

# PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—MAY 6, 1879.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis met in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Tuesday evening, May 6th, 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, Coburn, Foster, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, and Stratford—8.

ABSENT—Aldermen Grubbs and Mussmann—2.

The Proceedings of Board of Aldermen, for the adjourned session, held on April 29th, 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 read :

*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 (May 5th, 1879), for your action upon same.

For the Common Council :

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

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

A first and final estimate in behalf of Fred. Gansberg, for grading and graveling the first alley south of Prospect street, from Laurel street to Everson street—

1512 lineal feet, at 9 cents.....	\$ 136 08
Opening ditches.....	1 50
Total estimate.....	\$ 137 58

And the action of the Common Council, in receiving such report and in approving the accompanying estimate [see page 984, *ante*], was duly concurred in.

The following estimate resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 984, *ante*], was then read :

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen,* That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed Fred. Gansberg, for grading and graveling the first alley south of Prospect street, from Laurel street to Everson 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, 7—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, and President Wiles.

NAYS—None.

City Clerk's statement of the amount of orders issued on the city treasury during the month of April, 1879; and the City Treasurer's report of receipts and disbursements during same period [see pages 984 to 986, *ante*], were read; and the action of the Common Council, in referring said statement and report to the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Finance, for joint examination, was duly approved.

City Treasurer's report of receipts and disbursements from May 16th, 1878, to April 30th, 1879, inclusive [see pages 986 and 987, *ante*], was read; and the action of the Common Council, in referring such report to the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Finance, for joint examination, was duly approved.

Report from Superintendent of City Hospital and Branch of the contents of hospital register, expenditures, etc., for the month of April, 1879 [see page 988, *ante*], was read, and was duly received.

The Annual Reports from the Fire Board and Chief Fire Engineer [see pages 988 to 992, *ante*], were read; and the action of the Common Council, in referring such reports to the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Printing, etc., with instructions to have three hundred or five hundred pamphlet-copies printed [see page 988, *ante*], was duly approved.

The following report [which had been duly concurred in by the Common Council—see pages 992 and 993, *ante*], was read; and then, on Alderman Ridenour's motion, it was referred to the Aldermanic and Council Committees on Bridges, with instructions to consider and report as to the expediency of widening the bridge referred to, preliminary to repairing same :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen* :—The Board of Public Improvements, with the City Civil Engineer and Street Commissioner, were directed to examine the bridge over Pogue's Run, on Ohio street, and report its condition.

We have examined said bridge, and find it in need of a new floor, and we would recommend the Street Commissioner be instructed to make the same.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. MCKAY,  
JOHN L. MARSEE,  
H. COBURN,

Board of Public Improvements.

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

L. A. FULMER, Street Commissioner.

Report from Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, giving an exhibit of moneys paid on account of Street-Repairs Department, for the month of April, 1879 [see page 993, *ante*], was read, and was duly approved.

The following reports from the Board of Public Improvements [see page 994, *ante*], were read; and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in same, was duly approved :

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen* :—The following motion was referred to us :

“That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean and repair the first alley west of Virginia avenue, between Buchanan and Bradshaw streets.”

We recommend said work be done.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. MCKAY,  
JOHN L. MARSEE,  
H. COBURN,

Board of Public Improvements.

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen* :—The report of the City Commissioners in the matter of opening and widening John street, from Massachusetts avenue to Peru avenue, was referred to us, and we would recommend said report be concurred in, but that no further proceedings be taken in the matter until the terms of the contract existing between the City of Indianapolis and the C., C., C. & I. and the I., P. & C. Railroad Companies be fully complied with.

We would further recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. MCKAY,  
JOHN L. MARSEE,  
H. COBURN,

Board of Public Improvements.

The following concurrent resolution [which is referred to in last preceding report, and which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 994, *ante*], was then read :

*Be it Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen*, That the report of the City Commissioners in the matter of opening and widening John street, from Massachusetts avenue to Peru avenue, be, and the same is hereby, accepted and adopted, and the real estate therein described as necessary for said street is hereby

appropriated; and the City Clerk is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of so much of said report as assesses benefits and damages upon real estate, and in which such real estate is described, to the City Treasurer.

And was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 7—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, 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 April 15th to 30th, 1879, inclusive [see page 994, *ante*], was read, and was duly received.

The following reports from the Board of Health [see page 995, *ante*], were read, and were severally approved:

To the Honorable Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen*:—We have inspected the property immediately and adjoining the pork-house of Pettis, Holmes & Bradshaw, and find the pond, as well as its surroundings, injurious to public health, and have notified the owners to abate the nuisance within ten days.

By order of the Board of Health:

H. JAMESON, M. D., President.

WM. WANDS, M. D., Secretary.

Per T. N. WATSON, M. D., Acting Health Officer,

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

We submit the following:

Number of contagious diseases reported for the month of April, 1879:

Scarlet fever.....	13
Measles.....	7
Diphtheria.....	2
Total.....	22

Of the above, only one case (scarlet fever) proved fatal.

Taking into consideration the long and severe winter, and consequent bad condition of the city at the opening of spring, the health is good.

For the month of April, there has been served, for the abatement of nuisances, 270 legal notices—most of which have been promptly abated.

H. JAMESON, M. D., President.

WM. WANDS, M. D., Secretary.

Per T. N. WATSON, Acting Health Officer.

Report from City Dispensary for the month of April, 1879 [see page 996, *ante*], was read, and was duly received.

Report from Council Committee on Gas-Light, recommending the removal of a certain public gas-lamp, from the west side of Noble street,

between Huron street and Virginia avenue, to a point opposite its present location [see page 996, *ante*], was read; and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in such recommendation, was duly approved.

Report from the Council Committee on Markets, setting forth claims and counter-claims as to delinquency of a Mr. Sonnerberg in West Market rentals, and recommending that collection of arrears or expulsion and prohibition of delinquent from city markets and market privileges be made, in accordance with former instructions [see page 996, *ante*], was read; and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in such report, was duly approved.

The following report from the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Printing, etc. [see page 997, *ante*], was read; and the action of the Common Council, in approving and concurring in same, was duly concurred in:

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

*Gentlemen*.—Your Committees on Printing, etc., would, jointly, report as follows:

The cost of the city's printing, stationery, and advertising during the past year has aggregated the moderate sum of \$4,871.22. The city offices and departments have been abundantly supplied with every needed article in these several lines; but, as an indisputable evidence of the economy exercised by your committees in the department which you placed in their charge on May 28th and June 3d, 1878, we beg leave to submit the following table, compiled from the printed journals of the Common Council:

COST OF PRINTING, STATIONERY, AND ADVERTISING.

For year ending May 10th, 1871.....	\$ 7,876 81
For year ending May 18th, 1872.....	15,199 27
For year ending May 13th, 1873.....	12,176 95
For year ending May 12th, 1874.....	19,971 10
For year ending May 10th, 1875.....	13,589 88
For year ending May 15th, 1876.....	13,847 76
For year ending May 15th, 1877.....	8,080 66
For year ending May 15th, 1878.....	6,414 87
For year ending May 31st, 1879.....	4,871 22

Our estimate for the year now closing was \$6,500; thus, it will be seen, that we have kept the expenditures on account of our particular department below our estimate by \$1,628.78.

We would recommend that immediate steps be instituted for receiving proposals for doing the city printing for the ensuing year, so that the printing of the journals of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen may be more promptly entered upon by the establishment to which the city printing contract shall be awarded than was the fact during the year now closing. Last year, this contract was not awarded until the 24th June, the journal of the first session of the Common Council was not placed on the desks of the Councilmen until July 15th, and the city printer did not catch up with his work until the session held on November 4th. If His Honor, the Mayor, and the President of the Board of Aldermen would appoint the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Printing at the first sessions of the bodies over which they preside, the printing contract could be awarded at least a month earlier

than was the case during the present year, and, consequently, after the first month, the printing of the journals could be kept sharply up to each preceding session.

A. L. WRIGHT,  
C. F. WIESE,  
D. W. GRUBBS.

I have not examined the table of expenses reported above, but I concur in the recommendation.

W. F. PIEL.

The following report from the Conference Committee appointed at the last preceding sessions of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council [see pages 959 and 970, *ante*], was read; and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in same, was duly approved:

The special committee, to whom was referred the matter of materials to be used in the construction of driveways over sidewalks, would report that they have given the subject due consideration, and our conclusions are that uniformity is essential in such construction, and we herewith submit an ordinance, providing that in all cases where such driveways are applied for they shall be constructed of good bowlders, where the sidewalks on either side are made of brick or of stone-slabs; where the sidewalks are only graveled, they may be made of plank 2 x 4 inches, set on edge; and in any case such plank may be used as truckways in front of stores, livery stables, and manufacturing establishments; and in every case such driveways and truckways shall be constructed under the direction and to the approval of the City Engineer, of whichever material constructed.

W. F. PIEL,  
J. M. RIDENOUR,  
Aldermen.  
M. H. McKAY,  
W. H. TUCKER,  
C. H. O'BRIEN,  
Councilmen.

The following Council motions were read, and were severally adopted:

That Fletcher & Churchman be, and are hereby, permitted to grade, and pave with brick, the sidewalk in front of lots 2, 3, 4, and 5 in Boatwright's Addition to the City of Indianapolis, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, and at their own expense.

That the Judiciary Committees of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, together with the City Attorney, be, and are hereby, instructed to prepare, and report to the Council, at the next regular meeting, an ordinance regulating the deposit and removal of slops and garbage.

That the City Clerk be instructed to advertise for proposals to do the city printing and advertising, publishing delinquent list, and for furnishing blanks, blank books, and stationery, and for posting bills for the City of Indianapolis, for the fiscal year ending May 31st, 1880—said proposals to be filed with the Clerk on the 15th day of May, 1879, by 4 o'clock P. M., for consideration by joint Committees on Printing.

The following entitled ordinances [which had been duly passed by the Common Council—see pages 999, 1000, 1002, and 1004, *ante*], were read the first time:

Ap. O. 24, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department.

- Ap. O. 25, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch.
- Ap. O. 26, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses.
- Ap. O. 27, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.
- Ap. O. 28, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, and Advertising.
- G. O. 15, 1879—An Ordinance fixing the dates of the meetings of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis.
- G. O. 16, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for the Impounding of Unlicensed Dogs in the City of Indianapolis.

PENDING ORDINANCES—PROCEEDINGS HAD THEREON.

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 entitled ordinance was then read the third time :

- Ap. O. 24, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$502.75.]

And was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 7—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, and President Wiles.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was also read the third time :

- Ap. O. 25, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch. [Amount appropriated, \$597.86.]

And was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 7—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, and President Wiles.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was also read the third time :

- Ap. O. 26, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station-Houses. [Amount appropriated, \$285.70.]

And was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 7—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, and President Wiles.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was also read the third time :

Ap. O. 27, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$124,129.67.]

And was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 7—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, and President Wiles.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was also read the third time :

Ap. O. 28, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, and Advertising. [Amount appropriated, \$232.30.]

And was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 7—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, and President Wiles.

NAYS—None.

Alderman Stratford appeared and took his seat.

On Alderman Ridenour's motion, the rules were suspended, for the purpose of now reading General Ordinances 15 and 16, 1879, for the second and third times, and placing them on their final passage, by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

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

G. O. 15, 1879—An Ordinance fixing the dates of the meetings of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,

And was passed by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

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

G. O. 16; 1879—An Ordinance to provide for the Impounding of Uulicensed Dogs in the City of Indianapolis.

And was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 7—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Piel, Ridenour, Snider, and President Wiles.

NAYS, 1—viz.: Alderman Stratford.

NEW BUSINESS.

The Second District Aldermen, through Alderman Chandler, submitted the following report; which was duly considered, and the prayer of the petitioners, therein set forth, was duly granted :

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis :

The undersigned special committee, to whom was referred the petition of Edward King and others, owners of property on the line of the proposed new sidewalk west of White River, beg to report that we have investigated the matter, and find that some of these property owners have already been to the expense of filling and grading in front of their property. We find, also, that a similar petition from the Indiana National Bank, which owns property on the line of the proposed improvement, was granted since the introduction of the pending ordinance. We are, therefore, of the opinion that, in justice to the petitioners, their prayer should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. CHANDLER,  
W. D. WILES,  
Committee.

On Alderman Chandler's motion, further proceedings on Special Ordinance 10, 1879 [see title on page 965, *ante*], were postponed for one month.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman Coburn, submitted the following report; which was duly concurred in :

To the President and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen* :—The following motion was referred to us :

“That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to advertise for proposals to build a wooden bridge across Pogue's Run, on New Jersey street—said bridge to be built according to the plans and specifications prepared by the City Civil Engineer.”

This work can, in our opinion, be done as well, and at less expense, by the Street Commissioner; and we would recommend said officer be instructed to do such work, aided by the City Civil Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. MCKAY,  
JOHN L. MARSEE,  
H. COBURN,  
Board of Public Improvements.

Alderman Foster offered the following motion :

That the thanks of this body be, and are hereby, tendered to Alderman W. D. Wiles, President of this Board, for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over our deliberations during the past year.

Alderman Stratford offered the following substitute for preceding motion ; which substitute was duly adopted :

WHEREAS, The honorable President of this Board does this evening retire from this Board ; AND WHEREAS, His term of office has been pleasant and agreeable to his fellow-Aldermen, because of his fair and impartial rulings : Therefore,

*Moved*, That a vote of thanks be tendered him.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis for the year 1878-1879 was then dissolved.

W. D. WILES, President.

Attest : GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.