

# PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

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REGULAR SESSION—MAY 19, 1880.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Wednesday evening, May 19th, A. D. 1880, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—His Honor, the President, Henry Coburn, in the Chair, and Aldermen Grubbs, Hamilton, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, and Tucker—8.

ABSENT—Aldermen Drew, and Wood—2.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen, for the regular session held on May 12th, 1880, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, said Journals were approved as published.

## MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message was read and received :

To the Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith transmit to your honorable body certain papers, which were favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its regular session, held on Monday evening, May 17th, 1880, for your action upon same.

For the Common Council:

Jos. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The following report from His Honor, Mayor Caven, was read and received :

*Indianapolis, Ind., May 15th, 1880.*

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, 1880, due the city treasury, is \$19.10, which amount I have paid to the City Treasurer, and filed his receipt therefor with the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CAVEN, Mayor.

The following invitation was read and accepted :

HEADQUARTERS GEORGE H. THOMAS POST NO. 17, G. A. R., }  
*Indianapolis, Ind., May 15, 1880.* }

*Sir*:—The undersigned, Committee of George H. Thomas Post No. 17, Grand Army of the Republic, has been directed to extend to you, the honorable Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, a most cordial invitation to join George H. Thomas Post No. 17, G. A. R., in the observance of Memorial Day, on Saturday, the 29th day of May, 1880.

Sincerely trusting that you, the honorable Common Council and Board of Aldermen, will be pleased to accept and honor George H. Thomas Post with your presence,

We have the honor to be, very respectfully,  
 Fred. Knefler,  
 C. J. Dobbs,  
 Geo. W. Parker, } Committee.

Hon. JOHN CAVEN, Mayor of Indianapolis.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read; and the action of the Common Council in receiving the report, and in approving the accompanying estimates and assessments (see page 34, *ante*) was concurred in:

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

*Gentlemen*:—I herewith report the following estimates:

A first and final estimate in behalf of John Schier, for grading, and paving with brick (except where already paved,) the northwest sidewalk of Massachusetts avenue, from St. Clair street to Cherry street.

838 7-12 lineal feet, at 37 cents..... \$310 23

A first and final estimate in behalf of Fred. Gansberg, for grading and graveling Railroad street and sidewalks, from North street to St. Clair street.

1643 6-12 lineal feet, at 47 cents..... \$772 45

A first and final estimate in behalf of Jack Hennessee, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Buchanan street, from Greer street to East street.

600 lineal feet, at 9 cents..... \$54 00

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 34, *ante*) was read:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of John Schier, for grading, and paving with brick (except where already paved,) the northwest sidewalk of Massachusetts avenue, from St. Clair street to Cherry 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 adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 7—viz. Aldermen Grubbs, Hamilton, Layman, Mussmann, Seibert, Tucker, and President Coburn.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 35, *ante*) was read :

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Fred. Gansberg, for grading and graveling Railroad street and sidewalks, from North street to St. Clair 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 adopted by the following vote :

**AYES,** 7—viz. Aldermen Grubbs, Hamilton, Layman, Mussmann, Seibert, Tucker, and President Coburn.

**NAYS**—None.

The following estimate resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 35, *ante*) was read :

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Jack Hennessee, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Buchanan street, from Greer street to East 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 adopted by the following vote:

**AYES,** 7—viz. Aldermen Grubbs, Hamilton, Layman, Mussmann, Seibert, Tucker, and President Coburn.

**NAYS**—None.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read; and the action of the Common Council in receiving the report, concurring in the several contracts and approving the bonds (see page 35, *ante*) was concurred in:

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

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

Contract and bond of James W. Ross, for grading and graveling the first alley south of Twelfth street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets. Bond, \$300.00; surety, A. Stewart.

Contract and bond of R. P. Dunning and James W. Hudson, for improving College avenue, from Seventh street to Twelfth street, by grading and graveling the roadway, bowldering the gutters, and curbing with stone the outer edge of the sidewalks. Bond, \$1,200.00; sureties, A. R. Baker and Fred. Gansberg.

Contract and bond of Wm. Morrison, for grading and graveling Wilson street and sidewalks, between Hill avenue and the C., C., C. & I. R. R. Co.'s track. Bond, \$400.00; surety, Harvy Handy.

Contract and bond of John Schier, for grading, and paving with brick the north sidewalk of St. Clair street, from East street to Park avenue. Bond, \$150.00; surety, Richard Carr.

Contract and bond of Richard Carr, for grading and graveling Newman street and sidewalks, from Seventh street to Ninth or Bolton street. Bond, \$1,500.00; surety, John Schier.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

Report from the Fire Board and Chief Fire Engineer, recommending the re-location of the No. 9 and 10 Hose-Reel Companies, and the building of a 1,800 barrel fire cistern, was read; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 36, *ante*) was concurred in.

The following clauses in the report from the Board of Public Improvements was read; and the action of the Common Council in concurring in the several recommendations (see page 37, *ante*) was concurred in:

4th. Is a motion that Henry Reinfels be granted permission to procure six loads of gravel out of the South Park grounds, to fill a water pond on Gresham street, at his own expense.

We recommend that permission be herewith granted.

5th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to replank the foot-walk of the bridge across the canal, at New York street.

We recommend the work be done.

Mortality report from the Board of Health, from May 1st to 15th, 1880, (see page 39, *ante*) was read and received.

The following petition was read; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 45, *ante*) was concurred in:

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

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned owners of property, on the south side of South street between East and Noble streets, hereby petition your honorable bodies to permit Benjamin South to locate a water plug for street sprinkling purposes at his own expense on the south side of the said street between the points named. Such plug to be located in accordance with section 62 of the street and alley ordinance, and under direction of the City Civil Engineer or Street Commissioner.

Respectfully, &c.

Frank M. Surbey, A. H. Baker, A. B. Denton, Dr.  
B. Atkinson, C. H. Briggs, Peter Spitzfaden,  
Louis Siersdorfer, S. A. Fletcher, Frank  
Churchman, David D. Long, Trustee F. Place  
M. E. Church; David D. Long, 75 feet adjoining  
church property.

The following motions (adopted by the Common Council—see pages 43 and 44, *ante*) were read, and were severally concurrently adopted:

That the Councilmen from the 5th and 12th Wards together with the City Civil Engineer, be authorized to select a resident property owner on the line of Tennessee street, where the same is now being improved, to see that the contractor complies with his contract; such services to be without expense to the city.

That John Daugherty be granted a permit to grade, and pave with brick, at his own expense, the sidewalk in front of his lot No. 2 Yandes street, according to stakes set by the City Civil Engineer.

The following entitled ordinance (passed by the Common Council—see 42, *ante*) was read the first time:

Ap. O. 83, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating five thousand and six hundred dollars in favor of S. A. Fletcher & Co.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alderman Hamilton offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Marshal and police force be directed to strictly enforce the ordinance in regard to the obstruction of streets and alleys of the city, and prosecute all persons violating the same.

Alderman Layman presented the following communication; which, together with G. O. 17, 1880, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney:

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

*Gentlemen:*—We, the undersigned citizens, would most respectfully protest against the passage of any ordinance, at this time, making any increase in show license as we think the amount now paid, is a reasonable and fair price, being as follows, to-wit:

County license per day.....	\$ 50 00
City license per day.....	50 00
County for side shows per day.....	5 00
City for side shows per day.....	10 00

Total per day..... \$115 00

John C. New & Son, Proprietors The Indianapolis Journal; John H. Holliday, Proprietor The Daily News; Sentinel Co.; Bannister & Dooley, Herald; Indianapolis Journal Co.; Ned. Reed, Sunday Call; Harbison & Abrams, Bill Posters; Indian Farmer Co.

Alderman Mussmann offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Police Board give instructions to the Police to strictly enforce the ordinance relative to the dumping of filth on the banks of White river.

Alderman Tucker offered the following motions; which were severally adopted:

That the Joint Committees on Public Property be, and are hereby, authorized to purchase for Military Park, 100 seats or benches, same size and style as those used in University Park.

That the Hospital Board, in connection with the Superintendent of the City Hospital, be directed to report to this Board the probable cost of putting in gas pipes and fixtures in the Hospital building. Also, to report if, in their opinion, it would not be very much to the advantage of the Hospital to burn gas, and if, in their opinion, it would not be quite as cheap as coal oil.

Alderman Layman moved to re-call the petition and motion, granting C. F. Haag permission to put in a water plug, referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, on May 12th, 1880, (see pages 18 and 19, *ante*.)

Which motion was adopted.

On motion by Alderman Layman, the action of the Common Council in adopting the said motion (see page 7, *ante*) was concurred in.

On motion by Alderman Layman, the vote was reconsidered by which the motion offered by Alderman Tucker, authorizing the purchase of 100 seats for Military Park, was adopted.

Alderman Layman then moved to refer the motion to the Committees on Public Property, with instructions to report the probable cost of such benches.

The original motion was ruled out of order, the Chair giving it as his opinion that motions, etc., looking to the expenditure of money, should originate in the Common Council.

#### PENDING ORDINANCES.

The following entitled ordinance was taken up on its second reading, and on motion by Alderman Mussmann, was ordered printed for the benefit of the members:

- G. O. 10, 1880—An Ordinance relative to the Erection and Maintenance of Privies Water-Closets, Urinals, Cesspools, and other Receptacles of Fluid or Semi-Fluid Filth in the City of Indianapolis; and regulating the Location, Construction, Cleansing, and Emptying of the same.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

Henry Coburn, President.

Attest: John B. ... Clerk