

PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT CONVENTION.

SECOND SESSION—JANUARY 11, 1886.

The Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, convened in Second Joint Convention, in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, January 11th, A. D. 1886, at 8 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—Hon. Caleb S. Denny, Mayor, Temporary President of the Joint Convention, in the Chair, and 35 members, viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly; Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Waterman.

ABSENT—None.

Alderman Schmidt, on behalf of the Special Committee appointed at the last session of the Joint Convention, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To His Honor, the President and Members of the Joint Convention
of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—We can report that a quo warranto suit for testing the right of His Honor, Mayor Caleb S. Denny, to vote in Joint Convention, has been instituted and filed by Alderman John Rail, as relator. Both sides are anxious, and have pledged themselves to bring about a speedy decision. Until such decision is reached, we recommend that the statu quo be preserved, and that the Joint Convention adjourn until Friday evening, February 5th, 1886, at 8 o'clock, which is as soon as we can hope to get a final decision.

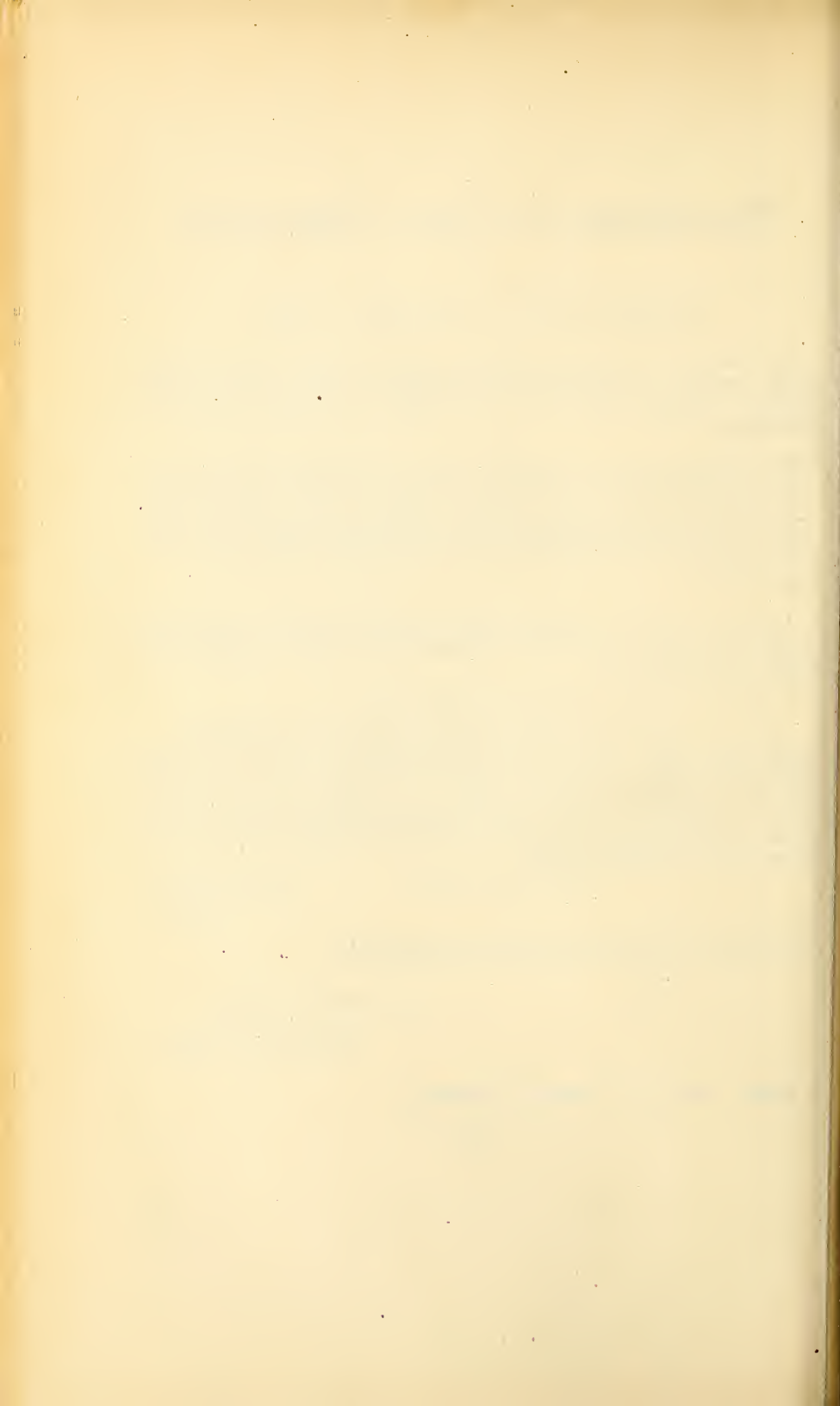
Respectfully submitted,

Lorenz Schmidt,
D. F. Swain,
Committee.

On motion, the Joint Convention then adjourned.

C. S. DENNY, Mayor,
Temporary President.

Attest: MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, Secretary.



PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—JANUARY 11, 1886.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, January 11th, A. D. 1886, at 7:30 o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Thomas E. Endly, President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, and Wright—10.

ABSENT—None.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the sessions held December 28th, 29th and 30th, 1885, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, said Journals were approved as published.

The following message was read and received:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I submit herewith the following papers for your consideration, favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its regular session, held January 4th, 1886.

For the Common Council:

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

The following report from ex-Mayor McMaster, was read and received:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the amount of fees and fines due the city, collected by me for the month of December, 1885, as follows:

Marshal's fees.....	\$163 35
Mayor's fees.....	110 19
Fines due city.....	27 85
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	\$301 39

Which said fees and fines I have this day paid over to the City Treasurer, and have filed his receipt therefor with the City Clerk.

As this is my last report, I would state that the whole amount of fees and fines which I have paid into the City Treasury during my term as Mayor, is \$10,201 64. When my present settlement is made with the County Treasurer I will have also paid into the school fund during the same time, \$7,327 42, making the total of fees and fines collected by me during my official term, the sum of \$17,529 06.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor.

The report from the City Civil Engineer, submitting estimates (see pages 6 and 7, *ante*), was read, and the estimates (submitted therewith) approved.

The following estimate resolution (see page 8, *ante*), was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Isaac C. Snyder, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Alabama street, from Sixth street to the first alley south of Sixth street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 8, *ante*), was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Isaac C. Snyder, for grading and graveling the first alley south of Sixth street, from Alabama street to Delaware street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz; Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Latu, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The Report from the City Civil Engineer, submitting certain contracts and bonds (see pages 8 and 9, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The following report of the City Attorney was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 17, *ante*), was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—On December 22, 1885, the Supreme Court, in special term, rendered judgment for \$976.50 against the City in the case of Francis M. Churchman vs. The City of Indianapolis. Said judgment was rendered for the repayment of street assessment collected by the City on the opening of Second street.

I recommend that the case be appealed.

WILLIAM L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.

The following communication from the City Assessor, and resolution accompanying the same (see page 17, *ante*), were read:

To the Mayor and Members of the Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Under an order of the Ex-City Council, I have been engaged for sometime in finishing a set of plats of the City, and find that it will require say sixty (60) days to complete the work. I desire to know your will in the matter.

The plats are for the use of the Engineer, and it is necessary in making estimates for street improvements that they be accurate, and contain all additions and subdivisions belonging to the City. This is a work of no small magnitude.

Awaiting your orders, I am yours, &c.,

E. SAULCY, Ex-City Assessor.

Resolved, That Eugene Sauley be and he is hereby directed to continue the preparation of the city plats heretofore ordered while he was City Assessor, to their final completion, the compensation of himself and assistants engaged in said work to be fixed by the Finance Committee and reported to the Council at its next meeting.

The communication was received, and the resolution concurrently adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The reports from the Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch; Superintendent of the City Dispensary for the month of December, and the Mortality report of the Board of Health (see page 17, *ante*), were read and received.

The report from the Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, showing the expenditures for the year 1885, (see page 18, *ante*), was read and received.

The following motions (see pages 22, 23 and 25, *ante*), were read, and concurrently adopted:

That the Street Commissioner notify the Voss estate to repair sidewalk in front of 132 North Tennessee street.

That George J. Hammell be granted the right to lay stone crossing on Alabama street, between Vermont and Michigan streets, at his own expense. Work to be done under supervision of City Engineer.

That the Street Commissioner notify Austin H. Brown to clean the dirt off of the brick sidewalk in front of his lot on the east side of Russell avenue, between Merrill and McCarty streets, and if not done in ten days, to clean the same at the expense of the owner.

That the City Clerk be authorized to procure four copies of the City Directory for 1886, one each for Clerk's office, Mayor's office, Engineer's office, and Board of Health.

That the Finance Committee be directed to procure a temporary loan of \$33,000 to meet the payment of bills as per this night's appropriations, and for requirements during the month of January for Police, Fire, and Street Departments. Rate of interest not to exceed 5 per cent. per annum. The Mayor and City Clerk to draw four months time warrants for the same.

The following motion (see page 24, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Railroads:

WHEREAS, The bonded debt of this city is now in excess of the two percent constitutional limit. And

Whereas, The present annual revenues are insufficient to meet any extraordinary expenditures. And

Whereas, The dangerous condition of the railroad crossings on Virginia avenue are necessarily due to the railroads and not to the citizens. Therefore

Moved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That there shall be appointed two members of the Common Council and one member of the Board of Aldermen, who, in conjunction with the Mayor, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the City Attorney, shall constitute a committee, whose duty it shall be to confer with the Union Railway Company and all other interested companies, concerning the construction of a viaduct, or some other safe passage way, either over or under the railroad tracks on Virginia avenue; and to ascertain the cost of construction, and feasibility of the different plans suggested, and the proportion of the expense of construction thereof that said railroad companies will bear.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

This being the regular appropriation night, the following entitled Appropriation Ordinances (passed by the Common Council) were placed on their final passage without a suspension of the Rules.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time:

Ap. O. 1, 1886—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$766.92.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time:

Ap. O. 2, 1886—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch. [Amount appropriated, \$1,380.03.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time:

Ap. O. 3, 1886—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$22,438.74.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time:

Ap. O. 4, 1886—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station House. [Amount appropriated, \$298.60.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time:

Ap. O. 5, 1886—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of the compensation of the officers and members of the Fire and Police Departments, the Committee Clerk and City Janitor.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman Schmidt offered the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

WHEREAS, The city is obliged to borrow money for meeting its current expenses, while there ought to be more than one hundred thousand dollars at its disposal; and

Whereas, This trouble arises from the failure of the former City Treasurer to pay over the city's money at the expiration of his term of office to the present Treasurer; therefore

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be instructed to investigate the deficiency, and report to this Board the result of such investigation.

Resolved, further, That said Committee be instructed to consult with the Finance Committee of the Common Council and the City Attorney, and report what steps are necessary to protect the city's interest.

Alderman Pritchard offered the following resolution; which was read:

Resolved, That Tilman A. Johnson be permitted to exhibit Winnie Johnson, at No. 68 west Washington street, in this city, for one month, upon the payment of fifteen dollars to the Treasurer, and securing a license from the City Clerk, who is hereby authorized to issue the same upon presentation of Treasurer's receipt for fifteen dollars.

And it was adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Pritchard, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

Alderman Laut offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That any member of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen who appears under the influence of liquor in these Chambers, shall be fined by the Mayor in any sum not more than twenty-five dollars, nor less than five dollars, to which expulsion may be added.

Alderman Brown offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That smoking be prohibited during the sessions of this body.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

THOMAS E. ENDLY, President.

Attest: JOSEPH T. FANNING, Clerk.