

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

SPECIAL SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 1863, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in special session, pursuant to the following call :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 8th, 1863.

JOHN CAVEN, Esq., *Mayor of the City of Indianapolis* :

DEAR SIR:—We, the undersigned Councilmen, hereby petition your honor to call a special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, for Friday night, the 11th day of December, 1863, at 7½ o'clock, for the purpose of acting upon the ordinance now before the City Council granting the right to operate Street Railroads in said city.

THEO. P. HAUGHEY,	R. B. EMERSON,
JOS. STAUB,	P. H. JAMESON,
H. A. FLETCHER,	W. COOK,
W. CLINTON THOMPSON,	S. A. COLLEY,
S. A. FLETCHER, JR.,	JOHN BLAKE,
WM. BOAZ,	S. LEFEVER.

INDIANAPOLIS, December 9, 1863.

I, J. Caven, Mayor of the City of Indianapolis, in compliance with the foregoing petition, hereby call a special meeting of the Common Council of said city, to be held at the Council Chamber on Friday evening, the 11th day of December, 1863, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of acting upon the ordinance now pending before said Council, or such other ordinance as may be introduced, proposing to grant the right of way for the construction of Street

Railroads in said city, and you and each of you Councilmen of said city are respectfully notified and requested to attend the same.

Witness my signature and the seal of said city, this
9th day of December, 1863.

[SEAL.]

J. CAVEN, *Mayor*.

CLERK'S OFFICE, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
December, 10th, 1863. }

The foregoing call for a special session of the Common Council of the said city of Indianapolis was filed in my office this 10th day of December, 1863.

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.

We, the undersigned Councilmen, acknowledge service of the within call and notice, this 10th day of December, 1863.

S. LEFEVER,
CHAS. GLAZIER,
W. COOK,
WM. BOAZ,
S. A. FLETCHER, JR.,
H. A. FLETCHER,
J. STAUB,
HENRY COBURN,

R. B. EMERSON,
WILLIAM ALLEN,
THEO. P. HAUGHEY,
S. McNABB,
P. H. JAMESON,
AUSTIN H. BROWN,
W. CLINTON THOMPSON.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair; and the following members:

Councilmen Allen, Brown, Boaz, Blake, Colley, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—17.

Absent—Councilman Wallace—1.

His Honor, the Mayor, announced that the first business in order was the consideration of the pending ordinance authorizing the construction, extension and operation of passenger railways in and upon the streets of the city of Indianapolis.

Mr. S. A. Fletcher, Jr., by unanimous consent, presented the following memorial:

INDIANAPOLIS, December 11th, 1863.

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

The undersigned, being delegates from the various wards of the city of Indianapolis, at a meeting held in the Council Chamber on the evening of December 11th, 1863, resolved that your honorable body be requested to make an appropriation out of the city treasury of an amount sufficient to pay to each recruit hereafter enlisted and mustered into the United Service in this city, and credited to the quota of the city in the late call, the sum of Fifty

Dollars Bounty, in addition to all other government or county bounties now paid to such recruits.

First Ward.

L. WOOD,
N. S. BYRAM,
CHAS. WITTENBERG,
C. M. RASCHIG,
C. C. A. STRIBLEN.

Second Ward.

W. J. H. ROBINSON,
ANDREW WALLACE.

Third Ward.

H. A. FLETCHER,
W. CLINTON THOMPSON,
WILLIAM P. FISHBACK,
J. D. HOWLAND.

Fourth Ward.

GEO. MERRITT,
T. E. CHANDLER,
C. S. BUTTERFIELD.

Fifth Ward.

JAMES SULGROVE,
W. O. ROCKWOOD.

Sixth Ward.

JOHN S. RUSSELL,
WM. BOAZ.

Seventh Ward.

CHAS. GLAZIER,
J. W. DAVIS.

Eighth Ward.

S. A. FLETCHER, Jr.

Ninth Ward.

AD. SEIDENSTICKER,
MILTON SPENCER,
WM. JOHN WALLACE.

Which was read and laid over, to be acted upon at a called session of the Council for that purpose.

On motion of Dr. P. H. Jameson, the Street Railway Ordinance was taken up.

Mr. Coburn presented the following communication from the Treasurer of the "Citizens' Street Railroad Company."

INDIANAPOLIS, December 11th, 1863.

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

Gentlemen—I hereby certify that there have been \$27,250 in cash of the capital stock of the Citizens' Street Railroad Company of Indianapolis, paid into my hands as the Treasurer of said Company; and that the order of the Board of Directors of said Company, requires the additional sum of twenty thousand dollars of said capital stock, to be paid into the treasury of said company within twenty days from the passage of an ordinance by your honorable body, granting this company the right to construct said street railways. And I hereby pledge myself to the Common Council, that if this charter is granted said company, the money shall be faithfully applied in the construction and equipment of said railway.

I will further represent to your honorable body, that I have given bond to said company in the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, with Thomas H. Sharpe and Alfred Harrison, my sureties that I will faithfully discharge my duty as such treasurer.

Very respectfully,

W. H. MORRISON,
Treasurer Citizens' Street Railway.

Which was read and received.

Dr. P. H. Jameson moved to amend the Street Railway Ordinance, by striking out all that part of Section 14, except the proviso offered by Dr. W. Clinton Thompson, and adopted at the meeting of the Council held December 7th, 1863, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SEC. 14. This charter is granted and the rights and privileges herein conferred are subject to the following conditions and qualifications, to-wit: That said company shall have at least three (3) miles of said railway fully completed and equipped and cars running upon the same by the 4th day of July, 1864. That they shall have two additional miles so completed and equipped by the 4th day of July, 1865, and two additional miles (making in all seven miles) fully completed and equipped and cars running thereon by the 25th day of December, 1866, unless the Common Council of said city shall grant to said company a further extension of time. That said company shall, within twenty days from the passage of this ordinance, file with the Mayor of the city of Indianapolis, a Bond, in the penal sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, with such security as may be approved by the Mayor and a majority of the Common Council of said city, that said company will construct the number of miles of said railway, within the times herein specified, and on the failure of said company to file such bond, within twenty days from the passage of this ordinance, or on the failure of said company to construct the number of miles of said railway, within the times herein specified, all rights and privileges herein granted, and all work done upon said railway, shall be forfeited and revert to the city of Indianapolis: *Provided, however,* That if said company is delayed in the construction of said railway by the order or injunction of any Court or Judge thereof, the time of such delay shall be given to said company, over and above the time given by this section, for the completion of each given number of miles of said railway.

Which amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.

Mr. Brown moved to amend by striking out lines 4, 5, and 6, in section 3.

Which amendment was adopted.

Dr. Jameson moved to amend by striking out all after the word "rail," in the second line of section 6, and up to and including the word "and," in the ninth line of the same section.

Which amendment was adopted.

Mr. Brown moved to amend section 15, by striking out the words "first two," in line 8, and inserting the words "number of."

Which amendment was adopted.

Dr. W. Clinton Thompson moved to amend by striking out the

words "THOMAS A. MORRIS, as President of the 'Indianapolis Street Railroad Company,'" in lines 5, 6, and 7, in section 1st, and insert in lieu thereof the words "JOHN A. BRIDGLAND, as President of the 'Citizens' Street Railroad Company.'"

The question being on the adoption of Dr. Thompson's amendment.

Pending which, Wm. P. Fishback, Esq., asked and obtained leave to address the Council briefly in behalf of the "Indianapolis Street Railroad Company."

Judge Martindale also obtained leave to address the Council in behalf of the "Citizens' Street Railroad Company."

The question being called for on Dr. Thompson's amendment.

The ayes and noes were demanded.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Boaz, Blake, Colley, Cook, Coburn, Lefever and Thompson—7.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, McNabb and Staub—10.

So the amendment was not adopted.

Dr. Thompson moved to amend by striking out the word "three," in the 4th line of the 14th section, and insert the word "four."

The question being on the adoption of the amendment.

The ayes and noes were demanded.

Those who voted in the affirmative, were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Blake, Colley, Cook, Coburn, H. A. Fletcher, Jameson, Lefever, Staub and Thompson—11.

Those who voted in the negative, were Councilmen Brown, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., Glazier, Haughey and McNabb—6.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Brown moved to amend by inserting after the words "lay them," in the 2d line of Section 9, the following:—"And except where a double track is contemplated, in which case the tracks may be laid at such distance from the centre of said street as will make the centre point between the two tracks the centre of the street."

Which amendment was adopted.

Mr. Brown moved that the ordinance be read a third time, and put upon its passage.

Which motion prevailed.

The ordinance was read a third time.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative, were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Boaz, Blake, Colley, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—17. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

On motion of Mr. S. A. Fletcher, Jr., the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.

PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL SESSION

OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL

OF THE

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 1863, 9 O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in special session, pursuant to the following call:

INDIANAPOLIS, December 11, 1863.

I, J. Caven, Mayor of the city of Indianapolis, in accordance with the authority in me vested by law, do hereby call a special meeting of the Common Council of the city of Indianapolis, to be held at the Council Chamber on Friday evening, the 11th day of December, 1863, at 9 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of considering the propriety of making an appropriation out of the city treasury to pay additional bounties to recruits under the last call of the President for volunteers. The members of said Council are each respectfully notified and requested to attend the same.

Witness my signature and the seal of said city this
11th day of December, 1863.

[SEAL.]

J. CAVEN, *Mayor*.

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, INDIANAPOLIS, }
December 11th, 1863. }

The foregoing call for a special session of the Common Council of the said city of Indianapolis, was filed in my office this 11th day of December, A. D. 1863, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*

We, members of the Common Council of the city of Indianapolis, hereby acknowledge service of the above call.

THEO. P. HAUGHEY,	AUSTIN H. BROWN,
CHAS. GLAZIER,	W. COOK,
S. A. FLETCHER, JR.,	J. STAUB,
JOHN BLAKE,	S. LEFEVER,
S. A. COLLEY,	S. McNABB,
W. CLINTON THOMPSON,	R. B. EMERSON,
P. H. JAMESON,	HENRY COBURN,
H. A. FLETCHER,	WILLIAM ALLEN.
WM. BOAZ,	

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair ; and the following members :

Councilmen Allen, Brown, Boaz, Blake, Colley, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—17.

Absent—Councilman Wallace—1.

Mr. Haughey, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following resolutions, and moved their adoption :

Resolved, That, in obedience to the wishes of the citizens of Indianapolis, expressed to us by their delegates, we appropriate a sum not exceeding Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars for the purpose of paying to all who may volunteer in the service of the United States, to fill the present quota required from the said city, a proper bounty in addition to those given by the Government and County.

Resolved, That, for the purpose of raising a sufficient sum of money to pay such bounty, the bonds of the city of Indianapolis be issued, properly signed by the Mayor, and countersigned by the Clerk; that such bonds shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually. That such bonds be placed in the hands of the Finance Committee, who shall be fully authorized and empowered to negotiate and sell such bonds at the best terms practicable. That the proceeds of such sale shall be paid by said committee into the treasury of said city, to be used solely and exclusively for the purpose of paying said bounty.

Resolved, That a bounty of fifty dollars be paid to every volunteer who may be hereafter received into the service of the United States and shall be credited to the city of Indianapolis, upon the quota now required of said city. That said bounty shall be paid in the manner following, to-wit: Whenever proof is produced, to the satisfaction of the Mayor, that the volunteer will be duly credited upon the quota now required of the said city of Indianapolis, the

Clerk shall issue his warrant upon the City Treasurer for the said sum of Fifty Dollars.

The question being on the passage of the resolutions as offered by Mr. Haughey,

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Boaz, Blake, Colley, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—17. Noes, none.

So the resolutions were passed.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*