

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
TUESDAY, JUNE 11TH, 1867, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in adjourned session.

Present—Hon. Sims A. Colley, President *pro tem.*, in the chair,
and the following members :

Councilmen Brown, Burgess, Coburn, Colley, Davis, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Woodburn—15.

Absent—Councilmen Cottrell and Stanton—2.

The special order of business being a continuation of the trial of August Richter, Street Commissioner, the Council proceeded to a further investigation of the charges brought against said officer.

After a few preliminary remarks, Mr. Ketcham, Mr. Richter's Attorney, offered the following motion :

To quash the first specification in charge first, because it does not amount to any violation of law or morals, and does not charge that the City lost any thing in any way.

The question being on the adoption of the motion to quash the 1st specification in charge 1st, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Burgess, Coburn, Davis, Jameson, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt and Seidensticker—8.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Colley, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Kappes and Woodburn—7.

So the motion was adopted.

Mr. Ketcham, also, offered the following motion :

To quash charge four, because no offence against, or violation of any law, civil or moral, is charged—no wrong to any one, or to the City is pretended—and if the charge were admitted in its broadest term, it would not warrant a removal.

The question being on the adoption of the motion, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Jameson, Loomis, Schmidt and Seidensticker—5.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Burgess, Colley, Davis, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Kappes, MacArthur and Woodburn—10.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Seidensticker asked leave of absence during the examination of the present charge, and being refused by the Council, withdrew upon his own responsibility.

The witnesses were then called and examined, first for the prosecution, second for the defense.

At the conclusion of the examination of the witnesses, it was ascertained that several of the Councilmen had absented themselves from the room.

On motion by Mr. Brown, the Clerk called the roll, which resulted as follows :

Present—Councilman Brown, Burgess, Coburn, Colley, Davis, Goddard, Henschen, Kappes and Woodburn—9.

There being no quorum present, on motion by Mr. Brown, the Marshal was sent for the absentees.

The Marshal having returned with several of the absentees, and it being ascertained that a quorum was present, Mr. Burgess moved to adjourn.

The ayes and noes being demanded, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Burgess, Goddard, Henschen, Kappes and MacArthur—5.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Davis, Geisel, Jameson, Loomis, Schmidt and Woodburn—9.

So the motion to adjourn was lost.

The question then being, shall the charge be sustained? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Geisel, Henschen and Woodburn—4.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Burgess, Coburn, Colley, Davis, Goddard, Kappes and Loomis—7.

Excused from voting Councilmen Jameson, MacArthur, Schmidt and Seidensticker—4.

So the charge was not sustained, there not being a two-thirds vote of all the members of the Council.

Mr. Burgess moved to adjourn until Wednesday evening, June 12, 1867.

The ayes and noes being demanded, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Burgess, Coburn, Colley, Davis, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur and Schmidt—11.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Geisel, Seidensticker and Woodburn—4.

So the motion to adjourn was carried.

SIMS A. COLLEY, President *pro tem*.

ATTEST:

D. M. RANDELL, *City Clerk*.