

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—MAY 20, 1879.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis convened in the Aldermanic Chamber on Tuesday evening, May 20th, A. D. 1879, at half-past seven o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—His Honor, the President, J. M. Ridenour, in the Chair, and Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, and Seibert—10.

ABSENT—None.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message was 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 19th, 1879), for your action upon same.

For the Common Council:

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council in approving the recommendation to re-advertise [see page 27, *ante*]:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—At meetings of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, held, respectively on the 14th and 15th days of April, 1879, a contract was awarded to R. H. Patterson for grading and bowldering Maryland street and the north gutter thereof, from Illinois street to Tennessee street. Thus far, the contractor has failed to file his bond.

As the improvement is necessary, and should be done as soon as possible, I would recommend that said work be re-advertised for proposals.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

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

That the City Civil Engineer be ordered to enter upon a "black list" the names of all persons to whom contracts may be awarded for making public improvements, if such contractors do not file their contracts and bonds in his office within the time (five days) stipulated in the city ordinance on this subject.

The following reports from the City Civil Engineer and the City Clerk were read; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council in approving the several contracts and bonds and official bonds accompanying said reports [see page 28, *ante*]:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following contracts and bonds:

Contract and bond of James W. Hudson, for grading and graveling Garden street and sidewalks, from Eddy street to Tennessee street. Bond, \$300; surety, R. P. Dunning.

Contract and bond of Henry Clay, for grading and graveling New York street, widening and curbing the sidewalks and bowldering the gutters thereof, between Tennessee and Missouri streets. Bond, \$3,000; surety, J. M. W. Langsdale.

Contract and bond of Fred Gansberg, for grading and graveling Linden street and sidewalks, from Prospect street to Pleasant street. Bond, \$1,000; surety, Richard Carr.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

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

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

John A. Henry, City Attorney; penalty of bond, \$1,500; giving, as security, Ingram Fletcher.

Leander A. Fulmer, Street Commissioner; penalty of bond, \$2,000; giving, as security, Richard Carr and Geo. W. Buchanan.

John G. Pendergast, Chief Fire Engineer; penalty of bond, \$1,500; giving, as security, Norman S. Byram and Adam Scott.

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Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The following communications from the City Marshal were read; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council in confirming said nominations [see page 29, *ante*]:

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

Gentlemen:—I hereby nominate and appoint Joseph R. Forbes as Deputy City Marshal, and respectfully ask that you consent to and confirm said nominee.

RICHARD S. COLTER, City Marshal.

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

Gentlemen:—I hereby nominate and appoint Alonzo D. Harvey as Deputy City

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Marshal, to serve without compensation from the City of Indianapolis, subject to revocation at any time by me, and ask that you consent to and confirm said nominee.

R. S. COLTER, City Marshal.

The following report from the Fire Board was read; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council in approving the recommendation therein contained [see page 29, *ante*]:

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

Gentlemen.—Having been advised of an advance in hose of at least 25 per cent., and being offered former prices, if purchased before the 26th of the present month, we, therefore, most respectfully recommend the immediate purchase of 2,250 feet, and ask that the Fire Board and Chief be authorized to purchase said amount, at same price and on same terms and conditions as last hose was purchased.

JAMES T. LAYMAN,
W. H. TUCKER,
JOHN R. PEARSON,
Fire Board.

The annual report from Board of Public Improvements, setting forth sundry facts, and giving an exhibit of moneys expended on account of the Street-Repairs Department during the year ending May 15th, 1879 [see pages 30 to 32, *ante*], was read; and this body concurred with the Common Council in approving such report.

Report from Board of Health, giving a tabulated statement, by ages, of deaths registered in the City of Indianapolis, during the period from May 1st to 15th, 1879, inclusive [see page 29, *ante*], was read, and was duly received.

Alderman Drew appeared, and took his seat.

The Report from the Council and Aldermanic Select Committees on Printing [see pages 32 to 34, *ante*], was read; and this body concurred with the Common Council in awarding the several contracts as recommended by said joint committee.

Petition from State officers, for permission to construct a sewer in Tennessee street, from State building on southwest corner of Washington and Tennessee streets, and to connect said sewer with the Kentucky avenue sewer, together with Council motion granting such privilege [see page 37, *ante*], were read; and then, on Alderman Chandler's motion, said petition and motion were referred to a select committee, who were given instructions to confer with the State officers and obtain their consent to the tapping of the proposed sewer by owners of property located on the line thereof.

President Ridenour appointed Aldermen Grubbs, Coburn, and Piel as the select committee required by foregoing motion.

Petition from the Grand Lodge of Masons (colored) for the State of Indiana, for permission to use the Southern Park for its 24th June cele-

bration, together with motion granting a conditional use of said park [see page 38, *ante*], were read; and this body concurred with the Common Council, in adopting the conditional motion.

The following concurrent resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 37, *ante*], was read:

Resolved, That the City Marshal be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to notify the qualified electors thereof, that an election will be held on Saturday, the 14th day of June, 1879, to elect School Commissioners for the City of Indianapolis, in the following named districts and places, to-wit:

District No. 1—At the school house on the corner of Vermont and New Jersey streets.

District No. 2—At the school house on the corner of Delaware and Walnut streets.

District No. 10—At the school house on the corner of Ash street and Home avenue.

District No. 11—At the school house on the corner of Fourth and Tennessee streets.

The said School Commissioners to be elected for three years from the 7th day of July, 1879, to fill the vacancies which will then occur by limitation.

And it was duly adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

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

That all former members of the Board of Aldermen and of the City Council, who have retired from office, and have in their possession copies of the ordinances and laws of the City of Indianapolis, which were furnished them by such city, are hereby respectfully requested to return them to the Clerk's office, for the use of members now in office.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to purchase stone for four double-stone crossings at the intersection of Market and Delaware streets, for one single-stone crossing at the intersection of Delaware and Wabash streets, and for one double-stone crossing at the intersection of Court and Delaware streets.

That the Street Commissioner be ordered to supply the fountain, at the corner of Illinois and Tinker streets, with dippers.

The following motion, which had been duly adopted by the Common Council, was read; and, after the same had been amended, on Alderman Layman's motion, by adding Alderman Grubbs as Aldermanic associate with the Council committee (consisting of Councilmen Tucker, Carey, and Dowling), this body concurrently adopted the motion as amended:

That a Special Committee of three be appointed, to take charge of the parks until a regular committee shall be appointed.

The following entitled ordinances [which had been duly passed by the Common Council—see page 36, *ante*], was then read the first time :

G. O. 19, 1879—An Ordinance providing for the Compensation of the Officers of the City of Indianapolis, and the Officers and Members of the Police and Fire Departments of said city, for the Fiscal Year ending on May 31st, 1880.

On Alderman Grubbs's motion, the rules were suspended, for the purpose of now reading foregoing entitled ordinance 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, Seibert, Piel, and President Ridenour.

NAYS—None.

Aforesaid ordinance was then read the second time.

Alderman Piel moved to amend section 2, so as to reduce the City Treasurer's percentage on current taxes to one-quarter of one per cent. ; also, to amend section 4, so as to reduce the pay of patrolmen to \$1.50 per day.

Alderman Seibert moved to amend the preceding proposed amendment by reducing the salaries of Aldermen and Councilmen to \$125 per annum.

President Ridenour stated that the question to be first decided would be—"Shall the amendment to the amendment be adopted?"

And said amendment to the amendment was duly adopted.

Alderman Mussmann moved that the ordinance be referred to a select committee; which proposition was defeated by the following "aye and nay" vote :

AYES, 3—viz.: Aldermen Mussmann, Newman, and Piel.

NAYS, 7—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

Alderman Coburn moved to reconsider the vote by which Alderman Seibert's amendment to Alderman Piel's amendment had been adopted; which proposition to reconsider was lost by a tie vote, as follows :

AYES, 5—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Drew, Grubbs, and Layman.

NAYS, 5—viz.: Aldermen Mussmann, Newman, Piel, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

President Ridenour then stated the pending question to be—"Shall Alderman Piel's proposed amendment, as amended, be adopted?"

And said question being put, it was defeated.

The question then being—"Shall General Ordinance 19, 1879, be accepted as it came from the Common Council?" it was so ordered.

Said ordinance was then read the third time, and was duly passed by the following vote :

AYES, 7—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS, 3—viz.: Aldermen Mussmann, Newman, and Piel.

Alderman Chandler made the following motion :

That any member of this body who entertains the opinion that his services to the city in his Aldermanic capacity is too liberally compensated by the annual salary of \$150, as now fixed by the passage of foregoing ordinance, is hereby granted the privilege of covering all or any portion of his salary into the city treasury.

Alderman Seibert moved that the above motion be laid on the table ; which proposition failed of adoption.

The preceding motion was then duly adopted by the following “aye and nay” vote :

AYES, 8—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Drew, Layman, Newman, Piel, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS, 2—viz.: Aldermen Grubbs and Mussmann.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

J. M. RIDENOUR, President.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.