

# PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

SPECIAL SESSION—OCTOBER 29, 1885.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Thursday evening, October 29th, 1885, at half-past seven o'clock, in special session; pursuant to the following call:

To the Members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen:*—You are hereby requested to meet in special session, in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Thursday, October 29th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M., for the transaction of such business as may come before the Board.

Respectfully, BRAINARD RORISON, President.

**PRESENT**—Hon. Brainard Rorison, President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, and Tallentire—9.

**ABSENT**—None.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the sessions held October 12th and October 15th, 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:

To 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 sessions, held October 5th and October 19th, 1885.

For the Common Council:

Geo. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The following petition was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 629, *ante*), was concurred in:

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

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned respectfully asks your consent to erect poles to sustain their wires, on Maryland, Georgia and South streets and intervening alleys, from and between Alabama and Missouri streets; on Alabama, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Meridian, Illinois, Tennessee and Missouri streets and intervening alleys, from and between Washington and South streets; on Alabama and Delaware streets and intervening alleys, from and between Washington street and Massachusetts avenue, and on Massachusetts avenue, from Pennsylvania street to East street; on Illinois, Tennessee and Missouri streets and intervening alleys, from and between Washington street and Indiana avenue, and on Indiana avenue, from and between Illinois and West streets.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The report from the Mayor, showing fines and fees collected (see page 644, *ante*), was read and received.

The report from the City Civil Engineer, submitting certain estimates, (see pages 644 and 645, *ante*), was read, and the estimates (presented therewith) approved.

Alderman Bernhamer called for a division.

The following estimate resolution (see page 645, *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 Freaney Brothers, for erecting one lamp-post, lamp and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Mississippi street, between Herbert and Twelfth streets, 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, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 645, *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 Freaney Brothers, for erecting six lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Michigan street, between Noble and Pine streets, 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, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 645, *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 Freaney Brothers, for erecting eleven lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Yandes street, between Malott avenue and Seventh 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:

**A Y E S**, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

**N A Y S**—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 646, *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 Bernauer & Nickols, for grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Union street, from Hanway street to Hill 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:

**A Y E S**, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

**N A Y S**—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 646, *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 Hanway & Cooper, for grading and graveling the east sidewalk of Shelby street, from Pleasant Run to the south corporate limits, 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:

**A Y E S**, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

**N A Y S**—None.

The report from the City Attorney (see page 646, *ante*), was read and approved.

The report from the Chief Fire Engineer (see page 647, *ante*), was read and received.

The following clauses from the report of the Committee on Public Light (see page 647, *ante*), were read:

2d. Is a motion to place a Vapor light on Bismarck street, between Virginia avenue and Sullivan street. Recommend the motion be adopted.

3d. Is a motion that a Vapor light be placed at the intersection of Chesapeake street and the first alley running north, between Meridian and Illinois streets.

Alderman Prier moved to refer the above clauses to the Committee on Public Light and Education.

Alderman King moved to lay the above motion on the table.



Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 4—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, King, McHugh, and Pritchard.

NAYS, 5—viz. Aldermen Cobb, Endly, Prier, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

The motion to refer, was then adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen Cobb, Endly, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS, 3—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, King, and McHugh.

The following report from the Committee on Public Property (see page 648, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Public Property recommend that the city purchase the lot on Greenlawn Cemetery offered for sale by Henry Nelson, at the sum of fifteen dollars, providing the city can get a clear title of the same.

Fred. J. Mack,  
Theodore F. Smither,  
Wm. Curry,  
Committee on Public Property.

The following motions (see pages 650, 651 and 652, *ante*), were read and concurrently adopted:

That the City Assessor be, and is hereby, directed to complete the plats of the city, now partially completed in his office, and when completed, to turn said plats over to the City Civil Engineer, for use in his office.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to notify the property owners on the west side of Shelby street, from the Belt Road to Raymond street, to set their fences back to the proper line of the street; and if said work is not done ten days, the Street Commissioner to do said work at the property owners' expense.

That Jesse Jones, guardian and agent, be allowed to re-lay and repair the sidewalk on Washington street, in front of his property, between Illinois and Meridian streets; said work to be done at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That the Chief Fire Engineer be instructed to place a fire-alarm box at the corner of McCarty and Tennessee streets.

That Alex. Metzger be allowed to bowlder the gutter on the south side of North street, from Pennsylvania street to the crossing of the alley east of Meridian street, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, and at said Metzger's own expense.

That Wm. Mohs be granted permission to pave the sidewalk in front of his property south of the first alley south of Prospect street, on Shelby street; work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the owners and occupants of property abutting on the first alley west of East street, from McCarty street to Wyoming street, to clean up said alley; and if not done within ten days, he will do so at their expense.

That the J. M. & I. Railroad Company be, and is hereby, directed to build a culvert across Morris street, so as to allow for the free flow of water in the gutters on both sides of said track across Morris street. If not done within ten days, that the Street Commissioner do the work at their expense.

The following motion (see page 652, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Public Light:

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to place one Vapor light on the corner of Randolph and Michigan streets.

The report of the Committee on Finance (see page 658, *ante*), and the following resolution accompanying the same, were read:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the City Treasurer of said city be, and he is hereby, authorized and instructed to make a temporary loan in the name and on behalf of said city, in anticipation of the current years' revenues, of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), the same being needed to defray the current expenses of said city; said loan to run until April 1st, 1886; Provided, that the interest allowed shall not exceed five per cent. per annum, which may be paid in advance or otherwise, as may be most beneficial to the city.

*And Resolved further,* That the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they are hereby, authorized to execute the obligation to be given for the loan above provided for, in the name and on behalf of said city; and for the payment of any such obligation so given, the faith of the City of Indianapolis is hereby irrevocably pledged.

We recommend the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

Isaac Thalman,

Philip J. Doyle,

P. C. Trusler,

Julius F. Reinecke,

John R. Pearson,

Council Finance Committee.

Thomas E. Endly,

Isaac King,

Aldermanic Finance Committee.

Alderman Bernhamer offered the following motion:

That the resolution be referred to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report at a special meeting to be held on to-morrow night, the whereabouts of the funds reported on hand and in the treasury at the last report of the City Treasurer.

Which was laid on the table, by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz. Aldermen Cobb, Endly, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS, 3—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, King, and McHugh.

The resolution was then concurrently adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 7—viz. Aldermen Cobb, Endly, King, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

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

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

G. O. 29, 1885—An ordinance requiring saloon keepers to pay an annual license of forty-eight dollars for the use of the General Fund of the City of Indianapolis.

G. O. 31, 1885—An ordinance to provide for the construction of an eighteen (18) inch Akron pipe sewer, in and along Michigan street, from Massachusetts avenue to the first alley east of East street.

Ap. O. 47, 1885—An ordinance appropriating the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000) Dollars, on account of improving the State Ditch, in the City of Indianapolis.

Alderman King moved to refer Ap. O. 47, 1885, to the Committee on Finance and Accounts & Claims.

Alderman Prier moved to lay the above motion on the table.

Which failed of adoption.

Alderman King's motion then failed of adoption.

#### REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was referred to the Special Committee of Aldermen King, Endly, Bernhamer, City Attorney, City Clerk, and City Civil Engineer;

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—At your last meeting you requested me to report "What steps were taken, under a former motion of this body, toward correcting the numbers of streets, where improperly numbered; also, to suggest some method of doing the same."

I desire to report: 1st, That all streets ordered numbered by the Council or Board, have been numbered by me.

2d. No motion of this body came to me, bearing upon the question of numbering (other than referred to above); but I am informed by Alderman King, that motions of that character were referred, in this body, to a committee, which has not yet reported.

3d. October 13th, 1884, you passed an ordinance amending Section 11 of a numbering ordinance of August 30, 1869; but when its provisions were explained to Aldermen Pritchard and King, they requested me not to operate under the same, until it had been amended. As the ordinance stands, it would require a corps of men to look after the numbering alone, which would incur quite an expense.

I would suggest that a new ordinance be passed, repealing the present one, G. O. No. 57, 1884, and providing for the correcting of existing numbers.

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

#### REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Water, to whom was referred the motion "That the Indianapolis Water Company be, and is hereby, instructed to remove the fire hydrant from in front of the Smith Block, on Virginia avenue, to a point about sixty feet either north or south, to be designated by the Chief Fire Engineer," recommend that the action of the Council be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Prier,  
Thomas Tallentire,  
James McHugh,  
Committee on Water.



To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—The following was referred to your Committee on Water and Public Health:

“That the Indianapolis Water Company be, and is hereby, ordered and directed to extend its water mains on Park avenue, from Eighth street to Ninth street.”

Respectfully recommend that the action of the Council be concurred in,

H. H. Prier,  
Thomas Tallentire,  
James McHugh,  
Committee on Water and Public Health.

#### PENDING ORDINANCES.

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

S. O. 154, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of Ninth street, from Tennessee street to the first alley east of Tennessee street.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

BRAINARD RORISON, President.

Attest: FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.