

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—SEPTEMBER 14, 1885.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, September 14th, A. D. 1885, at half past seven o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Henry J. Prier, President *pro tem.* of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen Bernhamer, Endly, King, Pritchard and Tallentire—6.

ABSENT, 4—viz. Aldermen Cobb, Cox, McHugh, and President Rorison.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the regular session, held August 24th, 1885, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, said Journals were approved as published.

The following message was read and received :

From the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—I submit herewith the following papers for your consideration, favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its regular session, held September 7th, 1885.

For the Common Council:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The report from the City Civil Engineer, submitting certain estimates on pages 534 and 535, *ante*, was read, and the estimates (presented *in* rewith) approved.

The following estimate resolution (see page 535, *ante*), was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, that the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Richter & Twiname, for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Second street, from Tennessee street to Illinois street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

Ayes, 6—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Endly, King, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire.

Noes—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 535, *ante*), was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of David A. Haywood, for grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of Second street, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Endly, King, Prier, Pritchard, and Talentire.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 535, *ante*), was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of David A. Haywood, for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk of Delaware street, from Seventh street to Eighth street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Endly, King, Prier, Pritchard, and Talentire.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 536, *ante*), was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Nebraska street, from Madison avenue to East street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Endly, King, Prier, Pritchard, and Talentire.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 536, *ante*), was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of David A. Haywood, for grading and bowldering the gutters of Maryland street, from Missouri street to West street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Endly, King, Prier, Pritchard, and Talentire.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 536, *ante*), was read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, that the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of S. W. & R. H. Patter-
n, for grading and graveling Hanna street and sidewalks, from Ohio street to
arket street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common
ouncil and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are
ereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote :

YES, 6—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Endly, King, Prier, Pritchard, and Tal-
lentire.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 537, *ante*), was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,
that the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of S. W. & R. H. Patter-
n, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Noble street, from New York
reet to Lockerbie street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the
ommon Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property own-
s are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

YES, 6—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Endly, King, Prier, Pritchard, and Tal-
lentire.

NAYS—None.

The report from the City Civil Engineer, submitting certain contracts
and bonds, (see page 537, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the
ommon Council thereon, was concurred in.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer (see page 537, *ante*),
as read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts and Bridges:

to the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—I desire to call your attention to the fact that the iron bridges of the
ty are in a very bad state of preservation. Some are in such a condition that will
a short time, render them unsafe, if something is not done to stop their being
ten by rust, while all need painting badly. Therefore I would recommend that
ou have them thoroughly scraped and painted, and that bids be received by the
ouncil, stating a price for painting each bridge complete, according to the speci-
cations adopted.

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

The following report from the City Clerk (see page 540, *ante*), was read :

to the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

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

Richter & Twiname vs. Alfred and Jno. C. S. Harrison, for..... \$13 00

Richter & Twiname vs. Jay G. Voss, for 33 00

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

And the action of the Common Council thereon was concurred in, and the precepts ordered to issue, by the following vote:

AYES, 5—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Endly, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire.

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman King.

The following report from the Chief Fire Engineer was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 541, *ante*) was concurred in:

To His Honor, the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—As it has in the past been customary for the Chief Fire Engineer to represent the city and Fire Department at the Chief Fire Engineer Convention, the city paying the expenses, and not feeling able to attend in person the convention to be held this month at Long Branch, N. J., I would respectfully ask that an appropriation of sixty (\$60.00) dollars be given W. C. Long, my assistant, to enable him to represent our department at the convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WEBSTER, Chief Fire Engineer.

The report from the Board of Public Improvements (see pages 541 and 542, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council on the 1st, 2d, 3d, 6th, 8th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22d and 23d clauses, was concurred in.

The report from the Board of Health (see page 542, *ante*), appointing Jacob Miller as Clerk, was read and received.

The report from the Committee on Contracts, awarding two contracts (see page 543, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The following report from the Committee on Finance was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, (see page 543, *ante*) was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Trustees of the African M. E. Church, asking to have certain taxes assessed against said church stricken off the duplicate, report that they have examined into the matter. We find that the property in question was bought, and has always been used, for church purposes, and that said taxes were erroneously assessed. We therefore recommend that said petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Thalman,
John R. Pearson,
P. C. Trusler,
Julius F. Reinecke,
Committee on Finance.

The report from the Committee on Public Light (see pages 344 and 345, *ante*), was read.

Alderman Bernhamer moved to refer the report to the Committee on Public Light and Education.

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

YES, 2—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, and King.

AYS, 4—viz. Aldermen Endly, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire.

The action of the Common Council on the report, was then concurred in.

The following resolution (see pages 549, 550 and 517, *ante*), was read:

Resolved, That the city take five hundred of Viera's Street Guides at \$1.50 each, to be placed at points to be hereafter designated by the City Civil Engineer, said guides to be erected by the said Viera to the entire satisfaction of said Engineer.

And it failed of adoption, by the following vote:

YES, 3—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, King, and Pritchard.

AYS, 3—viz. Aldermen Endly, Prier, and Tallentire.

The following motion (see page 549, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Ordinances:

Moved by the members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the accompanying plat, known as the Pennsylvania Company's Addition to the City of Indianapolis, be, and the same is hereby, approved, and the consent of said bodies to the recording of said plat, is hereby given.

The following motion (see page 550, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage:

That the Street Commissioner be directed to remove the fences across Line avenue, between Brinkman and Fountain streets; also, Oakwood street, between Line avenue and Hillside avenue.

The following motion (see page 552, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Fire Department:

That Chief Fire Engineer Webster be authorized to purchase uniform cloth at wholesale, and furnish the same to the Firemen at cost.

The following motions (see pages 549, 550 and 552, *ante*), were read and concurrently adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, ordered to notify the property holders or the agent thereof of the property known as Nos. 232 and 234 north East street, to repair the sidewalks in front of said property at once; if said work is not done in the next ten days, then the Street Commissioner is hereby authorized to do the work at once, and charge the same to the property owner.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to notify the property owners on the east side of Delaware street, from Michigan street to the first alley south, to repair the sidewalk in front of the above described property within ten days from date of notice; and if the same is not done, the Street Commissioner to do the work at the property owners' expense.

That Mr. Frederick Schmid be permitted to bowlder the gutter and place curb stones on the north side of his building, known as Nos. 198 and 200 north Mississippi street, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, at his own expense.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to cover the mouths of the sewers leading from the gutters to the main sewer, at the corner of New York and Bright streets.

That T. M. Bassett be, and is hereby, granted permission to pave and curb the sidewalks in front of his property on Pennsylvania and on Second streets, said property being located at the southeast corner of Pennsylvania and Second streets; said work to be done at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That M. L. Rinehart, E. Duden, A. A. Young, John Hensley, Geo. Keyser and Hindman be, and they are hereby, granted permission to pave the sidewalk in front of their property on Hall Place street, at their own expense, under the direction and stakes of the City Civil Engineer.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to notify the property owners to remove the fences and other obstructions from the first alley west of Illinois street, from Herbert street to the first alley north, the same being property platted and dedicated to the public.

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. 40, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$1,759.02.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 5—viz. Aldermen Endly, King, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire.

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman Bernhamer.

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

Ap. O. 41, 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, \$1,184.61.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 5—viz. Aldermen Endly, King, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire.

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman Bernhamer.

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

Ap. O. 42, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$97,691.04.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman Bernhamer.

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

Ap. O. 43, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station House.

On motion by Alderman King, the claims of "L. A. Greiner, \$29.25," were ordered stricken from the ordinance.

The ordinance was then read the third time (amount appropriated, \$152.90), and passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 5—viz. Aldermen Endly, King, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire.

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman Bernhamer.

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

Ap. O. 44, 1885—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of the salaries and compensation of the Members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, of the City Officers, and Officers and Members of the Fire Department of the City of Indianapolis.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 5—viz. Aldermen Endly, King, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire.

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman Bernhamer.

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

Ap. O. 45, 1885—An ordinance appropriating the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000) for the payment of the salaries of the Commissioners, officers and members of the Metropolitan Police of the City of Indianapolis.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 5—viz. Aldermen Endly, King, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire.

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman Bernhamer.

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

Ap. O. 46, 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, 5—viz. Aldermen Endly, King, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire.

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman Bernhamer.

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

- S. O. 42, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley north of Christian avenue, from Central avenue to College avenue.
- S. O. 58, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley north of New York street, from Blake street to Agnes street.
- S. O. 75, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Blake street, from Elizabeth street to the first alley north of Elizabeth street.
- S. O. 76, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Patterson street and sidewalks, from Vermont street to the first alley north of Vermont street.
- S. O. 77, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley south of New York street, from Blake street to Minerva street.
- S. O. 80, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the north gutter of Merrill street, from Alabama street to the J., M. & I. Railroad tracks.
- S. O. 81, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Grove street, from Virginia avenue to Dillon street.
- S. O. 82, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Blackford street, from North street to the first alley north of North street.
- S. O. 83, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley south of Sixth street, from Alabama street to Delaware street.
- S. O. 84, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Alabama street, from Sixth street to the first alley south of Sixth street.
- S. O. 85, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Wyoming street, and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof, from Delaware street to High street.
- S. O. 89, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley south of Prospect street, from Olive street to the first alley west of Olive street.
- S. O. 90, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley south of Bicking street, from Davis street to the first alley west of Davis street.
- S. O. 91, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the east gutter of Delaware street, from the first alley south of Bicking street to Madison avenue.
- S. O. 92, 1885—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the east gutter of Madison avenue, from Delaware street to the first alley north of Coburn street.

Later in the session, Alderman Bernhamer presented the following remonstrance; which was ordered filed with the ordinance, S. O. 85, 1885:

Indianapolis, Sept. 14, 1885.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Wyoming street, between Delaware and High streets, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters, and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof, between the points named, for the reason that the improvement is not needed at this time, and the expense would be so heavy that it would be impossible for some of the property owners to pay.

Thames Loan and Trust Co., 135 feet; Timothy McCarthy, Michael Cassin, John German, Mrs. Malone, Mrs. Judge, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Sowards, John Leddy, Jerry O'Brine, Mrs. Loucks.

Alderman Endly presented the following remonstrance; which was received, and the ordinance, S. O. 42, 1885, was ordered stricken from the files:

Indianapolis, Sept. 8th, 1885.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on the first alley north of Christian avenue, between Central avenue and College avenue, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling the said alley between the points named.

Henry Schwinge, 208 feet 6 inches; Richard E. Birch, by Jno. S. Spann & Co., agents, 167 feet 9 inches; Elizabeth Hohl, by Jno. S. Spann & Co., agents, 167 feet 9 inches; R. E. & M. T. Birch, by Jno. S. Spann & Co., agents, 167 feet 9 inches; W. V. Wheeler, 169 feet; C. A. Howland, 208 feet 6 inches; Mary Ward, per P. A. Ward, 167 feet.

Alderman King presented the following remonstrance; which was referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage, with the ordinance, S. O. 81, 1885 :

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Grove street, between Virginia avenue and Dillon street, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and paving the sidewalks of Grove street, between the points named.

Isidore Despo, 125 feet; Caroline J. Queisser, 323 feet; Lizzie Heitkam, 35 feet; S. E. Mettee, 125 feet; J. C. Ludlow, 120 feet; W. L. Williams, 85 feet; Henry Peters, 100 feet; Josaphine Kasberg, by Joseph Kasberg, agent, 135 feet.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

To the President and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—Your Committee to whom was referred the third, fourth and fifth clauses of the Council Judiciary Committee report, (see page 465, *ante*), recommend the action of the Council be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Pritchard,
Will F. A. Fernhamer,
Committee on Judiciary.

The same Committee submitted the following report:

To the Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the City Clerk as to certain precepts, (see page 507, *ante*), recommend that the action of the Common Council be concurred in.

James A. Pritchard,
Will F. A. Bernhamer,
Committee on Judiciary.

Which was concurred in, and the precepts ordered to issue, by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Endly, King, Prier, Pritchard, and Talentire.

Nays—None.

On motion by Alderman Bernhamer, it was ordered that the Committee on Judiciary and Ordinances be relieved from any further action relative to the resignation of Alderman Wm. A. Cox.

The Committee on Public Light and Education, through Alderman Prier, submitted the following reports; which were severally concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Public Light, to whom was referred the motion to locate Vapor lamps and posts on Illinois street, between McCarty and Ray streets; on Michigan street, between East and Noble streets; on north West street, Third street, Torbet street, Center street, Pratt street, Pleasant street, between Dillon and Reid streets; on Linden street, between Prospect and Willow streets; on the east side of south Meridian street, between Kansas and Palmer streets; on Union street, between Hill and Palmer streets, beg to report that they have examined the streets mentioned above, and respectfully recommend as follows:

That 4 lamps be erected on Michigan street, between East and Noble streets; 4 on Third street; 2 on Torbet street; 2 on Second street; 6 on West street; 3 on Center street; 4 on Pratt street; 13 on Pleasant street; 7 on Linden street; 6 on south Meridian street, between Kansas and Palmer streets, and none on Union street.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Prier,
James A. Pritchard,
Isaac King,
Committee on Public Light.

To the Members of the Aldermanic Board:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee to whom was referred the following petition:

“To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—For the purpose of more fully testing the utility of the Electric Light, we respectfully ask your permission to erect some additional poles. We cannot decide in advance just how many, or exactly where they should be located; but only so many will be erected as are indispensably necessary. If a pole is wrongly located, it is a trifling matter to remove it. In locating additional towers, we will submit the matter to the City Civil Engineer.

Respectfully,

INDIANAPOLIS BRUSH ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER CO.,
Per JOHN CAVEN, President.”

We recommend the above petition be referred back to the President of the Brush Co., with the request that they name the streets where they propose to erect poles.

and towers, and present the amended petition to the Council, where such papers should properly be first presented, under the Van Voris bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Jas. A. Pritchard,
H. J. Prier,
Isaac King,
Committee on Public Light."

The Committee on Railroads and Public Charities, through Alderman Pritchard, submitted the following report; which was received, and on motion by Alderman King, the favorable action of the Common Council (November 24th, 1884), was concurred in:

To the Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee to whom was referred the following report:

To His Honor, the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Railroads has investigated the motion "That W. L. Higgins have permission to lay a track, or railroad switch, across Alabama street, near Virginia avenue, as per plat herewith submitted," and recommend the adoption of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Pearson,
Isaac Thalman,
Committee on Railroads."

We report the above back to the Board, without recommendation.

James A. Pritchard,
Will F. A. Bernhamer,
Committee.

The Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage, through Alderman Endly, submitted the following report:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom sundry papers were referred, would report:

1st. Is G. O. 11, 1885, "An ordinance relative to tapping sewers."

Recommend said ordinance be passed.

2d. Is the report of the Council Committee on Streets and Alleys, recommending the resolution be adopted to vacate a certain portion of Eighth street, from Illinois to Pennsylvania street.

Recommend the action of the Common Council in adopting said resolution, be concurred in.

3d. Is the clause in the report of the Board of Public Improvements, adopted by the Council, "That the Street Commissioner be instructed to at once remove the cement gutters at the intersection of Vermont and Pennsylvania streets, and re-bowlder the same, and make open the gutters, in order that the street may have the proper drainage. Recommend the work be done.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Endly,
Isaac King,
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

And the recommendations were severally concurred in, and the resolution as to the Eighth street vacation (see page 528, *ante*), was concurrently adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 5—viz. Aldermen Endly, King, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire.

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman Bernhamer.

REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES.

Alderman Prier, in behalf of a certain Special Committee, submitted the following report, accompanied with a proposition; which was received and the report concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, your Special Committee, to whom was referred the Sellers Farm lease matter, would respectfully report that we have visited the Farm, and considered the matters connected with the differences between the city and the Fertilizer Co. We have received from said company a proposition to pay \$500.00 as a full payment of back and all other differences up to September 1, 1885, which we present herewith. We recommend that said proposition be accepted and that the city advertise the Farm for rent to the highest bidder.

We further recommend that the City Civil Engineer be instructed to visit said Farm, and make an estimate of the cost of making proper and necessary break waters, &c., to protect the Farm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Prier,
Thomas E. Endly,
Isaac King,
Special Committee.

Indianapolis, Ind., August 18th, 1885.

To the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—Owing to some dissatisfaction among the members of your honorable body, with regard to our proposition to erect a break-water and mattress on the White River front of the Sellers Farm, we will so modify our bid of April 20th 1885, as to leave out the contract mentioned, and will pay the city (\$500) five hundred dollars in cash for a receipt in full for all claims for rents against us up to September 1st, 1885, the city then to be free to let the contract for the work to the lowest bidder. Trusting this may meet your approval, we are respectfully, &c.,

INDIANAPOLIS FERTILIZER Co.,
Per G. Wiseloge, Treas'r.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman Bernhamer presented the following resignation; which was accepted:

Terre Haute, Ind., Sept. 14th, 1885.

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—Owing to the fact of my business interest calling me away from the city permanently, and thereby rendering it impossible for me to attend the meetings of your honorable body, and to discharge properly and faithfully the duties incumbent upon me as one of the representatives of the Second Aldermanic District, I therefore tender to your honorable body this my resignation as Alderman of said District; and in doing so, I desire to express my very great appreciation of the kindness shown me by the President and members of the Board, our relations having been of a very pleasant character.

Very respectfully submitted,

W. A. Cox.

Alderman Bernhamer offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resignation of the Honorable William A. Cox, as Alderman of the Second District, is hereby accepted, with the regrets of the members of this Board, who will ever hold in kindly memory his faithful services, devotion to his official duties and courteous treatment of his fellow-members while a member of this Board.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

Alderman Bernhamer offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an election be held in the Third, Fourth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Wards, comprising the Second Aldermanic District, on Tuesday, October 13th, 1885, (that being the date of the biennial city election), to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Honorable William A. Cox as a member of the Board of Aldermen, this night accepted.

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote :

AYES, 2—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, and King.

NAYS, 4—viz. Aldermen Endly, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire.

PENDING ORDINANCES.

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

G. O. 32, 1885—An ordinance to grant to the Indianapolis District Telegraph Company, the right of way for the construction and operation of its lines, and to set poles and to string wires thereon, in the streets, sidewalks and alleys of the City of Indianapolis.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 5—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Endly, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire.

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman King.

Aldermen Endly requested that he be given leave of absence.

Which was granted.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

HENRY J. PRIER,

President *pro tem*.

Attest: FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.