

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.

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REGULAR SESSION.

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CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,  
MONDAY, JULY 6TH, 1868, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

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

Councilmen Coburn, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Woodburn—11.

Absent—Councilmen Brown, Burgess, Colley, Cottrell Goddard, Henschen and Stanton—7.

The proceedings of the regular session held June 29th, 1868, were read and approved.

Dr. Woodburn asked unanimous consent for the Managers of the Widows' and Orphans' Asylum (who were present in the lobby) to present the claims of the Association upon the city for charitable assistance.

Mr. A. Harrison, on their behalf, presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 6, 1868.

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

The undersigned, citizens and tax payers of the City of Indianapolis, Marion county, State of Indiana, would represent to this honorable body that the Widows' and Orphans' Asylum, of this city, is too small to accommodate the applicants for admission therein; that to take care of and provide for the children needing the ministrations of the faithful women having charge of that Institution, an enlargement of the buildings is absolutely required.

Your petitioners would, therefore, respectfully ask that a donation of one thousand dollars be made by the Mayor and Common Council, out of any moneys in the City Treasury, to the Managers of said Asylum, to be expended in enlarging the buildings. And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

James Blake,	Thos. H. Sharpe, by E. Sharpe,
Ingram Fletcher,	V. K. Hendricks,
J. A. Brouse,	And 58 others.

By consent Dr. Woodburn introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 34—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating one thousand dollars to aid in enlarging the building known as the Indianapolis Widows' and Orphans' Asylum.

Which was read the first time, and, on motion, both the ordinance and petition were referred to the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals.

By unanimous consent the Market Master made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 6, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the requirements of the ordinance governing Markets, I herewith submit a report for the quarter ending July 1st, 1868.

During the two months of my official term I have rented at the East Market House stalls, benches, and posts, as follows:

On the inside, 25 stalls; 24 for one year, and one for 11 months. On the south side, 18 benches have been rented to Gardeners, two on the north side, and one on the east end. The Coffee stands on the north side were retaken by the former lessees, Mrs. W. Cox and Wm. Koehler.

The west end, as usual, has been taken up by fish men, and were rented to Messrs. Haynes & Suddith, Dan. Thompson, S. M. Sowders, and J. H. Vanbenthuyssen, at \$5 each.

Permits for posts on south side have been issued until Sept. 12, 1868, to Aug. Emereich, F. Emereich, Phillip Woerner, and Mrs. Joseph Schull, at \$1.25 each, the same running 3 months. One permit was also issued to A. F. Goff, which expires at same date with the former ones, and which, on account of "back rations" not settled for, cost that gentleman five dollars.

Permits for "outside carving" of meats were also issued to Crosby & Gardiner, John Shafer, James Siegmann, Duvall Campbell, John Riggs, H. J. Pullim, W. W. Thomas, W. H. H. Shanks, Thomas Davis, and David Wechsler. The "back ration" business cost Davis \$6.25, besides the same amount for present license. None of these "outside institutions" have permits running longer than September 12, and, on account of there being some 12 or

13 stalls vacant on the inside, I hope never will have unless said stalls are all taken up.

But one arrest of any consequence has been made by me. David Wechsler was brought to grief on Tuesday morning, June 23, for selling "fallen meats." On the Monday following the trial was concluded before Judge Scott, and resulted in the conviction and fine of \$25 and costs. First-rate meat has been the "order of the day" ever since.

On the first Wednesday in June the West Market House was resurrected, and a weakly commencement in the market business inaugurated; and, although appearances are yet decidedly sickly, it is thought that a good market will be built up. I have rented 15 inside stalls; 13 benches on the south side, and 10 on the north side, to Butchers and Gardeners, at prices ranging from 50 cents to \$1.10 each. Also, one stall on the inside for the sale of fish, and three "places" on the east end for the same purpose.

On the 13th of June, through the assistance of the Committee on Markets, and an order of the Common Council to that effect, a Saturday Evening Market was started at the West Market House, commencing at 4½ o'clock. It bids fair to become a very popular institution, and is already well patronized.

I would respectfully call your attention to the dilapidated condition of the roof of the West Market House. In many places it has broken through.

A well of good water is also badly needed, there being none of easy access within a square's distance.

One and a half gross of meat-hooks have been put in at both Market Houses, and still the number is insufficient.

A few new meat blocks are needed, especially at the East Market House, as several now in use have rotted so badly as to be unfit for service.

By permission of the Treasurer I signed quite a number of the receipts. This was done in order to collect from those who were a little slow in "marking time," and some of which were in the habit of leaving their "truck for sale" in charge of the boy whenever they saw the Treasurer coming, and afterwards lamenting their absence when the receipt was called by me. The flank movement worked like a charm. I herewith submit a pocketfull of counter-receipts from the Treasurer as showing the success of the undertaking, and ask their proper reference for examination.

I am indebted to the Committee on Markets, and to its Chairman, for the ready willingness with which they have advised and aided me.

Respectfully submitted,

GID. B. THOMPSON, *Market Master*,

Which was received.

#### ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

On motion by Mr. Geisel, special ordinance No. 56—1868, was taken up, read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Dr. Woodburn, special ordinance No. 52—1868, was taken up, read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Loomis, general ordinance No. 136, was taken up, read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Coburn, special appropriation ordinance No. 33—1868, was taken up, read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Dr. Woodburn, special ordinance No. 53—1868, was taken up, read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Seidensticker, special ordinance No. 58—1868, was taken up, read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Dr. Jameson called up the Gas ordinance.

On motion by Mr. Loomis, a further consideration of said ordinance was postponed for two weeks.

Dr. Jameson called up general ordinance No. 138, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE relative to the construction of sewers, prescribing certain rules of proceeding relative thereto, and regulating such other matters as properly pertain thereto.

Which was read the second time.

Mr. Seidensticker moved to postpone the ordinance in relation to sewers four weeks.

Dr. Jameson moved to amend by including all papers relating to the sewer on Ray street.

Mr. Loomis moved to amend by making the time two weeks instead of four.

Which prevailed.

Dr. Jameson's motion then prevailed.

So also Mr. Seidenstickers.

The original motion, as amended, was then adopted.

On motion by Mr. Loomis, general ordinance No. 146, was taken up, read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Seidensticker, the following ordinances were stricken from the files :

General ordinance No. 151, granting a license to Mark Hare to carry on a Concert on Court street.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 55—1867, appropriating money for the benefit of the colored schools.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 7—1868, appropriating money for the purchase of police uniforms.

#### ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Loomis called up general ordinance No. 146, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE levying a tax for Common School purposes.

Which 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 Coburn, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, and Woodburn—11.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Dr. Woodburn called up special appropriation ordinance No. 31—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to aid in the erection of the abutments and piers of a bridge over White River, at or near the crossing of the Crawfordsville Gravel Road.

The following report from the City Attorney was called for :

INDIANAPOLIS, July 6, 1868.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I am of opinion that the Council have no power to make the appropriation of \$1,000 for constructing a bridge across White River, as contemplated by the ordinance referred to me.

Respectfully, B. K. ELLIOTT, *City Attorney.*

Which was concurred in.

On motion by Mr. MacArthur, the ordinance was postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Loomis called up general ordinance No. 136, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to amend section two 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 and established the 8th day of July, 1867.

Which 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 Coburn, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Woodburn—11.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Coburn called up special appropriation ordinance No. 33—1868, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the city of Indianapolis.

Which 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 Coburn, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Woodburn—11.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

By consent Mr. Geisel offered the following resolution;

*Resolved*, That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to allow James Stewart a partial estimate for work done on Plum street, between Cherry street and Massachusetts Avenue.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Woodburn—11.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.

On motion by Mr. Seidensticker, the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY, *Mayor*

ATTEST:

D. M. RANDELL, *City Clerk*.