

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 1867, 7 O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in adjourned session.

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

Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—11.

Absent—Councilmen Allen, Colley, Fletcher, Jameson, Kemker, McNabb and Schmidt—7.

His Honor, the Mayor, announced that the first business in order was the report of the Select Committee to whom was referred the petition of tax payers relative to issuing City Bonds for Agricultural College.

On motion by Mr. Brown, the special order of business was suspended in order to give the Committee further time to complete their report.

Mr. Brown moved to reconsider the vote taken at last meeting of Council for non-concurrence in the report of the Finance Committee

on the petition of the Rev. H. Day for the refunding of taxes paid on U. S. Bonds.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Grosvenor moved that the report be concurred in, and the City Auditor directed to embrace the amount in the next ordinance allowing accounts.

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

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Kappes, MacArthur and Thompson—8.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Loomis, Seidensticker and Staub—3.

So the motion was adopted, and the report concurred in.

Dr. Thompson presented the following communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 27, 1867.

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

I hereby tender my resignation of office as Councilman from the Third Ward of Indianapolis, to take effect from and after the first day of May, 1867.

Respectfully,

W. CLINTON THOMPSON.

Which, on motion of Mr. Brown, was accepted.

Mr. MacArthur presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 27, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your petitioners, property owners and residents on the west side of Douglass street, between Vermont and New York streets, respectfully petition your honorable body to cause the sidewalk on said west side of Douglass street, between the streets aforesaid to be improved by grading and graveling. after the plan and manner of grading and graveling the sidewalks of said city.

Respectfully submitted.

James G. Douglass,
William Coughlen,
John Harass,

W. A. Owsley,
Sarah Ritchey,
Daniel O'Conner.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

Mr. Coburn introduced special ordinance No. 2—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp posts and fixtures on Delaware street, between Ohio and New York streets,

Which was read the first time by its title, and, on motion, was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, the regular order of business was resumed.

Mr. Brown, from the Select Committee, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 27, 1867.

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

The Special Committee to whom was referred sundry petitions on the Agricultural College matter, report that they have, with the aid of a number of clerks, made an alphabetical list of the petitioner's names, which has taken up all of the time of the Committee. They find that even if the Committee had the time, the comparison of this list with the tax duplicate is impracticable. The Committee are, therefore, unable to report further this evening than to say that the petitions are signed by 6101 names. Whether these names are all on the tax duplicate is a matter which the Committee have not yet been able to determine. They find some names repeated, some names with only the last name of the person given, and a number appear on the lists who are not residents of the city.

The Committee find that there are on the tax duplicate for 1866, 11,532 names. Of these there are 2,039 delinquent tax-payers, whose names have been brought up on the current duplicate, but who are not assessed for 1866. The Committee recommend that in estimating the whole number of tax-payers, these 2,039 be deducted from the whole number on the duplicate.

The Committee find it difficult to accurately arrive at the whole number of non-resident tax payers on the duplicate, but, from such information as is in their possession, they are of opinion that these cannot exceed from 750 to 1,000.

Deducting from 11,532, the old delinquent tax payers (2,039) then are left 9,473 names on the duplicate. If the estimate of non-residents be correct the whole number of tax payers resident of the city, for 1866, is from 8,493 to 8,743.

AUSTIN H. BROWN, JOHN B. MACARTHUR, JOHN G. WATERS, <i>City Auditor,</i>	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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Which was received, and the Committee instructed to employ the necessary assistance and continue their labors.

On motion by Dr. Thompson, Mr. Loomis was added to the Committee.

On motion by Mr. Seidensticker the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

ATTEST :

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*