

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—FEBRUARY 18, 1879.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis met in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Tuesday evening, February 18th, A. D. 1879, at half-past seven o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—His Honor, the President, Wm. D. Wiles, in the Chair, and Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Ridenour, and Snider—8.

ABSENT—Aldermen Coburn and Stratford—2.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen, for the regular session, held on February 4th, 1879, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, said proceedings were duly approved as published.

MESSAGE AND PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message was duly received :

Gentlemen:—I herewith transmit to your honorable body certain papers, which were favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its regular session, held last evening (February 17th, 1879), for your action upon same.

For the Common Council :

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

Mayor Caven's report of the amount of fines (\$196.80) by him collected and paid into the city treasury, during the month of January, 1879 [see page 781, *ante*], was read; and the action of the Common Council, in approving such report, was duly concurred in.

The City Civil Engineer's report of the following estimate was read

A second and final estimate in behalf of R. P. Dunning, for grading and bowldering Georgia street, from Meridian street to Illinois street—

860.8 lineal feet, at \$1.19.....	\$1,024 35
Changing manholes to street grade.....	1 60
Total.....	\$1,025 85
Less former estimate.....	758 62
Present estimate.....	\$ 267 23

And the action of the Common Council, in approving such estimate [see page 782, *ante*], was duly concurred in.

The following estimate resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 783, *ante*] was then read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing second and final estimate, allowed R. P. Dunning, for grading and bowldering Georgia street, from Meridian street to Illinois 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, 8—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, and President Wiles.

NAYS—None.

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

Andrew J. Sloan & Co. vs. Walter L. Smith, Jr., for.....	\$3 75
Andrew J. Sloan & Co. vs. Mary J. P. Hayden, for	3 75
Andrew J. Sloan & Co. vs. Mary J. P. Hayden, for	3 75
Andrew J. Sloan & Co. vs. Daniel G. Littlefield, for.....	3 75

and recommending that the precepts be ordered to issue [see page 783, *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, 8—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Foster, Grubbs, Mussmann, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, and President Wiles.

NAYS—None.

Report from Board of Health, giving a tabulated statement, by ages, of deaths registered in the City of Indianapolis, from February 1st to 14th, 1879, inclusive [see page 784, *ante*], was read, and was duly received.

The following clause in the report from the Council Judiciary Committee was read ; and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in the recommendation therein made [see page 784, *ante*], was duly approved :

1st. Is a petition of Calvin Fletcher, to have money refunded on account of erroneous assessment, to the amount of \$19.14. The petitioner represents that, on the 13th of February, 1877, the City Treasurer sold a piece of property, described as "south of Christian avenue, and east of lot 107, in Alvord's Subdivision," for the taxes for the years 1875 and 1876 ; that the real estate was assessed in the name of Fletcher, Stevenson, and Alvord, and bid off by petitioner, for the sum of \$17.14.

The assessment was erroneous, as the property embraced in the description was, and still is, the property of the C., C., C. & I. Railroad Company, and the taxes due the city have been regularly paid by said company. City Treasurer Wiles and City Assessor Hadley, after examination of the records, certify the statements of the petitioner to be correct.

In view of the above facts, we recommend that the petitioner be allowed \$17.14, with two years interest, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, and that the Committee on Accounts and Claims include the above allowance in the next general appropriation ordinance.

The following report from the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Streets and Alleys [which had been duly approved by the Common Council—see page 785, *ante*], was read; and the action of said committees received the concurrent approval of this body:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—Your Committees on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the motion offered by Councilman Steeg—"That Christian F. Schrader be allowed the privilege of erecting a hay-scale on McCarty street, where the said street intersects Virginia avenue"—have examined the location named, and think it no detriment to public travel for a scale to be placed at such point. As aforesaid motion was referred to your committees "with power to act," we have granted to aforesaid Christian F. Schrader the privilege asked for.

Respectfully, etc.,

S. MORRIS,
MARTIN MCGINTY,
C. H. O'BRIEN,
Council Committee.

W. F. PIEL,
I. W. STRATFORD,
R. S. FOSTER,
Aldermanic Committee.

Petition from Cowen & McGrath [see page 786, *ante*], and from John J. Harlan [see page 788, *ante*], for license to sell by auction, were read; and the action of the Common Council, in granting the prayers of the foregoing petitioners, was duly concurred in.

The following Council motions were severally adopted:

That Shaw & Taffe have permission to put up a lamp post in front of their place of business, No. 175 E. Washington street.

That the Judiciary Committees of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council, with the City Attorney, be directed to confer with Mr. Hensley, in accordance with his request, with a view to compromise with him for injuries he claims to have received some time since, by falling into an open well on N. Tennessee street.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the I., C. & L. Railroad Company to re-plank the crossing of their track at the intersection of West street.

That the City Civil Engineer be directed to re-light the lamp on New York street, between the canal and West street, north side, and dispense with the lamp on West street, between New York street and the canal, west side.

That the I., C. & L. Railroad Company and Gibson & Co. be directed to plank the railroad crossing at the intersection of Blackford street.

That sixty days' more time, from date, be granted to John Low, in which to complete his contract for grading and graveling the first alley west of Blake street, from New York street to Michigan street.

That A. H. Wall be granted permission to bridge ten feet of the gutter, and plank the same, of the sidewalk on the west side of California street, near Indiana avenue—the work to be done within thirty days, under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer, and at his own expense.

The following motion [which the Common Council had referred to the Board of Public Improvements, with power to act [see page 787, *ante*], was read; and the foregoing reference and power were duly confirmed:

That the Street Commissioner be ordered to fill up a hole in N. Illinois street, caused by tapping sewer in front of G. R. Root's house.

The following motion [which the Common Council had referred to the Board of Public Improvements, with power to act—see page 787, *ante*], was read; and, on Alderman Foster's motion, the above-mentioned reference was confirmed, but the "power to act" was withheld:

That Charles Dates be granted permission to lay a plank crossing over the west sidewalk of New Jersey street, between Walnut street and Fort Wayne avenue; also to lay a plank crossing over the east sidewalk on Fort Wayne avenue, between Walnut street and New Jersey street—said work to be done at his own expense, and under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer.

NEW BUSINESS.

The Judiciary Committee, through Alderman Grubbs, submitted the following reports; and the recommendations, therein contained, were severally concurred in:

To the President and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the claim of J. K. Sharpe, for the refunding of \$42.25, sewer assessment, which was stricken from the last appropriation ordinance, would report that they find the bill correct, and recommend that the Committee on Accounts and Claims include the said amount in their next appropriation ordinance.

D. W. GRUBBS,
J. M. RIDENOUR.

To the President and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the matter of opening a road through the Southern Park, have had the same under consideration, and recommend concurrence in the action of the Council, which instructs the City Attorney to take all necessary legal steps to prevent the opening of said road.

D. W. GRUBBS,
J. M. RIDENOUR.

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

That the Board of Police be requested to comply with the former order of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, by discontinuing the use of gas, and substituting coal oil lamps in the Station House.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

W. D. WILES, President.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.