

PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT CONVENTION.

THIRD SESSION—FEBRUARY 5, 1886.

The Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, convened in third Joint Convention, in the Council Chamber, Friday evening, February 5th, A. D. 1886, at eight 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—35.

ABSENT—None.

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

To the President and Members of the Joint Convention of the

Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

1 *Gentlemen*:—Your Committee beg leave to report that since our last adjournment, the case of the State of Indiana on the relation of Alderman Rail against Mayor Denny—the same being cause No. 34,923, in the Marion Superior Court—has been decided by Judge Walker, the other judges of said court unanimously concurring therein. The judgment of the court in that case is, that Alderman Rail was duly elected President of, and is rightfully entitled to preside over, this Joint Convention. Your Committee is further advised, and so report, that the logical sequence of that decision is, that the Mayor of the city is not entitled to a vote in this joint body.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorenz Shmidt,
D. F. Swain,
Committee.

The decision of the Marion Superior Court, contained in the foregoing report, having declared Alderman John Rail to be the duly elected President of the Joint Convention, His Honor, the Mayor, retired from the Chair, and Alderman Rail took the Chair, and assumed the duties of President of the Joint Convention.

The President announced that the election of the official boards was in order.

Councilman Thalman moved that the Joint Convention proceed to elect a Board of Public Improvements, a Hospital Board, and a Dispensary Board, in the order named; which was agreed to.

The President appointed Alderman Wright and Councilman Burns as Tellers.

For Board of Public Improvements, Councilman Pearson placed in nomination Councilmen Herig, Stuckmeyer and McClelland.

Councilman Coy placed in nomination Councilmen Stuckmeyer, Reynolds and Herig.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows:

Councilman Herig received 35 votes.

Councilman Stuckmeyer received 35 votes.

Councilman McClelland received 18 votes.

Councilman Reynolds received 17 votes.

Councilmen Herig, Stuckmeyer and McClelland having each received a majority of all the votes cast, they were declared by the President as duly elected members of the Board of Public Improvements.

For Hospital Board, Councilman Coy placed in nomination Councilmen Edenharter, Dunn and Swain.

On motion by Councilman Pearson, the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Convention for Councilmen Edenharter, Dunn and Swain.

Which was done, and they were declared by the President duly elected members of the Hospital Board.

For Dispensary Board, Councilman Thalman placed in nomination Councilmen McGroarty, Newland and Rooker.

Councilman Coy placed in nomination Councilmen Dell, Smither and McClelland.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows:

Councilman McGroarty received 18 votes.

Councilman Newland received 22 votes.

Councilman Rooker received 19 votes.

Councilman Dell received 16 votes.

Councilman Smither received 17 votes.

Councilman McClelland received 11 votes.

Scattering, 2 votes.

Councilmen McGroarty, Newland and Rooker having each received a majority of all the votes cast, they were declared by the President as duly elected members of the Dispensary Board.

Councilman Pearson offered the following motion:

That this Joint Convention now adjourn, to meet upon a call of a majority of Councilmen and Aldermen.

Councilman Coy moved to lay the motion on the table.

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, and Schmidt; Councilmen Burns, Coy, Dell, Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Mack, Markey, Newland, Reinecke, Stuckmeyer, Waterman, and President Rail.

NAYS, 18—viz: Aldermen Brown, Endly, Prier, Pritchard, and Wright; Councilmen Benjamin, Cummings, Dunn, Herig, McClelland, McGroarty, Pearson, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Swain, and Thalman.

Councilman Coy moved to amend the motion by making the adjournment subject to the call of the President.

Councilman Pearson moved to lay the amendment on the table.

Which was adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 18—viz: Aldermen Brown, Endly, Prier, Pritchard, and Wright; Councilmen Benjamin, Cummings, Dunn, Herig, McClelland, McGroarty, Pearson, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Swain, and Thalman.

NAYS, 17—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, and Schmidt; Councilmen Burns, Coy, Dell, Edenharter, Haugh, Howes, Mack, Markey, Newland, Reinecke, Stuckmeyer, Waterman, and President Rail.

The question being on the adoption of the original motion offered by Councilman Pearson, a vote was had, which resulted as follows:

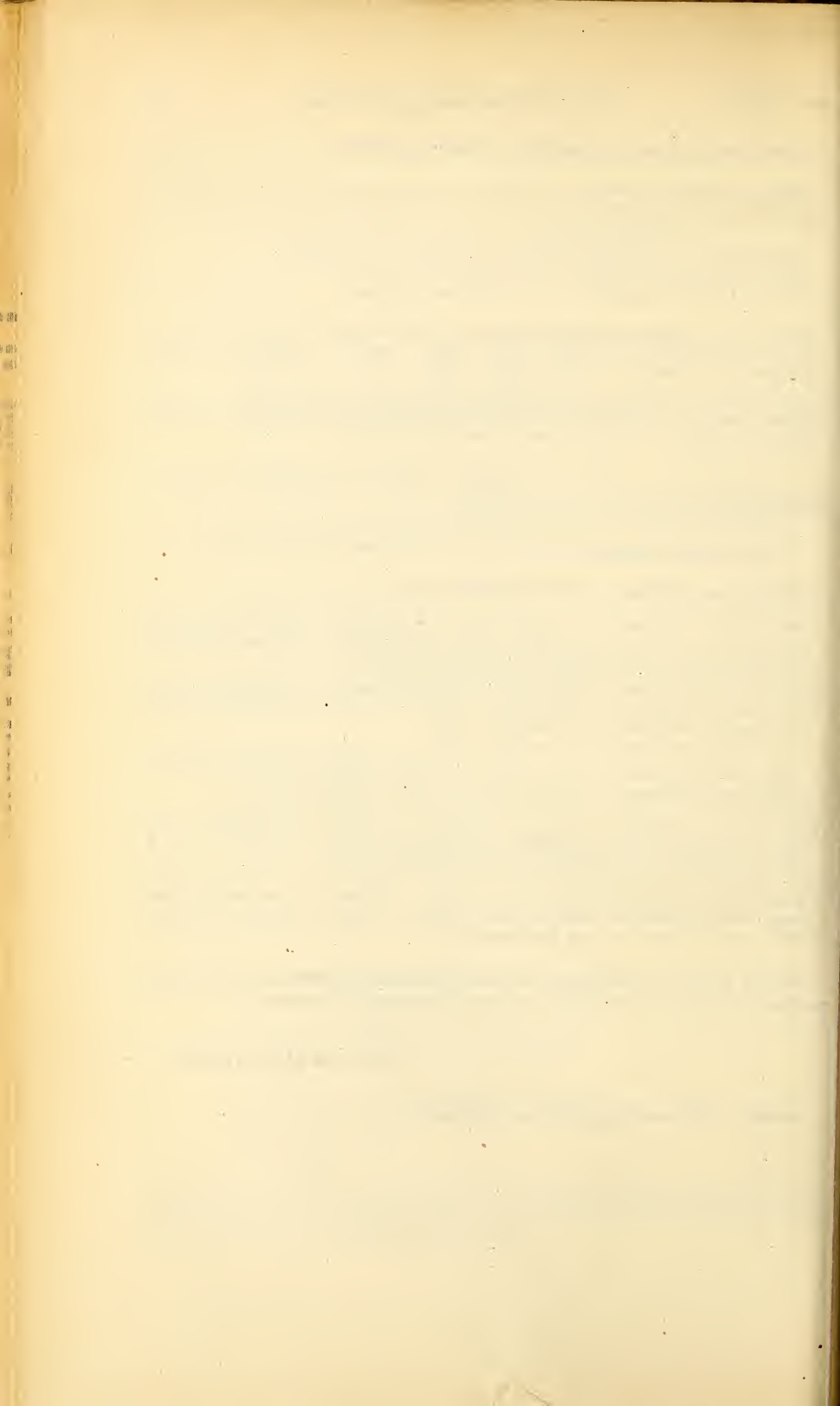
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So the motion was adopted, and the Joint Convention stood adjourned subject to a call of a majority of Councilmen and Aldermen.

JOHN RAIL, President.

Attest: MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, Secretary.



PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

ADJOURNED SESSION—FEBRUARY 5, 1886.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Friday evening, February 5th, A. D. 1886, at 8:30 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—Hon. Caleb S. Denny, Mayor, and *ex officio* President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 25 members, viz: 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.

On motion by Councilman Thalman, the action of the Common Council at the last meeting, authorizing a temporary loan of thirty thousand dollars, at 4½ per cent. interest, was reconsidered.

Councilman Thalman, for the Committee on Finance, offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The City of Indianapolis is in present need of funds to defray its necessary running expenses; and

Whereas, It has therefore become necessary to provide for such present necessities, by making a temporary loan in anticipation of the city's current year's revenues; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That a temporary loan of thirty thousand dollars for said city, be, and the same is hereby ordered, the same to mature on or before May 12th, 1886, and to draw not exceeding five per cent. interest per annum from date.

And Resolved further, That the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to sign and deliver to the lender, the proper time warrants or bonds of said city, for said amount, drawing not exceeding said rate of interest, upon delivery to said Clerk by the County Treasurer, of a receipt showing that he has received and placed said sum to the credit of the city.

We recommend the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

M. L. Brown,
H. W. Laut,
Aldermanic Finance Committee.

Isaac Thalman,
Henry L. Smith,
John R. Pearson,
Julius F. Reinecke,
Joseph H. Howes,
Council Finance Committee.

And it was adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 25—viz: 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.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Thalman offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Councilmen Pearson and Howes, and Alderman King, together with the Mayor and President of the Board of Aldermen, be, and they are hereby, constituted and appointed as the Building Committee on Market House and Public Buildings, as provided for by Section 4, of G. O. No. 7, 1885.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 24—viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Burns, Coy, Cummings, Dell, Dunn, Edenharter, Haugh, Herig, Howes, Mack, Markey, McClelland, McGroarty, Newland, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Rooker, Smith, Smither, Stuckmeyer, Swain, and Waterman.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Mack offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Markets, with power to act:

That the Market Committee be instructed to have a cheap wooden structure built at the recess at the southeast corner of Delaware and Market streets, for the benefit of the Wood Measurer and parties selling wood: provided that the cost shall not exceed thirty dollars.

Councilman Benjamin offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, instructed to prepare a list of the different committees of the Council and Board of Aldermen, and have the same printed for use of the members.

G. O. 47, 1885, was read a second time, ordered engrossed, read a third time and passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 25—viz: 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.

NAYS—None.

The report from the City Civil Engineer and City Attorney, on the boundaries of the city, was read and received.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That a Special Committee of three be appointed, to act with the Mayor and City Civil Engineer, to examine the report of the City Civil Engineer on the boundary question, and that a special meeting of the Council be held on Monday evening next, to consider the same.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed Councilmen Thalman, Newland and Herig as the above provided for committee.

On motion the Common Council then adjourned.

C. S. DENNY, Mayor,

President of the Common Council.

Attest: MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

SPECIAL SESSION—FEBRUARY 5, 1886.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Friday evening, February 5th, A. D. 1886, at 8:30 o'clock, in special session, pursuant to the following call:

To the Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen.—You are hereby notified to meet in special session, this, the 5th day of February, 1886, at 8:30 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before you.

THOMAS E. ENDLY, Pres't.
of the Board of Aldermen.

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 following message was read:

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 special session, held this evening, February 5th, 1886.

For the Common Council:

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

The following resolution was read:

WHEREAS, The City of Indianapolis is in present need of funds to defray its necessary running expenses; and

Whereas, It has therefore become necessary to provide for such present necessities, by making a temporary loan in anticipation of the city's current year's revenues; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That a temporary loan of thirty thousand dollars for said city, be, and the same is hereby ordered, the same to mature on or before May 12th, 1886, and to draw not exceeding five per cent. interest per annum, from date.

And Resolved, further, That the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to sign and deliver to the lender, the proper time warrants or bonds of said city for said amount, drawing not exceeding said rate of interest, upon delivery to said Clerk by the County Treasurer, of a receipt showing that he has received and placed said sum to the credit of the city.

We recommend the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

M. L. Brown,
H. W. Laut,
Aldermanic Finance Committee.

Isaac Thalman,
Henry L. Smith,
John R. Pearson,
Julius F. Reinecke,
Joseph H. Howes,
Council Finance Committee.

Alderman Schmidt moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Finance.

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 2—viz: Aldermen Rail, and Schmidt.

NAYS, 8—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Pritchard, Wright, and President Endly.

Alderman Pritchard moved to concur in the action of the Common Council.

Which was adopted, and the resolution was concurrently adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 7—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Pritchard, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS, 3—viz: Aldermen Prier, Rail, and Schmidt.

The following resolution was read:

Resolved, That Councilmen Pearson and Howes, and Alderman King, together with the Mayor and President of the Board of Aldermen, be, and they are hereby, constituted and appointed as the Building Committee on Market House and Public Buildings, as provided for by Section 4, of G. O. No. 7, 1885.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

G. O. 47, 1885, was read a first time, and referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

Alderman Schmidt offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Attorney be, and he is hereby, directed to bring a suit against Treasurer Miller, to test the question of his right to hold the city's taxes, and other funds, until after the third Monday in April.

The following message was read:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The Common Council, at a special meeting held this evening, February 5, 1886, referred the following motion to the Committee on Markets, with power to act:

That the Market Committee be instructed to have a cheap wooden structure built at the recess at the southeast corner of Delaware and Market streets, for the benefit of the Wood Measurer and parties selling wood: provided that the cost shall not exceed thirty dollars.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Common Council:

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

Alderman Prier moved to amend the motion as follows: "Provided that the cost shall not exceed twenty dollars."

Which was adopted, and the motion, as amended, was then adopted.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

THOMAS E. ENDLY, President.

Attest: JOSEPH T. FANNING, Clerk.