

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

SECOND SESSION—SEPTEMBER 6, 1878.

The Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, together with the City Clerk and City Assessor, met as a Board of Equalization, in the Council Chamber, on Friday evening, September 6th, A. D. 1878, at eight o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

A roll-call was had, from which it appeared the following members were present :

His Honor, John Caven, Mayor, in the Chair; Benj. C. Wright, City Clerk; William Hadley, City Assessor; Aldermen Grubbs and Piel; and Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Bruner, Cummings, Marsee, Maus, Morris, McKay, Off, Steeg, Wiese, and Wright—17.

It requiring at least twenty members to constitute a quorum of this Board, the City Marshal was instructed to bring the necessary complement of absentees, and a recess was had.

Later in the evening Aldermen Chandler and Snider, and Councilmen Morse, Sindlinger, and Tucker appeared, and took their seats.

Another roll-call was then had, with the following result :

PRESENT—His Honor, John Caven, Mayor, in the Chair; Benj. C. Wright, City Clerk; William Hadley, City Assessor; Aldermen Chandler, Grubbs, Piel, and Snider; and Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Bruner, Cummings, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McKay, Off, Sindlinger, Steeg, Tucker, Wiese, and Wright—22.

ABSENT—Aldermen Coburn, Foster, Mussmann, Ridenour, Stratford, and Wiles; and Councilmen Brown, Dill, Layman, McGinty, O'Brien, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, and Walker—16.

His Honor, Mayor Caven, read section 59 of the City Charter; in which is defined the powers and duties of the Board of Equalization, and also the following section from "An Act supplementary to 'An Act to repeal all General Laws now in force 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' (approved March 5th, 1877)," viz.—

SEC. 9. In such city, all the powers and duties of the Common Council, as defined in previous Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, shall be exercised by the joint action of the Common Council and the Board of Aldermen.

And then held, that there being a majority of the joint membership of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen in attendance, the necessary quorum was present, and therefore the Board of Equalization was competent to enter upon the transaction of business.

The select committee appointed by this Board at its first session, held on the 28th *ultimo*, submitted the following report; which was duly approved:

Indianapolis, September 6, 1878.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Members of the Common Council
and Board of Aldermen in joint session assembled as a Board of Equalization:

Gentlemen:—Your committee, to whom was referred the assessment list for 1878, have labored diligently to equalize said assessments as right and justice required. We have met from day to day, with almost a full board present at each session. We have given the Assessor's return a careful examination, and have found the assessments, for the most part, equal and just, as evinced by the satisfaction expressed by a large number of taxpayers who have come up to examine their returns. We have carefully examined several hundred complaints of those who claimed that their assessments were too high, most of which we have passed by as having no foundation in justice or equity. We have, however, found that, in a few cases, there were inequalities, and have made deductions to the amount of \$23,320; which deductions, taken from the Assessor's return already reported, will leave \$49,710,395, to which may be added personal lists not then in, together with other assessments, amounting to \$171,699, which, added to the amount above stated, will make the total amount of taxables \$49,881,094, and 13,653 polls.

D. W. GRUBBS,
FRANK A. MAUS,
SHELDON MORRIS,
JOHN L. MARSEE,
JOHN L. F. STEEG,

WILLIAM HADLEY, City Assessor,
BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

Alderman Grubbs offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That there be, and is hereby assessed and levied, and that there be collected, upon real and personal property, all notes, stocks, bonds, and choses in action, returned for taxation for the year 1878, a general tax-levy of ninety (90) cents upon each \$100 of such property returned for taxation, and the further sum of fifty (50) cents upon each poll.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

A YES, 19—viz: Aldermen Chandler, Grubbs, Piel, and Snider; and Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Bruner, Cummings, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McKay, Off, Sindlinger, Steeg, Tucker, Wiese, and Wright.

N A YS—None.

Councilman Wright introduced the following entitled ordinance; which was read the first time; the rules were suspended by an unanimous *viva voce* vote; ordinance was read the second time; ordered to be engrossed; and then read the third time, viz.:

G. O. 45, 1878—An Ordinance making a General Tax-Levy, for the year 1878, upon the Taxable Property within the limits of the City of Indianapolis.

And was passed by the following vote :

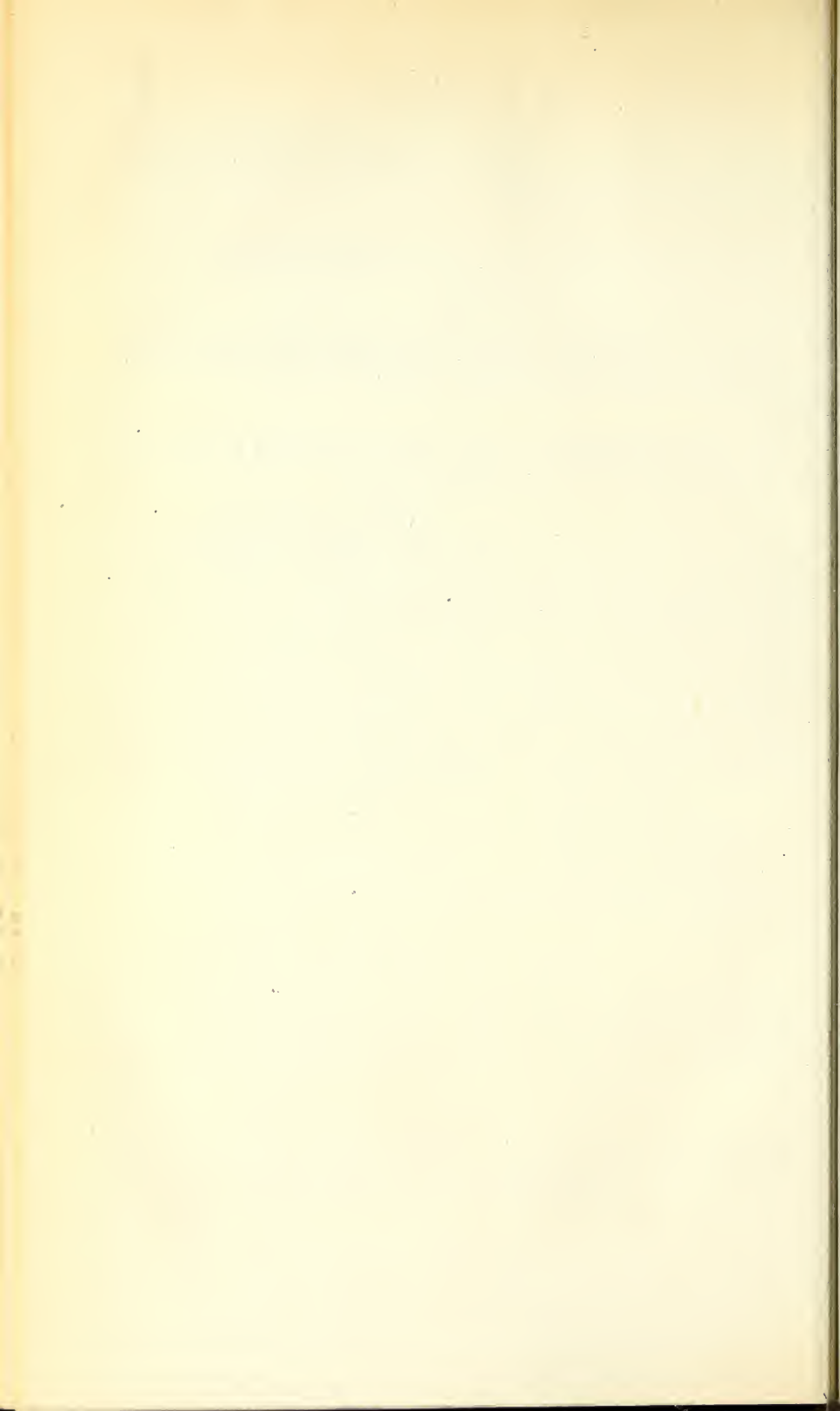
AYES, 19—viz. : Aldermen Chandler, Grubbs, Piel, and Snider; and Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Bruner, Cummings, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McKay, Off, Sindlinger, Steeg, Tucker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

The Board of Equalization having now disposed of all the business for which it was convened, was adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor,
Chairman of Board of Equalization.

Attest : BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.



PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

SPECIAL SESSION—SEPTEMBER 6, 1878.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis was convened in special session on Friday evening, September 6th, A. D. 1878, immediately after the final adjournment of the Board of Equalization.

PRESENT—Hon. John Caven, Mayor, and, *ex officio*, President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and the following members: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Bruner, Cummings, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McKay, Off, Sindlinger, Steeg, Tucker, Wiese, and Wright—15.

ABSENT—Councilmen Brown, Dill, Layman, McGinty, O'Brien, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, and Walker—10.

General Ordinance 45, 1878 [which had been duly passed by the Board of Equalization—see page 427, *ante*], was introduced by the City Clerk, and read the first time.

At the suggestion of Mayor Caven, the rules were suspended by an unanimous vote, and said ordinance was read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time, viz.:

G. O. 45, 1878—An ordinance making a General Tax-Levy, for the year 1878, upon the Taxable Property within the limits of the City of Indianapolis.

And was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 15—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Bruner, Cummings, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McKay, Off, Sindlinger, Steeg, Tucker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor,

President of Common Council.

Attest: BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.