

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—MARCH 14, 1887.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, March 14th, A. D. 1887, 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 regular session held February 28th, 1887, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, said Journals were approved as published.

MESSAGES 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 March 7th, 1887.

For the Common Council :

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

The monthly report of the City Clerk, showing orders drawn on the Treasurer during February, 1887, (see page 99, *ante*), was read and received.

The following report was read :

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following affidavits, now on file in my office, for the collection of street improvement assessments by precepts, to wit :

Jno. L. Spaulding vs. Ernest Rogge, Jr, for.....	\$16 50
Jno. L. Spaulding vs. Wm. D. Brooks, for.....	10 50
Jno. L. Spaulding vs. Wm. D. Brooks, for.....	10 50
Jno. L. Spaulding vs. Wm D. Brooks, for.....	10 50
Jno. L. Spaulding vs. Samuel Mitchell, for.....	10 50

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

And the precept was ordered to issue, by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

The report from the City Civil Engineer, submitting certain contracts and bonds (see pages 97 and 98, *ante*), was read, and the bonds concurrently approved and the contracts severally awarded.

The report of the City Rental Agent, showing receipts for rent for the month of February, 1887, was read and received.

The report of the Treasurer for the City, showing receipts and disbursements for February, 1887, (see page 100, *ante*), was read and received.

The report of the Superintendent of the City Hospital for the month of February, 1887, was read and received.

The report of the Superintendent of the City Dispensary for February, 1887, was read and received.

The report of the Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, showing expenses for Street Repair Department for the month of February, 1887, (see pages 100 and 101, *ante*), was read received.

The report of the Building Committee, relative to wire screens for the windows of the Market House under Tomlinson Hall, (see page 101, *ante*), was read, and on motion by Alderman King, it was referred back to the same Committee, with instructions to advertise for bids.

The report of the Building Committee, relative to fitting up a restaurant in the Market House under Tomlinson Hall, (see pages 101 and 102, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, was concurred in.

The following report and resolution of the Committee on Streets and Alleys, (see page 102, *ante*), were read :

To the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen.—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the report of your Committee on Streets and Alleys on the petition of John Faehr, William H. English and others, for, together with the remonstrance of T. A. Morris, A. D. Conduitt and others, against, the widening of so much of the alley lying between Meridian and Illinois streets as lies south of the south line of Georgia street and the north line of the first alley south of said Georgia street, in the City of Indianapolis, to a width of fifty (50) feet, and that all grounds necessary for the purpose of increasing the width of said alley, viz: a strip of ground thirty-five (35) feet in width to be wholly taken from the real estate abutting on the west side of said alley petitioned to be widened, report: That they have re-examined the ground proposed to be taken, with the surrounding streets and territory, and have confer-

red with the remonstrators, and we are of the opinion that there should be as free access to the new Union Passenger Station as possible; that the citizens of Indianapolis generally are interested in having an easy and safe access to such Passenger Station, and therefore we recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the resolution accompanying this report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Dunn,
Julius F. Reinecke,
John H. Herig,
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the petition of John Faehr, William H. English, Yandes & Malott and others, praying that so much of the alley lying between Meridian street and Illinois street, in the City of Indianapolis, as lies south of the south line of Georgia street and the north line of the first alley south of said Georgia street, be widened to the width of fifty (50) feet, and that all the ground necessary for the purpose of increasing the width of said alley, namely: a strip of ground thirty-five (35) feet in width, shall be wholly taken from the real estate abutting on the west side of said part of said alley so petitioned to be widened, be referred to the City Commissioners, with instructions to assess benefits and damages, and to make due report to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen; the City Commissioners to return all petitions and notices. The City Clerk is hereby instructed to issue the proper notices, and the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Force to serve said notices upon the City Commissioners and upon the property owners interested in said widening: *Provided,* That before the Clerk issue the said notices to the City Commissioners, a bond shall be filed with said City Clerk, to the approval of the Mayor, guaranteeing the payment of all costs and charges of said Commissioners in this matter.

The report was concurred in, and the resolution was 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 report and resolution of the Committee on Streets and Alleys, (see page 103, *ante*), was read:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of A. M. Desouchet, agent, G. W. Snider and others, praying for the reduction and vacation to a uniform width of twenty feet, that part of Fifth street fronting on Illinois street running back east from Illinois street one hundred and nine and a half feet, be granted, and the accompanying resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Dunn,
Julius F. Reinecke,
John H. Herig,
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That the petition of A. M. Desouchet, agent, G. W. Snider, J. D. Condit, and W. Henderson, praying for the vacation of that part of Fifth street lying east of Illinois street, that is to say: commencing at a point on the north line of Fifth street where it intersects Illinois street, thence running south on the east line of Illinois street about forty one feet; thence east through Fifth street about one hundred and nine and a half feet; thence north about fifty-one feet; thence west one hundred and nine and a half feet to the place of beginning, or so much thereof as will make said Fifth street a uniform width of twenty feet between Meridian street and Illinois street, be referred to the City Commissioners, together with the plat

accompanying the same, with instructions to assess benefits and damages, and to make due report to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; the City Commissioners to return all petitions, plans and notices. The City Clerk is hereby directed to issue, and the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Force to serve, the proper notices upon said Commissioners; and the petitioners are hereby requested to serve the proper notices upon the property owners, and show by affidavit due service of such notices: *Provided*, That before the City Clerk issue the said notices to the City Commissioners, a bond shall be filed with said City Clerk, to the approval of the Mayor, guaranteeing the payment of all costs and charges of said Commissioners in this matter.

The Clerk presented the following remonstrance relative to the above:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, citizens and property holders, who live and own property on Fifth street, would most respectfully remonstrate against the vacation of that portion of Fifth street which is located east of Illinois street and fronts west on the same, as Fifth street is one of our most public thoroughfares, which is only twenty feet wide from Meridian street to within one hundred and nine feet of Illinois street, with a three foot eight inch brick sidewalk, with a stone curbing taken off of that. With this piece of ground vacated, it will be a death trap to the public that use said street, for the No. 5 Engine passes through this narrow street eight times out of every ten when they respond to a call. With this vacation there will be no escape for the public. This vacation is asked for in the interest of private gain, and to the detriment of our end of town. Please consider this well and truly; and your petitioners will ever pray.

Henry Severin, Louis Schultze, J. A. Given, W.
W. Hall.

On motion by Alderman Rail, the above report and resolution, together with the remonstrance, were referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage.

The following report and resolution of the Committee on Streets and Alleys (see page 104, *ante*), was read:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of E. G. Cornelius, F. & T. Stout, Fahnley & McCrea, A. D. Conduitt and others, praying for the opening and widening to a uniform width of fifty (50) feet a street located and described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the south line of Georgia street 195 feet east of the east line of Meridian street, thence south parallel with the east line of Meridian street to a point on the north line of South street 195 feet east of the east line of Meridian street, thence east 50 feet, thence north parallel with the east line of Meridian street to the south line of Georgia street, thence west 50 feet to the place of beginning, report that they have considered the matter and unaniously recommend that that said petition be granted, and your committee recommend that the resolution accompanying this report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Dunn,
J. F. Reinecke,
J. H. Herig,

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That the petition of E. G. Cornelius, F. & T. Stout, Fahnley & McCrea, A. D. Conduitt and others, praying for the opening and widening to a uniform width of fifty feet a street located and described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the south line of Georgia street 195 feet east of the east line of Meridian street, thence south parallel with the east line of Meridian street to a point on the north line of South street 195 feet east of the east line of Meridian street, thence east 50 feet, thence north parallel with the east line of Meridian street to the south line of Georgia street, thence west 50 feet to the place of beginning, as prayed for in said petition, be referred to the Board of City Commissioners with instructions to assess benefits and damages and to make due report to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen. The said commissioners to return all petitions and notices.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to issue the proper notices, and the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Force of said city is hereby directed to serve said notices on the said Board of City Commissioners and upon the property owners interested in said opening and widening.

The report was concurred in, and the resolution was adopted, by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

The following motions (adopted by the Common Council—see pages 109, 110, 111 and 112, *ante*), were read and concurrently adopted :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to fill up the chuck-holes on South street, from Missouri street to West street.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to place wooden culverts across Reid street, at east Michigan Road.

That the Street Commissioner notify the P., C., St. L. and the C., H. & D. R. R. Companies to plank their crossings on Reid street, the full width of the street and sidewalks.

That the Street Commissioners notify all property holders on the south side of Washington street, between East and Noble street, to repair their sidewalks at once where needed, and if the same is not done within thirty (30) days that he make the repairs and collect the cost of same from the property.

That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby ordered to fill up all chuck holes with broken stone on Washington street from Noble to Reed street, and clean the same.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to raise the bowlders at the crossing of Indiana avenue and West street at the south side and to build a culvert across Indiana avenue on the west side of West street.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill up the chuck-holes on Mulberry street, at once.

That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby ordered to clean and open the gutters on Laurel street, between Prospect street and Pleasant Run, so that the pavements will not overflow with water.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill chuck holes on North West street, from Indiana avenue to First street.

That Mr. Schofield have permission to lay a brick on edge crossing across the west sidewalk of Delaware street, between Market and Ohio streets.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify property owners on Massachusetts avenue, between Ohio and New York streets, to repair the sidewalks where needed, and if not done in 15 days, he do the work and collect cost from said property owners.

The following motion (adopted by the Common Council—see page 109, *ante*), was read, and concurrently adopted :

That a Special Committee of three from this body be appointed by the Mayor, and two from the Board of Aldermen by the President of said Board, to work in conjunction with committees from the I. O. O. F. on the occasion of the Colfax Monument, in May.

The President appointed Aldermen Brown and Crosby as members of the Committee on the part of the Board of Aldermen.

The following motion (see page 110, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage :

That Braden & Co. be granted the privilege to string a wire for telephone purposes from No. 22 Massachusetts avenue, to the corner of New York and Pine streets, to their elevator on the Bee-line R. R. tracks.

The Invitation to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade (see page 111, *ante*), was read and accepted.

The proposition of the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company, relative to the lighting of lamps on the Fountain at the terminus of Virginia avenue (see page 111, *ante*), was read and accepted.

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. 12, 1887—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$849.57.]

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. 13, 1887—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, \$1,403.89.]

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. 14, 1887—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$18,546.32.]

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. 15, 1887—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station House. [Amount appropriated, \$226.50.]

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. 16, 1887—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of the compensation of the members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen ; of the County Auditor, and the Treasurer for the City, and City officers ; of the officers and members of the Fire and Police Departments ; the Committee Clerk, City Janitor, Assistant City Janitors, Tomlinson Hall Janitor, Tomlinson Hall Assistant Janitor, and Market Masters of the East and West markets. [Amount appropriated, \$15,990.45.]

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. 17, 1887—An ordinance appropriating the sum of seven thousand four hundred and forty (\$7,440) dollars to pay the interest on certain outstanding bonds of the City of Indianapolis, falling due April 1st, 1887.

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.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred G. O. No. 4, 1887, reported, recommending the following amendment:

That Section 8 be amended as follows:

Provided, however, That the sale of Stalls for the present year of 1887, shall be made by the Market Master, as soon as the new market building is completed, the leases to run until June 1st, 1888.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time (amended as above), and was then read the third time:

G. O. 2, 1887—An ordinance supplemental to the ordinances of the City of Indianapolis, on the subject of the General Markets of said city; modifying and changing certain Rules heretofore existing for the regulation and management of said markets; repealing all conflicting provisions: putting Market Masters on salaries; requiring that all rents and fees of marketers shall be paid into the treasury.

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 King presented the following petition; which was read, and the prayer of the petitioner was granted:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, Ind:

Gentlemen:—The petitioners respectfully pray your honorable bodies to grant him the privilege of locating a water plug for sprinkling purposes, on the west side of Meridian street, between Merrill street and Russell avenue, in said city.

Most respectfully yours,

James Wells, Emil Martin, Chas. A. Gauss, H. S. Cunningham, M. D.; Chr. Schetter, George P. Off, John W. Schmidt, Edward Schmidt.

Recommend the prayer of the petition be granted.

D. F. Swain,

C. McGroarty,

Council Committee.

John Rail,

Jas. A. Pritchard,

John S. Crosby,

Aldermanic Committee on Water.

Alderman King presented the following, which was referred to the Fire Committee, with power to act:

Indianapolis, Ind., March 14th, 1887.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—We present to your honorable body the following action taken by Barbers' Assembly 3289, Knights of Labor, at a meeting held March 8, 1887. We ask your most respectful consideration and action thereon.

J. P. HOFFMAN, Sec'y.

SANCTUARY OF BARBERS' ASSEMBLY No. 3289, KNIGHTS OF LABOR, }
 March 8, 1887. }

WHEREAS, Our trade has been injured, and a great loss of business has come to all barber shops, by firemen clipping men and children's hair at the Engine houses, and as the firemen are employed for altogether another purpose, and are reasonably paid out of the city funds for which we are taxed, we enter our protest against this great injustice.

Resolved, That we petition and demand of the Board of Aldermen that it concur in the action already taken by the City Council prohibiting firemen from clipping men and childrens' hair at the Engine houses.

Resolved, That a copy of the above proceedings of the action of this Assembly be presented to the Board of Aldermen for their consideration and action thereon
 J. P. HOFFMAN, Sec'y. G. W. HOFFMAN, M. W.

Alderman Schmidt presented the following remonstrance; which was ordered filed with the ordinance:

Indianapolis, March 11, 1887.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Iowa street, between East street and the J., M. & I. R. R., respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of the same.

P. D. Murphy, 32 feet front; Samuel Jackson, 32 feet front; William Temple, 32 feet front; James Jackson, 62 feet front; B. Sturgeon, 32 feet; Geo. Gannan, 32 feet; L. A. Bruce, 32 feet; A. Pasch, 32 feet; E. Pollen, 32 feet; Fred. Keene, 32 feet; Caspar Schaaf, 32 feet; Mrs. Maria Wagenfeld, 48 feet; Mrs. Wemmer, 32 feet; Wm. Ketterhenry, 32 feet; John Shultz, 143 feet front.

Alderman Wright offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That James W. Brown be permitted, at his own expense, to re-pave the sidewalk, re-set the curb and repair the vaults in front and at the side of his building, located at the corner of Pennsylvania and Washington streets; all work to be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer

Alderman Pritchard moved to reconsider the vote by which the Board concurred in the action of the Common Council on the report of the Building Committee, relative to the Restaurant under Tomlinson Hall, (see pages 101 and 102, *ante*.)

Alderman King moved to lay that motion on the table.

Which motion was adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz: Aldermen Crosby, King, Laut, Rail, Schmidt, and President Endly.

NAYS, 4—viz: Aldermen Brown, Prier, Pritchard, and Wright.

Alderman Rail moved to reconsider the action of the Board in referring the matter in allowing Braden & Co. to string a telephone wire, to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage (see page 120, *ante*).

Which motion was adopted, by the following vote:

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

NAYS, 2—viz: Aldermen Prier, and Schmidt.

The original motion, favorably passed by the Common Council, was then adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laur, Pritchard, Rail, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS, 2—viz: Aldermen Prier, and Schmidt.

PENDING ORDINANCES.

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

S. O. 188, 1886—An ordinance to provide for the erection of two lamp-posts, lamp-and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service-pipes), on Pearl street, between Tennessee street and Mississippi street.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS, 2—viz: Aldermen Prier, and Pritchard.

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

S. O. 13, 1887—An ordinance to provide for the erection of two lamp posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Gregg street, between New Jersey street and East street.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz: Aldermen Brown, Crosby, King, Laut, Rail, Schmidt, Wright, and President Endly.

NAYS, 2—viz: Aldermen Prier, and Pritchard.

The following entitled ordinance was read the third time:

G. O. 43, 1886—An ordinance extending the period of time for which The Indianapolis Brush Electric Light and Power Company was invested with certain rights and privileges.

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.

On motion the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

THOMAS E. ENDLY, President.

Attest: JOSEPH T. FANNING, Clerk.