

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
MONDAY, APRIL 18TH, 1864, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

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

Councilmen Allen, Brown, Cook, Coburn, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—13.

Absent—Councilmen Boaz, Colley and H. A. Fletcher—3.

James G. Douglas, Esq., Councilman elect from the Fourth Ward, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Blake, Esq., and Adolph Seidensticker, Councilman elect from the Ninth Ward, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. John Wallace, Esq., presented their credentials, and, after being sworn in, took their seats as members of the Council.

The proceedings of the regular session, held April 4th, 1864, were read and approved.

By Dr. Jameson—Petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, April 14th, 1864.

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

The petitioner being the owner of lot number four (4) in J. H. Vajen's subdivision, of part of square number twenty-one, (21) asks your honorable body to pass an ordinance to grade and

gravel the alley running north and south through said square as early as convenient.

WILLIAM A. BRADSHAW.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

By Mr. Haughey—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 6th, 1864.

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

The undersigned is assessed on \$1000 personal property for the years 1861 and 1863, which is wrong, as that amount was notes that were assessed in previous years, and carried on the duplicate from former assessments. I never gave in any personal property to the assessor for those years, not having any, and would ask that the Council refund the same. The taxes were assessed in the name of J. McCord's Estate.

CLARA McCORD.

On motion of Mr. Haughey, the City Clerk was authorized and directed to issue a warrant on the City Treasury for the amount, when the petitioner makes an affidavit that she did not, at that time, own personal property as assessed.

By Mr. Brown—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 18th, 1864.

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

We, the undersigned, property holders east of St. Mary's Church on Delaware street, (Catholic) do hereby petition your honorable body to vacate the alley east of the Church, in square 77, for which the congregation of said Church agree to give eight feet on the east side of the Church, so as to make an eighteen feet alley, including old alley and not more.

M. WENGER,
N. BLAES,
G. SCHMITT,
J. A. KAUFMANN,
F. A. SCHMITT,
S. YANDES,
I. MANSUR,
J. H. McKERNAN.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

By Mr. Brown—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 18th, 1864.

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

Gentlemen—Your petitioner prays that in vacating the alley west of St. Mary's Church, on Maryland street, that you get

the like number of feet on the east side of the Church, the same as offered in their petition, which will make the alley west of my business house 25 feet, which will enable us to back up a dray. I pray you make no other change only what they first offered.

ANDREW WALLACE.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Brown presented a remonstrance from property owners on Delaware street, between Maryland street and Pogue's Run, against grading and bouldering the same.

Which, on motion of Mr. S. A. Fletcher, Jr., was laid upon the table.

Mr. Brown presented a remonstrance from the owners of property adjacent to, and abutting upon an alley running east and west through Out-Lot numbered 173, against the vacation of the said alley, as petitioned for by James M. L. Bradshaw and Isabella Lupton.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. S. A. Fletcher, Jr., presented a communication from citizens living near the crossing of the Indiana Central Railway track and Virginia Avenue, remonstrating against the laying of another track across said street by the Indiana Central Railway Co., and asking the Council not to grant such permit.

Which, on motion, was laid upon the table.

Mr. S. A. Fletcher, Jr., presented a communication from Andrew Wallace, in relation to the good character, &c., of Mr. C. Hoover, who fell off the Meridian street bridge, the 13th of January last, and dislocated his right shoulder, rendering him unable to work and maintain his family, and asking that the Council assist him in some way.

Which, on motion of Mr. Haughey, was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Brown, from Police Committee, to whom was referred the charges preferred against certain policeman, reported verbally that the Committee had made two attempts to investigate the same, but had failed, and referred the matter back to the Council, and moved that when the Council adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday the 20th instant, at 7½ o'clock, P. M. to investigate said charges, and that the Marshal be directed to summon the witnesses.

Which report was received, and the motion adopted.

By Dr. Thompson, Chairman Committee on Gas :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 18th, 1864.

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

The Committee on Gas, to whom was referred sundry bids for furnishing and erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures on Illinois street, between the north side of North street, and the north side of St. Clair street, have examined the same, and find Cox, Lord & Peck to be the best bidders, and recommend that the contract be awarded them.

Respectfully,

W. CLINTON THOMPSON, }
S. LEFEVRE, } *Committee.*

On motion, the report was concurred in, and the contract awarded.

By Mr. Brown, Chairman Committee on Streets and Alleys :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 18th, 1864.

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

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the claim of Scott, Nicholson & Co., report that it is proper to charge such work to the city, and that the price charged is reasonable. We, therefore, recommend that the claim be referred to the Committee on Accounts, with instructions to embrace the same in the next ordinance allowing claims.

AUSTIN H. BROWN, }
W. COOK. } *Committee.*

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

By M. Brown, Chairman Committee on Streets and Alleys.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 18th, 1864.

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

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred sundry bids for street improvements, report, that for grading and graveling Meek street, between Noble street and the Corporation line east, they find H. Timmermann to be the best bidder, and recommend that the contract be awarded him.

The bids were as follows :

H. Timmermann, for grading, 34 cents ; graveling, \$1 25.

Cornelius Shea, for grading, 35 cents ; graveling, \$1 35.

AUSTIN H. BROWN, }
W. COOK, } *Committee.*

On motion, the report was concurred in, and the contract awarded.

Mr. Brown, Chairman Committee on Streets and Alleys, presented the following :

Contract and Bond of John Stumph for grading and bouldering Massachusetts Avenue, and curbing the outer edge of the side-

walks with white oak plank, between Pennsylvania and New Jersey streets.

Contract and Bond of John Stumph to grade and boulder Virginia Avenue, and curb the outer edge of the sidewalks, with white oak plank, between Washington street and Pogue's Run.

Which were accepted and approved.

Contract and Bond of Thomas Wren, to grade and gravel Illinois street, between South and McCarty streets, and to grade and gravel the Bluff Road, between Merrill and McCarty streets.

Which, on motion of Mr. Brown, was accepted and approved, on the conditions that the contractor properly protect the gravel pit he may open in said street, with a substantial railing, to guard against accidents, and the contractor being liable for all damages by any accident that may occur therefrom.

By Mr. Brown—Sealed Proposals :

To grade and gravel Delaware street, between St. Clair street and the Corporation line north : Herman Timmermann, grading, per cubic yard, 42 cents ; graveling, per cubic yard, \$1 55 ; security, William Cook. Micheal Shea & Co., grading, per cubic yard, 43 cents ; graveling, per cubic yard, \$1 57 ; security, James Stirlin.

To grade and boulder Delaware street, between Washington street and Pogue's Run, exclusive of the sidewalks, John Stumph, at 95 cents per superficial yard : security, Fr. Ritzinger.

Which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

From the City Clerk—Report :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 18th, 1864.

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

Gentlemen—As directed by you, at your last meeting, I made out and presented to the Commissioners of Marion County, a bill for one-half the expense for erecting pest-house, amounting to \$233 68, which was allowed by them, and has been paid into the City Treasury, taking a receipt therefor.

Respectfully,

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*

Which, on motion, was accepted and approved.

Mr Brown called up the ordinance, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE establishing a Board of Public Improvements for the City of Indianapolis, defining its Powers and Duties, and regulating the Construction of Buildings within the City Limits.

Which was read the second time, and, on motion, was read a third time, and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted

in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Coburn, Cook, Douglass, Emerson, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—13.

Councilmen Seidensticker voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Dr. Thompson introduced an ordinance, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of Tennessee street, and grading and paving the sidewalks with brick, and curbing the outer edge of the sidewalks with white oak plank, between the north side of Market street, and the intersection of Indiana Avenue.

Which was read the first time, and, on motion, was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Emerson introduced an ordinance, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of Ellen street and sidewalks, between the south side of Elizabeth street and Indiana Avenue.

Which was read the first time, and, on motion, was read a second time by its title, and the City Clerk directed to give no notice of its pendency.

Mr. Emerson introduced an ordinance, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of Elizabeth street, and sidewalks, between Dunlap and Ellen streets.

Which was read the first time, and, on motion, was read a second time by its title, and laid upon the table, and the City Clerk directed to give no notice of its pendency.

By Mr. Brown—Motion :

That Andrew Wallace and agents of St. Mary's Church, owners of property on Maryland street, be allowed the privilege of bouldering the gutter in front of their property on said street, the same to be done under the direction of the Civil Engineer, provided the same be done within sixty days, and at their own expense.

Which motion was adopted.

By Dr. Thompson—Motion :

That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to fix the steps over the fence around the Governor's Circle, so as to prevent cows and other quadrupeds from passing over them, by setting the steps in, and putting a turnstile in the centre of the passage, provided the cost of the same does not exceed fifty dollars.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Brown—Motion :

That hereafter the Council entertain no proposition for street improvements, unless the same be petitioned for by two-thirds of the property holders along the line of the proposed improvements.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Emerson—Motion :

That the Civil Engineer is hereby requested to dispense with one of his stake drivers.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Finance Committee.

By Mr. Brown—Motion :

That the Committee on Fire Department be instructed to investigate the cause of the burning-out of the Steam Fire Engine No. 1, and report the same to this Council.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

Attest:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.