

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

SPECIAL SESSION—NOVEMBER 12, 1879.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, on Wednesday evening, November 12th, A. D. 1879, at half-past seven o'clock, in compliance with the following call :

Indianapolis, November 11, 1879.

To Hon. John Caven, Mayor :

Dear Sir :—The undersigned, members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, hereby request your Honor to call a special meeting of said body, for to-morrow evening, November 12th, 1879, at half-past seven o'clock, to consider the propriety of repealing the ordinance granting the Indianapolis, Decatur & Springfield Railway Company the right to lay a double track in and through the City of Indianapolis; also, for the purpose of awarding contracts for public improvements, and approving contracts and bonds.

Respectfully, etc.,

W. C. Lamb,
Leon Kahn,
C. F. Wiese,

George P. Wood,
Jas. T. Dowling,
H. G. Carey.

To the Members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—In compliance with the request of a number of your members, you are hereby called to meet in Special Session on this evening, November 12th, 1879, at 7:30 P. M., to consider the question of repealing an ordinance granting to the Indianapolis, Decatur & Springfield Railway the right of way into the city; and also, to award contracts and approve bonds for public improvements.

Respectfully,

November 12, 1879.

J. CAVEN, Mayor.

PRESENT—His Honor, John Caven, Mayor, and, *ex officio*, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 18 members, viz. : Councilmen Bermann, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Harmening, Kahn, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Rooker, Shilling, Wiese, and Wood.

ABSENT, 7—viz. Councilmen Bieler, Brown, Hamilton, Prier, Sheppard, Tucker, and Van Vorhis.

The following message was received :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen :—At a regular session of the Board of Aldermen, held on Wednesday evening, November 5th, 1879, the following entitled ordinance originated in and was passed by said body, viz. :

SIG. 60.

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G. O. 62, 1879—An Ordinance to repeal an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance authorizing the Indianapolis, Decatur & Springfield Railway Company to construct and maintain a double track into and through the City of Indianapolis, and prescribing the terms thereof," ordained and established October 22d, 1879.

I herewith transmit said ordinance for your consideration and action thereon.

For the Board of Aldermen:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first time :

G. O. 62, 1879—An Ordinance to repeal an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance authorizing the Indianapolis, Decatur & Springfield Railway Company to construct and maintain a double track into and through the City of Indianapolis, and prescribing the terms thereof," ordained and established October 22d, 1879.

On motion by Councilman Lamb, the rules were suspended by the following vote, for the purpose of placing the foregoing entitled ordinance on its second and third reading and final passage, viz. :

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Harmening, Kahn, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Rooker, Shilling, Wiese, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

Councilman McKay moved to refer the subject to the Committee on Railroads and City Attorney, with instructions to report at the next session of this body.

Which motion was not adopted.

The following entitled ordinance was then read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time :

G. O. 62, 1879—An Ordinance to repeal an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance authorizing the Indianapolis, Decatur & Springfield Railway Company to construct and maintain a double track into and through the City of Indianapolis, and prescribing the terms thereof," ordained and established October 22d, 1879.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Harmening, Kahn, King, Lamb, McGinty, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Rooker, Shilling, Wiese, and Wood.

NAYS, 1—viz. Councilman Morrison.

The City Clerk presented the following report from the Committees on Contracts; which was concurred in :

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen :—Your Committees on Contracts, to whom was referred the proposition of John Edwards, "proposing to pay the sum of \$10 for the exclusive privilege of posting bills upon the south wall of the East Market House, and in and around said market space, for the period of one year," would report that we have been informed by the East Market Master, that the privilege of posting bills upon certain

spaces on the East Market House has been given to Harbison & Abrams, until June 1st, 1880, for an annual rental of \$12. We therefore recommend that the proposition of Mr. Edwards be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Hamilton,
D. W. Grubbs,
Committees on Contracts.

Also, the following report; which was concurred in, and the several contracts awarded, as recommended :

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committees on Contracts, to whom were referred sundry proposals, presented to Council November 3d, 1879, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows, viz. :

First. For grading and graveling Newman street and sidewalks, from Hill avenue to Seventh street—

- Henry Clay, \$1.12 per lineal foot front on each side.
- Dewey, Twiname & Graham, 75 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Fred. Gansberg, 65 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- E. B. Elliott, 64 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- D. A. Haywood, 60 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

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

Second. For constructing a brick sewer from the intersection of Coburn and East streets, in and along said East street to Yeiser street; thence in and along said Yeiser street to, and connecting with, the Madison avenue sewer—

D. A. Haywood, \$2.60 per lineal foot for the two and one-half foot sewer, and \$3.50 per lineal foot for the three foot sewer; catch-basins, \$35 each; manholes, \$18 each.

A. Bruner, \$1.50 per lineal foot for the two and one-half foot sewer, and \$2.90 per lineal foot for the three foot sewer; catch-basins, \$55 each complete; manholes, \$35 each complete.

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

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Hamilton,
D. W. Grubbs,
Committees on Contracts.

Councilman Kahn moved to reconsider the vote by which the contract was awarded to A. Bruner for constructing a sewer in and along East street, etc.

Which motion to reconsider was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 13—viz. Councilmen Bryce, Carey, Downey, Harmening, Kahn, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, Pearson, Rooker, and Wiese.

NAYS, 5—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Dowling, O'Connor, Shilling, and Wood.

On motion by Councilman McKay, the subject of constructing a brick sewer in and along the above named streets, was referred to the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Sewers and Drainage.

The City Clerk presented the following contracts and bonds; which were read, the contracts concurred in and the bonds approved :

Contract and bond of Henry C. Roney, for grading and graveling Madison avenue, from Nebraska street to the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis Railroad tracks. Penalty of bond, \$2,000; surety, Charles S. Roney.

Contract and bond of David A. Haywood, for grading and graveling Newman street and sidewalks, from Hill avenue to Seventh street. Penalty of bond, \$1,500; surety, C. S. Roney.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor,

President of Common Council.

Attest: JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.