

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

SPECIAL SESSION—JUNE 25, 1878.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis was convened in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Tuesday evening, June 25th, A. D. 1878, at eight o'clock, in compliance with the following call :

Indianapolis, June 20, 1878.

Hon. WM. D. WILES, Pres't Board of Aldermen :

Dear Sir :—The undersigned would respectfully request you to call a special session of the Board of Aldermen, on Tuesday evening next, the 25th instant, for the purpose of awarding contracts for city printing, advertising, and stationery, and such other business as may regularly and properly come before us.

Respectfully,

WM. F. PIEL,
D. W. GRUBBS,
J. M. RIDENOUR,
T. E. CHANDLER,
HENRY COBURN.

To the Members of the Board of Aldermen :

In pursuance with preceding request, there will be a Called Session of the Board of Aldermen, on Tuesday evening, June 25th, 1878, at the hour of eight o'clock.

Yours truly,

W. D. WILES, President of Board of Aldermen.

PRESENT—Hon. William D. Wiles, President, in the Chair, and Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Snider, and Stratford—8.

ABSENT—Aldermen Coburn and Ridenour—2.

The Committee on Gas-Light, through Alderman Chandler, submitted the following reports ; which were severally concurred in :

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Gas-Light, to which was referred the report from the Council Committee on Gas-Light, in reference to the matter of lighting University square, by transferring the six lamp posts taken from the Delaware street viaduct and erecting two additional posts, eight in all, at a cost not to exceed fifty dollars, have given the matter our consideration, and recommend that the action of the Council, in adopting their committee's report, be concurred in by this Board.

Respectfully,

T. E. CHANDLER,
D. W. GRUBBS,
Committee on Gas-Light.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen, City of Indianapolis :

Your Committee on Gas-Light, to whom was referred the motion of Alderman Stratford, in regard to lighting and extinguishing the public lamps, beg leave to report that we have investigated the matter and are led to believe that the contract has been complied with.

Under the present arrangement, the city is entitled to 3200 hours light, in the aggregate, during the year. The City Civil Engineer prepares a schedule for lighting and extinguishing the lamps, and, in the existing schedule there are thirty-three nights in the year on which the lamps are not to be lighted unless specially ordered. In cloudy weather they are sometimes ordered to be lighted; and, in such case, the amount burned has to be deducted from the aggregate during the year. We learn from the Engineer that during the strike the lamps were ordered to burn all night, and it was to offset this surplus that the gas was shut off at the time referred to.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. CHANDLER,
D. W. GRUBBS,
W. H. SNIDER,
Committee on Gas-Light.

The Committee on Sewers, through Alderman Grubbs, submitted the following report; which was received :

To the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred Special Ordinance 30, 1878 ("Granting the Board of State House Commissioners the right to build and construct a sewer in, along, and upon W. Market street, from the State House Grounds to, and connecting with, the Missouri street sewer"), do herewith return said ordinance, with proposed amendments to the first and second sections thereof; the which amendments we recommend for adoption, and then that said ordinance be passed, this evening, as amended.

June 25, 1878.

Respectfully,

D. W. GRUBBS.
W. H. SNIDER.

The amendatory sections transmitted with the above report were read; also the following communication from the Board of State House Commissioners :

To the Board of Aldermen, City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen:—At your last meeting, an ordinance from the City Council was submitted for your approval, authorizing the Board of State House Commissioners to construct a four (4) feet sewer from Tennessee street to Missouri street, along Market street, to connect with the Missouri street sewer.

This sewer is needed to carry off the drainage of Tennessee street (which will be obstructed by the State House building), and to provide sewerage for the building itself. In the petition for the vacation of Market street, the Commissioners agreed to carry off the obstructed drainage of Tennessee street by a sewer, provided the city granted the right-of-way for the same.

The ordinance before you grants the right-of-way, but allows the drainage of Mississippi street to be introduced. This, the Commissioners think, would destroy the usefulness of the sewer for State House purposes. They consider four (4) feet too small for any other purpose than State House drainage and the drainage from Tennessee street. They hope, therefore, that your honorable body will amend the ordinance so as to provide for this purpose alone; the sewer to be built at the expense of the State; to be built on such part of Market street as the City Engineer shall direct, so as not to interfere with the drainage of Mississippi street; and to connect with the Missouri street sewer at such point as shall not interfere with any extension of the Missouri street sewer that the city may hereafter order.

This we conceive was the understanding and agreement of all parties when the vacation of Market street was effected; and this, we believe, involves all the expense that the Commissioners are authorized to incur for State House purposes.

Should your honorable body desire an extension of the Missouri street sewer to Mississippi street, either of its present diameter or of a diameter of five (5) feet, which would probably be large enough for both State House and city purposes, the Commissioners do not object, provided the additional expense above the four feet sewer be paid by the city.

The Commissioners hope that the ordinance may be passed with as little delay as possible, as there is an immediate necessity for the construction of the sewer.

Very respectfully,

JOHN LOVE,
T. A. MORRIS,
Commissioners.

On Alderman Stratford's motion, the entire matter was then referred back to the Aldermanic Committee on Sewers, with instructions, in conjunction with the City Civil Engineer and City Attorney, to confer with the State House Commissioners, and to report at an adjourned session of this body, to be held Monday evening, July 1st, 1878.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Alderman Piel, submitted the following report; which was duly concurred in, and the Council motion, therein set forth, was formally adopted:

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the following Council motion—"Moved, That the Church of the Sacred Heart be permitted to take the earth of Union street to fill a chuck-hole in front of their church, between Palmer and Hill streets, at their own expense, and according to grade stakes set by the City Civil Engineer"—recommend that the said motion be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. PIEL,
I. W. STRATFORD,
R. S. FOSTER,
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

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 a special session of said body, held last evening (June 24th, 1878), for your action upon same.

For the Common Council:

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL—ACTION UPON.

Report from the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Printing, recommending (1) that the Indianapolis Journal Company be awarded

the contract for doing the city printing; (2) that Cathcart & Cleland be awarded the contract for furnishing the city stationery; (3) that "The Southside" be awarded the contract for doing the city official advertising; and (4) that the "Indianapolis News" be awarded the contract for publishing the city delinquent tax-list [see pages 137 to 139, *ante*], was read; and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in such report and in awarding the several contracts, was duly approved.

Report from same committees, recommending that John Edwards be awarded the contract for doing the city bill-posting, provided he give a satisfactory bond [see page 143, *ante*], was read; and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in such report, and in awarding said contract as stipulated, was duly approved.

The following contracts and bonds were then considered, and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in such contracts and in approving the several bonds, was duly concurred in, viz.:

Contract and bond of the Indianapolis Journal Company, for doing the city printing.

Contract and bond of Cathcart & Cleland, for furnishing the city stationery.

Contract and bond of James Parker, for placing in position, on the stone abutments already erected on the canal, at the crossing of Vermont street, that portion of the Delaware street viaduct set apart for that purpose.

The official bond of Robert M. Patterson, City Civil Engineer elect (penalty of bond, \$2000; surety, David Macy), was also considered and duly approved.

Report from Council Committee on Contracts, giving an abstract of proposals received, and recommending that the Indianapolis Fertilizer Company be awarded the contract, for one year, to remove all dead animals from the streets, alleys, commons, lots, and yards of the City of Indianapolis to what is known as the "Sellers' Farm" [see page 144, *ante*], was read, and, on Aldermani Mussman's motion, was referred to the Aldermanic Committee on Contracts, with instructions to report at the next regular session of this body.

Petition from Mrs. Emily T. Charles, for permission to move her frame house from State street, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets, to lot 145, in Allen & Root's Addition, on N. New Jersey street [see page 147, *ante*], was read; and the action of the Common Council, in granting such privilege, was duly concurred in.

The following resolution [which had been adopted by the Common Council—see page 148, *ante*], was read:

WHEREAS, The revenues received by the city from taxes are inadequate to meet the present demands, and in face of the law enacted by the last Legislature limiting and prohibiting the levy of a tax exceeding ninety cents on the \$100 for municipal purposes;

AND WHEREAS, The valuation of the taxables of the city will be largely reduced from last year, and thereby greatly reducing the revenues of the city from the amount received last year; Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Gas of the Council and Board of Aldermen, be, and they are hereby, directed to confer with the Indianapolis Gas-Light & Coke Company, and ask for a reduction of thirty-three and one-third ($33\frac{1}{3}$) per cent. from the price now being paid by the city for lighting of street lamps, and report at the next regular meeting of this Council.

And was adopted by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

The following Council motions were read, and duly adopted :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to put the drinking-fountain on Indiana Avenue in repair.

Whereas, It is reported that the lessees of the Southern Park are allowing stock to run at large in said park; that the trees are being destroyed; and that the lessees are not complying with the terms of their contract with the city, inasmuch as they have sublet the grounds and demanded entrance money from visitors at times when no premiums were being offered, thereby depriving the public of the right to visit said grounds; Therefore,

Moved, That the Committees on Parks from the Common Council and Board of Aldermen be, and are hereby, directed to investigate and report to this Council if such reports are true, and also report if the bond given by said lessees to the city is good.

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the I. C. & L. R. R. Company to plank the north sidewalk crossing, at the corner of Third street and I. C. & L. R. R.

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutter on the east side of Virginia avenue, south of Grove street.

The following Council motion was read, and then, on Alderman Stratford's motion, was referred to the Aldermanic Committee on Printing :

Moved, That the City Clerk and City Civil Engineer each be required to keep and preserve, for reference, a file of the city official paper.

The following entitled ordinance [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 149, *ante*], was read the first time :

G. O. 20, 1878—An Ordinance prescribing General Regulations for the Public Markets of the City of Indianapolis; providing for the establishment of Licensed Markets; and defining the General Powers, Functions, and Duties of City Market-Masters.

On Alderman Grubbs's motion, the rules were suspended, for the purpose of now reading the above entitled ordinance the second and third times, and placing same on its passage, by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

Said ordinance was then read the second time.

Alderman Stratford moved to strike out section thirty-five (35) of said ordinance; which motion failed of adoption.

Aforesaid ordinance was then read the third time, viz.:

G. O. 20, 1878—An Ordinance prescribing General Regulations for the Public Markets of the City of Indianapolis; providing for the establishment of Licensed Markets; and defining the General Powers, Functions, and Duties of City Market-Masters.

And was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, and President Wiles.

NAYS, 2—viz.: Aldermen Snider and Stratford.

PENDING ORDINANCE—PROCEEDINGS HAD THEREON.

The following entitled ordinance was taken from the files, and read the second and third times:

S. O. 26, 1878—An Ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service-pipes), on West street, between Kentucky avenue and Georgia streets.

And was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Mussmann, Piel, Snider, and Stratford.

NAYS, 2—viz.: Alderman Grubbs and President Wiles.

On Alderman Stratford's motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned, to meet next Monday evening, July 1st, at the usual hour.

W. D. WILES, President.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

ADJOURNED SESSION—JULY 1, 1878.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis met in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Monday evening, July 1st, A. D. 1878, at eight o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Ridenour, and Stratford—8.

ABSENT—Aldermen Snider and President Wiles—2.

President Wiles being absent, Hon. J. M. Ridenour, President *pro tempore*, took the Chair.

The Committee on Sewers, through Alderman Grubbs, submitted the following report, which was duly received :

To the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred Special Ordinance 30, 1878, with instructions to confer with the Board of State House Commissioners, beg leave to report the same back with amendments; and when said amendments are concurred in, we recommend the passage of the ordinance.

D. W. GRUBBS,
H. COBURN.

Special Ordinance 30, 1878, was then taken up on its second reading, and the amendments thereto, as proposed by foregoing committee, were duly concurred in and adopted.

On Alderman Foster's motion, the rules were suspended, for the purpose of now reading aforesaid amended ordinance the third time, and placing same on its passage, by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was then read the third time :

S. O. 30, 1878—An Ordinance granting the Board of State House Commissioners the right to build and construct a sewer in, along, and upon W. Market street, from the State House Grounds to, and connecting with, the Missouri street sewer.

And was passed by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

On Alderman Grubbs's motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

J. M. RIDENOUR, President *pro tem*.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.