

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

—
CALLED SESSION.
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CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 1866, 7 O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met pursuant to the following call:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Indianapolis, Dec. 28, 1866. }

To the Members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

GENTLEMEN:—I, the undersigned, Mayor of the City of Indianapolis, hereby call a special session of the Common Council of said city, to be held at the Council Chamber, on Saturday, the 29th day of December, 1866, at 7 o'clock, P. M., for the transaction of such business as may come before said Council. You are each hereby notified and respectfully requested to attend.

[SEAL.] *Witness, my signature and the seal of the said City, this*
28th day of December, 1866.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair, and the following members:

Councilmen Allen, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur and Thompson—12.

Absent—Councilmen Colley, Kemker, McNabb, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Staub—6.

The proceedings of the regular session, held Dec. 17th, 1866 were, read and approved.

Mr. Brown presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 29, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, resident tax payers of the City of Indianapolis, respectfully petition your honorable body to issue bonds of the City of Indianapolis, payable twenty years after date, with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, for fifty thousand dollars, which shall be issued, donated and delivered to the Junction Railroad Company when its Road shall have been fully completed and in running order, and the cars running thereon from the City of Hamilton, in the State of Ohio, via Connersville and Rushville, to the City of Indianapolis.

That said donation shall be upon the condition that said road is so completed and in running order, with cars running thereon, by the 1st day of January, 1869.

Your petitioners further petition your honorable body, when said road is so completed and said bonds issued and delivered within the time aforesaid, to levy a tax sufficient to pay the annual interest on said bonds.

H. Bates, Sr.,	Fred. Goepper.
David Macy,	J. H. McKernan,
N. McCarty,	D. Yandes,
N. B. Palmer,	S. A. Fletcher, Jr.,
J. C. S. Harrison,	And others.

Mr. Brown also introduced general ordinance No. 76, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE providing for the execution and delivery of Bonds of the City of Indianapolis to the Junction Railroad Company,

Which was read the first time by its title.

On motion by Mr. Brown, the petition and ordinance were referred to the Finance Committee, the City Auditor and City Assessor.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

That the City Auditor is hereby instructed to issue warrants in favor of such parties as are damaged by the straightening and changing the course of Pogue's Run, who are willing to accept the same, and that the City Treasurer shall credit upon the assessment list all amounts so paid and voluntarily accepted.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Coburn offered the following motion :

That the City Auditor be instructed to re-advertise for the painting of the names of streets on the gas lamps, as the former bidder has failed to file his bond.

Pending which, Mr. Kappes offered the following as a substitute :

That the Civil Engineer be directed to have the names of a few of the streets printed on strips of paper and pasted on the street lamps, as an experiment.

Which was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Coburn :

The Judiciary Committee were instructed to report what, if any, ordinance is required to protect the gravel and sand banks on the City Pest House grounds and the grounds for the burying of dead animals.

On motion by Mr. Coburn :

The Board of Public Improvements were allowed to repair the road to the City burying ground for dead animals, provided they expend not to exceed fifteen dollars.

Mr. Emerson offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be directed to proceed at once to build the bridge over the Canal at its intersection with Blackford street, under the direction of the Board of Public Improvements.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

On motion by Dr. Jameson,

The City Auditor was directed to prepare an ordinance refunding \$81.90 taxes paid by Charles Sturdevant on school property, the same being paid under protest.

Dr. Jameson offered the following motion :

That the Assessor be directed to proceed forthwith with the assessment for the year 1867, and that he have the same completed by the first day of May next, and that he further report progress to this Council at the first regular meeting of each month.

Mr. Brown moved to amend by adding the following :

And that the Assessor be instructed to enforce the law against all tax payers as to swearing them to the truth of their statements of personal property returned.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kappes moved to amend by adding the following :

That the City Assessor be further instructed to assess the real estate in the city at its real and not at its nominal or fictitious value.

Which amendment was adopted.

The motion as amended was then adopted.

On motion by Mr. Loomis,

The City Clerk was directed to issue a three months' auction license to A. G. Parker, in No. 14.

On motion by Mr. Loomis,

Jacob Whiting was permitted to improve the sidewalks in front and along the side of his property, being lot No. 89, corner of Noble and Georgia sts., at his own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

On motion by Mr. Loomis,

Thomas Williams was allowed 30 days further time for the completion of his contract to gravel the sidewalk on Kentucky Avenue, provided his security consent to such postponement and continue their security.

Mr. Loomis offered the following preamble and resolution :

WHEREAS, The City Council have the power, under the City Charter, to create the office of Police or City Judge, independent of the office of Mayor of the City, (both being now filled by His Honor, the Mayor,) therefore,

Be it resolved, That notice is hereby given that there shall be elected at the next regular election, a Mayor and Police Judge in and for said City, under the regulations prescribed by the City Charter, together with any rules and regulations hereafter to be designated and ordained by the Common Council and consistent with the Charter as last amended.

Which was referred to the Judiciary Committee and the City Attorney.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 29, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We desire your permission to place a neat post and mortar on the outer edge of the sidewalk, south-west corner Pennsylvania and Market streets, indicating our business.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servants,

WILES & REYNOLDS.

Which was granted.

The sealed proposals for public works were opened and read by the City Clerk and referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS.

Mr. Coburn, from the Board of Public Improvements, made the following report:

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, Dec. 29, 1866. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements to whom the bids were referred, would report that they find the following the lowest bidders, and would recommend that the contract be awarded them:

Bernauer & Bly to grade and gravel the alley running east and west through square No. 95, for nineteen cents per lineal foot each side.

HENRY COBURN,
J. A. GROSVENOR, } *Board.*
JNO. B. MACARTHUR, }

Which was concurred in and the contract awarded.

Mr. Coburn, from Board of Public Improvements, made the following report:

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, Dec. 29, 1866. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements would report that they submit the monthly report of the Street Commissioner, showing the work done and money expended; vouchers have been examined and found correct and filed with the Clerk. The money heretofore appropriated has been expended, and we submit an ordinance making a further appropriation.

HENRY COBURN,
J. A. GROSVENOR,
JOHN B. MACARTHUR, } *Board.*

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

1. Put in on Pratt street, between Meridian and Illinois streets, 420 feet of wooden curbing, and dug a ditch and put in 261 yards of bowldering.
2. Made a crossing by the Eighth Ward School House.
3. Made 2 crossings on Stevens street and Virginia Avenue.
4. Made 1 crossing on McCarty street and Virginia Avenue.
5. Made 2 crossings, 1 on Huron street, and 1 on Cedar street.
6. Made 1 crossing on Market and Liberty streets.
7. Made 3 crossings on Indiana Avenue with intersection of West and North streets.
8. Made 2 crossings on Noble and North streets.
9. Opened the gutters on Massachusetts Avenue, between East and Liberty streets,
10. Opened the gutters on Delaware street, between Market and Washington streets.
11. Built a culvert on Michigan and Blackford streets
12. Built a culvert on Davidson and Ohio streets full width.
13. Built a culvert on Ohio and Railroad streets.
14. Rebuilt a culvert on Washington and Pennsylvania streets.
15. Put 2 foot bridges on Bradshaw street and Virginia Avenue.
16. Put 3 foot bridges on Pine street and Virginia Avenue.
17. Put 4 foot bridges on Cedar and Huron streets.
18. Put 1 foot bridge on East and Lockerie streets.
19. Put 2 foot bridges on East and Vermont streets.
20. Put 2 foot bridges on East and Rock streets.
21. Put 1 foot bridge on East and Walnut streets.
22. Put 2 foot bridges on North and Davidson streets.
23. Put 6 foot bridges on North and Winston streets.
24. Put 4 foot bridges on New York and Winston streets.
25. Put 2 foot bridges on Market and Davidson streets.
26. Put 1 foot bridge on Ohio and Railroad streets.
27. Put 4 foot bridges on Delaware and McCarty streets.
28. Put 2 foot bridges on New York and Railroad streets.
29. Repaired the bowldering on Kentucky Avenue.
30. Put in 11 yards of bowldering on the end of the bridge on National Road near Geisendorff's Factory.

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUST LICHTER, *Street Commissioner.*

Which was received, and the reports of the Street Commissioner accepted and approved.

Also, special ordinance No. 147, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to the Street Commissioner for the cleaning of streets, repairing bridges, &c.

Which was read the first time by its title, and laid over.

Mr. Loomis, from the Board of Police, made the following report :

OFFICE BOARD OF POLICE, }
Indianapolis, Dec. 22d, 1866. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your Board of Police ask to report the following resolution and request your concurrence :

Resolved, That whenever a policeman or fireman in the regular discharge of their duties as such policeman or fireman, shall be disabled by accident or violence and rendered unfit for service, his pay shall be continued during such disability, but not to exceed thirty days from the receipt of such injury, the same to be determined by His Honor, the Mayor, Chief of Police, and Chief Fire Engineer.

Which was indefinitely postponed.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Kappes, from Committee on Benevolence and City Hospital, submitted the following recapitulations of reports of the Superintendent of the City Hospital, for the two weeks ending December 22d, 1866, to-wit :

Number of patients in the Hospital at last report.....	13
Number of patients received in the Hospital since last report.....	2
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	3
Number of patients died in the Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients remaining in the Hospital at present.....	12
Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	12
Number of patients received in Hospital since last report.....	3
Number of patients born in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients discharged from Hospital since last report.....	5
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report.....	10

Which were accepted and approved.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Auditor made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 29, 1866.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The City Auditor respectfully reports the following :

1 First and final estimate allowed R. H. Patterson for grading and graveling Michigan street and sidewalks, where the same have not already been improved between Meridian and Illinois streets.

JOHN G. WATERS, City Auditor.

Resolved, That the first and final estimate allowed R. H. Patterson for grading and graveling Michigan street and sidewalks, where the same have not already been improved, between Meridian and Illinois streets, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Loomis, MacArthur and Thompson.—11.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution passed.

The City Civil Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 29, 1866.

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

The Civil Engineer would respectfully report the following :

The Lamp Lighter has reported quite a number of gas Burners entirely burned out and blowing badly, he has no burners to replace them. If you have any choice in the kind of burners that should be used please direct me in the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA STAPLES, JR., *Civil Engineer.*

On motion by Mr. Brown the consideration of the matter was postponed.

The Civil Engineer made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 29, 1866.

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

The Civil Engineer would respectfully report the following amount of work finished according to contract :

J. & J. Huffer, for grading and graveling New York street, exclusive of the sidewalks, between the west side of West street and the west side of Blackford street.

North side.....	749.6 feet.
South side.....	779.6 "
Total number of feet.....	1529.0 "
At 68½ cents per lineal foot each side.....	68½ "
Total.....	\$1,047 36½

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA STAPLES, JR., *Civil Engineer.*

Which was approved and the City Auditor directed to prepare estimate.

The City Clerk made the following report :

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, }
Indianapolis, Dec. 24, 1866. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The City Clerk would respectfully report that an affidavit has been filed in his office for the collection of street assessment by precept as follows, viz :

John Karney in behalf of Dunn & Karney against Kate M. Patterson, widow of James M. Patterson, Wm. O. Patterson, Geo. E. Patterson, Chas. H. Patterson, Jas. C. Patterson, Kate D. Patterson, David M. Patterson, Francis D. Patterson, minor heirs of James M. Patterson, deceased, Mary A. W. Patterson, for the sum of - - - \$38 15
And respectfully request that you order the precept to issue.

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.

Which was concurred in and the precept ordered.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

On motion by Mr. Glazier,

The contractor for lighting the lamps was instructed to light the lamps on the East Market house as they are ready for use and that they be used as other lamps

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The City Civil Engineer was authorized and directed to receive the work of grading and graveling Massachusetts Avenue, and that he report the gross amount of work as done on said street by the contractor, Daniel Mahoney, deducting ten per cent. to be retained until the gravel is spread according to contract.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.