

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—JUNE 17, 1879.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis convened in the Aldermanic Chamber on Tuesday evening, June 17th, 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.

The Proceedings of Board of Aldermen, for the regular sessions, held on May 13th and 20th, and of the First Joint Convention, held on May 16th, 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 :

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 (June 16th, 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 duly concurred with the Common Council in approving same [see page 127, *ante*] :

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

Gentlemen :—The amount of forfeitures collected by me during the month of May, 1879, due the city treasury, was \$31.16 ; which amount I have paid to the City Treasurer, and filed his receipt with the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CAVEN, Mayor.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read ; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council in approving the recommendation therein contained :

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—At meetings of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, held, respectively, on May 26th and 27th, 1879, a contract was awarded to Michael Flaherty, for grading, and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Arsenal avenue, from Washington street to the first alley north of Washington street, at 31 cents per lineal foot front. The contractor has failed to file his bond, and, I am informed, he has no intention of doing so.

The next lowest bid on this work is 32½ cents per lineal foot front, made by John Schier; and inasmuch as the bid is reasonable, and to avoid the expense of re-advertising, I would recommend that the action of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, awarding said contract to said Michael Flaherty, be reconsidered, and the contract for said work be awarded to John Schier, at 32½ cents per lineal foot front.

Respectfully submitted,

T. REED, City Civil Engineer.

President Ridenour then stated that the vote by which the contract referred to in preceding report had been awarded to Michael Flaherty would have to be formally reconsidered; which was concurrently ordered by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

Aforesaid contract was then concurrently awarded to John Schier, as recommended.

Report from same officer, stating that “The Southside” had made an error in advertisement for proposals “for grading and bowldering Maryland street, and the north gutter thereof, from Illinois street to Tennessee street,” and suggesting that the necessary orders be given to re-advertise [see page 128, *ante*], was read; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council in giving such suggested orders.

The following report from same officer was also read; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council, in receiving such report and in approving the accompanying estimates [see page 128, *ante*]:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—I herewith present the following estimates :

A first and final estimate in behalf of Hiram Seibert, for re-grading and re-paving the east sidewalk of Virginia avenue, from Maryland street to Alabama street—
 492.5 lineal feet, at 45 cents..... \$221 62

A first and final estimate in behalf of William Morrison, for improving the first alley west of California street, from Pratt street to First street, by grading and graveling—
 884.16 lineal feet, at 10 cents..... \$88 42

Respectfully submitted,

T. REED, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 129, *ante*] was then read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Hiram Seibert, for re-grading and re-paving

the east sidewalk of Virginia avenue, from Maryland street to Alabama 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 it was duly adopted by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 129, *ante*] was also read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of William Morrison, for improving the first alley west of California street, from Pratt street to First street, by grading and graveling, 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 it was duly adopted by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

The following report from the City Clerk was read :

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

Gentlemen :—I herewith report the following affidavit, now on file in my office, for the collection of street assessment by precept, to-wit :

John Low vs. Lizzie E. and A. R. Miller, for \$3.04, and recommend that you order the precept to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

And this body duly concurred with the Common Council, in ordering the precept to issue [see page 129, *ante*], by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

The following report from same officer, with the appended tabulated statements [see pages 130 and 131, *ante*], and which the Common Council had referred to the Committees on Finance, were read ; and this body concurred in the reference given :

Indianapolis, June 16, 1879.

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

Gentlemen :—I herewith submit my report of orders drawn on the City Treasurer, during the fiscal year ending May 31st, 1879 (twelve and one-half months) ; also, a tabular statement of the bonded indebtedness of the City of Indianapolis, and an interest-coupon statement, showing the amount of interest payable each year.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The following report from the Police Board was read; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council, in approving such report [see page 132, *ante*]:

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

We hereby report that stolen property has been sold, to the amount of four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50); which sum was paid to the City Treasurer on the 5th day of June, 1879, and his receipt filed with the City Clerk.

Alderman Layman appeared, and took his seat.

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 133 and 134, *ante*], was duly approved:

1st. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to lay a double-stone crossing over Alabama street, on the north side of Market street.

We recommend this work be done.

5th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to, at once, protect the gutters of Yeiser street, from Madison avenue to East street, so as to prevent the washing away of the banks of said gutters.

We recommend this work be done.

8th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to clean the gutters of Spring street, north of North street.

We recommend this work be done.

9th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to clean the west gutter of S. New Jersey street, from South street to Louisiana street.

We recommend the same be done.

11th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to fill, with broken stone, the chuck-holes in Davidson street, from Washington street to North street; and, also, fill a chuck-hole on the corner of New York and Noble streets, east side of Noble street.

We recommend this work be done, *provided* gravel is substituted for broken stone, named in the motion.

12th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to fill the chuck-holes in California street, between Indiana avenue and St. Clair street.

We recommend this work be done.

13th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to fill the chuck-holes in Indiana avenue, between North and California streets.

We recommend this work be done.

15th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to place a catch-basin, with a trap, in Union street, about one hundred feet north from the Ray street sewer.

We recommend this work be done.

16th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to raise the stone crossing (where needed) on the south side of Washington street, at West street.

We recommend this work be done.

17th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to raise the grade of the gutters on Oak street, directly north of Massachusetts avenue, so that they will carry the water off of said street, and to properly protect the adjacent sidewalks from overflow.

We recommend this work be done.

Report from Board of Health, giving a tabulated statement, by ages, of deaths registered in the City of Indianapolis, from June 1st to 15th, 1879, inclusiv [see page 136, *ante*], was read, and was duly received.

The following clauses in the report from the Council Committee on Finance [see page 137, *ante*] were read; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council in approving the same:

1st. We find the representations set forth in the petition of A. A. Bramwell [see page 88, *ante*] to be accurate and just, and do, therefore, recommend the sum of \$2.47 be appropriated and paid said Bramwell through the next miscellaneous appropriation ordinance.

2d. We have compared the report from the City Treasurer for the fiscal year beginning on May 16th, 1878, and ending May 31st, 1879 [see pages 74 to 76, *ante*], with the books of said officer, and have found the same correct.

The official bonds of G. Almont Taffe and Eugene Saulcy [which the Common Council had re-called from the hands of its Finance Committee, and had duly approved—see page 137, *ante*], were submitted to this body, and were then, on Alderman Chandler's motion, referred to the Aldermanic Committee on Finance.

The following clause in the report from Council Judiciary Committee [which had been duly concurred in by the Common Council—see page 138, *ante*] was read:

2d. We have carefully examined "all the bonds filed with the City Clerk, given by officers of trust connected with the city government," and we would now report favorably upon each and all of said bonds.

And then, on Alderman Chandler's motion, the aforesaid bonds were referred to the Aldermanic Committee on Finance.

The following report from the Joint Committees on Markets was read; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council, in approving the rental schedule therein contained [see page 140, *ante*]:

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

Your Committee on Markets would most respectfully report the following schedule of prices placed upon the stalls, stands, and benches, in and connected with the East Market of the City of Indianapolis:

- Butcher Stalls, 22 at \$20 each; 38 at \$15 each.
- Gardener Stands (inside of the sidewalk), 93 at \$10 each.
- Refreshment Stands (on north side, under roof), at \$7 a space.
- Spaces (on south side, under roof), \$5 each.
- Fish Stands (west end), \$7 each.

The sale of the stalls, benches, and stands will be on the 24th inst. (Tuesday), commencing at 10 o'clock A. M.

The following report from same joint committees was also read; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council, in approving the recommendations therein made [see page 140, *ante*]:

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

The Committees on Markets met, and concluded that certain improvements should be made.

We recommend that the openings of the East Market be closed. The cost would be about \$150.

We also recommend to put in a water-plug in the centre of the Market-House, at a cost of \$50. The cost of furnishing water for the same would be \$50 a year. Hose used for said Market House, and nozzle, would cost \$70.

Also, to repair sidewalk of north side of said Market House, which would cost about \$16. Also, to make other repairs, costing about \$10. Total cost, about \$346.

We would also recommend that necessary improvements be made at the West Market House.

The committee recommend that the aforesaid improvements be made at once.

The following report from the Joint Committees on Printing was read ; and this body duly approved the action of the Common Council thereupon, thereby concurrently awarding the contract as recommended in the first clause and adopting the motion set forth in the second clause [see pages 140 and 141, *ante*]:

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

Your Committee on Printing would report as follows upon matters placed in their charge :

1st. William B. Burford having declined to accept the contract for "Class A—Book-Work and Printed Blanks," which your honorable bodies awarded him on the 19th and 20th *ultimo*, we recommend that such contract be awarded to the Indianapolis Journal Company, as the next lowest and best bidder.

2d. We recommend the adoption of the following motion :

Moved, That the City Clerk be directed to advertise for proposals for doing the city advertising and for publishing the delinquent tax-list.

Petition from Anchor Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, asking permission to hold a lawn festival in University Park, on unstated date in the future [which the Common Council had referred to its Committee on Public Property and Parks—see page 145, *ante*] was read ; and then, on motion of Alderman Grubbs, said petition was also referred to the Aldermanic Committee on Public Property.

The following resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 146, *ante*] was read :

Inasmuch as the tax levy is limited by law to a sum inadequate to meet the necessary demands of the city without the closest economy in all branches of expenditures and a prompt and thorough collection of taxes : It is therefore,

Resolved, That it is important that the various committees in estimates for expenditures for the current year, should use every effort possible, consistent with absolute and necessary demands, to make their estimate at the lowest possible figures, and the City Treasurer should, and is hereby directed to use the utmost diligence in the collection of delinquent taxes.

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 resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 149, *ante*] was read :

Resolved, That the Fire Board and Chief of the Fire Department be authorized to employ two additional regular men for the Skinner Truck, instead of minute men, as now employed.

And it was duly adopted by the following vote :

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

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman Piel.

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

That the Hospital Board be directed to prepare, and report to this Council, an estimate of the cost of introducing water into the City Hospital; also, the best and cheapest means of doing so.

That William Pfafflin be permitted to bowlder the gutter in front of his property, on Indiana avenue—the work to be done at his own expense, and according to stakes set by the City Civil Engineer.

That the Street Commissioner be ordered to *respectfully and politely request* the Street Car Company not to put any more cinders on its track on N. Illinois street, between Second and Seventh streets.

That James B. Bullock be granted permission to pave, with brick, the sidewalk in front of lots 114 and 115 in Morrison's Second Addition to the City of Indianapolis, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, and at his own expense.

That the Street Commissioner be ordered to remove from the sidewalk and west half of N. Illinois street, between Seventh and Twelfth streets, a large pile of building stone—the same being in front of the south $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 25, in Henderson's Addition to this city, belonging to Martha C. Farman, Mrs. Sheets and family being the occupants of the residence on said lot.

That the Joint Committees on Gas-Light are hereby instructed to report the amendatory ordinance required by the adoption of the Aldermanic motion, to be found on pages 864 and 865, Journal of 1878-1879, at next session of the Common Council.

That the Chief of the Fire Department be directed to notify the proper authorities at the United States Arsenal that, unless they pay for the use of fire-alarm connection the same amount per annum as is paid by the several State institutions, he will, after ten days, cut it out of the fire-alarm circuit.

That the Chief of the Fire Department be directed to notify all parties who have private fire-alarm boxes that, unless they place them where the general public will at all times have free access to the same, they must pay to the city the expense of keeping up said private fire-alarm boxes. Unless they comply with this notice within ten days, the Chief shall cut them out from the fire-alarm circuit.

WHEREAS, It is a violation of an ordinance ordained August 1st, 1872, for any person or persons or corporations to throw, drain, or otherwise place any filth or impure matter in Pogue's Run or Central Canal, within the city limits: Therefore,

Moved, That the City Marshal be directed to notify all parties violating said ordinance, that they must comply with said ordinance, and that the Chief of Police be directed to see that said notice is complied with, and instruct the Police

Force to file against all parties who may violate the ordinance after said notice shall be given by the Marshal.

Further, That the City Clerk is directed to cause to be printed and posted up, along said Central Canal and Pogue's Run, two hundred and fifty copies of the ordinance ordained August 1st, 1872, in conspicuous places, and the Street Commissioner is directed to supply suitable boards, to be stuck up where suitable posting-places can not be found.

That the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Public Property, in connection with the City Treasurer and City Attorney, be directed to employ some responsible rental agency to take charge of the rental of the buildings belonging to the Tomlinson Estate, except No. 34 E. Washington street, and to rent said buildings to the best advantage, under the directions of the Joint Committee on Public Property, and that said agency be required to file suitable bonds, to protect the city's interest, with the City Treasurer.

Further, That the joint committee be directed to employ a competent builder to examine each of the several buildings belonging to said estate, who shall report an estimate of the cost of placing each building in suitable repairs, to the committee.

That the Hospital Board be instructed to require the Superintendent of City Hospital to make a report to this Council for the year ending June 30th, 1878, and also for the year ending June 30th, 1879, in proper shape for printing (if it should be found desirable to print); and that said reports be made after the manner and form of the printed report for the year ending June 30th, 1877, with tables, etc., to show explicitly the workings of the Institution for each year.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill, with broken stone, the holes around the fountain on Kentucky avenue and West street.

The Board of Aldermen refused to concurrently adopt the following Council motion:

That L. Newell be granted permission to dig a well, at curb-stone on west side of Virginia avenue, in front of 142½, at his own expense, he to leave the street and sidewalk in good repair.

The following Council motion was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the City Civil Engineer is hereby ordered to make a professional examination of the tracks of the Citizens' Street Railway Company; and should said officer find such tracks, or any portion thereof, to be either above or below any established street grade, he is hereby instructed to officially notify said company to immediately adjust such track or tracks. Should said company neglect or fail to make the indicated changes within ten days after notice given by the City Civil Engineer, said officer is instructed, and hereby authorized, to order the Street Commissioner to do such work; and said Street Commissioner shall collect the cost of such work from said Citizens' Street Railway Company.

The following Council motions, after having been amended, by requiring the work to be completed within thirty days, were concurrently adopted by this body:

That Jas. M. Tomlinson and Jacob McChesney be permitted to grade, and pave with brick, their sidewalks on Pratt street, between Illinois and Mississippi streets under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, and at their own expense.

That W. and I. Mansur and J. C. Ferguson be granted permission to improve the sidewalk in front of part of lots 1 and 14, out-lot 4, west of White River, by

grading and graveling—the work to be done at their own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

The following Council motion was read :

That the Committee on Public Property and Parks be authorized to employ a man at University and Circle Parks, at a salary of \$1.50 a day, until September 1st, 1879, to take charge of said parks, under the direction of the committee.

On Alderman Grubbs's motion, the above motion was amended by adding the Aldermanic Committee on Public Property to the Council Committee on Public Property and Parks.

On Alderman Coburn's motion, the joint committees were only authorized to employ one man for both parks.

The foregoing Council motion, as amended, was then duly adopted.

The following entitled ordinances [which had been duly passed by the Common Council—see pages 142 150, and 151, *ante*], were then read the first time :

Ap. O. 39, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating the sum of Sixteen Hundred and Ninety-Three Dollars and Forty-Eight Cents, on account of Salaries.

S. O. 11, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for improving the Alley between Hoyt avenue and Huron street, from Dillon street to Linden street, by grading and graveling.

S. O. 14, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first Alley north of Elizabeth street, between Maxwell and Wilson streets.

S. O. 18, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the Alley between Illinois and Meridian streets, and the sidewalks thereof, from North street to Walnut street.

On Alderman Grubbs's motion, the rules were suspended, for the purpose of now taking up all of the foregoing entitled ordinances, and placing same on their passage, by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

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

Ap. O. 39, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating the sum of Sixteen Hundred and Ninety-Three Dollars and Forty-Eight Cents, on account of Salaries.

And it was duly passed by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

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

S. O. 11, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for improving the Alley between Hoyt avenue and Huron street, from Dillon street to Linden street, by grading and graveling.

And it was duly passed by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

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

S. O. 14, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first Alley north of Elizabeth street, between Maxwell and Wilson streets.

And it was duly passed by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

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

S. O. 18, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the Alley between Illinois and Meridian streets, and the sidewalks thereof, from North street to Walnut street.

And it was duly passed by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

MANUAL OF RULES.

The Manual of Rules prepared under the supervision of the Select Committee on Rules, which had been printed, in accordance with instructions given, and had been in the hands of the Aldermen for two weeks past, were now taken up, and amended in a few minor particulars, so that they now read as follows :

MANUAL OF RULES OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

ANNUAL SESSION.

1. The Annual Session of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis shall be held in the Aldermanic Chamber on Tuesday next succeeding the Annual Session of the Common Council of said city, at eight o'clock p. m.

2. At the hour designated in the preceding rule (if there is a quorum of members present), the City Clerk or a Deputy City Clerk shall call the body to order, and shall then state whether or not the members of the new Board have legally qualified and are entitled to seats in the Chamber.

3. If a quorum of those present shall be reported as having filed their certificates of election with the City Clerk, the Board shall proceed to organize by the selection of one of their number as Temporary President, when business shall be dispatched, as nearly as practicable, in the following order:

- (A)—Nomination and election of President and Vice-President for the ensuing year.
- (B)—Confirming a Deputy City Clerk (nominated by the City Clerk) as Clerk of the Board.
- (C)—Assigning Members seats, by lot or otherwise.
- (D)—Approving bonds of City Officers elect.
- (E)—Confirming appointments of Deputy City Officers.
- (F)—Appointment of *at least* the following Standing Committees, viz.: Committee on Contracts, Committee on Printing, and Committee on Rules.

After which the business of the session may proceed in accordance with the order laid down in Rule 8, *post*.

4. As soon as the President of the Board of Aldermen shall have been duly elected, the Temporary President shall so declare, and shall, thereupon, vacate the Chair in behalf of the President elect.

REGULAR, ADJOURNED, AND CALLED SESSIONS.

5. The Board of Aldermen shall meet in regular session on the Wednesday evening next succeeding the regular session of the Common Council.

6. Since the Board of Aldermen is, by statutory law, a reviewing and confirming body of the municipal legislature, and, to a limited extent only, a body in which legislation can be originated, adjourned or called sessions of said body shall be held, as a courtesy and right, on a date soon following like sessions of the Common Council, upon receipt of notice or message from the latter body that it would convene on a day certain for the purpose of legislating upon matters requiring concurrent action.

7. The Board of Aldermen shall be called to order, as nearly as practicable, at the hour fixed by the following schedule:

During the months of November, December, January, and February, at seven o'clock p. m.

During the months of March, April, September, and October, at half-past seven o'clock p. m.

During the months of May, June, July, and August, at eight o'clock p. m.

8. At the hour designated in the preceding rule, the presiding officer (if there be a quorum of members present) shall take the chair, and direct the Clerk to call the roll of the members. Business shall then be dispatched, as nearly as practicable, in the following order:

(A)—Messages and Papers from the Common Council.

[Petitions, Remonstrances, Reports, Resolutions, Motions, etc., bearing upon any particular Council paper under consideration, may be presented, submitted, or offered during this order, immediately after such paper is read by the Clerk.]

(B)—Reports from City Officers upon matters referred to them by this body.

(C)—Reports from Official Boards, upon matters referred to them by this body.

(D)—Reports from Standing Committees, in their alphabetical order, upon matters referred to them by this body.

(E)—Reports from Select Committees.

(F)—Special Orders.

(G)—Introduction of Miscellaneous Business (by members, in the order their names appear on the roll-call).

(H)—Ordinances on Second Reading.

(I)—Ordinances on Third Reading.

(J)—Unfinished Business.

9. The President shall vote upon all questions. When the ayes and nays are called, he shall be called by the title of "Mr. President," at the end of the list.

10. Any matter which can not be disposed of from want of time for thorough or satisfactory examination, or any ordinance or other document which the Board of Aldermen may choose to have printed before final action thereon, or any subject the investigation of which has not been completed, or any matter requiring further deliberation, may, at the will of the majority, be postponed until a session certain, and then taken up as a "Special Order."

At regular sessions "Special Orders" may be taken up at any time after "Reports from Select Committees." Special Orders assigned to a particular session, if not disposed of thereat, shall hold good for each succeeding session.

PRESIDING OFFICERS—POWERS AND DUTIES OF.

11. The President, when in attendance, shall preside over and direct the deliberations of the Board. In event of the absence of the President, the duly elected Vice-President shall take the chair. Should both President and Vice-President be absent, the Clerk shall call the Board to order, if a quorum of members be present, and the said body shall appoint one of its own members as President *pro tempore*. The President may, at any time, call upon the Vice-President to take the chair.

12. The temporary presiding officer, while in the chair, shall have all the powers and discharge all the duties of the President, except that he shall not have the authority to sign any ordinance passed by the Board.

13. The presiding officer, regular or for the time being, shall preserve order and decorum; shall have the preference in speaking to points of order, and shall decide all such questions, subject to an appeal to the Board. In case an appeal shall be taken from the decision of the presiding officer, the question shall be, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Board of Aldermen?"

14. If the presiding officer shall desire to participate in the debate on any matter before the Board, other than a rule of said body, he shall call his duly elected assistant or some other member to the chair, for the time being; but he shall not re-assume the position of presiding officer while the debated question is pending.*

*The occupant of the chair, regular or *pro tempore*, is restricted by best usage, to the giving of information on the subject under discussion, to explanation of a rule of order, and the like, for this reason: Should he take an interested side in debating the subject before the body, the fact, or the possibility, of his giving a biased decision of the question under consideration would be naturally supposable, and might be realized.

COMMITTEES.

15. The Aldermanic Standing Committees shall be as follows:

Accounts and Claims.	Printing.
Bridges.	Public Charities.
Contracts.	Public Light.
Education.	Public Property.
Finance.	Railroads.
Judiciary.	Rules.
Markets.	Sewers and Drainage.
Office Fixtures and Supplies.	Streets and Alleys.
Ordinances.	Water.

16. The foregoing committees shall each consist of three members, unless the Common Council shall, at any time, consent to a system of joint committees of the two bodies, when the Aldermanic membership of all the above committees may be reduced to two, except the Committee on Rules, which is not a joint committee.

The Committee on Rules shall consist of the President, Vice-President, and one other Alderman.

17. The President shall, at the Annual Session, appoint such Standing Committees as may be necessary to keep legislation moving and answer official convenience [*ex. gr.*, Committee on Contracts, Committee on Office Fixtures and Supplies, Committee on Printing, and Committee on Rules], but he may defer the naming of the membership of the balance of said Standing Committees until he shall have become acquainted with the capability and adaptability of members of the body over which he presides; *provided* that he shall appoint the full list of Standing Committees on or before the first regular session in the month following such Annual Session.

18. Select Committees shall be appointed in open session by the presiding officer for the time being, except when otherwise ordered, or unless the Board shall accede to a request made by such presiding officer to name such Select Committee.

19. In event of disagreement on any matter requiring concurrent action by the Board of Aldermen, this body may of its own volition (and shall, at the request of the Common Council) appoint a Committee of Conference, to consist of an equal number in each body, the membership of which shall be selected from those who voted with the majority for or against the pending proposition.

20. No Standing Committee shall enter upon the final consideration of any matter to it referred, unless there shall be present at the meeting at which its report is drafted a majority of the membership of such committee—which number, and no less, shall constitute a quorum of such committee; and no report shall be received from any Standing Committee unless it shall be signed by a quorum of its members.

21. It shall be the duty of a majority of a Select Committee to take cognizance of and consider any matter to it referred; and no report shall be received from any Select Committee, unless it shall be signed by a majority of the members thereon appointed.

22. In event any subject shall be referred to a committee of this body in conjunction with a like committee of the Common Council, for joint consideration, no report shall be received from such joint committee unless it shall be signed by two Aldermen and a majority of the Council members.

REPORTS.

23. All city officers, official boards, and standing or select committees shall report, in writing, to the body making reference of the matter to be reported upon.

24. In calling for reports from official boards and standing or select committees, the presiding officer shall make demand therefor by name of board or title of committee; when it shall be the duty and privilege of the Aldermanic member of the official board called or the first listed Aldermanic committeeman, to hand in such report.

25. All papers referred to city officers, official boards, and committees, *must* be returned with aforesaid reports, that such papers may be preserved in the files of the City Clerk's office.

26. Every official board and standing or select committee shall have power to demand and receive information from any city officer whose official functions are, in any manner, related to the subject under investigation; and it shall be the privilege and right of any city officer who shall be joined in any reference made, if he shall have materially assisted in preparing any report submitted, to sign the same in his official capacity.

27. All city officers, official boards, and committees must submit written reports upon matters to them referred, are forbidden to endorse any original paper to them delivered, and shall give explicit recommendations or specific opinions, either favorable or adverse, when the subject-matter of the referred paper so admits or demands.

28. In case a report embodies or is accompanied by a resolution or motion, the question shall first be upon the adoption of such resolution or motion; and the result of this action shall determine as to the acceptance or rejection of the report.

29. At any time before concurrence, adoption, or rejection, any report, or the resolution or motion embodied in or accompanying the same, may be committed or re-committed for the purpose of further investigation or for amendment.

30. No official board or committee shall take action upon separate consultation; and no reports, except minority reports, shall be received, unless they shall have been agreed to in an actual convention of a majority of the membership of such board or committee.

31. Whenever the Board of Aldermen shall not concur with the Common Council upon any matter requiring concurrent action, due notice of such non-concurrence shall be promptly given by a message signed and transmitted by the Clerk thereof.

32. It shall be the duty of every committee, standing or select, to whom a subject may be referred, to report thereon at the next regular session of the Board of Aldermen, or to ask for further time.

ORDINANCES.

33. The Clerk of the Board of Aldermen shall endorse each and every ordinance, original or amendatory, introduced in the body which he serves; shall number the same; shall endorse the title thereof; set forth the date of its introduction, and by whom introduced; state, by endorsement, the date or dates when it was read the first time, if the rules were suspended to place it on its passage, when read the second time, if amended or referred, when read the third time, and when passed, or otherwise, as the case may be.

34. If an ordinance shall have originated in and been passed by the Common Council, the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen shall continue the endorsement on such ordinance, by stating the date when it was received by his body; when read the first, second, and third times; any intermediate disposition of the ordinance; and when passed by the Board of Aldermen.

35. At the regular session of each month, the consideration and passage of Appropriation Ordinances shall be in order without a formal suspension of the rules.

36. Any account or claim engrossed in any Appropriation Ordinance may be withdrawn therefrom, be referred, may have action thereon postponed, or be elided from the pending ordinance, for investigation or other purposes, without delaying or prejudicing the passage of the ordinance.

37. No ordinance (except Appropriation Ordinances—see Rule 35) shall be read the second time, or the second and third times and be placed on its passage, at the same session at which it received its first reading, unless a suspension of this rule is demanded by an affirmative vote equal to two-thirds of the membership.

38. Any ordinance may be referred or re-committed at pleasure, and upon any reading.

39. Any ordinance which may be withdrawn from the files for the purpose of being referred to a city officer, official board, or standing or select committee, shall, on being reported back, take place on the files on the reading it had reached when withdrawn.

40. An ordinance can only be amended or repealed by a subsequent ordinance.

41. Any ordinance which shall fail to receive a sufficient number of votes to pass the same will be considered as lost, and shall be stricken from the files, *provided* such vote be not reconsidered at same session or at the next following regular session.

42. Any ordinance, after the first reading, may be stricken from the files by a two-thirds vote of the members elect, or by a majority vote after it shall have passed a second reading.

RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS.

43. Every resolution or motion, except the following, shall be reduced to writing by the member offering the same; and the verbal motions below enumerated shall take precedence in the order named:

To adjourn to a day certain.	To postpone (unqualified).
To adjourn (unqualified).	To refer.
To call up Special Orders.	To re-commit.
To lay on the table.	To adopt.
For the previous question.	To suspend the rules.
To postpone to a day certain.	To reconsider.
To appeal from decision of the Chair on points of decorum.	

44. The following verbal motions shall be decided without debate:

To adjourn (unqualified).	For the previous question.
To lay on the table.	To suspend the rules.
To call up Special Orders.	To reconsider an undebatable question.

45. The following motions can not be amended:

To adjourn (unqualified).	To postpone (unqualified).
To lay on the table.	For the previous question.
To call up Special Orders.	To suspend the rules.

46. The following motions must be sustained by a two-thirds vote or by general consent:

To amend the rules.	To make a Special Order.
For the previous question.	To suspend the rules.

47. Either of the motions to adjourn shall always be in order, when not in conflict with the following restrictions: Having failed, it can not be repeated unless other business has intervened. Having been adopted, it can not be reconsidered.

48. Any motion which has been laid on the table may be taken up, by consent of a majority of the members present, at any time.

49. When the "previous question" shall have been moved, and duly seconded by a two-thirds majority of the members present, the presiding officer shall use these words: "Shall the main question be now put?"

Until the demand for the "previous question" shall be decided, all debate upon the main question shall cease (except that members shall be privileged to explain their votes); no further amendment shall be in order; nor shall any motion, except "to adjourn," be entertained.

If the demand for the "previous question" shall be sustained, the last preceding amendment of the original question, or the subsidiary motions "to lay on the table,"

"to postpone," "to refer," or "to amend" shall be voted on in the reverse order in which they were proposed; and, then, if such foregoing motions be not decided in the affirmative, a vote shall be taken on the original question.

Should a demand for the "previous question" be decided in the negative, further debate or action may be had at once.

50. The motion "to postpone to a day certain" can only be changed, by amendment, at the session at which it was adopted.

51. When action upon any matter is deferred by adoption of the motion "to postpone (unqualified)," such subject shall not be taken up during that session.

52. When a motion is made "to refer" any matter to a Standing Committee, and it is moved to substitute a Select Committee, the question of reference to a Standing Committee shall be first acted upon.

53. Any member who voted with the majority may move a reconsideration of any decided matter, *provided* such motion be made not later than the next regular session after aforesaid action.

The motion "to reconsider" is in order at any time, except when some other subject or motion is pending.

The motion "to reconsider" a debatable question is itself debatable.

The motion "to reconsider" any particular matter or subject shall not be made more than once at same session.

It shall require the same number of votes to reconsider any action had that was required to pass or adopt the same.

When a motion "to reconsider" has been once decided, such decision can not be reconsidered.

54. All motions, except the thirteen verbal motions enumerated under Rule 43 must be reduced to writing, or the same may be declared out of order by the presiding officer.

55. When any motion is duly seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer before debate.

56. Any resolution or motion may be withdrawn by the member offering the same, if such proposed withdrawal shall be consented to by a majority of the members before final action be had.

57. All questions shall be divided, when the sense will admit, if called for by any one member.

58. Any two members may demand a call of the "ayes and nays" on any question.

59. All votes upon resolutions shall be taken by "ayes and nays."

60. The ordinary votings upon motions shall be *viva voce*.

61. If there be good reason to doubt the result of a *viva voce* vote, the Chair may order, of his own volition or at request of a reasonable number of the members, a "division of the house" by rising votes.

62. Every member present when the "ayes and nays" are demanded shall vote, unless for good and sufficient reasons he shall be excused by unanimous consent.

63. Resolutions once adopted shall only be amended or rescinded by subsequent resolutions.

64. Any resolution or motion which, in effect, contemplates a violation of law, or is in conflict with any city ordinance, shall be ruled out of order.

65. All resolutions and motions which may propose the cleaning or repairing of streets, alleys, or sidewalks at the expense of the city treasury shall be referred to the Board of Public Improvements, for the purpose of investigation and report;

but it shall be competent, by concurrent action of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council to give aforesaid official board the power to exercise its judgment as to immediate prosecution of such work or otherwise.

66. The proposition "to amend" any resolution or motion shall not be entertained by the presiding officer beyond that of amending the first amendment, and the vote had shall first be taken on the amendment to the amendment—then on the original amendment.

If both the amendment to the amendment and the first amendment shall fail of adoption, the original question shall become susceptible of being again amended, as in the first instance.

No amendment which tends to destroy the general sense of the subject under consideration shall be entertained.

No motion or other proposition differing from the matter under consideration shall be admitted under the color of an amendment.

DEBATE.

67. When any member is about to speak in debate, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the presiding officer, and shall not proceed with his argument until duly recognized and named by the Chair.

68. When two or more members rise at the same time, the presiding officer shall name the one who is to speak first.

69. No member shall be recognized as in order for debate, unless he shall be at his proper desk, and standing thereat.

70. No member shall speak more than twice on any question, nor longer than five minutes each time, except by unanimous consent of his body, nor more than once until each of his fellow-members, who may choose to speak, shall have spoken.

71. Every member who may engage in debate shall confine himself to the question under consideration.

72. No member shall impeach the motives of any other member's argument or vote, nor shall he indulge in personalities or reflections offensive to the feelings of any fellow-member or injurious to the harmony of his body.

73. No member, while speaking, shall be interrupted by another member, except for the purpose of calling to order or to correct a mistake.

74. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, shall transgress any of these Rules, the presiding officer or any member may call him to order; in which case the alleged offender shall immediately take his seat, unless permitted to explain. Where there is an appeal to the body, and a decision be given in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed: if otherwise, he shall be liable, if the offense require it, to a vote of censure, and the presiding officer shall see that the orders of his body are carried out, whether it be reprimand or other penalty.

75. When the presiding officer is stating a question or addressing his body, or when any member is speaking, no member shall engage in private conversation or pass before the person speaking.

VOTINGS.

76. The presiding officer shall decide and announce whether any question is carried by an affirmative or negative *viva voce* vote.

If the presiding officer be in doubt, a "rising vote" may be ordered, or a vote by "ayes and nays" may be demanded.

Should a "rising vote" or an "aye and nay vote" be equally divided, the question shall be lost.

77. In case of a "rising vote" being ordered, the affirmative shall rise first, and remain standing until the Clerk can count the same: then those opposed to

the proposition shall rise, and remain standing until counted. After both sides have voted, the Clerk shall announce the number voting for and against the proposition, and the presiding officer shall declare that the proposition has been carried or fails, as the case may be.

78. "Aye and nay" votes shall be called from and recorded upon tally lists, upon which shall be printed, in alphabetical order, the names of the members, and consecutive numbers shall be entered in the column headed "aye" or "nay," according as the member may vote. The Clerk, after completing the call, shall announce the closing numbers in the "aye" and "nay" columns, respectively; upon which the presiding officer shall declare the proposition carried or rejected, as the case may be.

79. After the call of the "ayes and nays" has been answered to by any one member, it shall not be in order for any one to offer any remarks, except in explanation of his vote.

80. Every member present when a vote is put shall vote on one side or the other, unless a majority of his fellow-members, for special reasons, shall excuse him, or unless his private interests are involved therein. This rule of voting shall be imperative when a call of the "ayes and nays" is demanded.

81. Any member may change his vote before announcement of the result by the Chair, but not afterward, without the consent of a majority of the members present.

82. Any member who was not present at the time of taking an "aye and nay" vote, may have his vote recorded at the next meeting of his body if he so desires, *provided* so doing shall not change the result of the original vote.

MISCELLANEOUS.

83. When the reading of any paper is called for, if objections be made it shall not be read, unless a majority of the members present consent thereto.

84. Any business which, by law or necessity, must or should be transacted within or by a certain time, shall be considered a question of privilege.

85. No one but a member, or a city officer, shall be permitted to address this body, except by the consent of a majority of the members present.

86. The City Marshal, or his representative, shall preserve order in the lobby. He shall act as messenger for the Board of Aldermen, and shall deliver all papers, addressed to any Alderman, or city officer, on the same day they may be placed in his hands by the Clerk.

87. Each city legislative body shall transmit to the other all papers on which any ordinance, resolution, committee report, or city officer's report is founded.

88. No member shall leave the chamber during the session of this body, without asking permission to do the same, and obtaining a consent of a majority of his fellow-members so to do.

89. No person, except members, city officers, reporters for the press, and persons invited, shall be admitted within the bar of either of the chambers.

90. These Rules may be amended or altered, or new Rules adopted, by a majority vote of all the members elect, *provided* such amendment, alteration, or new Rule shall be recommended by the Standing Committee on Rules.

91. These Rules, or any of them, may be temporarily suspended at any session of this body, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, taken by ayes and nays, and duly recorded in the proceedings of said body. By general consent any rule strictly relating to transaction of business can, at any time, be ignored without the formality of a motion to that effect.

92. As these Rules are, principally, based on "Robert's Rules of Order for Deliberative Assemblies," that manual is hereby adopted, and shall be referred to in the absence of a specific rule herein.

The foregoing Manual of Rules was then formally adopted by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

NEW BUSINESS.

Alderman Chandler offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The recent appointments made by the Police Board have called forth an expression of indignation from the public, and have been and are distasteful to a majority of the members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen ; And,

WHEREAS, It is the opinion and desire of the members of this body that the moral standard of men on the Police Force—viz., turnkeys, station-house keepers, and patrolmen—should be raised to a higher degree of character, rather than lowered ; And,

WHEREAS, The Police Board have violated their promises to remove certain men from the force who are distasteful and objectionable to a majority of the members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, and to substitute men of unassailable character : Therefore, be it

Resolved by the Board of Aldermen, with the concurrence of the Common Council, That the Board of Police be, and is hereby, declared vacant, and that a Joint Convention be called by His Honor, the Mayor, for the purpose of electing a new Police Board.

Which, on Alderman Grubbs's motion, was laid on the table by the following vote :

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen Grubbs, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS, 4—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Drew, and Layman.

Alderman Drew made the following motion ; which, at his suggestion, was referred to the Aldermanic and Council Committees on Markets :

That the enclosed buildings at the West Market, located on Washington street, be removed to the rear of the lot, and only open stalls be allowed on the aforesaid street, in order that the view from the street be not obstructed.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

J. M. RIDENOUR, President.

Attest : GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.