

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1870, 7½ O'CLOCK P. M. }

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, Daniel Macauley, in the chair,
and the following members :

Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn,
Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman,
Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—18.

Absent—none.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following invitation :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 1, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, a Committee on Invitations, appointed at a
business meeting of American citizens of African descent, holden in this city

yesterday, to make arrangements for a public celebration of the official ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment, respectfully solicit the attendance of your Honorable Body on Thursday, April 7th, the day appointed for the celebration.

We have the honor to be, gentlemen, very respectfully,

Your obedient servants,

R. L. JONES,	} Committee.
JAMES S. HINTON,	
JAMES L. ROBERTS,	
MADISON MASON,	
HENRY C. MANN,	

Which on motion by Mr. Kahn, was accepted by the following vote:

Affirmative.—Councilmen Cottrell, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—13.

Negative.—Councilmen Brown, Gimber and Kennington—3.

On motion by Dr. Woodburn, Prof. Cox, State Geologist explained to the Council the object of the excursion to Clay county, etc.

Mr. Wiles moved to reconsider the action of Council taken April 1, 1870, in regard to the appropriation to defray expenses of excursionists who may be in our city next week, etc.

The question being to reconsider,

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Gimber, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—18.

Negative—none.

So the motion to reconsider was adopted.

Mr. Kahn offered the following motion:

a. That the sum of one thousand dollars be appropriated, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to entertain the guests that may be here during next week from the Clay county excursion, and that a Committee of five be appointed to superintend the expenditure of the same.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative.—Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Harrison, Heckman, Kahn, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Shepherd, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Negative.—Councilmen Gimber and Kennington—2.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed as such Committee Councilmen Wiles, Brown, Woodburn, Whitsit and Marsee.

On motion by Mr. Whitsit, His Honor, the Mayor, was added to, and made Chairman of the Committee.

Mr. Wiles moved that the excursionists be tendered a formal invitation by the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Marsee, Mr. Silsby addressed the Council in regard to leaving his engine in the hands of the City Fire Department for a three moths trial.

On motion the Chief Fire Engineer was instructed to place the Silsby engine in service.

By unanimous consent the rules were suspended, for the purpose of allowing members to introduce ordinances.

Mr. Cottrell introduced General ordinance No. 15, 1870, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 8, of an ordinance entitled: "An ordinance prescribing rules and regulations for the government of the City Council, its officers, and officers connected with the City Government," ordained July 19, 1869.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Woodburn introduced General ordinance No. 16, 1870, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE relative to hogs or swine running at large in the city of Indianapolis, X

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Brown introduced Special ordinance No. 57, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling Severn alley between Georgia street and Mobile alley.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Cottrell introduced Special ordinance No. 58, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk on Alabama street from Pogue's Run to Merrill street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Cottrell introduced Special ordinance No. 59, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for paving with brick, the west sidewalk on Virginia avenue from Louisiana to South street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Gimber introduced Special ordinance No. 60, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling the alley running south from Ray street to the Corporation line, between Union and Chestnut street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Shepherd introduced Special ordinance No. 61, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on South street between Tennessee street and Kentucky avenue.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Shepherd introduced Special ordinance No. 62, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures complete to burn gas, except the service pipe, on Maryland street, between West and Helen street.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Whitsit introduced Special ordinance No. 63, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading, paving and bouldering of the crossings of the alleys on the sidewalks on East street, between Washington street and Virginia avenue.

Which was read the first time.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

On motion the following entitled ordinances were read the second time and ordered engrossed.

General ordinance No. 11, 1870.

General ordinance No. 14, 1870.

General ordinance No. 15, 1870.

General ordinance No. 16, 1870. †

General ordinance No. 12 1870.

Special Appropriation ordinance No. 14, 1870.

Special Appropriation ordinance No. 15—1870.

General ordinance No. 13, 1870, was called up and read the second time.

Mr. Brown offered the following amendment :

SEC. 2. That this ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage, *provided*, that this ordinance shall be of no force until Greenleaf & Co., shall have donated by deed any ground now claimed by them, or lying within the line of said Tennessee street, and shall have filed such deed with the Mayor.

Which was adopted.

The ordinance as amended was then engrossed.

Special ordinance No. 52, 1870, was called up and read the second time.

Mr. Kahn presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 2, 1870.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, citizens of said city, and owners of real estate fronting on and along north New Jersey street, lying between Fort Wayne and Massachusetts avenues, respectfully remonstrate against a plan

which they understand is now on foot to improve said street, by bouldering the same, and bouldering the gutters thereof. In view of the pressure of the times, dullness of business, and heavy taxes, under which they are already laboring, they feel constrained to ask your honorable body not to add a still greater burthen to that which is quite as heavy as they can bear. It is to be hoped that you will remember that what may be no inconvenience to the enterprising and wealthy citizens who are pressing for this improvement, will bring actual suffering to many who would be, not less enterprising than they, if they were rich; but who are barely able to pay ordinary expenses and support their families.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS SCHULMEYER,
DANIEL STITZ,
FRED. GUSTETTER,
JACOB SCHULMEYER,
And 28 others.

Which on motion was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, along with the ordinance providing for said improvement.

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

General ordinance No. 15, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 8 of an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance prescribing rules and regulations for the government of the City Council, its officers and officers connected with the City Government," ordained July 19, 1869.

Was read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass?

Those who voted in the affirmative were, Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Harrison, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—15.

Councilmen Shepherd voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

General Ordinance No. 16, 1870, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE relative to hogs or swine running at large in the city of Indianapolis.

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The question being, shall the ordinance pass?

Those who voted in the affirmative were, Councilmen Brown, Harrison, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Pyle, Thalman, Weaver, Wiles and Woodburn—10.

Those who voted in the negative were, Councilmen Cottrell, Gimber, Heckman, Kennigton, Shepherd, Thoms and Whitsit—7.

So the ordinance passed.

By consent Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

That Joseph W. Davis be allowed the privilege of removing a frame house from Virginia avenue across the bridge over Pogue's run on Delaware street to South street.

Which was adopted.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Daniel Macauley
DANIEL MACAULEY, Mayor.

ATTEST: *D. M. Randall*
~~D. M. RANDALL~~, City Clerk.