

PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT CONVENTION.

THIRD SESSION—NOVEMBER 14, 1881.

The Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis convened in Third Joint Convention in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, November 14th, A. D. 1881, at eight clock, in compliance with the provisions of section four of the following enactment of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 8th, 1881 :

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."

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

PRESENT—His Honor, Mayor Grubbs, President of the Joint Convention ; Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman—9.

Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Caylor, Cole, Cowie, Coy, Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, Ward, Weaver, and Yoke—21 Total present, 33.

ABSENT—Alderman Wood and Councilman Bryce—2.

There being a quorum present, His Honor, President Grubbs, read Section four of the legislative act (title recited above) and called attention to the following provision of the same :

"And for the appointment of all other officers, commissioners, trustees, and boards required or authorized by act of the General Assembly, or ordinances of the city, the Common Council and Board of Aldermen shall meet in joint convention, in the Council Chamber, on the second Monday evening in November after the first annual meeting of the Common Council, 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, and all such officers, commissioners, trustees and boards so elected shall serve for two years from the first day of January after their election, and until their successors are elected and qualified, unless sooner removed according to law."

Alderman Tucker offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the several officers to be elected by this Joint Convention to-night, be elected for the term of *two years*, said term commencing *January 1st*, 1882, *unless* sooner removed by the concurrent action of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

Councilman Morrison offered the following as a substitute for the resolution as offered by Alderman Tucker :

WHEREAS, The act of the General Assembly of Indiana, approved March 8th, 1881, and supplementary to an act providing for the incorporation of cities, and which supplementary act is now in force, imperatively declares that the election of certain city officers shall be held at the present meeting of the Council and Board of Aldermen, and that such officers so elected *shall* serve for the term of two (2) years from the first day of January next thereafter, and providing without alternative that such election shall be held by ballot; therefore, in compliance with the law,

Resolved, That the members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the city of Indianapolis, do now proceed by their ballots to elect such officers for the term of two years from the first day of January next, and when so elected by ballot, they shall be declared chosen to serve for the term aforesaid.

Which substitute was accepted by Alderman Tucker.

The resolution as offered by Councilman Morrison, was then adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 29—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and President Layman; and Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Caylor, Cole, Cowie, Coy, Dowling, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Keller, Mauier, Morrison, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Thalman, Ward, and President Grubbs.

NAYS, 5—viz. Councilmen Dean, Egger, Stout, Weaver, and Yoke.

On motion by Councilman Thalman, the Joint Convention proceeded to the election of such officers as may be in the gift of the Convention.

His Honor, President Grubbs, appointed Councilmen Weaver and Hartmann as tellers.

For Chief of Police—Councilman Pearson placed in nomination Robert C. Williamson; Councilman Dowling placed in nomination Frank Wilson.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows: Robert C. Williamson received 25 votes, and Frank Wilson received 8 votes; scattering 1.

Robert C. Williamson having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Chief of Police for two years, commencing January 1st, 1882.

For Chief Fire Engineer—Councilman Cole placed in nomination Joseph H. Webster; which nomination was seconded by Councilman Coy.

On motion by Councilman Dowling, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of this Joint Convention for Joseph H. Webster for Chief Fire Engineer.

Joseph H. Webster having received the unanimous vote of the Joint Convention, was declared duly elected Chief of the Fire Department for two years, commencing January 1st, 1882.

For City Attorney—Alderman Rorison placed in nomination Caleb S. Denney; Councilman Dowling placed in nomination Napoleon B. Taylor.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows: Caleb S. Denney received 26 votes, and Napoleon B. Taylor received 8 votes.

Caleb S. Denney having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected City Attorney for two years, commencing January 1st, 1882.

For City Civil Engineer—Councilman Bedford placed in nomination Samuel H. Shearer; Alderman Newman placed in nomination David B. Hosbrook.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows: Samuel H. Shearer received 26 votes, and David B. Hosbrook received 8 votes.

Samuel H. Shearer having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected City Civil Engineer for two years, commencing January 1st, 1882.

For Street Commissioner—Councilman Yoke placed in nomination Leander A. Fulmer; Alderman Mussmann placed in nomination John B. Stumph.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows: Leander A. Fulmer received 27 votes; John B. Stumph received 6 votes; scattering, 1.

Leander A. Fulmer having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Street Commissioner for two years, commencing January 1st, 1882.

For Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch—Councilman Morrison placed in nomination Dr. William N. Wishard; Councilman Dowling placed in nomination Dr. John R. Featherston.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows: Dr. William N. Wishard received 26 votes; Dr. John R. Featherston received 7 votes; scattering, 1.

Dr. William N. Wishard having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch for two years, commencing January 1st, 1882.

For Superintendent of City Dispensary—Councilman Cowie placed in nomination Dr. John J. Garver; Councilman Coy placed in nomination Dr. Charles N. Metcalf.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows: Dr. John J. Garver received 24 votes; Dr. Charles N. Metcalf received 8 votes; scattering, 1.

Dr. John J. Garver having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Superintendent of the City Dispensary for two years, commencing January 1st, 1882.

Board of Health—Councilman Ward placed in nomination Dr. Moses T. Runnels; Councilman Bedford placed in nomination Dr. Elijah S. Elder; Councilman Egger placed in nomination Dr. John A. Sutcliffe; Councilman Coy placed in nomination Dr. R. N. Todd; Councilman Dowling placed in nomination Drs. W. B. Fletcher and Theophilus Parvin.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows: Drs. Runnels and Sutcliffe each received 25 votes; Dr. Elder received 26 votes; Drs. Todd, Fletcher, and Parvin each received 8 votes.

Drs. Moses T. Runnels, Elijah S. Elder, and John A. Sutcliffe having each received a majority of all the votes cast, were declared duly elected as members of the Board of Health for two years, commencing January 1st, 1882.

Captains of Police—Councilman Pearson placed in nomination Robert Campbell, Timothy Splan, Christopher McGregor, and Edward W. Nicholson; Councilman Harrold placed in nomination Charles Harmon, Martin Haley, Mike Griffin and Patrick Coleman.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows: Robert Campbell and Timothy Splan each received 26 votes; Christopher McGregor received 27 votes, and Edward W. Nicholson received 25 votes; Charles Harmon, Mike Griffin and Patrick Coleman each received 7 votes; Martin Haley received 6 votes.

Robert Campbell, Timothy Splan, Christopher McGregor, and Edward W. Nicholson having each received a majority of all the votes cast, were declared duly elected Captains of Police for two years, commencing January 1st, 1882.

East Market-Master—Councilman Reichwein placed in nomination Orville B. Rankin; Councilman Hartmann placed in nomination Peter Spitzfadden.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows: Orville B. Rankin received 25 votes; Peter Spitzfadden received 8 votes; scattering, 1.

Orville B. Rankin having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected as Market-Master at East Market, for two years, commencing January 1st, 1882.

West Market-Master—Councilman Egger placed in nomination Abraham L. Stoner; Councilman Dowling placed in nomination Edwin Meredith.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows: Abraham L. Stoner received 26 votes; Edwin Meredith received 8 votes.

Abraham L. Stoner having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Market-Master at the West Market, for two years, commencing January 1st, 1882.

Directors of Belt Railroad—Alderman Hamilton placed in nomination Arthur L. Wright and John M. Kitchen.

On motion by Councilman Dowling, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Joint Convention for the above nominees for Directors of the Belt Railroad.

Arthur L. Wright and John M. Kitchen having received the unanimous vote of the Joint Convention, were declared duly elected as Directors of the Belt Railroad for two years, commencing January 1st, 1882.

Wood Measurer—Councilman Caylor placed in nomination Jonas F. Parker; Councilman Coy placed in nomination William Eden.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows: Jonas F. Parker received 25 votes; William Eden, received 7 votes; scattering, 1.

Jonas F. Parker having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Wood Measurer at East Market for two years, commencing January 1st, 1882.

Weigh Master, East Market—Councilman Dean placed in nomination Jesse DeHaven; Councilman Fultz placed in nomination George R. Colter.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows: Jesse DeHaven received 26 votes; George R. Colter received 7 votes; scattering, 1.

Jesse DeHaven having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Weigh Master East Market, for two years, commencing January 1st, 1882.

Janitor City Hall—Councilman Reichwein placed in nomination Joseph Raible.

On motion by Councilman Dowling, the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the Joint Convention for Joseph Raible for Janitor City Hall.

Joseph Riable having received the unanimous vote of the Joint Convention, was declared duly elected Janitor City Hall, for two years, commencing January 1st, 1882.

City Sexton—Councilman Mauer placed in nomination Fielding Houston; Councilman Fultz placed in nomination Peter Newman.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows: Fielding Houston received 21 votes; Peter Newman received 5 votes; scattering, 7.

Fielding Houston having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected as City Sexton, for two years, commencing January 1st, 1882.

Councilman Coy moved to reconsider the vote by which Joseph H. Webster was elected Chief Fire Engineer.

The Chair ruled the above motion as out of order.

Alderman Hamilton moved that this Joint Convention do now adjourn, to meet again at the call of the President.

Which motion was adopted, and the Convention adjourned.

DANIEL W. GRUBBS, Mayor,
President of Joint Convention.

Attest: JOS. T. MAGNER, Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—NOVEMBER 14, 1881.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Monday evening, November 14th, A. D. 1881, immediately after the adjournment of the Joint Convention, at ten o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—His Honor, President James T. Layman, in the Chair, and Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, and Tucker—9.

ABSENT—Alderman Wood—1.

By consent, Alderman Seibert, in behalf of the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage, to whom was referred the motion (adopted by the Council November 7th, 1881,) permitting Volney T. Malott to lay a twelve-inch pipe sewer from his buildings on the southeast corner of Meridian and North streets in and along North street to, and connecting with, the Illinois street sewer, recommend the action of the Common Council be concurred in; and said Volney T. Malott agrees that other persons along the line of such new sewer, shall have the privilege of tapping the same, under the direction of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, on the payment of a just and equitable amount for such privilege to said Volney T. Malott.

Respectfully submitted,

Hiram Seibert,
H. E. Drew,
Committee.

On motion by Alderman Tucker, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned, to meet Thursday evening, November 17th, A. D. 1881, at half-past seven o'clock.

JAMES T. LAYMAN, President.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.