

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—MAY 27, 1879.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis convened in the Aldermanic Chamber on Tuesday evening, May 27th, 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, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, and Seibert—9.

ABSENT—Alderman Grubbs—1.

MESSAGE 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 26th, 1879), for your action upon same.

• For the Common Council:

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The following report from His Honor, the Mayor, was read; and this body concurred with the Common Council in approving same [see page 49, *ante*]:

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

Gentlemen:—The amount of fines collected by me during the month of April, 1879, due the city treasury, is \$90.84; which amount I have paid to the City Treasurer, and filed his receipt with the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CAVEN, Mayor.

The following reports from the City Clerk were read; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council in approving the several official bonds and contracts and bonds accompanying said reports [see pages 49 to 53, *ante*]:

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 oaths of office, as is required by the city charter, viz.:

Of Thaddeus Reed, City Civil Engineer. Penalty of bond, \$2,000; giving, as security, Geo. F. McGinnis and Wm. Wallace.

Of Leroy C. Morris, Market-Master at West Market. Penalty of Bond, \$3,000; giving, as security, Charles E. Bailey, Wm. M. Porter, and Edward Carter.

* Respectfully, BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit, for your action upon same, the following contracts and bonds, viz.:

Of Indianapolis Journal Company, for making blank-books, complete for use. Amount of bond, \$1,000; giving, as security, Lewis W. Hasselman and O. H. Watson.

Of Cathcart & Cleland, for furnishing stationery supplies. Amount of bond, \$1,000; giving, as security, Wm. Coughlen and Hervey Bates.

Respectfully submitted,
BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

Report from the Board of Public Improvements [see pages 54 and 55, 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.:

1st. For grading, and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Arsenal avenue, from Washington street to the first alley north of Washington street—

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Michael Flaherty, 31 cents per lineal foot front.

Michael Flaherty being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

2d. For grading and graveling the alley between Ash street and College avenue, from the first alley north of Christian avenue to the second alley north of Christian avenue—

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D. A. Haywood, 12½ cents per lineal foot front on each side.

D. A. Haywood being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

3d. For grading and bowldering Delaware street, from Washington street to the north line of Wabash street—

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Fred Gansberg, \$1.35 per lineal foot front on each side.

Fred Gansberg being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract, provided he agrees to lay stone crossings ordered at certain points, at the time of improvement, without extra charge—said stone being furnished on the ground by the city.

4th. For curbing with stone and paving with brick the west sidewalk, and bowldering the west gutter of Alabama street, from Washington street to Market street—

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The County Commissioners having expressed their intention of laying a stone walk on the west side of Alabama street, between Washington and Market streets, we recommend no award be made for the above improvement at this time.

The following contracts and bonds [which accompanied the preceding report, and which had been severally concurred in and approved by the Common Council—see page 55, *ante*], were then submitted, and were concurrently accepted :

Of David A. Haywood, for making the improvement described in the second clause of preceding report. Penalty of bond, \$100; surety, Richard Carr.

Of Fred. Gansberg, for making the improvement described in the third clause of preceding report. Penalty of bond, \$3,000; surety, Richard Carr.

The following clauses in the report of the Board of Public Improvements were read; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon [see page 56, *ante*], was duly approved :

1st. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to fill, with gravel, the chuck-holes in Chestnut street.

We recommend such work be confined to the intersection of Chestnut and Ray streets, and that the same be done.

5th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to fill the chuck-holes in Michigan street, between Tennessee street and the canal.

We recommend this work be done.

7th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to place a double-stone crossing on Morris street, across Meridian street.

We recommend a stone crossing be put down at this point, as it is much needed, but would recommend a single in place of a double crossing.

8th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to haul fifty loads of gravel, to fill the chuck-holes in Virginia avenue, between East and Prospect streets.

We recommend this work be done.

Petition from owners of two-thirds of the real estate on the south side of South street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets, for the location of a street-sprinkler hydrant on said frontage [see pages 60 and 61, *ante*]; also, a like petition from the owners and occupants of property on the west side of Mississippi street, between Pratt and First streets [see page 62, *ante*], were read; and this body concurred with the Common Council, in granting such privilege; stipulating that in each case the most approved sprinkler hydrant should be used, and that the work should be done under the supervision of the Board of Public Improvements.

Hon. James L. Mitchell's protest against changing the grade of Market street, from Arsenal avenue to Pogue's Run, preparatory to the improvement of Highland street, together with the Council motion rescinding the order directing the City Civil Engineer to establish such grade [see pages 61 and 62, *ante*], were read; and then, on Alderman Layman's motion, this matter was referred to the Board of Public Improvements, the Aldermanic Judiciary Committee, and the City Attorney.

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

That M. Ryan be granted permission to pave with brick the sidewalk in front of his property, lot 119 in out-lot 99, on Dougherty street—the work to done at his own expense, within sixty days, and under direction of the City Civil Engineer, who is hereby instructed to set the proper stakes.

That the City Marshal be instructed to notify the several packing and slaughtering houses within the city limits that they must comply with the ordinance which requires the removing of all blood, in close carts, to the Sellers' Farm; and that if the same is not complied with, said officer is ordered to file against all who may violate the same.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to notify the Vandalia Railroad Company to at once repair their crossings on S. West street, as the same are now in a dangerous condition.

The following motion, which the Common Council had referred to the Police Board, was read; and this body duly approved such reference:

That the Police Board be directed to station a watchman at the foot of Kentucky avenue, to prevent the people from depositing filth or nauseous stuff in the river.

On Alderman Piel's motion, the Board of Aldermen refused to concur—relytly adopt the following Council motion:

That the Street Commissioner request the Citizens' Street Railway to provide stools upon their cars, on their principal routes, for the use of its drivers when too tired to stand.

The following entitled ordinance [which had been duly passed by the Common Council—see page 60, *ante*], was then read the first time:

Ap. O. 29, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$4,036.30, on account of Salaries and Compensations of City Officers and Employees.

On Alderman Piel'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, 9—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Drew, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS—None.

Aforesaid ordinance was read the second and third times, and was duly passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

NEW BUSINESS.

The Aldermanic members of the (joint) Select Committee on Rules submitted the following report; which was duly approved:

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Your Select Committee on Rules would report that, since our appointment, we have had two meetings in conjunction with a like committee of the Common

Council, and considered a Manual of Joint Rules, the which, after being amended, was approved, so far as we examined the same.

In keeping with the tenor of the motion, made by Alderman Grubbs, at the last session of this body, your committee will make every endeavor to have the accepted rules printed by next meeting of this body.

J. M. RIDENOUR,
T. E. CHANDLER,
D. W. GRUBBS.

His Honor, the President, then presented the following communication :

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis :

I hereby announce your Standing Committees for 1879-1880. Should the Common Council determine upon having separate committees, a third member will be added to each committee.

J. M. RIDENOUR, President.

<i>Accounts and Claims</i>	Harry E. Drew, Wm. F. Piel.
<i>Bridges</i>	Henry Coburn, D. Mussmann.
<i>Contracts</i>	Hiram Seibert, D. W. Grubbs.
<i>Education</i>	Harry E. Drew, John Newman.
<i>Finance</i>	James T. Layman, Thos. E. Chandler.
<i>Judiciary</i>	D. W. Grubbs, Jas. T. Layman.
<i>Markets</i>	Henry Coburn, John Newman.
<i>Office Fixtures and Supplies</i> ...	Hiram Seibert, D. Mussmann.
<i>Ordinances</i>	D. W. Grubbs, W. F. Piel
<i>Printing</i>	D. W. Grubbs, Thos. E. Chandler.
<i>Public Charities</i>	James T. Layman, D. Mussmann.
<i>Public Light</i>	Thos. E. Chandler, D. W. Grubbs.
<i>Public Property</i>	Henry Coburn, W. F. Piel.
<i>Railroads</i>	James T. Layman, Harry E. Drew.
<i>Rules</i>	Thos. E. Chandler, D. W. Grubbs.
<i>Sewers and Drainage</i>	Hiram Seibert, Harry E. Drew.
<i>Streets and Alleys</i>	Harry E. Drew, W. F. Piel.
<i>Water</i>	Thos. E. Chandler, Henry Coburn.

On Alderman Coburn's motion, it was ordered that President Ridenour be made the chairman of the Standing Committee on Rules.

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

That the Board of Health and the Sanitary Policemen be requested to provide a place for a public dumping ground, and report the same to the Council and Board of Aldermen.

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

That the Judiciary Committee and City Attorney be instructed to examine all the bonds filed with the City Clerk, given by officers of trust connected with the City Government, and that report of the results of their investigations be made to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

Also, made the following motion; which, under the rules, was referred to the Board of Public Improvements :

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to lay a stone crosswalk over Pennsylvania street, at the intersection of Second street.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

J. M. RIDENOUR, President

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.