

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—MAY 13, 1879.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis for the year 1879-1880 convened in first regular session, in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Tuesday evening, May 13th, A. D. 1879, at half-past seven o'clock.

For the current year, the Board of Aldermen will consist of the following members:

HOLDING OVER.	NEW MEMBERS.
First District—Jonathan M. Ridenour.	James T. Layman.
Second District—Thomas E. Chandler.	Harry E. Drew.
Third District—Daniel W. Grubbs.	Henry Coburn.
Fourth District—William F. Piel.	Hiram Seibert.
Fifth District—Diedrich Mussmann.	John Newman.

Hon. J. M. Ridenour, President *pro tempore* of the Board of Aldermen for 1878-1879, was called upon to act a Chairman during the organization of the new Board.

Geo. T. Breunig, Clerk, stated, in answer to inquiry made, that all the newly-elected members had duly qualified as Aldermen; and then, by direction of Chairman, said Clerk called the roll, which showed all the members of the new Board to be in attendance.

Chairman Ridenour stated that the first business in order would be the election of President and President *pro tempore* for the ensuing year; that nominations for the aforesaid offices should now be made; and appointed Aldermen Chandler and Piel as tellers.

For President—Alderman Chandler nominated Alderman Jonathan M. Ridenour.

No other nomination being made, a ballot was had; which resulted as follows (all the members voting except the nominee):

Alderman Jonathan M. Ridenour received 9 votes; and was, there-upon, declared President of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis for the ensuing year.

For President *pro tempore*—Alderman Coburn nominated Alderman Thomas E. Chandler; and Alderman Chandler nominated Alderman Henry Coburn. Alderman Coburn declined the nomination.

President Ridenour appointed Alderman Layman as teller, in lieu of Alderman Chandler.

No further nomination being made, a ballot was had; which resulted as follows (all the members voting except the nominee):

Alderman Thomas E. Chandler received 9 votes; and was, thereupon, declared President *pro tempore* of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis for the ensuing year.

The Board of Aldermen having been thus duly organized, His Honor, the President, declared said body was prepared for the dispatch of such business as might be brought before it.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message was duly received:

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—In compliance with the joint recommendation of the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Printing, etc., concurred in by the bodies of 1878–1879, on May 5th and 6th, 1879, His Honor, Mayor Caven, has appointed Councilmen Brown, Hamilton, and McGinty as the Council portion of a Select Joint Committee on Printing, etc. Said select committee, in conjunction with the Aldermen appointed by your honorable body, are to meet, at the office of the City Clerk, on Thursday next, 15th instant, at 4 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of opening and examining bids, to be that day filed, for doing the city printing and advertising, furnishing stationery, etc., reporting the results of their examination to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, and recommending the awarding of contracts to the lowest and best bidders, as is usual in such cases.

For the Common Council:

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

And President Ridenour appointed Aldermen Chandler, Layman, and Piel as the Aldermanic members of the Select Committee on Printing, etc.

The following message was also duly received:

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

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 12th, 1879), for your action upon same.

For the Common Council:

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

Report from the Council Committee on Contracts [see pages 2 and 3, *ante*] was read; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council

in approving the recommendations made in the following extracts from said report, viz. :

First. For grading and graveling Garden street and sidewalks, from Eddy street to Tennessee street—

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James W. Hudson, 28 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James W. Hudson being the lowest and best bidder, your committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

Second. For grading and graveling Linden street and sidewalks, from Prospect street to Pleasant street—

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Henry Clay, 53 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 Fred. Gansberg, 53 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

There being a tie bid, and the price being reasonable, your committee recommend that the contract be awarded to Fred. Gansberg.

Third. For grading and graveling New York street, widening and curbing the sidewalks, and bouldering the gutters thereof, between Tennessee and Missouri streets—

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Henry Clay, 26 cents per lineal foot front on each side, for grading and graveling.				
34 " " " " " curbing.				
43 " " " " " bouldering.				

Henry Clay being the lowest and best bidder, your committee recommend that he be awarded the contract.

The following report from the City Clerk was read ; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council in approving the several bonds accompanying said report [see page 3, *ante*] :

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

Gentlemen :—I herewith report, for your approval, the official bonds of the following city officers elect, who have otherwise qualified by filing with me their certificates of election and oaths of office, as is required by the City Charter, viz. :

John Caven, Mayor. Penalty of bond, \$3,000; giving, as security, John C. S. Harrison.

Richard S. Colter, City Marshal. Penalty of bond, \$2,000; giving, as security, M. Steinhauer and Thos. Cummings.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The following reports from same city officer were read ; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council in approving such reports :

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—I respectfully report that on this, the 12th day of May, 1879, I transmitted to the City Commissioners petition of R. L. McQuat and others, in the matter of the vacation of the alley running through R. L. McQuat's Second Addition to the City of Indianapolis, and resolution of your honorable bodies concerning the same; and that I issued notice to said Commissioners, according to law.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

Gentlemen:—I respectfully report that on this, the 12th day of May, 1879, I transmitted to the City Commissioners petition of Isaac Foster and others, in the matter of the vacation of a part of the first alley south of Coburn street, in Dougherty's Subdivision of a part of out-lot No. 99, in the City of Indianapolis, and resolution of your honorable bodies concerning the same; and that I issued notice to said Commissioners, according to law.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

Report from the City Attorney "upon the affairs of my office, and the condition of the litigation pending in the Courts at this time, in which the city is interested" [see pages 3 and 4, *ante*], was read, and was duly received.

The following clauses in the report of the Board of Public Improvements were read; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon [see pages 4 and 5, *ante*], was duly approved:

4th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to fill the chuck-holes in Davidson street, between Vermont and Market streets.

We recommend this work be done.

8th. Is the matter of the improvement of Highland street.

We have examined this matter, and would recommend the City Civil Engineer be instructed to establish a proper grade on Market street, from Arsenal avenue to Pogue's Run, make the grade of the proposed improvement on Highland street conform to that of Market street, and that the contract for said improvement be awarded to the lowest and best bidder.

Report from the Council and Aldermanic Judiciary Committees and the City Attorney [see pages 5 to 7, *ante*] was read; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council in approving the several recommendations contained therein.

Petition from residents on and in the vicinity of Alvord street for the privilege of laying a brick sidewalk on the east side of said street, in front of certain lots in said petition enumerated [see page 9, *ante*], was read; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council in granting the prayed-for privilege.

The following motions, which had been duly adopted by the Common Council, were read, and were concurrently adopted by this body:

That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify Wm. Gunn to repair the sidewalk and gutter on the south side of McCarty street, between New Jersey and East streets, where the said sidewalk and gutter were excavated in putting in water-pipe; and if said work be not done in ten days from date of notice, that the Street Commissioner do the work, and collect cost thereof from said Wm. Gunn.

That the owners of the property bordering on the first alley south of Merrill street, from Delaware street to the first alley east of Delaware street, be permitted to grade and gravel the same at their own expense—the work to be done according to the stakes set by the City Civil Engineer, and under his supervision.

The following entitled ordinances [which had been duly passed by the Common Council—see pages 10 and 11, *ante*], were then read the first time :

- G. O. 18, 1879—An Ordinance to amend section two (2) of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance creating the Police Board, prescribing its powers and duties, and regulating the organization of the Police Force of the City of Indianapolis (ordained May 28th, 1878)."
- S. O. 2, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for improving the first Alley north of Woodlawn avenue, from Dillon street to Olive street, by grading and graveling.
- S. O. 5, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for improving the first Alley north of Lockerbie street, from Liberty street to the first alley west of Noble street, by grading and graveling.

On Alderman Layman's motion, Special Ordinance 2, 1879, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

On Alderman Grubbs's motion, the rules were suspended, for the purpose of now taking up and reading General Ordinance 18, 1879, the second and third times, and placing same on its passage, by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS—None.

Aforesaid ordinance was read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, and then read the third time, viz. :

G. O. 18, 1879—An Ordinance to amend section two (2) of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance creating the Police Board, prescribing its powers and duties, and regulating the organization of the Police Force of the City of Indianapolis (ordained May 28th, 1878)."

And it was duly passed by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS, 1—viz.: Alderman Piel.

NEW BUSINESS.

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

That the President and President *pro tem.* of this body, and one member hereof, act as a Committee on Rules—said committee to be charged with the duty of revising the rules prepared for the government of this special body, and also of acting as a Committee of Conference on Joint Rules prepared for the government of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen; and said Committee on Rules are hereby

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given power, both separately and jointly, to have such rules printed, and presented for approval.

And President Ridenour appointed Alderman Grubbs as the third member of said Committee on Rules.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

J. M. RIDENOUR, President.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.