

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL

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ADJOURNED SESSION.

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CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
*Thursday, February 15, 1872, 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, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalmann, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—18.

Absent—None.

The special order for the evening being the consideration of

matters pertaining to the organization of a company for building a Railway to the coal fields of Clay county,

Mr. Wiles, from the Select Committee, submitted the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, February 15, 1872.

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

GENTLEMEN—Your Special Committee on Coal Road report, that in consultation with the Citizens committee, for a like purpose, it was agreed that in order to proceed further leagally in the matter referred to, an organization must be effected, which has accordingly been done; and we herewith present articles of incorporation for the "Indianapolis Coal and Transportation Railroad Company," with the names of the directors as elected for the ensuing year.

We also present their petition, asking this Council to take the necessary legal steps to procure the petition of a majority resident freeholders, authorizing the Council to subscribe stock to aid in the construction of said road to the amount of one million dollars, which we recommend for your adoption, and offer the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the Council appoint one man for each ward, whose duty shall be to circulate the petition of the directors of the Indianapolis Coal and Transportation Railway Company for signatures of the freeholders in their respective wards of the city, and that said appointees be allowed the sum of three dollars per day each for such services.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. WILES,

J. S. NEWMAN,

CHRIS. HECKMAN,

Committee.

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

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Cottrell, Craft, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles, and Woodburn—18.

Negative—None.

Mr. Wiles presented the following :

*Resolved,* That the articles of association of the Indianapolis Coal and Transportation Railway Company be presented to the Mayor and Common Council of Indianapolis this evening, with the request that the city of Indianapolis, through her proper officers, do subscribe one million dollars to the capital stock of said corporation, and to that end that said Mayor and Common Council be requested to take the necessary and lawful steps to authorize the said subscription.

Which was received.

Also the following :

*Articles of Association of the Indianapolis Coal and Transportation Railway Company.*

The undersigned corporators agree and hereby do associate themselves together as a corporation for the purpose of constructing, owning, maintaining, and operating a railway, from the city of Indianapolis through and into the counties Marion, Morgan, Owen, Johnson, Monroe, and Clay, or such of said counties as may be desirable, in the State of Indiana, on the best line that may be found as to grades and curves.

The name of the corporation shall be, The Indianapolis Coal and Transportation Railway Company.

The capital stock of the company shall be one million of dollars, which shall be divided into twenty thousand shares of fifty dollars each.

The number of directors of the company shall be nine (9), and those to serve for the ensuing year, shall consist of Thos. A. Morris, Jos. E. McDonald, Thos. H. Sharpe, Wm. Wesley Woollen, David Gibson, Ed. J. Peck, Nich. McCarty, Benj. C. Shaw, and Ad. L. Roache, who shall manage the affairs of the company during their continuance in office, and any vacancies that may occur in the office shall be filled by the board at any regular or special session, and the Board shall elect their President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The railway may be run from the city of Indianapolis through Marion, Morgan, Owen, Johnson, Monroe, and Clay counties, Indiana, and shall terminate in said county of Clay, near the north and south center line of said county, in a westerly direction from the

town of Spencer. The directors may if deemed best extend such railway in such direction as will look to reaching the best coal fields.

The company may construct all needful and proper turn-outs, side tracks, and switches off their main line for the purpose of reaching the coal mines, iron ore, stone quarries or valuable timber, or other valuable mines or products.

The length of the main line, at present estimate, will be sixty (60) miles.

Witness our hands this fifteenth day of February, A. D. 1872.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	NO. OF SHARES.	AMOUNT.
Thos. A. Morris.....	Indianapolis.....	Sixty-seven.....	\$3,350 00
Joe. E. McDonald...	" .....	" .....	3,350 00
Tho. H. Sharpe....	" .....	" .....	3,350 00
W. W. Woollen....	" .....	" .....	3,350 00
David Gibson.....	" .....	" .....	3,350 00
Nich. McCarty.....	" .....	" .....	3,350 00
Ben. C. Shaw.....	" .....	" .....	3,350 00
E. J. Peck.....	" .....	" .....	3,350 00
W. P. Fishback.....	" .....	" .....	3,350 00
L. W. Hasselman...	" .....	" .....	3,350 00
W. O. Rockwood....	" .....	" .....	3,350 00
A. L. Roache.....	" .....	" .....	3,350 00
E. B. Martindale...	" .....	" .....	3,350 00
J. P. Harper.....	" .....	" .....	3,350 00
John C. Wright.....	" .....	" .....	3,350 00

Which was received.

Also the following form of petition :

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

GENTLEMEN—The petitioners, resident freeholders of the city of Indianapolis, respectfully ask you to subscribe one million of dollars to the capital stock of the Indianapolis Coal and Transportation Railway Company, upon proper restrictions, and such contract and guarantees with said Company as will secure the transportation of coal to the city of Indianapolis at a rate not to exceed fifty cents per ton, thereby assuring to Indianapolis consumers good Block Coal at a price not exceeding ten cents per bushel for ordinary consumption,

and not exceeding eight cents per bushel when used for manufacturing purposes.

Which was received, and adopted as the form to be used for the purpose of obtaining signatures.

Mr. Kennington offered the following :

*Resolved*, That a special election, to be held at the several wards voting places, on Saturday, February 24th, 1872, at which ballots shall be received, by the election officers, for or against the following:

1st. Shall the Council, of the city of Indianapolis, subscribe one million of dollars to build a coal road from Indianapolis to the coal fields of Clay county.

Which was laid on the table by a vote of sixteen to two, Councilmen Gimber and Kennington voting in the negative.

Mr. Craft offered the following motion :

*Moved*: That the Special Committee on coal road, have the supervision of the work of taking the expression of the people by petition.

Which was adopted.

On motion, the different Wards were called, for the appointment of men to circulate petitions as above provided, which resulted in the appointment and confirmation of the following named persons :

From the First Ward, Joseph M. Sutton.  
From the Second Ward, Wm. M. Jones.  
From the Third Ward, Wm. M. Blake.  
From the Fourth Ward, Henry C. Cox.  
From the Fifth Ward, Edward Reagan,  
From the Sixth Ward, A. Naltner.

From the Seventh Ward, Eli W. Anderson.

From the Eighth Ward, Thomas A. Means.

From the Ninth Ward, Caspar Jones.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Newman introduced Special Appropriation Ordinance No. 12, 1872, entitled :

An Ordinance to appropriate money to pay a note executed by His Honor the Mayor, in purchase of ground for city purposes for an engine house,

Which was read the first, second and third times, and, under a suspension of the rules, passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Batty, Bigham, Brown, Cottrell, Craft, Gimber, Heckman, Kennington, Locke, Marsee, Newman, Reagan, Thalman, Thoms, Weaver, Whitsit, Wiles and Woodburn—18.

Negative—None.

On motion, the Council adjourned,

DANIEL MACAULEY,  
Mayor.

ATTEST :

JOHN R. CLINTON,  
City Clerk.