

# PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—FEBRUARY 22, 1886.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, February 22d, 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.

## MESSNGES AND PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

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 regular session held February 15th. 1886.

For the Common Council:

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

The following communication from His Honor, the Mayor, (see page 97, *ante*), was read and concurrently approved:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen*:—On account of the deficiency reported by our late City Treasurer, and the workings of our new tax law, it is apparent that the city will have to borrow \$100,000 on April first, to meet the temporary loan of last year, falling due at that time. This money can not be re-paid until about December first. The city can borrow it for the time indicated at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent per annum. I believe, however, that the city can issue eight months time warrants in denominations of \$100.00, \$500.00 and \$1,000.00, drawing 4 per cent per annum, and get them taken here at home. This would be a benefit to both the city and our citizens.

I recommend that your honorable bodies invite all persons who desire to invest in such bonds, to leave their names with the City Clerk, Mayor, or some member of the Finance Committee, before March 10th, indicating the amount of bonds desired. I would suggest that no one person be permitted to take more than \$5,000.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. DENNY, Mayor.

The following report from His Honor, the Mayor, and the City Clerk, (see page 98, *ante*), was read and received:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen*:—In compliance with your previous instructions, we did, on the 9th inst., execute three time warrants or bonds, for \$10,000 each, due on or before May 12th, 1886, drawing 5 per cent interest per annum from date. Under instructions

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of the Finance Committees, we made said bonds payable to Hiram W. Miller, who, upon delivery of the same to him, placed the said sum of \$30,000 to the credit of the city.

Respectfully submitted,

O. S. DENNY, Mayor.

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

The report from the City Civil Engineer, submitting certain estimates (see page 99, *ante*), was read, and the estimates (presented therewith) approved.

The report of the City Civil Engineer, submitting certain contracts and bonds (see pages 99 and 100, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The following report from H. W. Miller, Treasurer for the city (see page 100, *ante*), was read and received:

*Report of Receipts and Disbursements on account of City of Indianapolis, Jan., 1886.*

RECEIPTS.

Received from I. N. Pattison, ex-Treasurer.....	\$ 20,320 00
Proceeds of loan in January.....	33,000 00
Receipts of miscellaneous funds.....	1,242 62
	<u>\$ 54,562 65</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

City orders redeemed in January.....	\$ 42,583 98
Interest coupons on city bonds redeemed.....	2,820 00
Balance to credit of the city.....	9,158 67
	<u>\$ 54,562 65</u>

Respectfully submitted,

HIRAM W. MILLER, Treasurer for City.

The following report from the City Clerk was read:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith report the following entitled affidavits, now on file in my office, for the collection of assessments for the erection of lamp-posts, by precepts, to-wit:

Thomas H. S. Peck vs. William Henry, for.....	\$1 86
Thomas H. S. Peck vs. Josephine Jackson, for.....	1 85
Thomas H. S. Peck vs. Amanda G. Helm, for.....	1 85
Thomas H. S. Peck vs. Eliza Stahlhut, for.....	1 85
Thomas H. S. Peck vs. William L. Overstreet, for.....	2 00
Thomas H. S. Peck vs. Charles E. Coffin, for.....	2 00
Thomas H. S. Peck vs. Lewis H. McMurry, for.....	2 00

Respectfully submitted,

Feb. 8, 1886.

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

And the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 101, *ante*), was concurred in, and the precepts ordered to issue, by the following vote:

AYES, 8—Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Rail, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS—None.

The report of the Board of Health of the mortality for the two weeks ending February 15th, 1886, (see page 101, *ante*), was read and received.

The report of the Committee on Finance, accompanied with a proposition from the sureties on the official bond of Isaac N. Pattison, late City Treasurer, to pay and secure to the city the sum of sixty-eight thousand dollars (\$68,000), in full satisfaction of all claims against said Pattison and his bondsmen on said bond (see pages 101 and 102, *ante*), was read; and on motion by Alderman Prier, the action of the Common Council, in accepting the proposition, was *non* concurred in, by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, Prier, Rail, and Schmidt

NAYS, 3—viz: Aldermen Brown, Wright, and President Endly.

Alderman Pritchard appeared, and requested the right to have his vote recorded in the affirmative on the above; which was granted.

Alderman Pritchard filed the following:

I hereby give notice that I will, at the next meeting of the Board of Aldermen, move to reconsider the vote by which the proposition of Pattison's bondsmen to pay \$68,000.00 of the loss as a final settlement with them, was lost.

The report from the Committee on Public Property (see page 104, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The report from the Committee on Railroads (see page 105, *ante*), and the following accompanying resolution, were read:

*Resolved*, That the Citizens' Street Railway Company be, and it is hereby, ordered and directed to construct and operate a line of street cars in and along Mississippi street, from Indiana avenue to Twelfth street; and on failure so to do within the time prescribed by Section 15 of said company's charter ordinance, all rights of said company to use or occupy said Mississippi street, between the points named, for street car tracks in the future, shall be and become forfeited.

And the favorable action of the Common Council on the report was concurred in, and the resolution concurrently adopted, by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

The report from the Special Committee on the official bond of Treasurer Miller (see page 107, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report and resolution from the Special Committee on Boundaries, (see pages 107, 108 and 109, *ante*), were read; and on motion by Alderman Brown, were referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, with instructions to report at the next regular meeting.

The following motions (see pages 100, 112, 113 and 114, *ante*), were read and concurrently adopted:

WHEREAS, Hiram W. Miller, Treasurer of Marion County, Indiana, has failed and refused to file with the City Clerk, on the last day of January, 1886, or at any subsequent date, as required by law, a report of all the money received and disbursed by him, during the month of January, 1886, on account of the City of Indianapolis, notwithstanding this Council has so requested him to do; therefore

*Moved*, That the City Attorney be instructed to proceed, by proper legal method, to compel such a report to be made and filed, as provided by law.

That the C., C., C. & I. Railroad Company be, and are hereby, granted permission to repair the gutter and sidewalk in front of their freight depot, on south Alabama street, at their own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That Fred. Kroeckel be allowed the privilege of bowldering the gutters and resetting the curb stone in front of his property on south Meridian street, at his own cost, and to the satisfaction of Fred. Kroeckel; and the City Civil Engineer is hereby directed to set the grade stakes for the said improvement.

That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, directed to remove the front part of the brick building on Shelby street heretofore condemned, for the purpose of widening and straightening said street, unless William Beaty, the present owner of said property, does so himself, after ten days notice has been given him so to do, by said Street Commissioner; and that in case said Street Commissioner does said work, he collect the cost thereof from said Beaty.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the owner or owners of the lots on the east side of East street, south of the first alley south of South street, to repair the sidewalk in front of the same, as it is in a bad condition.

That the Indianapolis Water Company be instructed to repair West street, between North street and St. Clair street, where water mains have been laid.

By consent, Alderman Wright offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That before the gravel bank proposed to be purchased for the use of the Street Commissioner be paid for, that an abstract of title be furnished, and the title be satisfactory to the City Attorney.

#### REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Fire Department submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Fire Department, to whom was referred the matter of fixing the fire limits (G. O. 47, 1885), recommend that the Council's action be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Prier,  
Isaac King,  
G. S. Wright.  
Committee on Fire Department.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee to whom was referred the following motion:

“That the Citizens' Street Railway Company be, and is hereby, notified to hereafter open up all street crossings which the said company blockade by cleaning the snow off of the street car tracks.”

Recommend that the motion be adopted.

Lorenz Schmidt,  
John Rail,  
H. J. Prier.

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

#### INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman Brown offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, requested to prepare and report to this body, at the next regular meeting, the expenditures of the different Departments for each year, beginning from 1875 to 1885, inclusive.

G. O. 10, 1885, was returned to the files by the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage of 1885, without recommendations; and on motion by Alderman Rail, it was referred to the present Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage.

#### PENDING ORDINANCES.

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

G. O. 47, 1885—An ordinance fixing the fire limits in the City of Indianapolis, and repealing certain ordinances heretofore passed on that subject.

And it was passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

Alderman Pritchard offered the following motion:

That when the Board adjourns, it adjourn to meet again next Monday evening.

Alderman King moved to lay the above motion on the table.

Which was adopted, by the following vote:

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

NAYS, 1—viz: Alderman Pritchard.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

THOMAS E. ENDLY, President.

Attest: JOSEPH T. FANNING, Clerk.