

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

SPECIAL SESSION

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1867, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in special session.

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

Councilmen Allen, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Staub—14.

Absent—Councilmen Fletcher, Grosvenor, Kemker and Thompson—4.

Mr. Emerson presented the following petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—My claim against J. H. Robison, for work done on South Mississippi street, has been satisfactorily arranged, and I wish to withdraw my objections to your allowing him his estimate.

Respectfully yours, &c.,

ZEPH HOLLINGSWORTH.

Which was granted.

Mr. Emerson, also, presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—My claim against J. H. Robinson for work done upon South Mississippi street, has been satisfactorily arranged, and I will withdraw my objection to your allowing him his estimate.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM COURTNEY.

Which was granted.

Mr. MacArthur presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8, 1867.

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

The undersigned respectfully petition your honorable body for the privilege to grade and gravel the alley running east and west on North Mississippi street, between Pratt and First streets, in the Fourth Ward, and that the Engineer be instructed to set the proper grade stakes.

WILLIAM HILKENBAUGH,
— — EVANS.

Which was granted.

Mr. McNabb presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8, 1867.

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

GENTLEMEN:—Your petitioners are largely engaged in the manufacturing of hubs, spokes, felloes, wheels, &c., and to facilitate the increase of their business, have erected two buildings, in both of which they have machinery propelled by steam power. These buildings front upon Illinois street, and are located, one on the north, and the other upon the south side of Garden street, and are immediately opposite each other. In the manufactory of wheels, &c., it becomes an absolute necessity to carry them to and from the upper stories of these buildings, making it very costly and quite an unsatisfactory expenditure, which can be almost entirely obviated by throwing an arched foot-way over Garden street, at the height of seventeen feet from the ground, thus connecting the two buildings together by said bridge, and enabling us to carry from one to the other the different articles we may have to convey to the different departments. We would ask of your honorable body an authorized permission to erect a good and substantial bridge, to be placed at the height of seventeen feet, which will be several feet above the highest loads of hay or any other material transported upon wagons or carriages. We propose to build it every way safe and substantial, both as to security of all who may pass under it, and, also, of all who shall have occasion to pass over it. We propose to have it used for only such weights as men can readily carry over the railing to be of the substantial and necessary height, also, the structure of good material, to have it meet the full demands of safety.

We ask of your honorable body the permit at your hand, and for you we shall ever pray.

OSGOOD, SMITH & CO.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS.

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, May 8, 1867. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom the matter was referred, would respectfully report to your honorable body that they have bids submitted for the stone crossing on Ohio street and Indiana Avenue with Illinois street, and find that it will cost \$150 to make the crossings, and as neither of the streets are bowldered, we are of the opinion that it would be very difficult to keep it in good repair, and would be more of a detriment to teams than benefit to footmen. We find the crossing in as good condition as ordinary crossings, and would recommend, (as we have always done heretofore,) that no stone crossings be made on any street until it is bowldered.

HENRY COBURN, *Pres't Board.*

Which was concurred in.

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, May 1, 1867. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements would respectfully report to your honorable body, that in accordance with petitions from property owners, they herewith introduce ordinances for the following improvements: Grade and gravel McCarty street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets. Also, bowlder Pennsylvania street, between Michigan and North streets.

HENRY COBURN, }
 JNO. B. MACARTHUR, } *Board.*

Which was received.

Aso, special ordinance No. 24—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and bowldering the street, and curb with stone the outer edge of the sidewalks of Pennsylvania street, between Michigan and North streets.

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

Also, special ordinance No. 25—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling McCarty street and sidewalks, between Illinois and Tennessee streets,

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

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

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, May 1, 1867. }

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom the matter was referred, would respectfully report to your honorable body that seven hundred and twenty-four feet of the property remonstrated against the improvement of South street, between Alabama and New Jersey streets. We are of the opinion that unless there is a great necessity for the improvement of this street, that it be postponed for the present season.

HENRY COBURN, }
JNO. B. MACARTHUR, } *Board.*

Which was not concurred in.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Colley, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8, 1867.

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

Your committee, to whom was referred the petition and pending ordinance on the subject of planing mills, have considered the subject, and would respectfully report as follows:

1st. That in the opinion of your committee the City Council has no power to prevent the erection of the particular planing mill especially referred to, situated on North Delaware street, but believe that the remedy of the petitioners would and does rightfully belong to the courts alone to determine.

2d. Your committee express no opinion as to whether the Council ought to pass an ordinance prohibiting the erection of such manufactories and suspending those already erected, or not, but leave that question to be determined by your honorable body in the exercise of your sound judgments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. A. COLLEY, }
W. H. LOOMIS, } *Committee.*
AD. SEIDENSTICKER, }

Which was concurred in.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Coburn called up special ordinance No. 24—1867, which was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Coburn called up special ordinance No. 25—1867, which was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed.

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Kappes called up special appropriation ordinance No. 23—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims on account of City Hospital, for the month of April, 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 Allen, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Staub—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Dr. Jameson called up special ordinance No. 17—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for grading and graveling New York street and south sidewalk, between Alabama and New Jersey streets,

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 Allen, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Staub—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

Dr. Jameson called up special appropriation ordinance No. 22—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of accounts for City Printing,

And moved to amend by inserting an account of \$38.75, which, by unanimous consent of the Council, was adopted.

The ordinance, as amended, was then 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, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Staub—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. MacArthur offered the following motion :

That the City Lamplighter be instructed to light the lamps immediately on Indiana Avenue, between Tennessee and West streets; and on West street, between Vermont and North streets.

Which was adopted.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8, 1867.

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

The undersigned officers of the Indianapolis Benevolent Society respectfully represent the need of the further assistance of the City Council, in aid of the needy families, and others in the city, calling for small supplies of subsistence through the committees of this Society.

Therefore we request the further appropriation of \$500, to be carefully distributed and accounted for by the Indianapolis Benevolent Society, for aiding the suffering in this city.

JAMES BLAKE, President.

JAMES M. RAY, Treasurer.

Which was referred to the Committee on Benevolence and Hospital.

The City Auditor, to whom was referred back the resolution and estimate to J. H. Robison, for grading and graveling Mississippi street and sidewalks, between Garden and Merrill streets, reported that the claims against Robison had been satisfactorily arranged, and recommended that the estimate be allowed; also, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed J. H. Robison for grading and graveling Mississippi street and sidewalks, between Garden and Merrill 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 adoption of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Staub—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Seidensticker offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That in terminating our official connection with His Honor, Mayor Caven, we bear cheerful testimony to his great executive ability, untiring industry and integrity during his four years administration as chief magistrate of the city of Indianapolis.

Resolved, further, That by his courteous bearing and impartial conduct as presiding officer of the Council, Mayor Caven has deserved the friendly regards of every member of the Council.

Mr. Colley called for the ayes and noes.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, McNabb, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Staub—14.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Colley offered the following motion :

That the City Attorney be requested to deliver his written opinion to this Council as to whether newly elected Councilmen are, by the new charter, elected for one year or two years; that he be requested to hand the same in immediately.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Brown intraduced special ordinance No. 26—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for lighting with gas Meridian street, (or Bluff Road,) between McCarty street and the Corporation line south,

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

Mr. Loomis introduced special ordinance No. 27—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the erection of lamp-posts on South street, between Virginia Avenue and School street,

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

Mr. Loomis introduced special ordinance No. 28—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the lighting of School street with gas,

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

On motion by Mr. Brown, the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

ATTEST :

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*