

# PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

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REGULAR SESSION—MAY 26, 1880.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Wednesday evening, May 26th, A. D. 1880, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

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

ABSENT—Aldermen Drew, and Layman—2.

The Proceedings of the First Joint Convention, held on Friday evening, May 14th, and of the regular session of the Board of Aldermen, held on Wednesday evening, May 19th, 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 President 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 24th, 1880, for your action upon same.

For the Common Council:

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The following communication was read and received :

*Des Moines, Iowa, April 13th, 1880.*

At a meeting of the City Council held April 12th, 1880, the following resolution was passed :

*Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, That the thanks of this Council be, and the same are hereby, tendered to the city governments of the cities of Peoria, Davenport, Springfield, Indianapolis, Keokuck, Rock Island, and Burlington, for their gentlemanly kindness and courtesy extended to the Mayor and City Council of our city, while visiting the aforesaid cities, to examine the system of Water Works established in said cities, and other matters connected with*

the government of said cities; and that the City Clerk is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Mayor of the cities herein mentioned."

Offered by Ald. M. H. King.

Attest: A true copy.

W. D. CHRISTY, City Clerk,

To the Mayor of Indianapolis, Ind.

The following communication was read; and the action of the Common Council in receiving and accepting the invitation (see page 54, *ante*) was concurred in:

Indianapolis, May 21, 1880.

To the Hon. John Caven, Mayor, and the Council,

Board of Aldermen, and City Officers of Indianapolis:

You are cordially invited to take part with the Union and German Veterans of Indianapolis, and other citizens of the State, in the appropriate observance of Memorial or Decoration Day, at Crown Hill Cemetery, on the afternoon of Sunday, May 30th, 1880. There will be a procession from the city to the Cemetery, in which you will be assigned a place by the Grand Marshal.

Yours, very truly,

JOHN B. ELAM, Sec'y.

of General Committee of Union and German Veterans.

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 estimate and assessment (see page 55, *ante*) was concurred in:

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

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

A first and final estimate in behalf of R. P. Dunning and James W. Hudson, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Shelby street, from the first alley south of Prospect street to its southern terminus.

4,268 10 12 lineal feet, at 13 cents..... \$554 93

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was then 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 R. P. Dunning and James W. Hudson, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Shelby street, from the first alley south of Prospect street to its southern terminus, 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, 8—viz. Aldermen Grubbs, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, Wood, 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 contract and approving the bond (see page 56, *ante*) was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith report the following contract and bond:

Contract and bond of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the first alley north of St. Marys street, from Delaware street to Pennsylvania street. Bond, \$300.00; surety, Richard Carr.

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

The following report from the City Clerk was read; and the action of the Common Council in approving the several official bonds (see 56, *ante*) was concurred in:

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

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith submit, for your approval, the official bonds of the following city officers elect, who have otherwise qualified, by taking the oath of office and filing the same, together with their certificate of election, in my office, viz:

*John G. Pendergast*, Chief Fire Engineer; giving, as security, Norman S. Byram and Adam Scott; penalty of bond, \$1,500.

*William N. Wishard*, Superintendent of City Hospital and Branch; giving, as security, W. A. Pattison and W. H. Wishard; penalty of bond, \$2,500.

*Caleb A. Ritter*, Superintendent of City Dispensary; giving, as security, Levi Ritter and Eli F. Ritter; penalty of bond, \$3,000.

*James A. Gregg*, Market Master at East Market; giving, as security, Miles M. Reynolds and I. N. Pattison; penalty of bond, \$3,000.

*Edward A. Guthrie*, Market Master at West Market; giving, as security, H. C. Adams and I. N. Pattison; penalty of bond, \$3,000.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The following report from the City Clerk was read:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith report the following entitled affidavits, now on file in my office, for the collection of street assessments by precepts, to-wit:

James Mahoney vs. Louise Hartrodt, for.....	\$36 30
James Mahoney vs. Henrich Bohme, for.....	26 40
E. B. Elliott vs. Christopher Hilgenberg, for.....	7 70
E. B. Elliott vs. Christopher Hilgenberg, for.....	4 62
E. B. Elliott vs. Christina Schur, for.....	6 60

And recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

And the action of the Common Council in concurring in the report and in ordering the precepts to issue (see page 57, *ante*), was concurred in by the following vote:

**AYES**, 8—viz. Aldermen Grubbs, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, Wood, and President Coburn.

**NAYS**—None.

Report from City Attorney, cases tried, (see page 57, *ante*) was read and received.

The following report from the Police Board was read; and the action of the Common Council in concurring in and approving same (see page 57, *ante*) was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen*.—The Police Board report, as required by ordinance, the following appointments:

George A. Taffe, day turnkey at Central Station.

Charles L. Smith, night turnkey at Central Station.

George W. Cheatham, turnkey at Sixth Street Station.

We herewith present their bonds for approval.

We have also appointed A. C. Shafer cook at Central Station, and ask that his pay be fixed at \$35.00 per month.

We have appointed George Charles as Janitor at Central Station, and ask that his pay be fixed at \$20.00 per month.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. Grubbs,  
J. T. Downey,  
H. J. Prier,  
Police Board.

The following official bonds were then read and concurrently approved:

Of George A. Taffe, as Day Turnkey at Central Station House; giving, as security, Ingram Fletcher and Lemuel VanLaningham; penalty of bond, \$2,000.00.

Of Charles L. Smith, Night Turnkey at Central Station House; giving, as security, I. N. Pattison and J. L. Mothershead; penalty of bond, \$2,000.00.

Of George W. Cheatham, as Turnkey at Sixth Street Station House; giving, as security, George W. Sloan and H. C. Adams; penalty of bond, \$2,000.00.

The following report from the Board of Public Improvements was read; and the action of the Common Council in concurring in the several recommendations (see page 58, *ante*) was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen*.—The Board of Public Improvements would respectfully report as follows upon sundry papers referred to it:

1st. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner fill the chuck-holes in Ohio street, between Noble and Pine streets.

We recommend the work be done.

2d. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner repair with gravel the first alley west of Oriental street, from Michigan Road to Washington street.

We recommend the repairing of the bowldering, at the intersection of the alley and Washington street, and that the Sanitary Police be directed to notify the property holders and persons living along the line of said alley, to clean up and put the alley in good sanitary condition.

3d. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner repair with gravel the first alley west of Dillon street, between Bates and Georgia streets.

We recommend the work be done.

4th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner repair with gravel Mississippi street, from Second to Sixth streets, by filling all the chuck-holes.

We recommend the work be done.

5th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner clean the gutters, and fill the chuck-holes, in Blackford street.

We recommend the work be done from Washington street to Market street.

6th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner clean the gutters, and fill the chuck-holes, in Market street, between the Canal and Blackford street.

We recommend the work be *not* done, and that an ordinance be introduced to bowlder said gutters.

7th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner fill the chuck-holes, with broken stone, in East street, between Washington and New York streets.

We recommend broken stone be put around the street fountains and cisterns, and the chuck-holes be filled with gravel.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. H. Morrison,  
Hiram Seibert,  
Edward H. Dean,  
Board of Public Improvements.

The following resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 62, *ante*) was read:

*Resolved*, That the following named persons be, and are hereby, appointed to serve as Inspectors and Judges of the election to be held in the Third, Fourth, Seventh and Eighth School Commissioner Districts in the city of Indianapolis, on the 12th day of June, 1880, for the election of one School Commissioner for each of said Districts:

*Third District*—Inspector, John A. McGaw; Judges, Ambrose F. Shortridge, and Abram Bird.

*Fourth District*—Inspector, Henry Pope; Judges, Moses Broyles, and David Coble.

*Seventh District*—Inspector, John McFarland; Judges, Wesley M. Adams, and Jas. M. Buchanan.

*Eighth District*—Inspector, Benj. Atkinson; Judges, Joseph Morris and John Schley.

Alderman Newman moved to amend by substituting the name of "Isaac E. Lemon" for that of "Benj. Atkinson."

Which amendment was not adopted.

The resolution was then concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Grubbs, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, Wood, and President Coburn.

NAYS—None.

The following motion was read; and the action of the Common Council thereon (see page 61, *ante*) was concurred in:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to scrape the gutters, fill the chuck-holes, and repair the sidewalks, where it may need it, on Morris street, from Meridian street to the River Bridge.

The following motion was read; and the action of the Common Council thereon (see page 64, *ante*) was concurred in:

That the Park on Brookside avenue be leased to the highest bidder for the term of one year.

The following motions (adopted by the Common Council—see pages 63 and 64, *ante*) were read, and were severally concurrently adopted:

That the Committees on Public Property be, and are hereby, instructed to purchase, for use in Military Park, one hundred seats similar to those now in use, at a cost not to exceed one hundred dollars.

That the City Clerk give the necessary legal notice for the reception of bids, by the Joint Committees on Printing, for the doing of the city printing and advertising, and furnishing of stationery.

The following entitled ordinances (passed by the Common Council) were severally read the first time:

- S. O. 68, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Seventh street, from Meridian street to Illinois street.
- S. O. 71, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Ohio street and sidewalks, from Arsenal avenue to State avenue.
- S. O. 2, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling McKernan street and sidewalks, from Buchanan street to the south line of Out-lot No. 99.
- S. O. 3, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Atwood street and sidewalks, from the south line of Out-lot No. 99 to Sanders street.
- S. O. 15, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for re-graveling the first alley south of Harrison street, running from Harrison street to Cedar street.
- S. O. 46, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the alley between Pennsylvania and Meridian streets, from Georgia street to the south line of lot 6, square 97.
- S. O. 51, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Spruce street and sidewalks, between Prospect street and Pleasant Run.
- S. O. 52, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick the sidewalks, and curbing the outer edge with stone, and bowldering the gutters, of Pearl street, between Delaware and Alabama streets, (where not already properly paved, curbed or bowldered.)
- S. O. 53, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley south of Home avenue, from Ash street to Bellefontaine avenue.
- S. O. 55, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the gutters, and curbing with stone the outer edge of the sidewalks, (except where already bowldered and curbed) of Alabama street, from Wabash street to New York street.
- S. O. 57, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of Union street, from Morris street to Hanway street.

- G. O. 8, 1880—An Ordinance providing for the removal and location of the St. Joseph street Hose-Reel Co.
- G. O. 13, 1880—An Ordinance granting Charles T. Gilmore a license to carry on, maintain and exhibit a Museum and Menagerie in the city of Indianapolis.
- G. O. 14, 1880—An Ordinance granting C. E. Merrifield the right and privilege to build and construct a Railroad Switch across Pratt street, near the tracks of the L, C. & L. Ry. Co.
- G. O. 22, 1880—An Ordinance providing for the Compensation of the Officers of the City of Indianapolis, and the Officers and Members of the Police and Fire Departments of said city, for the fiscal year ending May 31st, 1881.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

His Honor, the President, announced the following Standing Committees for 1880-1881:

<i>Accounts and Claims</i> .....	Layman, Hamilton, and Newman.
<i>Bridges</i> .....	Drew, Seibert, and Mussmann.
<i>Contracts</i> .....	Wood, Drew, and Newman.
<i>Education</i> .....	Drew, Hamilton, and Newman.
<i>Finance</i> .....	Layman, Hamilton, and Mussmann.
<i>Judiciary</i> .....	Grubbs, Layman, and Tucker.
<i>Markets</i> .....	Grubbs, Tucker, and Wood.
<i>Office Fixtures and Supplies</i> ..	Seibert, Tucker, and Mussmann.
<i>Ordinances</i> .....	Grubbs, Seibert, and Newman.
<i>Printing</i> .....	Hamilton, Grubbs, and Wood.
<i>Public Charities</i> .....	Tucker, Hamilton, and Mussmann.
<i>Public Health</i> .....	Wood, Grubbs, and Mussmann.
<i>Public Light</i> .....	Layman, Hamilton, and Drew.
<i>Public Property</i> .....	Tucker, Grubbs, and Newman.
<i>Railroads</i> .....	Hamilton, Layman, and Seibert.
<i>Rules</i> .....	Coburn, Layman, and Wood.
<i>Sewers and Drainage</i> .....	Tucker, Wood, and Mussmann.
<i>Streets and Alleys</i> .....	Drew, Tucker, and Newman.
<i>Water</i> .....	Wood, Seibert, and Drew.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Alderman Seibert, submitted the following report:

To the President and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen*:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom was referred S. O. 34, 1880. "An ordinance to bowlder and curb the gutters of Kentucky avenue, from Maryland street to Louisiana street," recommend the passage of said Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Morrison,  
Hiram Seibert.  
Board of Public Improvements.

The question being on the concurrence in the report, the ayes and nays were demanded; a call of the roll was then had, which resulted in the on-concurrence in the report, as follows:

AYES, 2—viz. Aldermen Seibert, and Wood.

NAYS, 6—viz. Aldermen Grubbs, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Tucker, and President Coburn.

On motion by Alderman Grubbs, S. O. 49, 1880, referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys May 12th, 1880 (see page 19, *ante*) was re-called and placed on the files.

Alderman Hamilton offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That all Committees of this Board to which any matter may be referred, shall report thereon within thirty days from said reference.

Alderman Tucker offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Chief Fire Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to examine the walls of the old Academy of Music, and if found in danger of tumbling down, to serve through the City Marshal, notice upon the person or persons who may have charge of said property, to take down the walls, and if such notice is not complied with at once, to recommend to the City Council that said walls be torn down by the street Commissioner at the expense of the property owners; and also to file against said property owners under ordinance governing same.

#### PENDING ORDINANCES.

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

Ap. O. 33, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating five thousand and six hundred dollars in favor of S. A. Fletcher & Co.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Grubbs, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, Wood, and President Coburn.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time:

S. O. 45, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering West street, and grading the sidewalks to make a width of twenty-five feet, and curbing the outer edge thereof with stone, (except where already curbed,) from Washington street to Kentucky avenue.

Alderman Tucker presented the following remonstrance; which was received:

To the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owner of real estate fronting on West street, from Washington street to Kentucky avenue, respectfully remonstrates against the passage of an ordinance providing for the improvement of said streets by curbing and bowldering; said ordinance is known as special ordinance No. 45, 1880

And your remonstrant will ever pray, etc.,

MRS. ELEANOR M. KUHLMAN, 195 feet.



The above entitled ordinance (S. O. 45, 1880,) was then read the third time and passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman Newman.

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

S. O. 49, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick (where not already paved) the sidewalks of North street, from Illinois street to the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette Railroad track.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Grubbs, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, Wood, and President Coburn.

NAYS—None.

Alderman Grubbs moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of placing S. O. 55, 1880, and G. O. 22, 1880, on their second and third reading and final passage.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Grubbs, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, Wood, and President Coburn.

NAYS—None.

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

S. O. 55, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the gutters, and curbing with stone the outer edge of the sidewalks, (except where already bowldered and curbed,) of Alabama street, from Wabash street to New York street.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Grubbs, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, Wood, and President Coburn.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time:

G. O. 22, 1880—An Ordinance providing for the compensation of the Officers of the City of Indianapolis, and the Officers and Members of the Police and Fire Departments of said city, for the fiscal year ending May 31st, 1881.

Alderman Tucker moved that section one be amended by substituting "Deputy Clerk" for "Clerk of Committees."

Which amendment was not adopted.

The above entitled ordinance (G. O. 22, 1880,) was then read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Grubbs, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, Wood, and President Coburn.

NAYS—None.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

*Henry Coburn*, President.

Attest: *Geo. Breunig*, Clerk