

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23D, 1865, 7 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 at first roll-call:

Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur and Staub—15.

Absent—Councilmen, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Thompson—3.

His Honor, the Mayor, announced that the first business in order was the consideration of the resolutions extending the Corporation limits.

Mr. Colley called for the reading of the resolutions.

The resolutions were read by the City Clerk.

After which a general discussion took place as to the propriety of extending the Corporation limits at this time, in which were most prominent Councilmen Brown, Jameson, Thompson, Seidensticker, MacArthur and Loomis.

His Honor, the Mayor, (A. H. Brown, Esq., Pres't *pro tem.* in the chair,) addressed the Council on the subject. He opposed the passage of the resolutions at the present time as a matter of economy to the city, and justice to those outside the city limits now; that they had not as yet had an opportunity of remonstrating against annexation.

Dr. Jameson moved—

That the resolutions be laid upon the table for the present, and that two weeks' notice be given, by publication in the newspapers, before the same shall be taken up; and that when they are again brought before the Council in such manner the same shall be finally disposed of.

The question being on the adoption of the motion, the ayes and noes were called for.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn Colley, Fletcher, Glazier, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—11.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Emerson, Grosvenor, Lefever and MacArthur—7.

So the motion was adopted.

The regular order of business was resumed.

By Dr. Jameson—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, December 23, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned respectfully petition your honorable body to direct your City Clerk to issue them a license to sell at auction at No. —, South Delaware street, they presenting a receipt from the City Treasurer for the sum of ten dollars, the amount required to be paid by an ordinance passed by your honorable body on the 4th day of May, 1859. For any information in regard to our standing, please refer to recommendation in hands of W. H. Craft, Esq., City Treasurer.

WARD & CO., Auctioneers.

On motion, the prayer of the petitioners was granted, and the City Clerk directed to issue the license.

Mr. Brown moved—

That when this Council adjourns it will adjourn to meet on the second Monday in January, 1866, at the usual hour.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. MacArthur moved—

That the minutes of November 13, 1865, be amended so as to read, "that the resignation of the Civil Engineer is hereby withdrawn by consent."

Mr. Brown moved to lay the motion on the table.

After a very spirited discussion, Mr. MacArthur withdrew his motion.

Mr. Boaz moved—

That the motion of Mr. Grosvenor, offered at the last meeting of this Council, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded, and that such resignation be not accepted.

Mr. Brown arose to a point of order: *i. e.*, inasmuch as a motion was made at last meeting of Council to reconsider the vote on the adoption of the motion offered by Mr. Grosvenor, accepting the resignation of the Civil Engineer, and that said motion (to reconsider) having been laid upon the table, that Mr. Boaz's motion to rescind was not in order, being unparliamentary.

His Honor, the Mayor, sustained the point of order as held by Mr. Brown.

Mr. Boaz then withdrew his motion.

Mr. Boaz moved—

That a vacancy exists in the office of the City Civil Engineer, and that the Council now proceed to ballot for the election of a City Civil Engineer to fill said vacancy.

Which motion prevailed.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed Councilmen Brown and Glazier as tellers.

James Wood received	11 votes.
James W. Brown received.....	6 votes.
Blank received.....	1 vote.

James Wood having received a majority of all the votes cast, and being a majority of all the members elect of the Council, was declared duly elected to the office of Civil Engineer of the City of Indianapolis for and during the unexpired term of said office, ending on the first Monday after the first Tuesday in May, in the year 1867, and until his successor shall be elected and qualified.

Mr. Brown moved—

That the printing of the Council Proceedings be hereafter dispensed with, and that instead the Clerk be required to record the proceedings in a book, and that the minutes hereafter be read at the opening of each meeting.

The question being on the adoption of the motion, the ayes and noes were called for.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Boaz, Brown and Fletcher—3.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Allen, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—15.

So the motion was not adopted.

Mr. Kappes moved—

That the Mayor appoint a select committee to inquire what steps are necessary to create the office of City Auditor, and that they report by ordinance or otherwise.

Which motion prevailed.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed as such Committee Councilmen Brown, Jameson and Kappes.

Dr. Jameson moved—

That the Committee on Revision of Ordinances be directed to report an ordinance compelling Railroads to place flagmen at the street-crossings and pay the same.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Brown moved—

That the Mayor appoint a select committee, with power to procure from the Secretary of State a certified copy of the new act incorporating cities, and to have 500 copies of the same published in pamphlet form for the use of the Council and City Officers. And said Committee are further authorized to correspond with the different city authorities throughout the State and ascertain if any of them desire printed for their own use such City Charter, and if so, the committee may cause the number of copies they may order to be printed at the expense of such cities, and settle with the City Printer for the same.

Which motion was adopted.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed as such committee, the Committee on Printing and Stationery, with the addition of Mr. Brown.

Dr. Jameson introduced the following ordinance, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE appropriating the sum of seven hundred and sixty-five dollars for the payment of the semi-annual interest on bonds issued by the City of Indianapolis.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,* That the sum of seven hundred and sixty-five dollars is hereby appropriated to pay the semi-annual interest on Bonds issued by the City of Indianapolis, due January 2d, 1866.

SEC. 2. The City Clerk is hereby ordered and directed to issue an order on the City Treasurer, to any party or parties holding coupons, they being the bona fide owners of the same, until the above appropriation is expended, and the City Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the warrants so issued in payment of interest in cash when presented; and it shall be the duty of the

City Clerk to cancel said coupons for City Orders so issued, to any party or parties, and file them away with the receipts of the party or parties to whom the warrant is issued.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Ordained and established this 23d day of December, 1865.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

Attest:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*

Which was read the first and second times.

Dr. Jameson moved that the rules be suspended and the ordinance read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being on the suspension of the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—18. Noes, none.

So the rules were suspended and the ordinance read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being on the passage of the ordinance, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—18. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Dr. Jameson introduced the following ordinance, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE appropriating the sum of one hundred thousand and seventy-five dollars to pay loan from Banks, made by Joseph K. English, former City Treasurer of the City of Indianapolis.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,* That the sum of one hundred thousand and seventy-five dollars is hereby appropriated to pay the Bank loan made by Joseph K. English, City Treasurer, and that the City Clerk be directed to draw warrants in favor of William H. Craft, City Treasurer, for the sum of twenty thousand dollars for the amount paid S. A. Fletcher & Co.; also, a warrant for twenty thousand dollars paid A. & J. C. S. Harrison; also, a warrant for twenty thousand and twenty-five dollars paid to the First National Bank; also, a warrant for twenty thousand and twenty-five dollars paid to the Citizens' National Bank; also, an order for twenty thousand and twenty-five dollars, paid to the Indianapolis National Bank, all of the City of Indianapolis.

SEC. 2. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

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So the rules were suspended and the ordinance read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—18. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented a deed from J. H. McKernan to the City of Indianapolis, for the ground upon which stands the old Government Pest House.

Which, on motion, was referred to the City Attorney.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

Present at roll-call on adjournment: Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—18.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.