

PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT CONVENTION.

FIRST SESSION—MAY 14, 1880.

The Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis convened in First Joint Convention for the year 1880-1881, in the Council Chamber, on Friday evening, May 14th, A. D. 1880, at eight o'clock, in compliance with the provisions of section five of the following enactment of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana (approved March 5th, 1877), viz:

An Act supplementary to an Act approved March 14th, 1867, entitled "An Act to repeal all general laws now in force for the Incorporation of Cities, and to provide for the Incorporation of Cities, prescribing their Powers and Rights, and the manner in which they shall exercise the same, and to regulate such other matters as pertain thereto."

It appearing, from an informal count, that a quorum of both Aldermen and Councilmen were in attendance, on Councilman McKay's motion, Hon. Henry Coburn, President of the Board of Aldermen, was called to the Chair, to serve as presiding officer until the Joint Convention could be permanently organized.

On assuming the Chair, Alderman Coburn announced the first business to be dispatched would be the election of President and Secretary, to serve in all the Joint Conventions held during the ensuing year.

Councilman Bernhamer offered the following motion; which was adopted by a unanimous vote:

That the Honorable John Caven, Mayor of the city of Indianapolis, be, and is hereby, declared President of this Joint Convention for the ensuing year; and Jos. T. Wagner, City Clerk, be, and is hereby, declared Secretary for the same period of time.

President Caven directed the Secretary to call the roll of the members of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council; which being done, the following members of the Joint Convention were found to be

PRESENT—Aldermen Drew, Grubbs, Hamilton, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and President Coburn—9. And Councilmen Bedford, Bernhamer, Bryce, Caylor, Dean, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lamb, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Prier, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, Van Vorhis, White, Yoke, and President Caven—26. Total present—35.

ABSENT—Alderman Wood—1.

His Honor, the President, read section five of the Legislative Act (the title of which is recited above), and called especial attention to this provision of the same :

“For the appointment of such officers, commissioners, trustees, and boards, the Common Council and Board of Aldermen shall meet in Joint Convention, in the Council Chamber, on the first Friday evening after the first annual meeting of the Common Council, at eight o'clock, and shall proceed to the election of such officers, commissioners, trustees, and boards, by ballot; and such Joint Convention may adjourn from time to time until its work is completed.”

His Honor, the President, appointed Councilmen Kahn and O'Connor as tellers, and announced that nominations for the several offices in the gift of the Joint Convention would now be in order.

Nominations were then made and balloting proceeded with, as follows :

For Police Board—Alderman Drew nominated Alderman Grubbs and Councilmen Downey and Prier; and Councilman O'Connor nominated Alderman Grubbs and Councilmen Downey and Lang.

A ballot was then had; which resulted as follows :

Alderman Grubbs and Councilman Downey each received 35 votes; Councilman Prier received 25 votes; and Councilman Lang received 10 votes.

Alderman Grubbs and Councilman Downey and Prier having each received a majority of all the votes cast, they were declared duly elected as members of the Police Board for the ensuing year.

For Fire Board—Alderman Tucker nominated Alderman Layman and Councilmen Pearson and Thalman; and Alderman Mussmann nominated Alderman Layman and Councilmen Pearson and Fultz.

A ballot was then had; which resulted as follows :

Alderman Layman and Councilman Pearson each received 35 votes; Councilman Thalman received 25 votes; and Councilman Fultz received 10 votes.

Alderman Layman and Councilmen Pearson and Thalman having each received a majority of all the votes cast, they were declared duly elected as members of the Fire Board for the ensuing year.

For Hospital Board—Councilman VanVorhis nominated Alderman Hamilton and Councilmen Bryce and Yoke; and Alderman Newman nominated Alderman Hamilton and Councilmen Bryce and White.

A ballot was then had; which resulted as follows:

Alderman Hamilton and Councilman Bryce each received 35 votes; Councilman Yoke received 25 votes; and Councilman White received 10 votes.

Alderman Hamilton and Councilmen Bryce and Yoke having each received a majority of all the votes cast, they were declared duly elected as members of the Hospital Board for the ensuing year.

For Board of Public Improvements—Councilman McKay nominated Alderman Seibert and Councilmen Morrison and Dean; and Councilman Lang nominated Alderman Seibert and Councilmen Morrison and Harrold.

A ballot was then had; which resulted as follows:

Alderman Seibert received 35 votes; Councilman Morrison received 34 votes; Councilman Dean received 25 votes; Councilman Harrold received 10 votes; and Councilman Caylor received 1 vote.

Alderman Seibert and Councilmen Morrison and Dean having each received a majority of all the votes cast, they were declared duly elected as members of the Board of Public Improvements for the ensuing year.

For City Dispensary Board—Councilman Bryce nominated Alderman Tucker and Councilmen VanVorhis and Bedford; and Councilman Fultz nominated Alderman Newman and Councilmen VanVorhis and Koller.

A ballot was then had; which resulted as follows:

Alderman Tucker received 25 votes; Councilman VanVorhis received 35 votes; Councilman Bedford received 25 votes; Alderman Newman received 10 votes; and Councilman Koller received 10 votes.

Alderman Tucker and Councilmen VanVorhis and Bedford having each received a majority of all the votes cast, they were declared duly elected as members of the City Dispensary Board for the ensuing year.

For Board of Health—Councilman Thalman nominated Drs. Elijah S.

Elder, William J. Elstun, and William E. Jeffries; and Councilman White nominated Drs. Theophilus Parvin, Moses T. Runnels, and Elijah S. Elder.

A ballot was then had; which resulted as follows:

Dr. Elder received 33 votes; Dr. Elstun received 26 votes; Dr. Jeffries received 25 votes; Dr. Parvin received 10 votes; Dr. Runnels received 9 votes; and one blank vote was cast.

Drs. Elder, Elstun, and Jeffries having each received a majority of all the votes cast, they were declared duly elected as members of the Board of Health for the ensuing year.

Councilman McKay offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the term of office of all officers elected by this Joint Convention, shall commence upon the first day of June, 1880, and they shall enter upon the duties of their offices on said date, if properly qualified.

For Chief of Police—Councilman Prier nominated Robert C. Williamson, and Councilman O'Connor nominated Frank Wilson.

A ballot was then had; which resulted as follows:

Robert C. Williamson received 25 votes, and Frank Wilson received 10 votes.

Robert C. Williamson having received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of Chief of Police for the ensuing year.

For Chief Fire Engineer—Alderman Layman nominated John G. Pendergast, and Councilman Harrold nominated Michael G. Fitchey.

A ballot was then had; which resulted as follows:

John G. Pendergast received 25 votes, and Michael G. Fitchey received 10 votes.

John G. Pendergast having received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of Chief Fire Engineer for the ensuing year.

For Superintendent of City Hospital and Branch—Councilman Yoke nominated Dr. William N. Wishard, and Councilman Harrold nominated Dr. Charles N. Metcalf.

A ballot was then had ; which resulted as follows :

Dr. William N. Wishard received 24 votes, and Dr. Charles N. Metcalf received 11 votes.

Dr. William N. Wishard having received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch for the ensuing year.

For Superintendent of City Dispensary—Councilman VanVorhis nominated Dr. Caleb A. Ritter.

No other nomination being made, on Councilman Lamb's motion, Secretary Magner was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Joint Convention for aforesaid nominee.

Dr. Caleb A. Ritter having received 35 votes, he was declared duly elected to the office of Superintendent of the City Dispensary for the ensuing year.

For Captains of Police—Councilman Downey nominated Timothy Splan, Edward W. Nicholson, Robert Campbell, and Christopher McGregor ; and Councilman Lang nominated Jacob Mathias, John M. Scantlin, James Belknap, and James Dougherty.

A ballot was then had ; which resulted as follows :

Timothy Splan, Robert Campbell, and Christopher McGregor each received 26 votes ; Edward W. Nicholson received 25 votes ; Jas. Dougherty received 10 votes ; and Jacob Mathias, John M. Scantlin, and James Belknap each received 9 votes.

Timothy Splan, Edward W. Nicholson, Robert Campbell, and Christopher McGregor having each received a majority of all the votes cast, they were declared duly elected Captains of Police for the ensuing year.

For Market Master, East Market—Councilman Pearson nominated Jas. A. Gregg, and Councilman Bernhamer nominated John Brennan, from the 22d Ward.

A ballot was then had ; which resulted as follows :

James A. Gregg received 25 votes, and John Brennan received 10 votes.

James A. Gregg having received a majority of all the votes cast, he was

declared duly elected to the office of Market Master at East Market for the ensuing year.

For Market Master, West Market—Councilman Morrison nominated Edward A. Guthrie, and Councilman Dowling nominated Charles G. Harmon.

A ballot was then had; which resulted as follows:

Edward A. Guthrie received 25 votes, and Charles G. Harmon received 10 votes.

Edward A. Guthrie having received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of Market Master at West Market for the ensuing year.

For City Weigher at East Market—Councilman Dean nominated Jesse DeHaven, and Alderman Mussmann nominated Samuel R. Grube.

A ballot was then had; which resulted as follows:

Jesse DeHaven received 25 votes, and Samuel R. Grube received 10 votes.

Jesse DeHaven having received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of City Weigher at East Market for the ensuing year.

For Wood Measurer at East Market—Councilman Downey nominated Charles B. Feibleman, and Councilman Bernhamer nominated J. L. Blackman.

A ballot was then had; which resulted as follows:

Charles B. Feibleman received 24 votes; J. L. Blackman received 10 votes, and W. F. A. Bernhamer received 1 vote.

Charles B. Feibleman having received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of Wood Measurer at East Market for the ensuing year.

For Wood Measurer at West Market—Alderman Tucker nominated Simeon Goins, and Councilman Lang nominated August Brinker.

A ballot was then had; which resulted as follows:

Simeon Goins received 24 votes; August Brinker received 10 votes, and Samuel J. Tilden received 1 vote.

Simeon Goins having received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of Wood Measurer at West Market for the ensuing year.

For City Sexton—Councilman Pearson nominated Robert Turner, and Councilman Fultz nominated Peter Newman.

A ballot was then taken; which resulted as follows:

Robert Turner received 20 votes; Peter Newman received 6 votes; W. F. A. Bernhamer received 2 votes; Gilbert De La Matyr received 2 votes; W. H. Tucker received 1 vote; Horace McKay received 1 vote; Fred Grant received 1 vote; A. D. Straight received 1 vote, and D. E. Swain received 1 vote.

Robert Turner having received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of City Sexton for the ensuing year.

For City Janitor—Alderman Newman nominated Joseph Riable.

No other nomination being made, on Councilman Kahn's motion, Secretary Magner was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Joint Convention for aforesaid nominee.

Joseph Riable having received 35 votes, he was declared duly elected City Janitor for the ensuing year.

For City Directors of the Union Railroad Transfer and Stock-Yard Company—Alderman Grubbs nominated Edwin H. Lamme and John M. Kitchen; and Councilman Dowling nominated David Macy and P. W. Bartholomew.

A ballot was then had; which resulted as follows:

Edwin H. Lamme received 25 votes; John M. Kitchen received 24 votes; David Macy received 10 votes; P. W. Bartholomew received 9 votes, and Mrs. Jenks received 1 vote.

Edwin H. Lamme and John M. Kitchen having each received a majority of all the votes cast, they were declared duly elected as City Directors of the Union Railroad Transfer and Stock-Yard Company for the ensuing year.

Councilman McKay offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That when this Joint Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet on call of the President.

On motion, the Joint Convention then adjourned.

J. L. ...
..... Mayor,

President of Joint Convention.

Attest:

Jos. Wagner
..... City Clerk.

Secretary Joint Convention.