

PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT CONVENTION.

FIRST SESSION—MAY 24, 1878.

The Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis convened in First Joint Convention for the year 1878-1879, in the Council Chamber, on Friday evening, May 24th, A. D. 1878, at eight o'clock, in compliance with the provisions of section five of the following enactment of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana (approved March 5th, 1877), viz.:

An Act supplementary to an Act approved March 14, 1867, entitled "An Act to repeal all general laws now in force for the Incorporation of Cities, and to provide for the Incorporation of Cities, prescribing their Powers and Rights, and the manner in which they shall exercise the same, and to regulate such other matters as pertain thereto."

It appearing, from an informal count, that a quorum of both Aldermen and Councilmen were in attendance, on Alderman Foster's motion, Hon. William D. Wiles, President of the Board of Aldermen, was called to the Chair, to serve as presiding officer until the Joint Convention could be permanently organized.

On assuming the Chair, Alderman Wiles announced the first business to be dispatched would be the election of President and Secretary, to serve in all the Joint Conventions held during the ensuing year.

Thereupon, Councilman Wright nominated His Honor, John Caven, for the position of President.

No further nominations being made, Mayor Caven was duly elected by an unanimous *viva voce* vote, and was declared President of Joint Conventions for the ensuing year.

Councilman Walker nominated Benj. C. Wright, City Clerk, for the position of Secretary.

No further nominations being made, Mr. Benj. C. Wright was duly elected by an unanimous *viva voce* vote, and was declared Secretary of Joint Conventions for the ensuing year.

President Caven was now inducted as presiding officer, and ordered the Secretary to call the rolls of the members of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council; which being done the following qualified members of the Joint Convention were found to be—

PRESENT—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, Stratford, and Wiles—10. And Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Sindlinger, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright—25. Total present—35.

ABSENT—None.

His Honor, the President, now read section five of the Legislative Act (the title of which is recited above), and called especial attention to this provision of the same :

“For the appointment of such officers, commissioners, trustees, and boards, the Common Council and Board of Aldermen shall meet in Joint Convention, in the Council Chamber, on the first Friday evening after the first annual meeting of the Common Council, at eight o'clock, and shall proceed to the election of such officers, commissioners, trustees, and boards, by ballot; and such Joint Convention may adjourn from time to time until its work is completed.”

On motion, the First Joint Convention entered upon the discharge of its statutory duties.

His Honor, the President, appointed Councilman Layman and Alderman Stratford as tellers, and announced that nominations for the several offices in the gift of the Joint Convention would now be in order.

For Chief Fire Engineer—Councilman Cummings nominated John G. Pendergast, and Councilman Wiese nominated W. O. Sherwood.

A ballot was then had; which resulted as follows :

John G. Pendergast received 19 votes, and W. O. Sherwood received 16 votes.

John G. Pendergast having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of Chief Fire Engineer for the ensuing year.

For Chief of Police—Councilman Dill nominated Albert Travis.

Councilman Steeg offered the following motion :

Moved, That the election of Chief of Police be postponed, and that the City Attorney prepare a resolution abolishing the office, and placing his duties in the hands of the City Marshal, to be presented to the next meeting of the Council.

Alderman Foster moved that above motion be laid on the table; which was done by the following vote :

AYES, 19—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Grubbs, Ridenour, and Wiles; and Councilmen Anderson, Brown, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Morris, Morse, McKay, Rodibaugh, Tucker, Walker, and Wright.

NAYS, 16—viz.: Aldermen Mussmann, Piel, Snider, Stratford; and Councilmen Bermann, Bruner, Maus, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Showalter, Sindlinger, Steeg, and Wiese.

No other nominations being made, a ballot was then had; which resulted as follows:

Albert Travis received 19 votes, and 16 blank votes were cast.

Albert Travis having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of Chief of Police for the ensuing year.

For Police Captains—Councilman Dill nominated Joseph R. Forbes, Councilman Brown nominated Robert Campbell, Alderman Stratford nominated A. M. Conkling, and Councilman Maus nominated John King.

A ballot was then had; which resulted as follows:

Joseph R. Forbes received 19 votes, Robert Campbell received 19 votes, A. M. Conkling received 15 votes, John King received 15 votes, and 1 blank vote was cast.

Joseph R. Forbes and Robert Campbell having thus severally received a majority of the votes cast, they were declared duly elected Captains of Police for the ensuing year.

For Superintendent of City Hospital and Branch—Councilman Walker nominated William H. Davis, M. D., and Councilman Reading nominated Oliver H. Sullivan.

A ballot was then had; which resulted as follows:

Dr. W. H. Davis received 20 votes, and Dr. O. H. Sullivan received 15 votes.

William H. Davis, M. D., having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of Superintendent of City Hospital and Branch for the ensuing year.

For Market-Master, East Market—Councilman McKay nominated Joseph M. Sutton, and Councilman O'Brien nominated Henry Solomon.

A ballot was then had; which resulted as follows:

Joseph M. Sutton received 19 votes, Henry Solomon received 15 votes, and 1 blank vote was cast.

Joseph M. Sutton having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of Market-Master for the East Market for the ensuing year.

For Market-Master, West Market—Councilman Morse nominated Charles N. Lee, and Councilman McGinty nominated George Kenzel.

A ballot was then had; which resulted as follows:

Charles N. Lee received 19 votes, George Kenzel received 15 votes, and 1 blank vote was cast.

Charles N. Lee having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of Market-Master for the West Market for the ensuing year.

For City Weigher, East Market—Alderman Chandler nominated John W. Smither.

No other nomination being made, a ballot was then had; which resulted as follows:

John W. Smither received 19 votes, and 16 blank votes were cast.

John W. Smither having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of City Weigher at the East Market for the ensuing year.

For Wood-Measurer, East Market—Councilman Layman nominated William Turner.

Alderman Stratford moved that the election of this officer be postponed, and that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an ordinance abolishing the office of Wood-Measurer, and report same at next meeting of the Common Council.

Councilman Walker moved to lay Alderman Stratford's motion on the table; which was done by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Grubbs, Ridenour, and Wiles; and Councilmen Anderson, Brown, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Morris, Morse, McKay, Rodibaugh, Tucker, Walker, and Wright.

NAYS, 16—viz.: Aldermen Mussmann, Piel, Snider, Stratford; and Councilmen Bermann, Bruner, Maus, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Showalter, Sindlinger, Steeg, and Wiese.

No other nomination being made, a ballot was then had; which resulted as follows:

William Turner received 19 votes, Roger R. Shiel received 2 votes, Joseph Lawson received 1 vote, and 13 blank votes were cast.

William Turner having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of Wood-Measurer at the East Market for the ensuing year.

For Wood-Measurer, West Market—Councilman Rodibaugh nominated Robert Q. Cornelius.

No other nomination being made, a ballot was then had ; which resulted as follows :

Robert Q. Cornelius received 19 votes, Roger R. Shiel received 3 votes, and 13 blank votes were cast.

Robert Q. Cornelius having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of Wood-Measurer at the West Market for the ensuing year.

For City Measurer—Councilman Layman nominated Joseph S. Boerum.

No other nomination being made, a ballot was then had ; which resulted as follows :

Joseph S. Boerum received 19 votes, Roger R. Shiel received 8 votes, and 8 blank votes were cast.

Joseph S. Boerum having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of City Measurer for the ensuing year.

For City Sexton—Councilman Cummings nominated Jacob Ross, and Councilman Steeg nominated Jacob Seitz.

No further nominations being made, a ballot was then had ; which resulted as follows :

Jacob Ross received 19 votes, Jacob Seitz received 14 votes, Roger R. Shiel received 1 vote, and 1 blank vote was cast.

Jacob Ross having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of City Sexton for the ensuing year.

For City Janitor—Councilman Marsee nominated William Regenour, and Councilman Steeg nominated Peter Kaesberg.

No further nominations being made, a ballot was then had ; which resulted as follows :

William Regenour received 20 votes, Peter Kaesberg received 14 votes, and 1 blank vote was cast.

William Regenour having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of City Janitor for the ensuing year.

For Fire Board—Councilman Brown nominated Alderman Foster and Councilmen Layman and Tucker ; and Councilman Reasner nominated Alderman Snider and Councilmen McGinty and Bruner.

No further nominations being made, a ballot was then had; which resulted as follows:

Alderman Foster and Councilmen Layman and Tucker each received 19 votes; and Alderman Snider and Councilmen McGinty and Bruner each received 15 votes; and 1 blank vote was cast.

Alderman Robert S. Foster and Councilmen James T. Layman and William H. Tucker having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, they were declared duly elected as members of the Fire Board for the ensuing year.

For Hospital Board—Alderman Ridenour nominated Alderman Chandler and Councilmen Walker and Dill; and Councilman Bruner nominated Alderman Stratford and Councilmen Showalter and Sindlinger.

No further nominations being made, a ballot was then had; which resulted as follows:

Alderman Chandler and Councilmen Walker and Dill each received 19 votes; Alderman Stratford and Councilmen Showalter and Sindlinger each received 14 votes; Alderman Piel and Councilmen Reading and Maus each received 1 vote; and 1 blank vote was cast.

Alderman Thomas E Chandler and Councilmen Isaac C. Walker and Josiah B. Dill having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, they were declared duly elected as members of the Hospital Board for the ensuing year.

For Police Board—Alderman Grubbs nominated Alderman Wiles and Councilmen Brown and Morse; and Councilman O'Brien nominated Alderman Mussmann and Councilmen Steeg and Wiese.

Councilman Maus offered the following motion:

Moved, That the person receiving the highest number of votes be declared President of the Board.

Councilman Wright moved to lay preceding motion on the table; which was done by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Grubbs, Ridenour, and Wiles; and Councilmen Anderson, Brown, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Morris, Morse, McKay, Rodibaugh, Tucker, Walker, and Wright.

NAYS, 16—viz.: Aldermen Mussman, Piel, Snider, and Stratford; and Councilmen Bermann, Bruner, Maus, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Showalter, Sindlinger, Steeg, and Wiese.

No further nominations being made, a ballot was had; which resulted as follows:

Alderman Wiles and Councilmen Brown and Morse each received 19 votes; Alderman Mussman and Councilmen Wiese each received 15 votes; Councilman

Steeg received 14 votes; Councilman Bruner received 1 vote; and 1 blank vote was cast.

Alderman William D. Wiles and Councilmen Marcus L. Brown and Thomas J. Morse having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, they were declared duly elected as members of the Police Board for the ensuing year.

For Board of Health—Alderman Coburn nominated Drs. Henry Jameson, Joseph W. Marsee, and William Wands.

No further nominations being made, a ballot was then had; which resulted as follows:

Drs. Jameson, Marsee, and Wands each received 19 votes; Drs. Theo. A. Wagner and O. H. Sullivan each received 14 votes; Dr. T. Fitzhugh received 13 votes; Dr. J. V. Brennan received 1 vote; and 2 blank votes were cast.

Drs. Henry Jameson, Joseph W. Marsee, and William Wands having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, they were declared duly elected as members of the Board of Health for the ensuing year.

For Board of Public Improvements—Councilman Wright nominated Alderman Coburn and Councilmen McKay and Marsee; and Alderman Mussmann nominated Alderman Piel and Councilmen Reading and Maus.

No further nominations being made, a ballot was then had; which resulted as follows:

Councilmen McKay and Marsee each received 19 votes; Alderman Coburn received 18 votes; Alderman Piel received 16 votes; Councilmen Reading and Maus received 15 votes; and 1 blank vote was cast.

Alderman Henry Coburn and Councilmen Horace McKay and John L. Marsee having thus received a majority of all the votes cast, they were declared duly elected as members of the Board of Public Improvements for the ensuing year.

On motion of Alderman Rideour, it was ordered that when the Joint Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet on the call of President Caven.

On motion of Alderman Grubbs, the Joint Convention then adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor,

President of Joint Convention.

Attest: BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk,

Secretary of Joint Convention.