

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—JANUARY 12, 1885.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, January 12th, A. D. 1885, at seven o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Brainard Rorison, President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire—10.

ABSENT—None.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the special session, held December 15th, 1884, and the regular session, held December 22d, 1884, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, said Journals were approved as published.

The following special message was read, and on motion by Alderman Cox, the matter was referred to the Committee on Public Light and Education:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The Common Council, in regular session, held in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, January 5th, 1885, adhered to their former action in ordering "That a fire-alarm box be placed on the west side or center of Circle street."

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Common Council:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The following special message was read, and on motion by Alderman Cox, the matter was referred to the Committee on Markets and Public Property:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The Common Council, in regular session, held in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, January 5th, 1885, adhered to their former action in recommending that John Carisle be paid fifteen dollars for repair of Scales at the West Market.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Common Council:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The following special message was read, and on motion by Alderman Pritchard, the Board of Aldermen adhered to their former action:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The Common Council, in regular session, held in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, January 5th, 1885, non concurred in your action recommending that \$38.13 be refunded to Henry Hahn, and adhered to their former action in approving the report recommending the payment of \$7.00.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Common Council:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The following message was read and received:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I submit herewith the following journal papers for your consideration, favorably passed upon by the Common Council at its sessions held December 22d, 1884, and January 5th, 1885.

For the Common Council:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The report of the City Attorney (see pages 1066 and 1067, *ante*, December 22d, 1884), and the following motion accompanying the same, were read, and the motion concurrently adopted:

That the City Attorney be instructed to report an ordinance to prevent the blocking of the streets by piling up snow thereon.

The report of the Committee on Contracts, recommending the awarding of sundry and various contracts, (see pages 2, 3 and 4, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The following motion (see page 4, *ante*), was read and concurrently adopted, and the Common Council's action thereon was concurred in:

That Hanway & Cooper be awarded the contract 'For grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Fort Wayne avenue, from Pennsylvania street to New Jersey street,' action on the same having been postponed until January 1st, 1885, as per recommendation of the Committee on Contracts, (see page 912, *ante*, October 20, 1884)

The report of the Mayor, showing fines and fees collected (see page 4, *ante*), was read and received.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 4, *ante*), was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the contract and bond of John H. Freaney, for the erection of gas posts on Meridian street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets. Bond, \$100.00; surety, Allen M. Fletcher.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The report of the City Civil Engineer, and the petition of Geo. W. Seibert, Jr., asking for an extension of further time for the completion of certain contracts (see pages 4 and 5, *ante*), were read, and the action of the Common Council thereon concurred in.

The report of the City Civil Engineer, as to the widening and deepening of the State Ditch (see page 5, *ante*), was read and received

The report of the City Civil Engineer, as to removing the arches over Pogue's Run by the Union Railway Company, near the Eagle Machine Works (see page 6, *ante*), and the following motion accompanying the same, were read, and the motion concurrently adopted:

That the City Attorney be directed to draw up the proper notices, and the Street Commissioner be directed to serve them, requiring the Eagle Machine Works to remove the arches under their building which now are obstructing Pogue's Run; and upon failure of the said Eagle Machine Works, or some one in their behalf, to remove said obstructions within sixty days, that the Street Commissioner be directed to remove said obstructions.

The report of the City Clerk as to the contract in regard to removing dead animals (see page 8, *ante*), and the following motion accompanying the same (see page 9, *ante*), were read and the motion concurrently adopted:

That the City Clerk be instructed to re-advertise for bids for the removal of dead animals from the city; also, that the City Attorney be instructed to bring suit and collect the amount due from the ex-contractor.

The following report from the City Clerk was read:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—I submit herewith the following entitled affidavits, now on file in my office, for the collection of street improvement assessments by precepts, to wit:

J. D. Hoss & Co vs. Nancy R. Hawk, for	\$23 56
J. D. Hoss & Co. vs. Nancy R. Hawk, for	23 56
J. D. Hoss & Co. vs. Nancy R. Hawk, for	23 56

Respectfully submitted, GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

And the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 9, *ante*), was concurred in, and the precepts ordered to issue, by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Endly King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire.

NAYS, 2—viz. Alderman Cox, and President Rorison.

The report of the City Attorney (see page 9, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Common Council in ordering an appeal in the case of The City vs. Wm. S. Hubbard, was concurred in.

The report of the City Attorney, showing a summary of the cases tried during the year (see pages 10 and 11, *ante*), was read and received.

The reports of the Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, showing expenditures in the Street Repair Department for December, 1884, and for the year 1884 (see pages 11 and 12, *ante*), were read and received.

The following report from the Board of Public Improvements was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 12, *ante*), was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—We recommend that the City Clerk be authorized to contract for the preparation of an index to the Journals of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen for the year 1884. Said index to be arranged after the plan of the so-called Indexical Digest, and its preparation to cost not exceeding \$300.00.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Reynolds,
Isaac Thalman,
R. H. Rees,
Board of Public Improvements.

The following motions (see pages 15 and 16, *ante*), were read and concurrently adopted:

That John Gustin be granted an Auctioneer's license, to be issued by the City Clerk for a year, or one or more quarters of a year, and under existing ordinances.

That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to enter full satisfaction of the twenty dollar assessment against lot number 26, in Hann & Dawson's subdivision of a part of Block 24, of Johnson's heirs' addition, on account of the opening of Rohampton street, the same being void.

That each officer of the Board of Health be allowed a copy of the Revised City Ordinances, and that the City Clerk be authorized to issue four copies to said officers, one to each.

That the City Civil Engineer advertise at once for bids to widen and deepen the State Ditch, as provided for in G. O. No. 17, of 1884, or as soon as he shall have completed the plans and specifications, as therein required.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

This being the regular appropriation night, the following entitled Appropriation Ordinances (passed by the Common Council) were placed on their final passage without a suspension of the rules.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time:

Ap. O. 1, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$660.62.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time:

Ap. O. 2, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch. [Amount appropriated, \$1,692.73.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times:

Ap. O. 3, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

On motion by Alderman Bernhamer, the claim of "Eugene Saulcy, making transfers, \$147.50," was stricken from the ordinance, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Ordinances.

The ordinance was then read the third time (amount appropriated, \$14,836.79), and passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time:

Ap. O. 4, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Station House. [Amount appropriated, \$339.21.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time:

Ap. O. 5, 1885—An ordinance appropriating the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars, on account of the Street Repair Department of the City of Indianapolis.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinances (passed by the Common Council) were severally read the first time:

S. O. 141, 1884—An ordinance to provide for the construction of a brick sewer two (2) feet internal diameter, in and along Morris street, from Chestnut street to and connecting with the Madison avenue sewer, and providing for the manner of the assessment and collection of the cost thereof.

S. O. 147, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Brookside avenue, from Clifford avenue to Omer street.

S. O. 148, 1884—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Yandes street, between Malott and Lincoln avenues.

S. O. 149, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley south of Brookside avenue and Omer street, from Clifford avenue to its eastern terminus.

On motion, S. O. 148, 1884, was referred to the Committee on Public Light and Education.

On motion by Alderman Prier, the rules were suspended for the purpose of placing S. O's. 141, 147 and 149, of 1884, the above entitled ordinances, on their final passage, by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

S. O. 141, 1884, was then read the second time, read the third time and passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

S. O. 147, 1884, was read the second time, read the third time, and passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

S. O. 149, 1884, was read the second time, read the third time and passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The Board of Health submitted the following reports; which were severally received;

To the Honorable Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—In obedience to instructions from the Common Council, had at its last meeting, we have considered the matter of the ownership of the wagon and harness used by William Griffin, while working for the Board of Health.

We find that much of the money contributed by citizens for the purchase of the horse, wagon and harness, was subscribed with the understanding that the same were to be the property of Mr Griffin and Captain Williamson. With the belief that the property belonged to them, they maintained it; and the bill for keeping the horse and repairs to the wagon and harness, would amount to more than the value of the property. We understand that a committee of the Common Council fully investigated this matter a short time ago, and that upon their recommendation, the whole matter was dropped, so far as the city was concerned. We are satisfied the city can gain nothing by attempting to establish claim to the property.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. BRENNAN, M. D., Pres't.
W. WANDS, M. D., Sec'y.,
Members of the Board of Health.

To the Honorable Members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—We would respectfully communicate to your honorable bodies that at a meeting of the Board of Health held on January 1st, 1885, we have organized by electing E. J. Brennan, M. D., President, and W. Wands, M. D., Secretary of our Board; Geo. O Griffin was elected Clerk in charge of the office; Samuel Barker inspector of meats, and Geo. F. Newcomb inspector of premises; S. E. Earp, M. D., was elected chemist.

Very respectfully,

W. WANDS, M. D., Sec'y,
Per "G."

The Board of Health submitted the following report :

To the Honorable Members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—Numerous complaints having been made to us, by the City and County officers, relating to the basement hall of the Court House being constantly filled with tramps and disreputable characters, rendering the building unhealthy, by the accumulations of dirt and filth, we would recommend to your honorable body, as a sanitary necessity, that the Superintendent of Police be requested to send an officer through the building about once every hour, and clear the halls of persons found loitering therein.

Very respectfully,

W. WANDS, M. D., Sec'y,
Board of Health.

President Rorison moved to refer the report to the Committee on Police Department, with instructions to confer with the members of the Board of Health, to report at the next meeting; which failed of adoption.

Alderman Cox moved that the report be concurred in; which failed of adoption by the following vote :

AYES—None.

NAYS, 10—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Contracts and Bridges, through Alderman Tallentire, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Contracts and Bridges, to whom was referred the following report to Council:

"Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of painting Shelby and Olive street bridges, would recommend that the City Civil Engineer advertise for bids for the same, and that the bids be referred to this committee.

W. C. Newcomb,
M. M. Reynolds,
Committee on Contracts."

We recommend that the report be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Tallentire,
Thomas E. Endly,
James McHugh,
Committee on Contracts and Bridges.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts & Claims, through Alderman Endly, submitted the following report; which was received:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—We herewith submit an itemized statement showing the amount of orders drawn on the city treasury during the year 1884:

	Estimates.	Expenditures.
Board of Health.....	\$ 400 00	\$ 522 00
Bridges	14,000 00	6,711 44
City Assessor's Department.....	4 000 00	4,406 35
City Civil Engineer's Department.....	1,800 00	2,100 20
City Dispensary.....	3,200 00	3,460 86
City Hall.....	2,500 00	2,764 76
City Hospital and Branch.....	15,000 00	15,129 52
City Hospital Addition.....	33,000 00	27,456 55
City Treasurer's percentage.....	5,400 00	5,479 33
Cemeteries.....	200 00	117 54
Cisterns.....	3,600 00	4,481 21
Fire Department.....	76,000 00	74,169 19
Fountains and driven wells.....	80 75
Gas.....	66,000 00	65 939 37
Incidentals.....	2,500 00	2,220 65
Interest on bonds.....	130,000 00	132,993 75
Judgments and costs.....	3,000 00	1,860 86
Markets.....	500 00	588 20
Market-Master's fees.....	2,000 00	2,491 80
Parks.....	1,800 00	1,848 64
Pozue's Run, cleaning, &c.....	5,000 00	3,629 03
Police.....	54,000 00	55,101 73
Printing, stationery and advertising.....	6,000 00	5,840 29
Salary.....	24,000 00	23,503 50
Sewers.....	7,000 00	7 411 25
Station Houses.....	3,800 00	3,531 82
Street improvements.....	15,000 00	20,146 05
Street openings and vacations.....	500 00	857 35
Street repairs.....	35,000 00	42,979 25
Taxes refunded.....	1,000 00	1,221 88
Water rent.....	30,000 00	29,650 71
Street signs.....	100 00
	\$546,300 00	\$548,650 83

The amount of expenditures in excess of estimates for the year 1884, \$2,350 83.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Endly,
Wm. A. Cox,
Isaac King,
Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Fire Department, through Alderman Tallentire, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Fire Department, to whom was referred the following report, accompanied with motion (adopted by the Council December 15th, 1884:)

“To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—On July 21st and 28th, 1884, you instructed me to procure plans and advertise for proposals for the erection of an Engine House on the city's Prospect street lot, the total cost of said building to be within \$4,300, 'Provided, however, that no money shall be expended for any plans, until the same shall be accepted by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, and used in the construction of said Engine House.'

By request of the author of the above motion, I did not proceed to carry out the provisions of the same until since your last meeting, when I was instructed to carry out my original instructions in regard to the above plans.

I find that I can procure said plans and specifications, complete for letting contract, exclusive of superintendence, for \$75.00; but not with the conditions mentioned in said motion, to-wit: Provided that said plans shall not be paid for until adopted and used by the city in the construction of said Engine House.

I ask for instructions as to whether I shall order said plans or not.

Respectfully submitted, S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.”

“That the City Civil Engineer and Chief Fire Engineer be directed to procure plans for building the new Engine House contemplated, at a cost not to exceed seventy five dollars.”

Recommend that the action of the Council be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Prier,
Thomas Tallentire,
James McHugh,
Committee on Fire Department.

The Committee on Judiciary and Ordinances, through Alderman Pritchard, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred sundry papers, report thereon as follows, to-wit:

1st. Is the claim of thirty dollars allowed Henry L Smith, for injuries to horse and buggy, in falling through east Market street bridge.

Recommend concurrence in the action of the Council.

2d. Is an erroneous collection of tax, amounting to \$89.60, from the Indiana Farmer Company. Recommend concurrence in the action of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

James A Pritchard,
S. H. Cobb,
Will F. A. Bernhamer,
Committee on Judiciary.

The Committees on Streets and Alleys, and Judiciary, through Alderman Cobb, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys and Judiciary, to whom was referred the claim of A. Bruner, have carefully considered the same, and upon the

statements made to us by the City Civil Engineer and City Attorney, would recommend the action of the Council be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. Cobb,	James A. Pritchard,
Thomas E. Endly,	S. H. Cobb,
Isaac King,	Will F. A. Bernhamer,
Committee on Streets and Alleys.	Judiciary Committee.

The Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage, through Alderman Cobb, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage, to whom was referred sundry papers, report as follows:

1st Is S. O. No. 129, of 1884, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Third street, from West street to the first alley west of West street.

Recommend the action of the Council be concurred in.

2d. Is S. O. No. 91, of 1884, for grading and graveling Beecher street and sidewalks, from Shelby street to the first street east of Shelby street.

Recommend the action of the Council be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. Cobb,
Thomas E. Endly,
Isaac King.

Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman Bernhamer offered the following motions; which were severally adopted:

WHEREAS, There are numerous complaints by citizens and residents of that part of the city lying south of Washington street, in regard to the inadequate accommodations furnished by the Citizens' Street Railway Company; and whereas, it is desirable to ascertain the facts in the case; therefore

Moved, That the Citizens' Street Railway Company be requested to communicate fully to this Board of Aldermen, at its next meeting, all of the different routes now in use by said company, their length, whether double or single tracks, location and length of switches or side tracks, cars in use, running time, when and from where cars start, time of arrival and leaving of the first and last car at each terminal, and such other facts as may be necessary to give this body full information in the premises.

That when this Board adjourns, it call in a body on the Hon. Isaac P. Gray, Governor, and General Mahlon D. Manson, Lieutenant Governor, in order to extend the welcome of the City of Indianapolis to them.

PENDING ORDINANCES.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, and then read the third time:

S. O. 91, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Beecher street and sidewalks, from Shelby street to the first street east of Shelby street.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, and then read the third time:

S. O. 129, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley north of Third street, from West street to the first alley west of West street.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time, and then read the third time:

S. O. 145, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley south of St. Joseph street, from Illinois street to the first alley east of Illinois street.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was taken up, and action thereon postponed until the next meeting:

S. O. 140, 1884—An ordinance to provide for paving with brick the north sidewalk of Ninth street, from Tennessee street to the first alley east of Tennessee street.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

BRAINARD RORISON, President.

Attest: FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.