

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
Friday, February 22d, 1878—7 o'clock P. M.

The Board of Aldermen met, pursuant to adjournment.

Present at roll-call—His Honor, President Newcomb, in the chair, and Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Krug, McGill, Wallace, and Wiles—7. Appeared subsequently—Alderman Snider—1. Total present—8.

Absent—Aldermen Coburn and Stratford—2.

The proceedings of the regular session, held February 5th, 1878, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, the reading of the same was dispensed with.

The Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys, through Councilman McGill, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

Indianapolis, February 19, 1878.

To the President and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys, to whom the petition and plat for the vacation of Kingan street, from West street to White River, and the report of the Council Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys in said case, were referred, do herewith return such documents, with the recommendation that the action of the Common Council, in concurring in the report of their aforesaid committee, and in adopting the resolution referring the matter to the City Commissioners (as embodied in such report), be now duly approved and concurred in by the Board of Aldermen.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys.

And the resolution embodied in report of aforesaid Council committee [see Council Proceedings, page 683], was, also, concurred in by the following vote :

Affirmative—Alderman Chandler, Foster, Krug, McGill, Wallace, Wiles, and President Newcomb—7.

Negative—None.

MESSAGES FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message was read ; and then, on Alderman Foster's motion, was laid on the table :

Indianapolis, February 19, 1878.

To the President and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—The Common Council, at its regular session, held February 18th, 1878, determined to adhere to its action of the 4th instant, when it adopted Councilman Tucker's amendment to the motion by you adopted on 22d ultimo, through which said amendment "the appropriation made by the Board of Aldermen and Common Council, on November 2d, 1877," was to be equaled by making the amount to be retained by the City Treasurer "fifty dollars for each member of the Board of Aldermen." [See Aldermanic Proceedings, pages 309 and 318, and Council Proceedings, pages 722 and 743.]

Respectfully,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The following message was duly received:

Indianapolis, February 19, 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 February 18th, 1878, for your action upon same.

Respectfully,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL—ACTION UPON.

Report from Mayor Caven, of the fines collected by him during the month of January, 1878, and paid into the City Treasury [see Council Proceedings, page 734], was read, and duly received.

Report from City Clerk, stating that the affidavit of Fred. Gansberg vs. Josephine Balz 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 736], 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—Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Krug, McGill, Wallace, Wiles, and President Newcomb—7.

Negative—None.

Report from same officer, transmitting advertisement, and proof of publication of same, inviting sealed proposals for the construction of a brick sewer from the east line of the Central Station House, in and along Pearl street to the first alley east of Delaware street; thence, south, in and along said alley, to Maryland street; thence, west, in and along Maryland street, to connect with the Virginia avenue sewer [see Council Proceedings, page 737], was read, and duly received.

Alderman Foster presented the following remonstrance; which was received, and then, on his motion, said document and the en-

tire sewer matter was referred back to the Common Council, for review and further action by that body :

To the Mayor, and Common Council, and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Indianapolis :

The undersigned, Joseph K. Sharpe, would respectfully represent and show to your honorable bodies, that he protests and remonstrates against the construction of the brick sewer contemplated and provided by special ordinance No. 41, 1877, providing for the construction of a brick sewer from the east line of the Central Station House, in and along Pearl street, to the first alley east of Delaware street ; thence, south, in and along said alley, to Maryland street ; thence, west, in and along said Maryland street, to and connecting with the Virginia avenue sewer ; and against the collection of the cost of its construction from the abutting property owners, as provided in said ordinance, for the following reasons :

1st. Because such construction, and the collection of the cost thereof, would be burdensome upon and unjust toward your remonstrant, in this : That, as his property on the corner of Delaware and Maryland street is situated, he would be compelled to pay for one hundred and ninety feet, lineal measure, of abutting property, viz., sixty-five feet across the rear end of his premises, and one hundred and twenty-five feet alongside thereof, at a cost of two hundred and eighty-five dollars, when his premises are situated so close to the terminus of said contemplated sewer and its juncture with the Virginia avenue sewer that he could, if he wished, procure his premises to be connected with said Virginia avenue sewer for a very small sum of money ; but that he has no need for connection with any sewer, and to be charged with the construction of the contemplated sewer, would be to call upon him to pay out a large sum of money for which he would have absolutely no return.

2d. Because by its construction through said first alley east of Delaware street would endanger his buildings, and also the German school building, situated just across said alley from his buildings, said alley being only ten feet in width.

3d. Because he is advised and believes that said sewer can be constructed for very much less than the amount assessed upon the adjoining property holders for its construction—to wit, for one-fourth part thereof.

And your remonstrant further shows that he is informed and believes that in order to prevent opposition from the owners of the German school buildings, the cost of constructing said sewer down said alley, from Pearl street to Maryland street, has been agreed to be borne by other parties.

J. K. SHARPE.

Report from Council Committee on Gas-Light, recommending that the contract for lighting the Illinois street tunnel with gas be

awarded to the Indianapolis Gas-Light and Coke Company [see Council Proceedings, pages 740 and 741], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in awarding such contract, was duly concurred in.

Report from Council and Aldermanic Committees on Parks, stating, as a result of their conference with the County Commissioners relative to the erection of a workhouse by the county and city jointly, that, "under existing laws, criminals could not be worked to any advantage, and, before any further steps can be taken in the matter, necessary state legislation must be had" [see Council Proceedings, page 742], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in approving such report, was duly concurred in.

Resolution, to order the Street Commissioner, under the supervision of the Board of Public Improvements, the City Attorney, and the City Civil Engineer, to proceed at once to enforce the provisions of the charter-ordinances, and ordinances amendatory, which require the Citizens' Street Railway Company, the Indianapolis Gas-Light and Coke Company, the Citizens' Gas-Light and Coke Company, and the Water-Works Company of Indianapolis to restore and keep in repair such streets and sidewalks in the which such corporations have dug trenches [see Council Proceedings, page 748], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such resolution, was concurred in by the following vote:

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

Negative—None.

Motion, to instruct the Street Commissioner to haul the old lumber from the Delaware street viaduct to the different fire-engine houses, for kindling [see Council Proceedings, page 750], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to grant McCune & Son the privilege to erect a telephone from No. 230 E. Washington street to No. 100 N. Illinois street [see Council Proceedings, page 750], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting said motion, after placing all such work under the direction of the City Civil Engineer (by adoption of next following motion) was duly concurred in.

Motion, to direct the City Civil Engineer to advertise for proposals for building abutments on the canal, at the crossing of Vermont street [see Council Proceedings, page 750], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to authorize the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Gas-Light to dispose of such articles remaining in the old Council Chamber as the present occupants may wish to purchase [see Council Proceedings, page 753], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Petition from L. I. Mossler & Bro. for issuance of three months' license to sell at auction [see Council Proceedings, page 754], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in granting the prayer of said petitioners, was duly concurred in.

Resolution, to authorize and instruct His Honor, the Mayor, to execute the contract between the City of Indianapolis and the Indianapolis Gas-Light and Coke Company, as printed upon pages 713 and 714 of the Council Proceedings of February 4th, 1878 [see Council Proceedings, page 756], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such resolution, was duly concurred in by the following vote :

Affirmative—Alderman Chandler, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Wallace, Wiles, and President Newcomb—8.

Negative—None.

The following ordinances [which had been duly passed by the Common Council—see page 744], were read the first time :

G. O. 1, 1878—An ordinance to protect the Fire-Hydrants of the City of Indianapolis.

G. O. 3, 1878—An ordinance to provide for the appointment of a Superintendent of Fire Plugs.

On Alderman Wiles's motion, the rules were suspended, for the purpose of now reading the above entitled ordinances the second and third times, and placing them on their passage, by the following vote:

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

Negative—None.

The following ordinance was then read the second and third times:

G. O. 1, 1878—An ordinance to protect the Fire-Hydrants of the City of Indianapolis;

And was passed by the following vote:

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

Negative—None.

The following ordinance was then read the second and third times:

G. O. 3, 1878—An ordinance to provide for the appointment of a Superintendent of Fire-Plugs;

And was passed by the following vote:

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

Negative—None.

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

The following ordinance was taken from the files, and read the third time :

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 ;

And was passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

The following ordinance was also taken from the files, and read third time ;

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 ;

And was passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

On Alderman Wallace's motion, the hour of meeting, from and after this session, was set at 7½ o'clock P. M.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

H. C. NEWCOMB, President.

Attest :

GEO. T. BREUNIG,

Clerk of Board of Aldermen.