

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Thursday, October 26, 1871, 7 o'clock, P. M. }

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, Daniel Macauley, in the chair, and the following members :

Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Cottrell, Craft, Gimber, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Absent—Councilmen Heckman and Reagan—2.

The special order for the evening being the consideration of Water and Water Rates,

Mr. Craft, from the Committee on Water Works, submitted a report signed by himself, which was afterwards withdrawn, when he submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 26, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN—We the undersigned, members of the Water Works Committee, would recommend that three additional members be added to the committee, and that a new test be ordered of the power and capacity of the Water Works, and also of the quality of the water furnished, and that they be ordered to report at as early a day as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CRAFT,
ISAAC THALMAN,
Committee.

Which, on motion of Mr. Cottrell, was laid on the table.

Mr. Batty offered the following :

Moved : That the Committee on Water Works, in connection with the City Attorney and Fire Engineer, be instructed to draw up a contract with the Water Works Company to supply the city with water for fire purposes, for one year, on the basis of \$50 for each plug ; provided the Water Works Company change the single plugs to double plugs wherever such change is deemed advisable by the Committee on Water Works and Fire Engineer ; and provided further, that the city will not pay for any plugs not authorized to be put in by order of the Council.

Mr. Brown offered the following :

Provided, That such price per hydrant shall be construed to be payment in full for all water used for engine houses, station houses, public parks, and for flushing public sewers, in accordance with the Water Works charter.

Which was accepted by Mr. Batty.

Mr. Newman offered the following :

And provided further, That a provision be inserted in said contract that such contract shall not in any wise excuse the Water Works Company for any failure to comply with the terms and requirements of their charter.

Which was also accepted by Mr. Batty.

Mr. Batty's motion, as amended, was then adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Cottrell, Craft, Gimber, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—16.

Negative—None.

On motion by Mr. Marsee, the water rates, as presented by the Water Works Company, were taken up, and, after being amended and changed to meet the views of the Common Council,

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

Moved: That the rates proposed to the Common Council by the Water Works Company of Indianapolis for water for citizens, and amended by the Common Council at this meeting, be the established rates for one year from this date, provided that the Company signify their acceptance of the same within ten days.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The following is a correct table of rates as adopted by the Council :

Water Rates proposed to the City Council by the Water Works Company of Indianapolis.

An orifice is allowed in the main pipe not exceeding one-half an inch in diameter, at the following rates.

Each additional one-eighth of an inch increase in the diameter of the orifice increases the rate 10 per cent.

For each dwelling house of six rooms or less, occupied by one family.....	\$6	per annum
For each additional room.....	1	“
For each additional family in one dwelling.....	3	“
For each private water closet and urinal, or both.....	3	“
For each public water closet or urinal.....	5	“
For each bathing tub in private family.....	3	“
For each bathing tub in public bath house.....	15	“
For each store, of twenty-five or less feet front.....	10	“
For each storeroom over twenty-five feet front.....	15	“
For each office of professional persons.....	5	“
For each family in rooms over stores or offices.....	5	“
For each barber shop with one chair.....	6	“
For each barber shop, each additional chair.....	2	“
For each stable, for private family, including water for washing carriages, for two horses or less.....	5	“
For each stable, for each additional horse.....	1.50	“
For each church.....	10	“
For each bakery, for the average daily use of flour, for each barrel.....	3.50	“
provided no bakery shall be charged less than.....	10	“
Street sprinklers, for each cart or team.....	20	per month
The right to attach a hose of not more than five-eighths of an inch orifice, for washing windows, sprinkling gardens, in addition to the use for other purposes, and the use of the same limited to four hours a day.....	6	per annum

SPECIAL RATES.

Hotels, boarding houses, shops or manufactories, steam engines, saloons, groceries, provision and meat stores, breweries, livery stables, cold-water engines, baptistries, and all other places where water is used in large quantities, at meter rates.

METER RATES.

Where the average daily consumption is 1,000 gallons or less, 4 cents per 100 gallons; over 1000 gallons and less than 5000 gallons, 3 cents per 100 gallons; over 5000 gallons, 2 cents per 100 gallons..

FOUNTAINS.

One-sixteenth of an inch opening, \$10.00 per annum; each additional one-sixteenth inch up to one-half inch, \$8.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE WATER WORKS COMPANY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

1. Water-rents must be paid semi annually in advance, on the first days of June and December, at the office of the Company.

2. Applications for water should state all purposes for which it is required; and when paying the semi-annual charges, answer questions relating to its consumption. In case of misrepresentation on the part of the applicant, or of uses of the water not embraced in the applicant's bill, or of willful or unreasonable waste of water, the supply of water will be stopped, unless the party shall promptly pay such additional charges as the Company may impose.

3. In all cases where permits are granted, the Company will tap the mains, but at the expense of the applicant. Every applicant for water to be furnished by the Water Works Company of Indianapolis, expressly agrees with said Company to use said water subject to the following conditions, rules and regulations, and such others as the said Company shall from time to time adopt. The service pipe, stops and other fixtures must be laid and attached, kept in repair, and protected from frost by the applicant or consumer; and in opening the street the paving stones and earth must be deposited in such manner as to occasion the least inconvenience to the public, and restored in as good condition as previous to removal.

4. No occupant or owner of any building, in which the water is introduced, will be allowed to supply water to other persons or families, except where it is used on the premises.

5. All persons taking water shall keep their own service pipes, stop cocks and apparatus in good repair, and protected from frost, at their own expense, and shall prevent all unnecessary waste of water; and it is expressly stipulated, that no claim shall be made against the Company by reason of the breaking of any service cock or service pipe.

6. In case two or more parties or families are supplied with water from the same service pipe, if either of the parties fail to pay the water rent when due, or to comply with any rule of the Company, the Company may turn off the water from such pipe till the rent is paid, and the rule strictly complied with.

7. When the Company has turned off the water from any consu-

mer, he shall not turn it on nor permit it to be turned on without the written consent of the Company.

8. Every service pipe must be furnished with a stop and waste below the action of frost, so situated that the water can be conveniently shut off and drained from the pipes—to prevent freezing.

9. No addition or alteration in or about any conduit pipe or water cock, shall be made, or caused to be made, by persons taking water, without notice thereof being previously given to, and permission had in writing from the Company.

10. For the violation of any of the foregoing rules, or for the non-payment of rent, the Company reserves the right to turn off the water without notice, and forfeit any payment made.

JOHN R. ELDER,
Vice-President.

ALEX. C. JAMESON,
Secretary.

Mr. Whitsit offered the following motion :

Moved: That the Committee on Water Works ascertain and report to this Council the best method of attaching faucets to the fire plugs, to enable the passer-by to draw water for drinking purposes.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Whitsit offered the following motion :

Moved: That the City Marshal be instructed to notify the property holders, whose fences may be in the street on Virginia avenue, between East street and the corporation line, to move the same within ten days, and if not done within that time, that he proceed to do the work, and charge the expense thereof to the property holder; and the Civil Engineer is hereby instructed to make the necessary survey and set the stakes for the same.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Whitsit offered the following motion :

Moved: That Mr. Etinbagh be allowed to pave the sidewalk with flag stones, in front of his property on South street, between East

and Noble streets, and the Civil Engineer is hereby instructed to set the grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Whitsit offered the following motion :

Moved : That Christian Smith have permission to lay flag stones in front of his property on Stevens street, between East and Greer streets, and that the Civil Engineer be instructed to set the grade stakes.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 26, 1871.

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

GENTLEMEN—I hereby ask your honorable body to remit the taxes assessed against lot 9, in square 3, the same having been erroneously assessed against property purchased and used for church purposes, and no other.

ABNER POPE, Trustee.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY,

Mayor.

ATTEST :

JOHN R. CLINTON,

City Clerk.