, on account of his illy-recovered health [see Council Proceedings, page 675], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in granting such request, was duly concurred in.

Report from City Clerk, stating that the affidavit of John Schier vs. Alice Deery had been filed in his office, for the collection of street assessment by precept, and recommending that a precept be ordered to issue [see Council Proceedings, page 675], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in such report, and ordering the precept to issue, was duly approved by the following vote :

Affirmative—Alderman Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, Wiles, and President Newcomb—10.

Negative—None.

Report from City Attorney, stating that the judgment of \$8,500, recovered in November, 1874, by the plaintiff in the case of John M. Gaston vs. The City (for personal injuries received by falling over a stump in Pennsylvania street sidewalk) had been affirmed by the Supreme Court [see Council Proceedings, page 676], was read, and duly received.

On Alderman Stratford's motion, the City Attorney was directed to inquire into the liability of E. B. Martindale (by whose fault and negligence, it was alleged, aforesaid injuries had been caused) to pay the said judgment instead of the city, and make report of the result of his investigations at the next regular session of this body.

Annual Report from the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, and a like report from the Treasurer of the Board of Managers of the Home for Friendless Women, for the year 1877 [see Council Proceedings, page 677 to 679], were read and duly received.

Condensed Annual Report from Superintendent of the City Dispensary, for the year 1877; also, the report from same officer for the month of December, 1877 [see Council Proceedings, pages 679 and 680], were read, and duly received.

Report from Council Committee on Finance, stating that they had examined the reports of the City Treasurer and City Clerk for November and December, 1877, and found them correct [see Council Proceedings, page 680], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in approving such report, was duly concurred in.

Report from Council Committee on Railroads, recommending that that Union Railway Company be notified to plank between its tracks at the crossing of Pennsylvania street [see Council Proceedings, pages 666 and 681]; also, that Glazier & Morris be instructed to bowlder between their tracks at the crossing of Pennsylvania street [see Council Proceedings, pages 665 and 681], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in such report, was duly approved.

Report from Council Committee on Streets and Alleys, recommending that the following work be done by the Street Commissioner :

- 1 Fill the chuck-holes in North street, from Indiana avenue to Douglass street, at an expense not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

2. Clean the gutters and fill the chuck-holes in Kentucky avenue, from Maryland to Missouri street, at an expense not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

3. Lower the gutters under the foot-bridges on Tennessee street, at the intersection of Vermont street.

4. Construct the following foot-crossings, of rolling-mill cinders: Over Shelby street, from southeast corner of Shelby and Prospect streets to northwest corner of Coburn street and Virginia avenue.

Over Home avenue, on line with east sidewalk of Central avenue.

Over Central avenue, on line with north sidewalk of Home avenue.

Over Seventh street, on line with east sidewalk of Central avenue.

Over Central avenue, on line with north sidewalk of Christian avenue.

Over College avenue, on line with south sidewalk of Lincoln avenue.

Over College avenue, on line with north sidewalk of Butler street.

[see Council Proceedings, page 682], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in such report, was duly approved.

Report from Council Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys, recommending the vacation of Kingan street, from West street to White River, and resolution referring the case to the City Commissioners [see Council Proceedings, pages 682 and 683], were read, and then referred to the Aldermanic Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys.

Report from Council Select Committee on N. Illinois street sewer matter [see Council Proceedings, pages 687 to 689], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in the recommendation of its said committee to relieve the property owners on aforesaid street from the interest which had accrued on account of non-payment of assessments, was duly concurred in.

Petition from W. H. Craft for issuance of six months license to sell at auction, at No. 50 E. Washington street [see Council Proceedings, page 692], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in granting the prayer of said petitioner, was duly concurred in.

Resolution, to instruct the Council and Aldermanic Committee

on Parks to confer with the County Commissioners relative to county assistance in erecting a county and city workhouse in the Southern Park [see Council Proceedings, pages 699 and 700], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such resolution, was concurred in by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Motion, to instruct the City Civil Engineer to have the gas lamps on the Delaware street viaduct discontinued [see Council Proceedings, page 693], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to grant John Nutzel permission to bowlder the gutter in front of his property on Washington street, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer [see Council Proceedings, page 701], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to direct the Street Commissioner to notify the Citizens' Gas Company to fill all low places, caused by laying their mains and service pipes, within thirty days, or work to be done by said officer at cost of such company [see Council Proceedings, page 701], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to instruct the City Marshal and the Police Department to enforce the ordinance " to prevent the blowing of steam whistles " inside the city limits [see Council Proceedings, page 701], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

The following ordinances [which had been duly passed by the Common Council—see pages 704 to 706] were read the first time :

- G O. 44, 1877—An ordinance regulating the Weighing and Sale of Coal and Coke in the City of Indianapolis.
- S. O. 121, 1876—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of the lower arm of the canal, from Washington street to its southern terminus.
- S. O. 135, 1876—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the alley between Olive and Linden streets, running from Orange to Willow street.
- S. O. 33, 1877—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of Cook street, from Georgia to Louisiana street.
- S. O. 38, 1877—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete to burn gas, except the service-pipes, on Fletcher avenue, from Dillon street to Linden street.
- S. O. 39, 1877—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete to burn gas, except the service-pipes, on Olive street, from Prospect street to Pleasant Run.
- S. O. 42, 1877—An ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, the sidewalks of First street, from Illinois street to Meridian street.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

H. C. NEWCOMB, President.

Attest:

GEO. T. BREUNIG,

Clerk of Board of Aldermen.