

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—JUNE 15, 1891.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, June 15th, A. D. 1891, at 8:00 o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Manford D. Yontz, President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 18 members, viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Dunn, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassmann, Stechhan, Sweetland, and Weber.

ABSENT, 6—viz: Councilmen Cooper, Coy, Davis, Gasper, Sherer, Trusler, and Woollen.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session held June 1st, and the special session held June 4th, 1891, having been printed and placed upon the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

The City Clerk, for the Board of Public Works, introduced the following communication and special ordinance :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, OFFICE OF THE BOARD, }
Indianapolis, June 15th, 1891. }

To the Honorable President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis respectfully beg leave to report herewith an ordinance specifically ordering the improvement of Market street, between Illinois street and Tennessee street.

Most respectfully submitted,

A. W. CONDUITT, Pres't.

S. O. No. 2, 1891—An ordinance authorizing the improvement of the roadway of Market street, from the west curb line of Illinois street to the east curb line of Tennessee street, by grading and paving the same with Standard Trinidad Asphalt Sheet Pavement.

Which communication was received, and the ordinance read the first time and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

INTRODUCTION OF GENRRAL ORDINANCES & MISSELLANEOUS BUSINESS

By Councilman Hicklin. Read the first time :

G. O. No. 20, 1891—An ordinance to divide the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, into election precincts, and to establish the boundaries thereof.

By Councilman Austin. Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Natural Gas:

G. O. No. 21, 1891—An ordinance authorizing corporations, firms, companies or individuals to lay and maintain pipes in the streets, alleys, avenues and lanes in the City of Indianapolis, for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants in the unsupplied and outlying districts in said city with natural gas for heating and illuminating purposes.

By Councilman Burns. Read the first time:

G. O. No. 22, 1891—An ordinance vacating the cemeteries known as the "Donation Burying Ground," "Union Cemetery," "The North Burying Ground," and "Greenlawn Cemetery," in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, and ordering the removal thereof; authorizing the Board of Public Works to purchase ground outside the city limits for the location of a new cemetery, and cause the removal of all bodies interred in said cemeteries to such new cemetery.

With the following petition, which was read and ordered filed with the above ordinance:

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, who are resident free-holders of the City of Indianapolis, and who own real estate or reside in the neighborhood of the cemeteries known as the "Donation Burying Ground," the "North Burying Ground," "The Union Cemetery of Indianapolis," and "Greenlawn Cemetery," now collectively designated as "Greenlawn Cemetery," the same being located in Out-lots one hundred and thirty-three (133), one hundred and thirty-four (134), and one hundred and thirty-five (135), in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, hereby respectfully represent to your honorable body that said cemeteries have fallen into neglect and disuse; that remains of deceased persons have been from time to time exhumed and removed therefrom, on account of such neglect, and that the same hinders and obstructs the growth of the southwestern portion of the City of Indianapolis.

We further respectfully show that the said cemeteries, in their present condition, are injurious to the health of the neighborhood in which the same are located, and that they adjoin on the east and south a thickly populated residence district; that on account of the neglected and unhealthful condition of said cemeteries, the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, by General Ordinance No. 15, 1890, ordained and established March 21, 1890, prohibited the burial or deposit of bodies in vaults in said cemeteries.

We further respectfully show that said cemeteries are an injury to the value of property in the neighborhood in which they are located. Wherefore we respectfully petition that your honorable body will vacate said cemeteries, and cause the removal of the same to a locality convenient to said city, but which is not so thickly populated.

John Rupp, G. C. Van Camp, Jno. W. Bowlus, John Born, Jer. Sweeney, Thos. B. Jackson, Jacob Schmidt, C. J. Gardner, O. R. Bradford, L. F. Wilcox, C. Idler, C. Stoelting, Frank Messer, Wm. F. Sweeney, James Sherer, Chas. B. Sanders, H. E. Smock, Frank Mertz, George Fink, Theo. A. Rupp, Laurel Grant, Henry Coleman, John Glickert, David Matthews, John Read, Walter L. Kern, A. R. Bennatt, H. E. Bennatt, Frank Fersley, Nicklaus Gale, J. C. Waters, Chas. Edwards, W. Bechtell, Frank Johnson, I. H. Clines, John Edgey, Gov. Smith, Herman F. Gram, Jos. N. Groff, Wm. James, Pat. Harrold, Henry McManaman, Jas. Sanders, Theo. Truks, Joe Ballinger, Fred Mertz.

On motion by Councilman Myers, the following entitled ordinance was read the second time :

G. O. No. 19, 1891—An ordinance to amend Section one of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance establishing stands for certain public vehicles, and providing penalties for the violation thereof;" ordained and established the 5th day of January, 1891.

Councilman Weber moved to refer to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Councilman Myers moved to lay Councilman Weber's motion on the table.

Which motion prevailed by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz: Councilmen Burns, Dunn, Martindale, Myers, Pearson, Rassmann, Stechhan, Sweetland, and President Yontz.

NAYS, 8—viz: Councilmen Austin, Gauss, Hicklin, Murphy, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, and Weber.

The above entitled General Ordinance—No. 19, 1891—was ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed, by the following vote :

AYES, 16—viz. Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Dunn, Hicklin, Martindale, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassmann, Stechhan, Sweetland, Weber, and President Yontz.

NAYS, 2—viz: Councilmen Gauss, and Murphy.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

Manford D. Yontz, President.

Attest: *E. Swift*, City Clerk.