

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.
SPECIAL SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 1863, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in special session.

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,
McNabb and Thompson—14.

Absent—Councilmen Jameson, Lefever, Staub and Wallace—4.

His Honor, the Mayor, announced that the first business in order
was the consideration of the pending ordinances as reported by
the Committee on the Revision of Ordinances.

Mr. Haughey obtained leave to present the following petition :
INDIANAPOLIS, December 14th, 1863.

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

Gentlemen—At the annual meeting of the Benevolent Society
of Indianapolis, on the 26th of November last, a committee of five
citizens was appointed, to lay before your honorable body the
propriety of establishing a City Dispensary for the poor, and to
request that the City Council take action in the premises, and
make the necessary appropriation to found and support it.

The committee named above have had the matter under con-
sideration, and have appointed the undersigned to wait upon the

Council, and request, on behalf of the Benevolent Society, that action be had accordingly.

Very respectfully,
SAMUEL T. GILLET.

Which, on motion of Mr. Haughey, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Mayor Caven, and Drs. W. C. Thompson and P. H. Jameson.

Mr. Colley obtained leave to present the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 14th, 1863.

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

We, the undersigned farmers and wood-dealers, residing near the City of Indianapolis, do most respectfully petition your honorable body for the repeal of a certain ordinance, ordained and established on, or about the 23d day of November 1863; and entitled "An Ordinance preventing Frauds in the Sale of Wood, and providing for Wood Measurers."

And we would assign the following, among other reasons, why this ordinance should be repealed.

1st. The great loss of time attending the measuring of our wood—frequently an half hour, and sometimes an hour, even, is lost in this way—and a purchaser is often lost by such delay.

2d. The opportunity which the ordinance affords an unprincipled purchaser in causing the seller to be convicted before the Mayor, &c.

J. S. SMITH,
JOHN PIERCE,

THOMAS PIERCE.
And 111 others.

STATE OF INDIANA, }
Marion County, } ss.

Before me, Fredrick Stein, a Justice of the Peace of Centre Township, County and State aforesaid, this 14th day of December, 1863, personally appeared Henry Yorger, who, after being duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and says, that he, on the 14th day of December, 1863, brought to the Eastern Market House, in the City of Indianapolis, County and State aforesaid, one load of wood, to have the same measured according to an ordinance providing for the measurement of wood, &c.; that one William Turner measured said load of wood and certified the same to contain $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cord and 4 cubic feet, that he, affiant, dissatisfied by said measurement, went with the same identical load of wood, to the Western Market House in said city, and had the same measured there by one William Scudder, who certified the same to contain $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cord and 24 cubic feet. The respective certificates being annexed to this affidavit; all of which he says is true, as he verily believes.

HENRY YORGER.

Subscribed and sworn to this 14th day of December,
1863.

[SEAL]

FREDERICK STEIN, *Justic of Peace.*

Which, on motion, was referred to a Special Committee, to consist of one Councilman from each Ward.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed as said Committee :

- S. A. Colley.....First Ward.
- Henry Coburn.....Second Ward.
- H. A. Fletcher.....Third Ward.
- R. B. Emerson.....Fourth Ward.
- Samuel Lefever.....Fifth Ward.
- William Boaz.....Sixth Ward.
- Charles Glazier.....Seventh Ward.
- William Allen.....Eighth Ward.
- Joseph StaubNinth Ward.

Dr. Thompson obtained leave to offer the following motion :

That the butchers of this city be allowed to hold market at the East Market House on Christmas morning, instead of at the West Market House, that being the day fixed by ordinance for market at the said West Market House.

Which motion was adopted.

Dr. W. Clinton Thompson, by unanimous consent, presented the following memorial :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 14th, 1863.

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

The undersigned, representatives of the citizens of the different wards, respectfully petition your honorable body, to make an appropriation sufficient in amount, to give each recruit from this city, to be enlisted under the recent call, an amount of fifty dollars, to be drawn by him for the benefit of his family, or his relatives dependent upon him. We also request your honorable body to raise a special tax on the next year's assessment, to cover this amount.

For the meeting,

JAMES SULGROVE, *President.*

W. P. FISHBACK, *Secretary.*

Which, on motion, was laid upon the table, to be acted upon at a special session of the Council called for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the consideration of Revised Ordinances was postponed.

On motion of Dr. Thompson, 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,
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 1863, 8½ o'clock, P. M. }

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

INDIANAPOLIS, December 14, 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 Monday evening, the 14th day of December, 1863, at 8½ o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of considering the propriety of making an appropriation out of the city treasury for the maintenance, protection, and support of the families of volunteers, and those depending on them for support. And also for the purpose of considering such other matters of public interest as may be brought before said Council, at such meeting. 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
14th day of December, 1863.

[SEAL.]

J. CAVEN, *Mayor.*

CLERK'S OFFICE, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
December, 14th, 1863. }

The foregoing call was filed in my office this day, at 8 o'clock, P. M., in pursuance of the provisions of the City Charter, in such cases made and provided.

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*

We, the undersigned, members of said Council, acknowledge service of notice of the above call December 14th, 1863.

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

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, McNabb and Thompson—14.

Absent—Councilmen Jameson, Lefever, Staub and Wallace—4.

By Mr. Brown—Motion:

That the Mayor be requested to report to the Council, whether, in his opinion, policemen are *officers* or not, within the meaning of the Charter; and whether their election or dismissal by the Council is essential; and, if not, whether, in his opinion, the ordinance regulating the Police cannot be legally changed so as to authorize the dismissal for neglect of duty of any policeman at any time by the Police Board.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Haughey:

Resolved, That the Mayor, in his discretion, may appoint a sufficient number of efficient detective police to preserve order, and feret out the villainies practised in this city; and that he also exercise his discretion as to where the said police may reside.

The question being, shall the resolution 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, McNabb, and Thompson—14. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

By Mr. Boaz, Chairman Board of Police:

INDIANAPOLIS, December 14th, 1863.

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

I hereby tender my resignation as day policeman, hoping your honors will receive the same.

I am, respectfully,

CHARLES E. CARTER.

On motion of Mr. Colley, the resignation was accepted, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

Theodore P. Haughey, Chairman of the Finance Committee offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the action of this Council, had at a meeting held on the 11th day of December, 1863, appropriating Twenty Five Thousand Dollars for Soldiers' Bounty, be, and the same is hereby rescinded; and 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 persons who may volunteer in the service

of the United States, to fill the present quota required from the said city, a proper sum in addition to the bounties given by the Government and County.

Resolved, That, for the purpose of raising a sufficient sum of money to pay such amount, 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 the same to volunteers, for the maintenance, protection and support of their families, and those dependent upon them.

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be paid for the above purpose 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 sum shall be paid to such volunteer 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, and deliver the same to such volunteer.

The question being shall the resolutions 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, McNabb and Thompson—14. Noes, none.

So the resolutions were passed.

On motion of Dr. Thompson, His Honor, the Mayor, was instructed to issue a Proclamation, in compliance with the request of the Ward War Delegates, requesting that the business men of the city close their establishments on Thursday afternoon of this week, and on Wednesday afternoon of the two following weeks, for the purpose of aiding recruiting.

On motion of Mr. Colley, the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.