

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
Tuesday, May 7th, 1878—7½ 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, Snider, and Wiles—7. Appeared subsequently—Aldermen McGill and Wallace—2. Total present—9.

Absent during entire session—Alderman Stratford—1.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message from the Common Council was received :

Indianapolis, May 7, 1878.

To 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 May 6th, 1878, for your action upon same.

Respectfully,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL—ACTION UPON.

Report from City Civil Engineer, giving (1) a first and final estimate in behalf of Richard Carr, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Meridian street, between Phipps and McCarty streets; (2) a first and final estimate in behalf of Richard Carr, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Fletcher avenue, from Cedar street to Dillon street; and (3) a first and partial estimate in behalf of David A. Haywood, for grading, and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Pendleton Pike, between Clifford avenue and Orange street [see Council Proceedings, page 943], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in approving such report, was duly concurred in.

The following concurrent resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 943], was then read :

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed Richard Carr, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Meridian street, between Phipps and McCarty streets, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And was duly adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

The following concurrent resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 944], was also read :

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed Richard Carr, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Fletcher avenue, from Cedar street to Dillon street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And was duly adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

The following concurrent resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 944], was also read :

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and partial estimate, allowed David A. Haywood, for grading, and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Pendleton Pike, between Clifford avenue and Orange street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And was duly adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Report from same officer, giving the locations of forty-eight public gas-lamps by him located on certain streets, and the dates on which the same were to be first lighted [see Council Proceedings, page 944], was read, and duly received.

Annual Report from same officer was also submitted, and duly received.

Reports from Superintendent of City Hospital and Branch, for the month of April, 1878 [see Council Proceedings, page 948], were read, and duly received.

Report of receipts and expenditures of the City Dispensary from January 1st, 1877, to March 1st, 1878 [see Council Proceedings, pages 951 to 954], was read, and duly received.

Reports from Superintendent of City Dispensary, for the month of March, 1878 [see Council Proceedings, page 954], were read, and duly received.

Report from Council Committee on Finance, stating they had examined (1) the City Treasurer's report of receipts and payments from May 15th, 1877, to April 15th, 1878; (2) report from same officer for April, 1878; and (3) City Clerk's report for April, 1878, and found the same to be "correct as shown by the books of their respective offices" [see Council Proceedings, page 955], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in approving such finding, was duly concurred in.

Aforesaid reports [for which, see Council Proceedings, pages 909 to 912, and pages 946 to 948] were then duly received.

Report from Council Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney, recommending (1) that Mary A. Shine be refunded \$13.10, that Margaret Mulchey be refunded \$14.50, that Henrietta Martindale be refunded \$13.10, and that Mary J. White be refunded \$5.96, under what is known as the Widows' Exemption Law; and (4) that Josiah Locke be refunded \$8.96 on account of taxes paid on over-appraisement [see Council Proceedings, pages 957 and 958], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in aforesaid recommendations, was duly approved.

Report from same committee and officer, in favor of paying R. S. Foster & Co. the sum of \$77 for storage of arms and accoutrements issued in 1871, by the State of Indiana, to a military company of this city, and recommending that, after payment of aforesaid charges, the Street Commissioner be instructed to take and turn over aforesaid property to the Quartermaster General of the State of Indiana [see Council Proceedings, pages 958 and 959], was

read, and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in such report, was duly approved.

Aldermen McGill and Wallace appeared, and took their seats.

On Alderman Wiles's motion, the City Attorney was instructed, upon delivery of the arms and accoutrements mentioned in preceding report, to secure the surrender of the arms-bond given by the city at the time such arms and accoutrements were drawn, and to obtain all possible information relative to the one hundred and twenty stands of arms named in the other arms-bond.

Report from Council Committee on Sewers and City Attorney, recommending that the Board of State House Commissioners be granted the right to construct a sewer for drainage of State House building and grounds in any of the city's streets, provided the city shall have the power to tap the same for the purpose of draining any of her streets and alleys [see Council Proceedings, page 950], was read, and the whole matter was then, on Alderman McGill's motion, referred to the Aldermanic Committee on Sewers.

The following resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 966], was then read :

Resolved, That in the future no more taxes be refunded under what is known as the Widows' Exemption Act, and that all persons claiming such exemption be required to make such claims to the City Assessor, before paying their taxes ;

And was adopted by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Motion, granting the property owners on Georgia street, between Illinois and Meridian streets, permission to grade and gravel the same, at their own expense, within forty days, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer [see Council Proceedings, page 951

was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to grant John Stellwagon permission to tap the Ray street sewer, near the corner of Illinois and Ray streets [see Council Proceedings, page 965], was read, and referred to the Aldermanic Committee on Sewers.

Motion, to grant the New York Furniture Company the privilege of grading and curbing their sidewalk on Norwood street, between Tennessee street and the first alley east, subject to all the usual restrictions [see Council Proceedings, page 965], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to grant the Union Railway Company the right to put up a safety gate on Meridian street [see Council Proceedings, page 966], was read, and referred to the Aldermanic Committee on Railroads.

The following appropriation ordinances [which had been duly passed by the Common Council—see pages 962 and 963], were read the first time:

- Ap. O. 26, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department.
- Ap. O. 27, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch.
- Ap. O. 28, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses.
- Ap. O. 29, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.
- Ap. O. 30, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money on account of the City Dispensary.
- Ap. O. 31, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, and Advertising.

Appropriation ordinance No. 26, 1878, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 27, 1878, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 28, 1878, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 29, 1878, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 30, 1878, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 31, 1878, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

The following general ordinances [which had been duly passed by the Common Council—see pages 968 and 969], were then read the first time :

- G. O. 6, 1878—An ordinance to prohibit the erection or maintenance of Bill-Boards in the City of Indianapolis, unless the consent of adjoining property owners shall be first obtained.
- G. O. 11, 1878—An ordinance to amend section one (1) of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance providing for the re-organization of the Police Force of the City of Indianapolis; passed May 18, 1874'; passed May 15, 1876."
- G. O. 13, 1878—An ordinance relative to the Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks, and Public Places of the City of Indianapolis; restraining the making of Excavations therein or in lands adjacent thereto; prohibiting the placing of unauthorized obstructions in or upon the same; securing the public in the free and safe use thereof; revising and re-enacting ordinance-provisions now in force; and prescribing penalties for violations of its regulations and requirements.

PENDING ORDINANCES.

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

- S. O. 1, 1878—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Mill street and sidewalks, from Sixth street to Seventh street;

And was passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

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

S. O. 6, 1878—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Tennessee street, from McCarty street to the second alley south of McCarty street;

And was passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

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

S. O. 7, 1878—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Pennsylvania street, from Union Railway tracks or Louisiana street to South street;

And was passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

The following ordinance was then read the second time :

S. O. 8, 1878—An ordinance to provide for re-graveling Ohio street, bowldering the gutters, and curbing with stone the sidewalks thereof, from Alabama street to East street.

Alderman Coburn moved to refer preceding ordinance to the Board of Public Improvements, with instructions to amend same so as to better provide for drainage of the line of the proposed improvement. Lost.

The same gentleman then moved to amend the ordinance, by striking out "bowldering the gutters and curbing the sidewalks." Lost.

Aforesaid ordinance was then read the third time, and was passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

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

S. O. 11, 1878—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Michigan street and sidewalks, from the east line of the C., C., C. & I. R. R. Company's grounds to Archer street ;

And was passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

NEW BUSINESS.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Alderman Coburn, submitted the following report ; which was considered by clauses, and the first clause was duly concurred in, and the second clause was received :

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the motion to allow Milton Poudet to put down a bridge in front of his place of business on E. Washington street, would recommend that the action of the Council be concurred in.

Also, that the ordinance for the grading and graveling of the alley between Ohio and Linden streets, running from Orange to Willow street, be passed, as the improvements are needed and wanted by the property owners.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

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;

And was passed by the following vote :

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

Negative—None.

The Committee on Parks, through Alderman Krug, submitted the following report :

Indianapolis, May 6, 1878.

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Parks and City Attorney, to whom was referred the motion of Alderman Stratford, directing them to inquire into the responsibility of the parties now holding a lease of the "Southern Park," would report that we have investigated the matter, and are of the opinion that the parties holding said lease are not financially responsible.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. KRUG,

W. H. SNIDER,

H. COBURN,

Committee on Parks.

R. O. HAWKINS, City Attorney.

On Alderman Foster's motion, it was ordered that preceding report be transmitted to the Common Council, with the request that said body institute immediate measures to secure the city from any and all loss under the lease, etc., referred to.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

H. C. NEWCOMB, President.

Attest :

GEO. T. BREUNIG,

Clerk of Board of Aldermen.