

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—MAY 4, 1881.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis met in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Wednesday evening, May 4th, A. D. 1881, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—His Honor, James T. Layman, President pro tem., in the Chair, and Aldermen Hamilton, Seibert and Tucker.

The following new members, having been duly qualified according to law, were present, and answered to roll call :

From the Second Aldermanic District, Derk DeKruiter.

From the Third Aldermanic District (to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Daniel W. Grubbs), Harry E. Drew.

Total present—6.

ABSENT—Aldermen Mussman, Newman, Wood and President Coburn—4.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the regular sessions held on Wednesday evening, April 6th, 1881, and April 20th, 1881, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, said Journals were approved as published.

The following special message was read :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—The Common Council, in regular session held in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, April 25th, 1881, non-concurred in your action of April 20th, 1881, in adopting the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Property be directed to take steps for the immediate conversion of the "Tomlinson Estate Property," belonging to the city, into cash, with a view to the speedy erection of public buildings for the use of citizens and city authorities, for *market purposes*, on the south half of square forty-three (43), Indianapolis—such "public buildings" in no event to exceed in cost the amount received from the sale of said property.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Common Council:

Jos. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

On motion, the former action of the Board of Aldermen was adhered to, and Aldermen Hamilton, Tucker and Drew were appointed to act as the Aldermanic members of said Conference Committee.

The following special message was read :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—The Common Council, in regular session held in the Council Chamber April 25th, 1881, adhered to its former action—thereby non-concurring in your action recommending that the contract for the following street improvement be not awarded :

For grading, bowldering the gutters and curbing with stone the sidewalks of Market street, from Missouri street to Blackford street.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Common Council :

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

On motion, the action of the Board of Aldermen, relative to the matter as set forth in the foregoing message, was adhered to.

The following special message was read :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—The Common Council, in regular session held in the Council Chamber Monday evening, April 25th, 1881, non-concurred in your action of April 20th, 1881, recommending an appeal in the case of John F. Redmond vs. The City.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Common Council :

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

On motion, action was postponed on the matter as set forth in the foregoing message.

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, favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its adjourned session, held on Monday evening, April 25th, 1881, for your action upon the same.

For the Common Council :

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read ; and the favorable action of the Common Council in receiving the report and approving the estimate (see page 1090, *ante*) was concurred in :

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

Gentlemen :—I herewith report the following estimate, in behalf of R. P. Dunning and James W. Hudson, for grading and bowldering the gutters, and curbing with stone the sidewalks of Kentucky avenue, from Maryland street to Louisiana street :

2,182 $\frac{9}{16}$ lineal feet bowldering, at 49 cents.....	\$1,069 60
2,016 $\frac{1}{4}$ lineal feet curbing, at 41 cents.....	826 90
Total.....	\$1,896 50

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 1090, *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 R. P. Dunning and James W. Hudson, for grading and bowldering the gutters, and curbing with stone the sidewalks, of Kentucky avenue, from Maryland street to Louisiana street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; 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, 6—viz: Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Layman, Seibert and Tucker.

NAYS—None.

The following clauses from the report of the Board of Public Improvements were read, and the favorable action of the Common Council in concurring in the several recommendations (see page 1091, 1092, 1093, 1094 and 1095, *ante*) was concurred in, except the thirty-fifth clause, which, on motion by Alderman Seibert, was amended so as to read “north side” instead of “south side”:

1st. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean and grade the gutters on East street, from St. Clair street to Cherry street, to carry the water that stands therein away.

Recommend the work be done.

3d. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to lay a double stone crossing on Kentucky avenue, across South and West streets.

Recommend the work be done.

6th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to raise (to a proper grade) that portion of the sidewalk on the west side of Union street immediately north of McCarty street.

Recommend the gutters be opened.

8th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to repair the street crossing at the intersection of Massachusetts avenue and Alvord street.

Recommend the work be done.

9th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to open the gutters under the bridges and repair crossings at intersection of Woodlawn avenue and Olive street.

Recommend the work be done.

12th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters on Arch street, from Park avenue to Plum street, and place culverts on the south side, at the crossing of Broadway street.

Recommend the culvert be built.

13th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to scrape and clean East street, from South street to Morris street.

Recommend the work be done.

14th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to lay single stone crossings across East street, at or near the south side of Buchanan and Coburn streets.

Recommend the work be done.

16th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters of Ohio street, from Alabama street to East street.

Recommend the work be done.

18th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to repair West Washington street, from White River bridge to corporation limits, by filling holes and bad places with gravel.

Recommend the chuck-holes be filled near the railroad.

19th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to fill the chuck-holes with gravel on Michigan street, from Noble to first alley east of Pine street.

Recommend the work be done.

21st. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to lay a double stone crossing (of the usual width), over Madison avenue, on a line with the north sidewalk of McCarty street. Also, across Illinois street, on a line with the north and south side of McCarty street.

Recommend the work be done.

23d. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters on Smith street, from Indiana avenue one square south.

Recommend the work be done.

24th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters and fill the chuck-holes with gravel, on Blake street, from Washington street to Indiana avenue.

Recommend the chuck-holes be filled.

25th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to place a culvert over the gutter on Elizabeth street, at the intersection of Agnes street.

Recommend the work be done.

26th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters on Locke street, from Elizabeth street to Indiana avenue.

Recommend the work be done.

30th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to lay a double stone crossing across Walnut street, on the west side of Delaware street.

Recommend the work be done.

31st. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to place a bridge across the gutter on the east side of Shelby street, at its intersection with Beecher street.

Recommend the work be done.

32d. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner open gutters and place foot-bridges at the intersection of Reed street and Woodlawn avenue.

Recommend the work be done.

35th. Is a motion to have a stone crossing placed on the south side of Merrill street, at the crossing of Delaware. This is a very necessary improvement, as there is no crossing at all there, and is much needed, especially on account of the children going to and from school.

Recommend the work be done.

36th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to clean the gutters and fill the chuck-holes on West street, from Merrill to Morris streets.

Recommend the chuck-holes be filled.

42d. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair California street, between North and New York streets.

Recommend the work be done.

43d. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair Michigan street, between the canal and Douglas street.

Recommend the work be done.

45th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner repair the first alley north of Washington street, between Illinois and Meridian streets, and raise the bowlders at the mouth of the alley on Illinois street to a level with the sidewalk, sloping to the center.

Recommend the work be done.

47th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to lay a double stone crossing across the southern terminus of Dillon street; also, across the western terminus of Prospect street.

Recommend the work be done.

48th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to place a stone crossing across Virginia avenue, opposite the first alley north of McCarty street.

Recommend the work be done.

50th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to place a double stone crossing on the east side of Madison street, at the intersection of Yeiser street.

Recommend the work be done.

51st. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to repair the mouth of the first alley south of Louisiana street, on the east side of Tennessee street, and to fill the chuck-holes, and repair Tennessee street, between Louisiana and South streets; also, South street, between Tennessee and Illinois streets.

Recommend the work be done.

57th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to fill chuck-holes on Morris street, between Meridian street and J., M. & I. Railroad.

Recommend the work be done.

58th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to clean the west gutters of Bellefontaine avenue, from Seventh street to the State ditch; also, the gutters on Broadway, College avenue and Ash street, from Seventh street to Christian avenue.

Recommend the work be done,

59th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters on First and Second streets, from Meridian street to the canal.

Recommend the work be done.

60th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to fill the holes with gravel on Seventh street and Mill street, and clean the gutters on Seventh street from railroad west to canal.

Recommend the work be done.

61st. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to clean gutters on Second street, from railroad west to canal.

Recommend the work be done.

63d. Is a motion that D. Ricketts have permission to put down a brick pavement in front of his property, on North Pennsylvania street, corner of North street. Said work to be done at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Recommend the work be done.

64th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner notify the property owner, on southeast corner of Circle and Meridian streets, to raise the brick on the sidewalk, so that the water will run off, the same having sunk several inches below the curb. If the same be not done in ten days, that the Street Commissioner do the work and collect the cost from the property owner.

Recommend the work be done.

65th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to raise the stone crossing across Delaware, on north side of Walnut street; the same being so low as to be of no use.

Recommend the dirt be cleaned off of the crossing.

68th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner fill the chuck-hole at corner of Sullivan and Bismarck streets.

Recommend the work be done.

69th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to make necessary repairs on Coburn street, between East street and Virginia avenue.

Recommend the work be done.

The following clauses from the report of the Judiciary Committee was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 1096) was concurred in:

The first is the petition of Mary Swain McAvoy, Isaac N. Sims, John W. Heron, Eleazar Bales, A. P. Staunton, A. E. Staunton and D. R. Brown, showing that a plat of land known as Staunton & Francis' addition to city, is not now, or never was, contiguous to any territory annexed to city. That the Common Council, by resolution passed in 1874, annexed this addition as contiguous territory (see Council proceedings of 1873 and 1874, pages of 1678, 1691 and 1834), when in point of fact, it was not contiguous territory. The petitioners ask to be relieved from payment of all city taxes assessed against the property. The Stanton & Francis addition, not being contiguous territory, the resolution annexing the same to city was null and void. Your committee, therefore, report in favor of petitioners, that the City Treasurer be directed to certify off tax duplicate all taxes assessed against the real estate in said addition.

The third is the petition of the Sisters of Providence, showing that they are the owners of lot 14 in Wishmeier & P's subdivision of out-lot 49, in the city; that the same was assessed for taxes for the year 1880, which taxes were paid by petitioners. The property, at the time the assessment was made, was used for educational purposes, and therefore, it is claimed, not liable to assessment for taxes. Under these state of facts, the property by statute is exempt from taxation; but the payment is a voluntary one, and can not be recovered. Your committee therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

The following motions (adopted by the Common Council—see page 1098, *ante*) were read and concurrently adopted:

That the Board of Health, the sanitary police and the regular police of the city be ordered to file against "the contractor for the removal of garbage and other waste matter" for every violation within their knowledge of section 3 of the ordinance, and that citizens of the city be requested to do the same; and that no more money be paid said contractor until he fully complies with his contract.

That the Board of Health, sanitary police and regular police be ordered to file against all persons engaged in the business of vault cleaning who have not taken out license according to law, and to file against and prosecute all violations within their knowledge by vault cleaners of any ordinance of the city, or any order of the Board of Health authorized by ordinance, concerning the removal of the contents of privy vaults and other deleterious substances of like character, and that citizens be requested to do the same.

The following report from the Conference Committee was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 1098, *ante*) was concurred in:

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

Gentlemen:—The Conference Committee appointed by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen upon the subject of street guides, recommend that both bodies recede from their action heretofore taken in regard to the matter, and that the following be adopted:

That the proposition herewith submitted of the patentee of the Giroux Street Sign be accepted, and as fast as it is necessary to purchase new lamps for the city, such lamp frames to be of the pattern required for the Giroux Street Sign, and placed on the corners, and the old lamp frames so replaced be used on all posts not on street corners; that, for the present, signs made of strips of frosted glass, without frames, with black letters, be used on all lamps of old style on street corners.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Drew,	Flavius J. Van Vorhis,
W. H. Tucker,	Peter F. Bryce,
F. W. Hamilton,	W. G. White,
Aldermanic Committee.	Council Committee.

The following proposition, submitted with the above report (approved by Council—see page 1099, *ante*), was concurrently approved:

Indianapolis, Ind., April 25, 1881.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—I propose to sell to the City of Indianapolis all right and title to my patent on street signs for the sum of one hundred dollars, in pursuance of an understanding with the Conference Committee on Street Signs. This conveyance entitles the city to make, repair and alter lamps in accordance with the patent for the term of its existence.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,
B. GIROUX.

The following motions (adopted by the Common Council—see pages 1099 and 1103, *ante*) were read and concurrently adopted:

That the City Civil Engineer be directed to advertise for proposals for lettering the street lamps with frosted glass signs, as proposed by the Conference Committee; also for tin signs for corners where there are no lamps.

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, instructed to readvertise for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Yandes street, from Malott avenue to Seventh street, as per special ordinance No. 151, 1880, passed by the Common Council November 8th, 1880, and by the Board of Aldermen December 8th, 1880.

That J. S. Spann & Co. be allowed to raise the sidewalk in front of property controlled by them on the northwest corner of Central avenue and Ft. Wayne avenue, at their own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

The following motion (adopted by the Common Council—see page 1102, *ante*) was referred to the Committee on Railroads:

That the Union Depot Company be compelled to immediately put up gates on Illinois street at the crossing of the tracks, to protect the lives of our citizens.

The following motion (adopted by the Common Council—see page 1103, *ante*) was referred to the Committee on Bridges:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to construct a bridge over Pogues Run on East New York street, out of such material as may be left of the Delaware street viaduct.

The following entitled ordinance (passed by the Common Council) was read the first time and referred to the Committees on Finance and Judiciary:—

G. O. 6, 1881—An Ordinance to repeal an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to amend section 14 of an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance relative to the licensing and regulating of certain extraordinary trades and establishments.'" Ordained May 4, 1859.

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

- S. O. 18, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick the south sidewalk of Michigan street, from East street to Massachusetts avenue.
- S. O. 22, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk of Virginia avenue, from Coburn street to the first alley south of Coburn street.
- S. O. 38, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley north of St. Joseph street, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street.
- S. O. 39, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of Pennsylvania street, from St. Joseph street to the first alley north of St. Joseph street.
- S. O. 40, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters (where not already bowldered and curbed) of Alabama street, from Michigan street to St. Clair street.
- S. O. 42, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick (where not already properly paved) the south sidewalk of Christian avenue, from Central avenue to the I., P. & C. Railroad Company's track.
- S. O. 44, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering Chesapeake alley, from Meridian street to Pennsylvania street.
- S. O. 45, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering Eddy street, from South street to Garden street.
- S. O. 46, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading, paving with brick and curbing with stone, the west sidewalk of Eddy street, from South street to Garden street.
- S. O. 47, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the east sidewalk of Eddy street, from South street to Garden street.
- S. O. 48, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering Garden street and sidewalks (full width), from Illinois street to Eddy street.
- S. O. 51, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Mulberry street, from Wilkins street to Morris street.
- S. O. 53, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Twelfth street, from Illinois street to Meridian street.
- S. O. 54, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading, paving with brick, and curbing with stone the sidewalks and bowldering the gutters (where not already paved, curbed or bowldered), of Ohio street, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street.
- S. O. 55, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of St. Mary's street, from Alabama street to Central avenue.

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, favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its regular session, held on Monday evening, May 2d, 1881, for your action upon the same.

For the Common Council :

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The following report from the Committee on Contracts was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council in concurring in the report and awarding the contracts (see pages 1111 and 1112, *ante*) was concurred in :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred sundry proposals presented to the Common Council on Monday evening, April 18th, 1881, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows :

1st. For grading and graveling Hill avenue, from Darwin street to the intersection of Baltimore avenue.

John L. Hanna, 85 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

John Schier, 84 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Henry Clay, 69 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Fred Richter, 68 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Fred Richter being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

2d. For building fire cistern at the corner of Ellsworth and Vermont streets.

John L. Hanna, 60 cents per barrel.

John A. Whitsit, 60 cents per barrel.

C. S. Roney, 54 cents per barrel.

John Schier, 48 cents per barrel.

Fred Richter, 47 cents per barrel.

Fred Richter being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Thalman,
E. H. Koller,
James A. Pritchard,
Committee on Contracts.

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

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

Gentlemen:—The amount of Mayor's fees collected by me during the month of April, 1881, was \$129.75; of policemen's witness fees, \$137.30, and the amount of fines due the City Treasury was \$33.35; being a total of \$291.40; which amounts I have paid to the City Treasurer, and filed his receipt therefor with the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CAVEN, Mayor.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 1112, *ante*) was concurred in :

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

Gentlemen :—I herewith report the following first and final estimate in behalf of Henry Clay and John Langsdale, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Ohio street (where not already curbed and bowldered) from Meridian street to Pennsylvania street :

717 lineal feet curbing at 41 cents	\$294 19
890 lineal feet bowldering at 52 cents	462 89
58 lineal feet stone crossings at 30 cents	17 40
30 square yards rebowldering at 30 cents.....	9 00

Total \$783 39

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

The following estimate resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 1112, *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 Henry Clay and John Langsdale, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Ohio street (where not already properly curbed and bowldered), from Meridian street to Pennsylvania street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; 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, 6—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Layman, Seibert and Tucker.

NAYS—None.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 1113, *ante*) was concurred in :

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

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

Contract and bond of Twiname, Amos & Co. for regraveling Columbia avenue, from Malott avenue to Hill avenue. Bond, \$150. Surety, J. D. Hoss.

Contract and bond of Twiname, Amos & Co., for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk of Park avenue, from Cherry street to Gregg street. Bond, \$250. Surety, J. D. Hoss.

Contract and bond of Fred Richter, for grading and graveling Hill avenue and sidewalks, from Darwin street to the intersection of Baltimore avenue. Bond, \$1,500. Surety, August Richter & Henry Burke.

Contract and bond of Fred Richter, for building one 1200-barrel cistern at or near the corner of Ellsworth street and Vermont street. Bond, \$2,000. Surety, August Richter & Henry Burke.

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

The report of the Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch (see page 1115, *ante*) was read and received.

The report of the Superintendent of the City Dispensary (see pages 1115 and 1116, *ante*) was read and received.

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

Ap. O. 25, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated \$758.42.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Layman, Seibert and Tucker.

NAYS—None.

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

Ap. O. 26, 1881—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, \$863 10.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Layman, Seibert and Tucker.

NAYS—None.

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

Ap. O. 27, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station-Houses. [Amount appropriated, \$236.03.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Layman, Seibert and Tucker.

NAYS—None.

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

Ap. O. 28, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$15,354.62.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Layman, Seibert and Tucker.

NAYS—None.

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

Ap. O. 29, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery and Advertising. [Amount appropriated, \$245.97.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Layman, Seibert and Tucker.

NAYS—None.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Judiciary, through Alderman Tucker, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred the report of the Council Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney upon sundry matters embraced therein, presented to this body for approval April 20th, 1881, would report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the action of the Council thereon be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

James T. Layman,
W. H. Tucker,
Judiciary Committee.

The Committee on Public Property, through Alderman Tucker, submitted the following report, which was referred to a certain Conference Committee on Tomlinson Estate:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Public Property, to whom was referred the communication of Sawyers and Wasson, agents, offering \$23,000 cash for that portion of the Tomlinson estate known as No. 34 East Washington street, recommend that the proposition be received; and further recommend that the City Clerk be directed to advertise said property for two weeks in the city daily papers, to be sold at public auction by the City Treasurer, to the highest bidder above the amount offered in the above mentioned communication, the Common Council and Board of Aldermen reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Tucker,
Committee on Public Property.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Alderman Seibert, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom the following special ordinances were referred, would report:

S. O. 141, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the alley between Linden and Laurel streets, from Orange street to Willow street.

S. O. 154, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for paving with brick the south sidewalk of St. Mary street, from Ft. Wayne avenue to Alabama street.

S. O. 7, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for bowldering, curbing and paving the gutters and sidewalks of Georgia street, from Illinois street to Mississippi street.

S. O. 14, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for paving with brick the north sidewalk of Buchanan street, from East street to Greer street.

S. O. 24, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Lincoln avenue and sidewalks, from Beeler street to Newman street.

S. O. 30, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for paving the west sidewalk of Railroad street, from Market street to Ohio street.

S. O. 32, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Newman street and sidewalks, from Hill avenue to Pendleton road.

S. O. 33, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Newman streets and sidewalks, from Pendleton road to Brookside avenue.

S. O. 34, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Newman street and sidewalks, from Brookside avenue to Clifford avenue.

Recommend that the action of the Common Council in the passage of said ordinances be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Alderman Tucker offered the following motion; which was unanimously adopted:

That in the retirement from this Board of Aldermen, Henry Coburn vacates his position as President, we deem it fitting and just to put upon record our opinion that he has presided with dignity and fairness; and that, if he has not the rotundity, he yet has the brains essential to make a good Alderman; and that if, like Zacheus of old, he is short in body, yet he is long in the head, and we part from him with sincere regret.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

Samuel S. Layman, President, *Pro Tem*
Attest: *Geo. S. Brunning*, Clerk.