

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—FEBRUARY 11, 1889.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, February 11th, A. D. 1889, at 7:30 o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Granville S. Wright, President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, and Tousey—10.

ABSENT—None.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the regular session held January 28th, 1889, 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 submit herewith the following papers for your consideration, favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at a regular session, held February 4th, 1889.

For the Common Council :

JNO. W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

The bond of City Civil Engineer Shawver, (see page 77, *ante*), was read and concurrently approved.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer, (see page 77, *ante*), was read, and the appointments confirmed :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—I have made the following appointments in my Department: W. C. Phipps, as clerk, to perform the duties required in General Ordinance 42, ordained November 28, 1885; Thomas Tallentire, Jr., as transitman; Wm. Petty, as rodman. I respectfully submit the same for your approval.

A. P. SHAWVER, City Civil Engineer.

The report from the City Attorney, reporting the nature of various suits (see pages 77 and 78, *ante*), was read and received.

The report of the City Clerk, showing the amount of orders drawn on the city treasury during the month of January, 1889, (see pages 78 and 79, *ante*), was read and received.

The following report of the City Clerk (see page 79, *ante*), was read :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen.—I herewith report the following entitled affidavits now on file in the office of the City Clerk, for the collection of street improvement assessment by precept, to-wit:

J. L. Fisher vs. Heirs of Chas. Mansfield, for.....\$30 00

Geo. W. Seibert vs. Dion Boucicault, for..... 35 20

Respectfully submitted, Jno. W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

And the favorable action of the Common Council thereon was concurred in, and the precepts ordered to issue, by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following report and memorial (see pages 79 and 80, *ante*), was read and unanimously adopted :

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

Gentlemen.—Your Committee to whom was referred the address of Samuel H. Shearer, ex-City Civil Engineer, beg leave to submit the accompanying memorial expressing their own sentiments, and move its adoption, as the sense of the members of the Council and Board of Aldermen, in reference to Mr. Shearer's past services to the city and retirement from office.

John R. Pearson,
Fred. W. Gaul,
J. C. Finch,
Julius F. Reinecke,
G. S. Wright,
Committee.

MEMORIAL.

In the retirement of Samuel H. Shearer, our late City Civil Engineer, the city has lost a faithful, conscientious and intelligent officer. During his entire term of more than eight years, his labors have been arduous, and, in many instances, very difficult to satisfactorily perform. He has been untiring in his efforts to do and require honest work in all matters of permanent improvements. His labors in this regard have been eminently successful. As representatives of the city, we regret that he has felt called upon to retire from the office he has so ably filled, and wish him abundant success in any new field of labor to which he may hereafter be called.

Moved, That the foregoing be adopted as the sense of the members of the Council and Board of Aldermen, and that the City Clerk transmit to Mr. Shearer a copy thereof, under his seal of office.

The report from the Committee on Contracts in relation to additional vapor lights, (see page 80, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Public Light.

The report from the Board of Health, in relation to the purchase of a gun for the use of Meat Inspector Fohl, (see page 81, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The report from the Superintendent of the City Dispensary for the month of January, 1889, and the Mortality report of the Board of Health (see page 81, *ante*), were read and received.

The following resolution (see page 81, *ante*), was read :

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be authorized to borrow the sum of forty thousand (\$40,000) dollars, at a rate of interest not to exceed six per cent., and time not longer than ninety days, to meet the present and current appropriations, and for the payment of the same, the faith of the City of Indianapolis is hereby irrevocably pledged.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The report from the Committee on Streets and Alleys (see page 82, *ante*), recommending the approval of the plat of "Ferguson's Hill Place Addition," was read, and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, and City Attorney.

The report of the Rental Committee (see page 82, *ante*), was read and received.

The following motion (see page 87, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Railroads, and City Attorney :

That the City Attorney be instructed to support the Street Commissioner in the removal of obstructions on south Illinois street, and to defend any action which may be brought against him by the Union Railway Company.

The following motion (see page 87, *ante*), was read and concurrently adopted :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to notify J. V. McKernan to remove the steps off of the sidewalk in front of his property on the corner of Tennessee and McCarty streets, as the same obstructs the public highway.

The following special message was read :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—The Common Council in regular session held February 4th, 1889, adhered to its former action of adopting the following resolution :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the petition of Mary C. Leser, Abraham Richart, George C. Eberhard and others, praying for the vacation of the alley 7.58 feet wide, extending from Morris street to the first alley south of Morris street, between West and Dakota streets, be referred to the Board of City Commissioners, together with the plat accompanying the same, with instructions to assess benefits and damages caused by such vacation, and to make due report to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, the said Board of City Commissioners to return all plats, petitions and notices. The City Clerk is hereby required to issue, and the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Force to serve, the proper notices on said Commissioners and interested property owners: *Provided*, That before the City Clerk issues the said notice to the said Commissioners, a bond shall be filed with the said City Clerk, to the approval of the Mayor, guaranteeing the payment of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to the city, in addition to the payment of all costs and charges of said City Commissioners in this matter.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Common Council :

JOHN W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

Alderman Tousey moved that the Board adhere to its former action, and asked that a Conference Committee be appointed.

Which motion was adopted.

Whereupon the President appointed Aldermen Tousey, Rail and Reincke to act as such Committee on part of the Board.

The following special message was read :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—The Common Council in regular session held February 4th, 1889, adhered to its former action on the acceptance of the following proposition :

“ Indianapolis, Dec. 22, 1888.

To the Hon. C. S. DENNY, Mayor, and Councilmen City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit, for your consideration, the following proposition, viz: I will make your annual sales, at auction, of market stalls, goods at Station House, and any and all auction sales the city may have to do, for one year from January 1st, 1889 to January 1st, 1890, in consideration of the renewal of my license as Auctioneer for one year, gratis.

Very respectfully, L. N. PERRY, Auctioneer.”

And requested that a Conference Committee be appointed. Councilman Cummings, O'Connor and Trusler were appointed to act on the part of the Common Council as members of such committee.

For the Common Council :

JNO. W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

Alderman Rail moved that the Board adhere to its former action, and asked that a Conference Committee be appointed.

Which motion was adopted.

Whereupon the President appointed Aldermen Rail, Smith and Connett to act as such Committee on part of the Board.

The following special message was read :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—The Common Council, in regular session held February 4th, 1889, non-concurred in the action of your honorable body on the adoption of the following amendment to G. O. 1, 1889: “by striking out all after the word ‘Chemist,’ in line eight, Section 5, to-wit: ‘and E. C. Hedden, clerk in office; Jno. R. Fohl, Meat Inspector, and Leonard Crane, Sanitary officer;” and adhered to its former action upon the passage of said ordinance.

For the Common Council :

JNO. W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

Alderman Rail moved that the Board adhere to its former action, and asked that a Conference Committee be appointed.

Which motion was adopted.

Whereupon the President appointed Aldermen Connett, Reynolds and Laut to act as such Committee on part of the Board.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

This being the regular appropriation night, the following entitled Appropriation Ordinances (passed by the Common Council) were placed on their final passage, without a suspension of the Rules :

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time :

Ap. O. 7, 1889—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of the salaries of the officers and members of the Fire and Police Departments; of the Committee Clerk; of the Janitor and Assistant Janitor of the City Hall; of the Janitor and Assistant Janitor of Tomlinson Hall, and of the East and West Market Masters. [Amount appropriated, \$11,454.33.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time :

Ap. O. 8, 1889—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch. [Amount appropriated, \$1,499.91.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time :

Ap. O. 9, 1889—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$612.11.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time :

Ap. O. 10, 1889—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station House. [Amount appropriated, \$244.81.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time :

Ap. O. 11, 1889—An ordinance appropriating the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) on account of the Street Repairs Department of the City of Indianapolis.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time :

Ap. O. 12, 1889—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$16,454.42.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance, (passed by the Common Council,) was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, and City Attorney :

G. O. 55, 1888—An ordinance prohibiting the standing of any public vehicle upon any street, avenue, alley or public grounds paved with asphalt, within the limits of the City of Indianapolis.

The following entitled ordinance, (passed by the Common Council) was read the first time :

G. O. 4, 1889—An ordinance permitting the soliciting of patronage for Hotels at the Union Passenger Station.

On motion by Alderman Rail, the Rules were suspended for the purpose of placing the above entitled ordinance—G. O. 4, 1889—on its final passage, by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The ordinance was then read the second time.

And on motion by Alderman Taylor, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney.

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INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman Connett offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The Citizens' Street Railroad Company have laid tracks in and along Market street, from Illinois street to Tennessee street, from Market street to Ohio street, and as said tracks are not now being used; therefore be it

Resolved, That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, instructed to notify said company to remove the said tracks within ten days after the passage of this resolution; and on failure to comply with the provisions of this resolution, that the Street Commissioner is hereby ordered to remove the same, and collect the expense of said removal from the Citizens' Street Railroad Company.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz: Aldermen Connett, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS, 2—viz: Aldermen Clark, and Laut.

Alderman Tousey offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, instructed to notify the Citizens' Street Railroad Company to comply with the provisions of General Ordinance No. 1, 1888, and also the provisions of a resolution adopted March 12th, 1888, in reference to conductors and platforms.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

 _____, President.

Attest:  _____, Clerk.