

# PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—JUNE 4, 1878.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis met in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Tuesday evening, June 4, A. D. 1878, at half-past seven o'clock.

PRESENT—Hon. William D. Wiles, President, in the Chair, and Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, and Stratford—10.

ABSENT—None.

## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message from the Common Council was duly received:

To the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen*:—I herewith transmit certain papers, which were favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its regular session, held last evening (June 3, 1878), for your action upon same.

For the Common Council:

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

## PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL—ACTION UPON.

Mayor Caven's report of the amount of fines (\$17.30) by him collected and paid into the city treasury, during the month of May, 1878 [see page 60, *ante*], was read; and the action of the Common Council, in approving such report, was duly concurred in.

City Civil Engineer's report (1) of the sum of \$1,447.44 on account of a first and partial estimate in behalf of Dewey and Twiname, for building stone abutments on the Central Canal, at the crossing of Vermont street; (2) of the sum of \$151.20, on account of a first and final estimate in behalf of David A. Haywood, for grading and graveling the first alley east of the lower arm of the Canal, from Washington street to its southern terminus; and (3) of the sum of \$714.03, on account of a second and final 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 pages 61 and 62, *ante*], 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 62, *ante*] was then read :

*Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed David A. Haywood, for grading and graveling the first alley east of the lower arm of the canal, from Washington street to the southern terminus, 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 adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, Stratford, and President Wiles.

NAYS—None.

The following concurrent resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 62, *ante*] was also read :

*Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing second and final 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 adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, Stratford, and President Wiles.

NAYS—None.

Communication from City Civil Engineer, transmitting the following contracts and bonds, was then read, viz. :

Of David A. Haywood, for grading and graveling Mill street and sidewalks, from Sixth street to Seventh street. Bond, \$600; bondsman, Charles S. Roney.

Of Fred. Gansberg, for grading and graveling Michigan street and sidewalks, from the east line of the C, C., C. & I. R. Co's grounds to Archer street. Bond, \$1500; bondsman, Richard Carr.

Of David A. Haywood, for grading, and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Pennsylvania street (where not already paved), from the Union Railway tracks, or Louisiana street, to South street. Bond, \$250; bondsman, Henry C. Roney.

Of William Earls, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Tennessee street, from McCarty street to the second alley south of McCarty street. Bond, \$150; bondsman, Isaac Sagalowsky.

Of David A. Haywood, for re-graveling Ohio street, bowldering the gutters, and curbing with stone the sidewalks thereof, from Alabama street to East street. Bond, \$3,000; bondsmen, Richard Carr and Charles S. Roney.

And the action of the Common Council, in receiving such communication, concurring in the contract, and approving the several bonds [see pages 62 and 63, *ante*], was duly concurred in.

City Clerk's report that the following affidavits had been filed in his office, for the collection of street assessments by precept :

Richard Carr vs. Alexander Armstrong, for .....	\$3 70
Richard Carr vs. Alexander Armstrong, for .....	3 70
John Greene vs. Charles Griggs, for.....	45 50
John Greene vs. W. F. Thorn, Trustee (Christian name unknown), for.....	45 50

and recommending that the precepts be ordered to issue [see page 63, *ante*], was read ; and the action of Common Council, in approving such recommendation and in ordering the precepts to issue, was concurred in by the following vote :

**AYES**, 10—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, Stratford, and President Wiles.

**NAYS**—None.

The following report from the same officer was also read ; and the action of the Common Council, in receiving the same [see page 63, *ante*], was duly approved, by like action :

*Indianapolis, May 29, 1878.*

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen* :—I herewith report that I have this day prepared and delivered to the City Treasurer, a certified copy of so much of the report of the City Commissioners, in the matter of vacating Kingan street, between West street and White River, as relates to the assessment of damages and benefits, also a copy of the resolution adopting and approving such report.

Respectfully, etc.,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

Reports from Superintendent of City Hospital and Branch of the contents of hospital register, expenditures, etc., for the month of May, 1878 [see page 64, *ante*], were read, and duly received.

Report from Hospital Board, adversely to arranging for lighting the City Hospital with gas, giving facts and figures [see page 64, *ante*], was read ; and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in such report, was duly approved.

Report from Board of Health, giving a tabulated statement, by ages, of deaths registered in the City of Indianapolis, during month ending June 1st, 1878 [see page 65, *ante*], was read, and duly received.

Report from Board of Public Improvements, recommending (1) that the Street Commissioner fill a chuck-hole at intersection of first alley east of Dillon street with Fletcher avenue ; (2) that the same officer place a plank-crossing over gutter at the alley on east side of Dillon street, between Fletcher and Lexington avenues ; (3) that same officer fill two chuck-holes in New York street, between Blackford and Agnes streets ; (4) that same officer clean the gutters of McCarty street, between West and Illinois streets ; (6) that Joseph Blackman be permitted to construct

a bowldered driveway across sidewalk in front of his woodyard on Virginia avenue, between Bradshaw and Buchanan streets; and (8) that John R. and C. S. Nickum have permission to curb north sidewalk of Lockerbie street [see pages 65 and 66, *ante*], was read; and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in aforesaid recommendations, was duly approved.

Reports from City Dispensary for the month of May, 1878 [see pages 67 and 68, *ante*], were read, and duly received.

The following Council motions were read, and severally adopted:

*Moved*, That the City Marshal be directed to take such steps, under the direction of the City Attorney, as will result in abating a nuisance from an overflowing privy vault located on the property known as the Bugbee Block, corner of Liberty street and Massachusetts avenue.

*Moved*, That C. F. Wishmyer be, and is hereby, ordered to remove his fence from Peru avenue inside of ten days, and if not complied with in that time, that the City Marshal be ordered to remove same.

*Moved*, That Isaiah Hazelip be granted permission to cross the sidewalk with carriage in front of his premises, No. 255 Virginia avenue, provided he bowlder the same to the satisfaction of the City Civil Engineer.

*Moved*, That the contract for hauling of dead animals out of the city be let to the lowest and best bidder, and that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise the same to be let by contract, subject to the approval of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

*Moved*, That the Board of Public Improvements be authorized to place upon the weekly pay-roll of the Street Department the men employed at University square for this week, also including Friday and Saturday of last week, (May 31st and June 1st).

*Moved*, That the Committee on Parks confer with the proper State authorities, and if permission shall be granted to open Circle Park, to at once make suitable gates and walks and open the grounds to the public at as early a day as possible.

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the catch-basins on Union street, between Ray and McCarty streets.

*Moved*, That the proceedings of the Common Council, Board of Aldermen, and Joint Conventions be printed and published in book-form, as heretofore; and that the Committees on Printing of said two bodies meet, jointly, at the office of the City Clerk, on next Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, and determine as to what, if any, changes should be made in the size of page, kinds of type to be used, and other matters connected with such publication.

*Moved*, That James Mahoney have sixty days' additional time to complete his contract for grading and graveling East or Japan street, between Morris and Minnesota streets.

*Moved*, That the contractors for removing the dead animals from the city must understand that they are hauled to Sellers' Farm.

The following concurrent resolution [which had been adopted by the Common Council—see page 77, *ante*], was read:



*Resolved*, That the office of Wood-Measurer be, and the same is hereby, abolished.

And the same failed of adoption, on account of a tie vote, as follows:

AYES, 5—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Mussmann, Piel, Snider, and Stratford.

NAYS, 5—viz.: Aldermen Coburn, Foster, Grubbs, Ridenour, and President Wiles.

Later in the evening, Alderman Stratford moved a re-consideration of the above vote, and the motion to re-consider was lost by a tie vote, as follows:

AYES, 5—viz.: Aldermen Coburn, Mussmann, Piel, Snider, and Stratford.

NAYS, 5—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Grubbs, Ridenour, and President Wiles.

The following motion [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 78, *ante*], was also read:

*Moved*, That the resolution which passed this Council and Aldermanic Board a few weeks since, ordering the City Marshal and Chief of Police to enforce the city ordinances preventing the running of trains through the city at a greater rate of speed than provided for by ordinance, be revoked, as it is generally believed it has greatly increased the speed of trains—so much that it is now unsafe to cross the tracks at any point on Virginia avenue or East street.

And on Alderman Stratford's motion, the Board refused concurrent action thereon.

The following Appropriation Ordinances [which had been duly passed by the Common Council—see pages 70 and 71, *ante*] were read the first time:

Ap. O. 34, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Total amount appropriated, \$893.56.]

Ap. O. 35, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch. [Total amount appropriated, \$970.19.]

Ap. O. 36, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses. [Total amount appropriated, \$289.69.]

Ap. O. 37, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Expenses of City Election, held May 7th, 1878. [Total amount appropriated, \$637.50.]

Ap. O. 38, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$23,451.68.]

The following General Ordinance [which had been duly passed by the Common Council—see page 71, *ante*], was also read the first time:

G. O. 24, 1878—An Ordinance to amend the fourth clause of section three (3) of "An Ordinance providing for the Compensation of the Officers of the City of Indianapolis, and the Officers and Members of the Police and Fire Departments of said city, for the Fiscal Year ending May 15th, 1879; ordained and established May 28, 1878. [Increasing the pay of Telegrapher of the Fire Department to \$1000 per annum.]

This being the regular appropriation night, the several Appropriation Ordinances were taken up for second and third readings, and placed on their passage, without suspension of the rules.

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

Ap. O. 34, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department.

And was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, Stratford, and President Wiles.

NAYS—None.

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

Ap. O. 35, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch.

And was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, Stratford, and President Wiles.

NAYS—None.

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

Ap. O. 36, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses.

And was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, Stratford, and President Wiles.

NAYS—None.

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

Ap. O. 37, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Expenses of City Election, held May 7th, 1878.

And was passed by the following vote :

**AYES**, 10—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, Stratford, and President Wiles.

**NAYS**—None.

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

**Ap. O. 38, 1878**—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

And was passed by the following vote :

**AYES**, 10—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, Stratford, and President Wiles.

**NAYS**—None.

On Alderman Foster's motion, the rules were suspended, for the purpose of now reading General Ordinance 24, 1878, the second and third times, and placing same on its passage, by the following vote :

**AYES**, 8—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Snider, and Stratford.

**NAYS**, 2—viz.: Aldermen Ridenour and President Wiles.

General Ordinance 24, 1878, was then read the second time; when Alderman Stratford offered the following amendment to General Ordinance 19, 1878 :

*Moved*, To amend Section 3, by inserting \$2 per day, instead of \$1.75 per day, as the pay for firemen.

Alderman Foster moved to lay the amendment on the table; which motion failed of adoption by the following vote :

**AYES** 5—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Ridenour, and President Wiles.

**NAYS**, 5—viz.: Aldermen Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Snider, and Stratford.

A direct vote was then taken on the proposed amendment, and it failed of adoption by the following vote :

**AYES**, 5—viz.: Aldermen Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Snider, and Stratford.

**NAYS**, 5—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Ridenour, and President Wiles.

The ordinance pending was then read the third time, viz. :

**G. O. 24, 1878**—An Ordinance to amend the fourth clause of section three (3) of "An Ordinance providing for the Compensation of the Officers of the City of Indianapolis, and the Officers and Members of the Police and Fire Departments of said city, for the Fiscal Year ending May 15th, 1879 (ordained and established May 28, 1878)."

And was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz.: Aldermen Coburn, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, and Stratford.

NAYS, 2—viz.: Aldermen Chandler and President Wiles.

#### NEW BUSINESS.

The following motion, which had been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the recommendation of the Board of Public Improvements, in the second clause of its report, made on 21st ultimo [see page 22, *ante*], was then offered and duly adopted :

*Moved*, That the Citizens' Street Railway Company be, and they are hereby, held responsible for any and all damages that may be done to the South Illinois street tunnel by reason of the passage of their cars through the same.

Alderman Grubbs offered the following motion; which was duly adopted :

*Moved*, That during the months of June, July, and August the meetings of this Board be opened at 8 o'clock P. M.

Alderman Ridenour offered the following motions; which were severally adopted :

*Moved*, That the Committees on Gas be instructed to examine into the matter of supplies of gas for public and private use, and what measures may be necessary to secure a reduction of expense to the city and private consumers of gas, and report the same to the Council and Board of Aldermen, for action.

*Moved*, That the Finance Committees of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen be requested to seek an interview with the School Board of the city, for purpose of consulting together on matters touching the public interests.

*Moved*, That the Committees on Markets be instructed to inquire into the matter of throwing open the public markets for free competition in the sale of beef, veal, pork, and mutton by all persons who shall comply with the rules governing the sale of sound, healthy meats, and other market regulations; and also, as to the matter of wholesaling any commodity on the markets within certain hours prescribed, and report an ordinance in that behalf.

*Moved*, That property owners throughout the city be required to cut out and destroy all burdock, sour-dock, thistles, and all other noxious weeds and grasses, from and along either side of any sidewalk, or from any lot or parcel of ground within the city limits, and that the Common Council be requested to cause to be prepared an ordinance with these provisions, which ordinance should be sufficient notice, and provide penalties for violation in that behalf.

The same gentleman also offered the following motion :

*Moved*, That the Police Board be requested to inquire into the propriety and feasibility of dividing the city into four police districts, placing a captain over each; also providing a temporary lock-up in each district, the location and cost of each, and the estimated cost of fitting up the same, and also the additional expense of maintaining the same, if any, and report their doings in that behalf.

Which was adopted by the following vote :



**AYES**, 6—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Grubbs, Ridenour, and President Wiles.

**NAYS**, 4—viz.: Aldermen Mussmann, Piel, Snider, and Stratford.

The same gentleman offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

*Moved*, That the City Engineer be directed to have the gutter on the west side of East street, between Court and Washington streets, so adjusted as to clear the same of standing water.

Alderman Stratford offered the following motion:

*Moved*, That the Committee on Revision of Ordinances of this Board be directed to act with the Council Committee and City Attorney in the matter of preparing an ordinance looking to the abolition of the Police Board, and providing for other government of the police force.

Which, on Alderman Grubbs' motion, was laid on the table by the following vote:

**AYES**, 6—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Grubbs, Ridenour, and President Wiles.

**NAYS**, 4—viz.: Aldermen Mussmann, Piel, Snider, and Stratford.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

W. D. WILES, President.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.