

# PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

SECOND SESSION—AUGUST 13, 1885.

The Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, together with the City Clerk and City Assessor, met as a Board of Equalization in the Council Chamber, on Thursday evening, August 13th, A. D. 1885, at eight o'clock, in second session, pursuant to adjournment.

**PRESENT**—Hon. John L. McMaster, Mayor, and Henry J. Prier, President *pro tem.* of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair; Aldermen Bernhamer, Endly, King, McHugh, Pritchard and Tallentire—7. Councilmen Coy, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Moran, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Smither, Spahr, Thalmann, Trusler—13; Geo. T. Breunig, City Clerk, Eugene Saulcy, City Assessor. Total present, 22.

**ABSENT**—Aldermen Cobb, Cox, President Rorison; Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Gallahue, McClelland, Reynolds, Sheppard, Wharton, and Wolf—15.

The Proceedings of the first session of the Board of Equalization, held August 3d, 1885, having been printed and placed upon the desks of the members, said Journals were approved as published.

His Honor, Chairman McMaster, read Sections 3,157 and 3,055, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Indiana, defining the powers and duties of the Board of Equalization; also, the Section the law: "That the powers and duties of the Common Council, as defined in act of March 14, 1867, and subsequent acts, shall remain in force under this act, except that the concurrent action of the Board of Aldermen shall be required in all cases."

Alderman Tallentire, in behalf of the Special Committee appointed at the first session of the Board, held on the 3d inst., submitted the following report, accompanied with a detailed statement; which was read and approved:

OFFICE OF CITY ASSESSOR, August 13th, 1885.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

1 *Gentlemen*:—We, the undersigned, members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, appointed by His Honor, the Mayor, to act as a Board of Equalization, report that we have held daily sessions from Tuesday, August 4th, to Thursday, August 13th, in all ten days (Sunday excepted), and have considered the complaints, and have equalized, to the best of our ability. We have directed the following changes (in the aggregate), to be made:

ADDITIONS.				
Value of Lots.	Val. of Imp'ts.	Val. of Personal.	Total.	Polls.
\$500 00.....	\$4,950 00.....	\$168,965 00.....	\$174,415 00... ..	1

REDUCTIONS.			
Value of Lots.	Val. of Imp'ts.	Val. of Personal.	Total.
\$350 00.....	\$4,950 00..	\$590 00.....	\$5,890 00

The total valuation of taxable property in the city for the year 1885, including the above additions and reductions, amounts to \$53,412,890. The number of Polls is 16,397.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Tallentire, Chairman  
James McHugh,  
Wm. Curry,  
Theo. F. Smither,  
Miles M. Reynolds.

EUGENE SAULCY, City Assessor.

AMOUNT ADDED TO REAL.

Name.	Description.	Lot.	Square.	O-L.	Val. Lots.	Val. Imp.
C., I., St. L & C. R. R...	Malable Iron Works.....	.....	.....	178	.....	\$3,6
C., I., St. L & C. R. R...	Walter & Son.....	.....	.....	178	.....	5
C., H. & I. R. R ...	Sonnefeld's Sub.....	2	.....	86	\$500	3
Lutes, Anna.....	66½ ft. n. of 133 ft. s-w.cor.	.....	.....	174	.....	5

AMOUNT DEDUCTED FROM REAL.

Name.	Description.	Lot.	Square.	O-L.	Val. Lots.	Val. Imp.
Edwards, Jonathan.....	Drake's add.....	1	27	.....	.....	\$ 2
Boyd, Elizabeth .....	.....	9	100	.....	.....	3
Seibert, Hiram .....	Bates' Sub.....	18	.....	89	.....	2
Roosevelt, James A.....	.....	4	82	.....	.....	7
Gleason, John .....	.....	4	.....	47	.....	2
Campbell, John D.....	Pt.....	4	34	.....	\$350	.....
Browning, Maggie.....	Woods' Sub.....	18	2	.....	.....	3
Bradley, James.....	.....	6	38	.....	.....	3,0

AMOUNT ADDED TO PERSONAL.

	Personal.	Poll.
Ehrisman, Jacob .....	\$ 2,500	.....
Essman, William.....	555	.....
Fahnley and McCrea.....	2,000	.....
Yandes, George B.....	500	.....
Landers, Jackson .....	500	.....
Landers, John .....	400	.....
New, John C., (New Denison).....	6,000	.....
Cook, Ed. A.....	1,500	.....
Faehr and Harth .....	1,500	.....
Douglas, Ellen B.....	200	.....
Donnan & Off.....	1,750	.....
Stout, George W.....	10,000	.....
English, W. H.....	400	.....
Wright, John C.....	1,000	.....
Claypool, Ed. F.....	1,500	.....
Landers & Co.....	2,000	.....
Fletcher. Coffin & Greenstreet .....	2,000	.....
New, John C.....	1,500	.....
Hubbard, William S.....	1,500	.....
Fletcher, S. K.....	160	.....
Daggett & Co.....	4,000	.....
Messick, Cones & Co.....	1,000	.....

Rau, Samuel.....	600	.....
Schnull & Krag.....	10,000	.....
Dtewart, D.....	4,000	.....
Robertson & Perry.....	2,000	.....
Pearson & Wetzel.....	4,500	.....
McKee & Branham.....	6,000	.....
Griffith Bros.....	2,500	.....
Martin, Rebecca J.....	600	1
Owen, Pixley & Co.....	7,000	.....
Dessar, L.....	1,000	.....
Baker, W. S.....	300	.....
Norton, Carroll F.....	500	.....
Mays, Abbie.....	2,500	.....
Rand, Fred., Receiver Indiana Banking Co.....	35,000	.....
Wallace, William, Receiver Fletcher & Sharpe.....	50,000	.....

AMOUNT DEDUCTED FROM PERSONAL.

Keller, J. J.....	\$400
Meek, Nancy.....	190

Councilman Pearson offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That there be, and is hereby, assessed and levied upon all the real estate-personal property, notes, stocks, bonds and choses in action in the City of Indianapolis, assessed and returned for taxation in and for said city, for the year 1885, a tax for general purposes of eighty seven (87) cents upon each one hundred dollars valuation; and the further sum of three (3) cents upon each one hundred dollars, as and for a sinking fund, to be used in liquidating the indebtedness of said city and the further sum, for general purposes, of fifty cents on each poll in said city.

*Resolved, further*, That the City Clerk be, and he is hereby, directed to place said taxes upon the proper tax duplicate, and the County Treasurer be, and is hereby, directed to collect the same, and make due report thereof.

Alderman Bernhamer, as a substitute for the above, offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That there be, and is hereby, assessed and levied upon all the real estate personal property, notes, stocks, bonds and choses in action in the city of Indianapolis, assessed and returned for taxation in and for said city for the year 1885, a tax, for general purposes, of ninety (90) cents upon each one hundred dollars valuation; and the further sum of fifty cents on each poll in said city.

*Resolved further*, That the City Clerk be, and he is hereby, directed to place said taxes upon the proper tax-duplicate, and the County Treasurer of Marion County be, and he is hereby, directed to collect the same and make due report thereof.

*Be it further resolved*, That of the 90-cent levy above provided for, 3 per cent shall be set aside for a fund for the erection of a viaduct over the railroad tracks on Virginia avenue.

Alderman Bernhamer moved the adoption of the substitute.

Councilman Spahr moved to amend so as to strike out so much of the substitute as provides for setting aside three per cent. for a fund to erect a Viaduct.

Which was adopted, by the following vote:

**AYES, 18—viz.** Aldermen Endly, King, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire; Councilmen Coy, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Moran, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, and Trusler.

**NAYS, 2—viz.** Aldermen Bernhamer, and McHugh.

Councilman Pearson moved to lay the resolution, as amended, on the table.

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

**AYES, 9—viz.** Aldermen Endly, Prier, Pritchard; Councilmen Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Smither, Thalman, and Trusler.

**NAYS, 11—viz.** Aldermen Bernhamer, King, McHugh, Tallentire; Councilmen Coy, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Moran, Reinecke, and Spahr.

Alderman Pritchard offered the following amendment to the resolution:

That three (3) cents on each one hundred dollars of the foregoing levy be set aside for a sinking fund to be used for the payment of the principal and interest of the city's indebtedness.

Councilman Spahr moved to lay above amendment on the table.

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

**AYES, 8—viz.** Aldermen Bernhamer, King, McHugh. Councilmen Coy, Mack, Moran, Reinecke, and Spahr.

**NAYS, 12—viz.** Aldermen Endly, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire. Councilmen Edenharter, Haugh, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Smither, Thalman, and Trusler.

The amendment was then adopted by the following vote:

**AYES, 12—viz.** Aldermen Endly, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire. Councilmen Edenharter, Haugh, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Smither, Thalman, and Trusler.

**NAYS, 8—viz.** Aldermen Bernhamer, King, McHugh. Councilmen Coy, Mack, Moran, Reinecke, and Spahr.

The resolution as amended was then adopted by the following vote:

**AYES, 15—viz.** Aldermen Endly, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire. Councilmen Coy, Edenharter, Haugh, Moran, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Smither, Thalman, and Trusler.

**NAYS, 5—viz.** Aldermen Bernhamer and King. Councilmen Mack, Reinecke, and Spahr.

Councilman Pearson offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Attorney report to the Council and Board whether or not the city can set aside any part of the city's revenue for sinking fund purposes.

On motion, the Board of Equalization then adjourned.

JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor,  
President of Board of Equalization.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

# PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

SPECIAL SESSION—AUGUST 13, 1885.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Thursday evening, August 13th, A. D. 1885, immediately after the adjournment of the Board of Equalization, pursuant to the following call :

To the Members of the Common Council:

*Gentlemen.*—You are hereby requested to meet in Special Session, this evening, August 13th, 1885, in the Council Chamber, immediately after the adjournment of the Board of Equalization, for the purpose of fixing the tax levy for the year 1885.  
Respectfully, JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor.

**PRESENT**—Hon. John L. McMaster, Mayor, and, *ex officio*, President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 13 members, viz: Councilmen Coy, Edendarter, Haugh, Mack, Moran, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, and Trusler.

**ABSENT**, 12—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Gallahue, McClelland, Reynolds, Sheppard, Wharton, and Wolf.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session, held August 3d, 1885, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

Councilman Thalman introduced the following entitled ordinance; which was read the first time :

G. O. 30, 1885—An ordinance making a general tax levy for the year 1885, upon the taxable property within the limits of the City of Indianapolis.

On motion, the rules were suspended, by unanimous consent, for the purpose of placing the above entitled ordinance on its first passage.

The ordinance was then read the second time, ordered engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

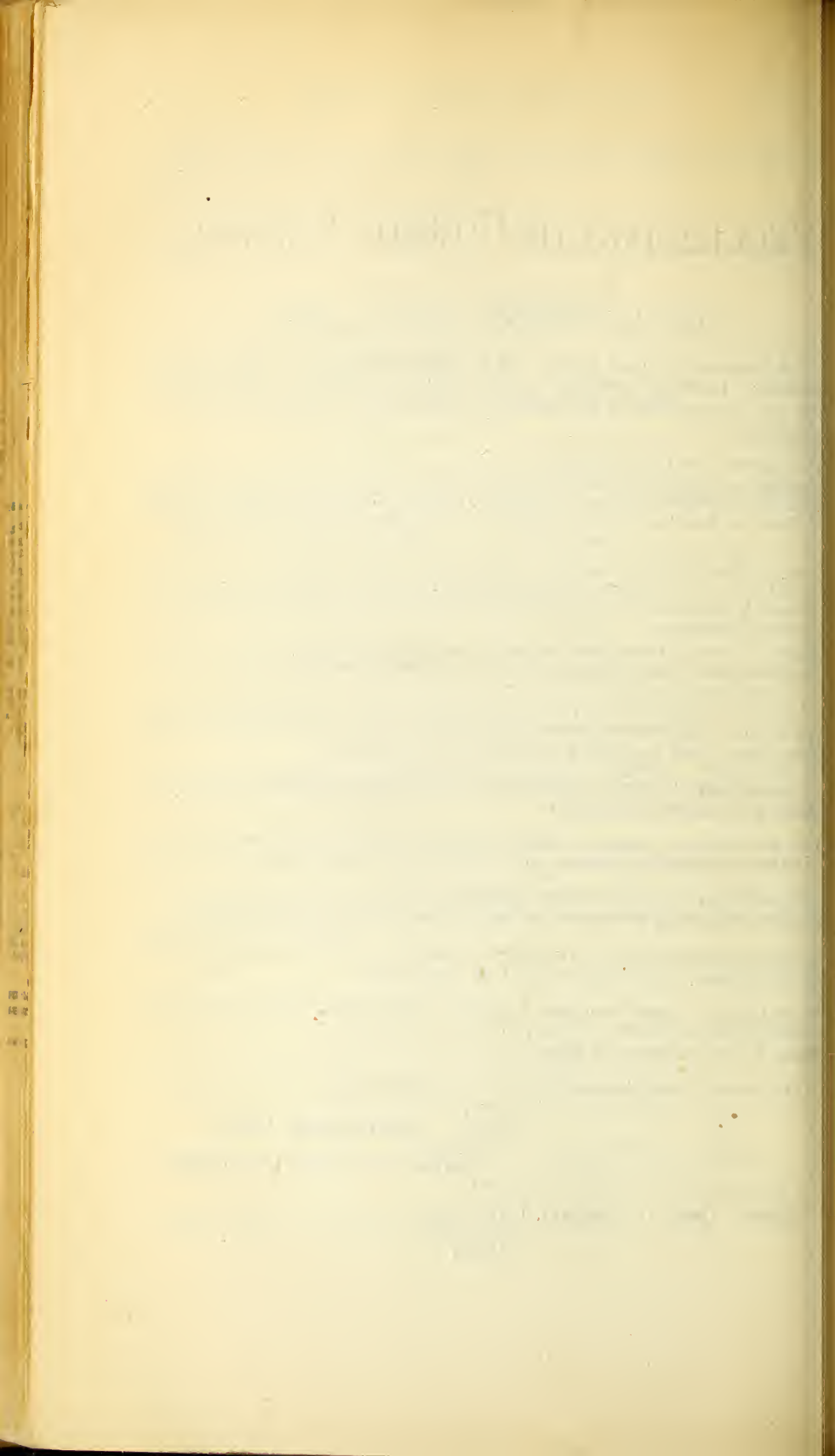
**AYES**, 12—viz. Councilmen Coy, Edendarter, Haugh, Mack, Moran, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Smither, Thalman, and Trusler.

**NAYS**, 1—viz. Councilman Spahr.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor,  
President of the Common Council.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.



# PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

SPECIAL SESSION—AUGUST 13, 1885.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Thursday evening, August 13th, A. D. 1885, in special session, immediately after the adjournment of the Board of Equalization, pursuant to the following call:

To the Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—You are hereby requested to meet in special session this evening, August 13th, 1885, in the Board of Aldermen Room, immediately after the adjournment of the Board of Equalization, for the purpose of fixing the tax levy for the year 1885.

H. J. PRIER, President *pro tem*.

PRESENT—HON. Henry J. Prier, President *pro tem*. of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen Bernhamer, Endly, King, McHugh, Pritchard, and Tallentire—7.

ABSENT, 3—viz. Aldermen Cobb, Cox, and President Rorison.

The following message was read and received:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I submit herewith the following entitled ordinance, passed by the Common Council at its special session, held in the Council Chamber this evening, August 13th, 1885.

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The following entitled ordinance was then read the first time:

G. O. 30, 1885—An ordinance making a general tax levy for the year 1885, upon the taxable property within the limits of the City of Indianapolis.

On motion by Alderman Pritchard, the rules were suspended, for the purpose of placing the above entitled ordinance on its final passage, by the following vote:

AYES, 7—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire.

NAYS—None.

The ordinance was then read the second time.

Alderman Bernhamer offered the following amendment:

Amend section — by striking out the words "The sum of 3 cents per \$100 to set aside for sinking fund purposes, to be used in the liquidation of the principal and interest of the city's indebtedness," and insert in lieu thereof, The sum of three (3) per cent. of said levy of 90 per cent. shall be set apart as a fund to be used for the erection of a viaduct over the railroad tracks on Virginia avenue.

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 1—viz. Alderman Bernhamer.

NAYS, 6—viz. Aldermen Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire.

The ordinance was then read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire.

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman Bernhamer.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

HENRY J. PRIER,

President *pro tem.*

Attest: FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.