

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.

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REGULAR SESSION.

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CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 1867, 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:

Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Seidensticker and Staub—11.

Absent—Councilmen Allen, Fletcher, Kemker, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt and Thompson—7.

The proceedings of the regular session held February 4th, 1867, were read and approved.

Mr. Brown introduced general ordinance No. 79, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the "Indianapolis Furnace Company" and the "Indianapolis Rolling Mill Company" to construct a railroad track, or tracks, in the City of Indianapolis,

— Which was read the first time by its title, and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Brown presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 11, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We would respectfully submit the following statement in regard to the amount of gas consumed by your city during eleven months past from March to January inclusive:

March.....	168 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours.	September.....	163 hours.
April.....	152 "	October.....	196 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
May.....	125 "	November.....	209 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
June.....	114 "	December.....	233 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
July.....	127 "	January.....	257 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
August.....	146 "		
Total number of hours.....		1,891 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	
Add ten (10) hours per month for wet and cloudy weather 110 hours		2,001 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	
The average of the four meter lamps in February 1, 1867 was.....		8,910 feet.	
		8,550 "	
Average of the four—8,712 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet.....		7,990 "	
		9,400 "	

Now taking the number of hours gas burned during the eleven (11) months as 2,001 $\frac{3}{4}$  hours and the average of meter lamps at 8,712 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet this would be equal to 4.35-100 feet per hour.

Total Number of hours gas burned 2,001 $\frac{3}{4}$  hours, 4.35-100 feet per hour equal to 8,707.61-100 feet burned per lamp, counting 665 lamps, this would be equal to 5,790.560 65-100 feet burned in all lamps, at \$3.00 per thousand..... \$17,371 68

The average of meter lamps for the 1st of February, 1867, burned 8,712 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet, counting 665 lamps, we have 5,793.812 5-10 feet burned in all lamps, at \$3 00 per thousand..... \$17,382 43

Difference.....	\$9 75
The average of meter lamps during the eleven months from March to January inclusive was.....	8,703 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet.
Total No. lamps.....	665
Total number feet burned by all lamps.....	5,787.827 5-10 feet.
At \$3.00 per thousand.....	\$3 00
	\$17,363 48
Difference.....	\$17 95

H. STACY, Superintendent.

Which was referred to the Special Committee on Gas.

Mr. Emerson presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 6, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned citizens of the City of Indianapolis, and property owners in out-lot numbered one hundred and sixty, (160) respectfully petition your honorable body to cause to be opened, an alley fifteen (15) feet in width running east and west from the first alley running north and south, east of Ellen street, to the first alley running north and south, west of Pitts street, there being no alley through said out-lot, and that thereby your petitioners are greatly inconvenienced.

Hampton Clarke,  
Henry W. Hamilton,  
Peter Pain,

John Murphy,  
David King,  
Smith Craft.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Glazier presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 11, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned begs leave to submit to your honorable body a brief statement of the facts which induces him to present this petition for the reduction of his tax for the ensuing year :

1st. That he is totally unfit to perform any manual labor, being almost entirely paralyzed on one side, rendering it difficult to walk.

2d. That he has five in family, none of which are over nine years of age, leaving his wife the only means of their support.

3d. That the boy who is taxed is only eight years of age, the property being turned over in his name in consequence of the dangerous condition of the father when first taken sick.

He confidently hopes that your honorable body will make such provision, as in their judgment he deserves, after due consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICK MAHONEY.

Which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Grosvenor presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 11, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—We the undersigned owners of property on Missouri street, remonstrate against the laying down of a railroad track on the sidewalk of said street, from the Terre Haute switch to the Rolling Mill, as we believe it would be very injurious to our property, and if the track is laid down we are satisfied it will depreciate our property at least one half.

Hoping you will consider our interests and not grant them what they ask, we remain.

John Williams,  
James W. Dixon,  
Thomas Carr,

David E. Morgan,  
John Judge,  
And 7 others.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Loomis presented the following remonstrance :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 11, 1867.

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

The undersigned property holders along the alleys proposed to be graded and graveled by pending ordinances No. 138, 139 and 140, would respectfully remonstrate against the passage of such ordinance or doing of such work at this time.

The undersigned have no objection to the using of such alley for a culvert for the drainage of the water of McCarty street, and the ponds south of said street, but believe their interest adverse to the graveled of these obscure alleys as both expensive and unnecessary at this time.

Wm. S. Hubbard,  
Fred. Hillman,  
Chas. Hillman,

Will. Sohove,  
Fred. Smith,  
And 3 others.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the remonstrance and ordinances were referred back to Mr. Loomis.

Mr. Loomis introduced general ordinance No. 80, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE regulating the storage of Petroleum and other inflammable and dangerous liquids,

Which was read the first time by its title and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Seidensticker offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to prepare estimates of the the cost of building a bridge across Pogue's Run on McNabb street.

1st. With wooden superstructure.

2d. With a double arch connecting with the arches above.

Which was adopted.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 11, 1867.

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

The undersigned respectfully petition your honorable body for a license as auctioneers.

W. P. BURDICK,  
W. O. McINTIRE.

Which was granted to only one of the parties, either Mr. Burdick or Mr. McIntyre.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 11, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your petitioner would respectfully request of your honorable body an extension of sixty days time for the completion of his contract for grading and graveling south Mississippi street, between Garden and Merrill streets and will ever pray.

J. W. ROBISON,

Which was granted on condition that he file the written consent of his sureties.

#### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Kappes from Committee on Benevolence and Hospital made the following report :

Number of patients in Hospital at last report.....	24
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.....	0
Number of patients died in Hospital since last report.....	0
Number of patients remaining in Hospital at present report .....	27

Which was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

## REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Clerk made the following report :

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, }  
Indianapolis, Feb. 11, 1867. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The City Clerk respectfully reports the following affidavit filed in his office for the collection of street assessment by precept, viz:

Samuel C. Adams vs. James Dever for - - - - - \$27.51

And would recommend that you order precept to issue.

Respectfully,

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.

Per. J. H. McClosky.

Which was accepted and approved and the precept ordered.

His Honor, the Mayor, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 11, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The amount of fines collected by me during the month of January 1867, was \$265.56 which amount I have paid to the City Treasurer as shown by duplicate quietus of City Auditor hereto attached.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

Which was accepted and approved.

## ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Loomis called up general ordinance No. 80, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE regulating the storage of Petroleum and other inflammable and dangerous liquids,

Which was read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Brown, was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

## ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Kappes called up special appropriation ordinance No. 8—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating monies for the payment of sundry claims on account of the City Hospital for the month of January, 1867,

Which was read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Seidensticker and Staub—11.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed. .

Mr. Glazier called up general ordinance No. 75, which, on motion of Mr. Brown, was laid over to be taken up under "Unfinished Business."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

That the Deputy Marshal cause the Patent Gas Regulator placed on the meter of the Council Chamber sometime ago by a Frenchman to be removed before the next meeting of the Council.

Which was referred to the Special Committee on Gas.

Mr. Coburn offered the following motion :

That the Chief of Police instruct his night patrolmen to report the number of lamps in their respective wards, not lighted, and that they report daily to the Chief, and that the Chief report weekly to the Council.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Seidensticker general ordinance No. 75, entitled :  
AN ORDINANCE amending section 18 of an ordinance regulating Markets, etc., passed, November 30th, 1863,

Was taken up, read the third time and placed upon its passage.

The question being shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Seidensticker and Staub—11.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

That the City Attorney be requested to give his opinion as to how the property of Railroad Corporations ought to be assessed under the provisions of section 41 of the New Charter.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Grosvenor offered the following motion :

That a committee of four be appointed of whom the Mayor shall be one to confer with the General Assembly of the State in reference to the claims of street contractors against the State for work done adjacent to the property of the State.

Which was adopted.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed as such committee Councilmen  
Coburn, Grosvenor and Kappes.

On motion by Mr. Kappes the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*