

# PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—MAY 28, 1888.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, May 28th, A. D. 1888, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Granville S. Wright, President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, and Tousey—10.

ABSENT—None.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the regular session, held May 14th, 1888, having been printed and placed on the desk of the Aldermen, said Journals were approved as published.

## MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message was read and received :

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 May 21st, 1888.

For the Common Council:

JNO. W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

The report from the Committee on Contracts, awarding sundry and various contracts (see pages 305 and 306, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The report from His Honor, the Mayor, showing the amount of fines and fees collected during the month of April, 1888, (see page 306, *ante*), was read and received.

The communication presented by His Honor, the Mayor, in relation to the Invitation of the Committee of Arrangements for the observance of Memorial Day (see page 307, *ante*), was read, and the Invitation accepted.

President Wright appointed Alderman Tousey to make the necessary arrangements for the Board of Aldermen.

The following report from the City Clerk (see page 307, *ante*), was read :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

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

James W. Hudson vs. Hannah Morley, for .....	\$19 67
James W. Hudson vs. Daniel and M. Griffin, for.....	27 00
James W. Hudson vs. Geo. Thompson, for.....	20 00

Respectfully submitted, JNO. W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

And the favorable action of the Common Council thereon was concurred in, and the precepts ordered to issue, by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The report from the Treasurer for the City, showing receipts and disbursements for the month of April, 1888, (see page 307, *ante*), was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The communication from the Chief Fire Engineeer, in relation to the Fire Department taking part in the parade on Memorial Day, (see page 308, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Council concurred in.

The report from the Rental Agent (see page 308, *ante*), was received.

The report from the Board of Public Improvements, in relation to the extension of time to Jas. E. Twiname in which to complete contract (see page 311, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Council concurred in.

The report from the Board of Public Improvements, in relation to the extension of time to J. L. Fisher, in which to complete certain contracts, (see pages 311 and 312, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Council concurred in.

The report from the Board of Public Improvements, to whom was referred sundry papers in relation to stone crossings, etc., (see page 312, *ante*), was read and concurred in.

The report from the Fire Committee, in relation to fire-alarm box on High street, (see page 312, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Council concurred in.

The report of the Committee on Water, in relation to the laying of water mains in and along Blackford street, from New York street to North street, (see page 313, *ante*), was read and referred to the Committee on Water.

The petition of Beverly Porter, asking the privilege to locate a water-plug on Seventh street, (see page 316, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Council concurred in.

The following motions (see pages 316 and 317, *ante*), were read and concurrently adopted:

That the City Attorney be ordered to notify the Union Railway Company to open up Meridian street at the Union Depot, and put it in as good condition as it was for the public, and to not cause it to become obstructed again until they comply with the building of the contemplated viaduct; and the City Attorney is hereby directed to see that this order is strictly enforced.

That the City Clerk report to this body at the next regular meeting, the gross receipts from the East Market, also from the West Market, and also the expenses of each, for the past twelve months. Also the gross receipts from the City or Tomlinson Hall; also the expenses for said Hall for the same time. Also, the receipts from licenses, except saloon licenses, and to report saloon licenses separately.

That A. A. Barnes et al., be, and are hereby, given permission to grade and gravel north Illinois street, from Twelfth street to the Corporation Line; and the City Civil Engineer is hereby directed to make the survey for such improvement. The same to be done at their own expense.

The petition of Henry Budenz, asking leave to construct a brick sidewalk in front of his property on south Meridian street, between Wisconsin and Arizona streets, (see page 319, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Council approved.

The following motions (see pages 319 and 320, *ante*), were read and concurrently adopted:

That Henry Seiferd be allowed to place curbing along the line of his property on McCarty street, and also along the line of his property on Ray street, at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That Andrew Sanner be allowed to place curbing along the line of his property on the corner of West street and Ray streets, on each of said streets, at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That L. S. Ayers & Co. be permitted to pave with stone in front of their property on west Georgia street (on the north side), between Meridian and Illinois streets; said work to be done at their own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, who is hereby directed to set the grade stakes.

That the City Civil Engineer be directed to examine Locust street, at the intersection of the first alley north of Ray street, and report to this body at the next meeting, the best way or manner of draining the water from that point.

That Charles Wagner be permitted to curb Ray street, from Meridian street west to the first alley, at his own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That Mr. P. Wolf be granted the privilege to brick the sidewalk in front of his property on Merrill street, between Ketcham street and Alabama street, at his own expense, according to the City Civil Engineer's stakes.



The petition of Henry C. Prange, asking permission to erect a street sprinkling hydrant on Christian avenue, near Plum street, (see page 321, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Council approved.

The following motions (see pages 322 and 323, *ante*), were read, and concurrently adopted:

WHEREAS, There is a public demand that the dust on our streets shall be kept down in some practical and systematic way; *And Whereas*, There is no law now on our Statutes under which our city legislature can legislate to accomplish the aforesaid purpose; therefore

*Moved*, That it is the sense of this body that our Representatives from this county to the next State Legislature be, and are hereby, requested to labor for the passage of such a law as will enable the city legislature of any city to levy a direct tax for sprinkling on property abutting on a street where a majority of the resident property holders petition to have such street sprinkled; and that our Mayor be requested to present a copy of this motion to such State legislators at the proper time.

That W. H. Morrison be appointed Commissioner of University Park, to serve one year, without pay, or until his successor shall be appointed.

The following resolution (see page 322, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis*, in regular session, That a strip off of the west side of the alley on the east side of Pogue's Run, running from South street to McNabb street, in said city—more particularly described as follows, to-wit: A strip two feet wide at the intersection of said alley with the north line of said South street, running thence to a point in the west line of said alley one hundred and eighty-three (183) feet, *north* of said South street—be vacated for the purpose of widening Pogue's Run. That said vacation be made upon the petition of A. R. White, F. Farley, Charles F. Kuhne, Peter Spitzfaden, W. W. Herod and John V. Martin, reputable freeholders adjacent to said alley, owning the property on both sides of the proposed vacation, and residents of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana.

*Resolved, further*, That the foregoing resolution be referred to the City Commissioners, to report within ten days after receiving said resolution, to the Council and Board of Aldermen, showing, first, the length of the proposed vacation in said alley; second, the value of the land proposed to be vacated; third, the benefits to the persons desiring said vacation; fourth, the names of all persons, if any, who object to said vacation, and the nature of their interest therein.

The following resolution (see page 326, *ante*), was read:

*Resolved*, That the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police be, and is hereby, directed to give proper legal notice that an election will be held on June 9th, 1888, in the following School Commissioner Districts, for the election of one School Commissioner from each District, viz: District No. 1; District No. 2; District No. 10; District No. 11. Also, that the following named persons be, and are hereby, appointed to serve as Inspectors and Judges at the School Commissioners' election to be held Saturday, June 9th, 1888:

No. 1—Inspector, Dan. Winnings; Judges, William Christian and Ralph Hill. Voting place, corner of Vermont and New Jersey streets.

No. 2—Inspector, F. A. Lehr; Judges, Frank Landers and C. F. Meyer. Voting place, corner of Delaware and Walnut streets.

No. 10—Inspector, W. H. Thomas; Judges, D. N. Davidson and Geo. H. Fisher. Voting place, corner of Home avenue and Ash street.

No. 11—Inspector, N. S. Byram; Judges, Michael Highland and Henry Moore. Voting place, corner of Fourth and Tennessee streets.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinances (passed by the Common Council) were severally read the first time :

- G. O. 23, 1888—An ordinance to repeal General Ordinance No. 67, 1883, entitled "An ordinance granting W. P. Ijams and others, permission to lay wires for the transmission of electricity to furnish light, power and sound."
- G. O. 28, 1888—An ordinance prohibiting the washing of wagons, buggies, carriages or other vehicles, on any bridge over the Canal, and forbidding the removal of any cap on any such bridge, except for fire purposes, and by the Fire Department.
- S. O. 62, 1887—An ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering Potomac alley, from Mississippi street to Missouri street.
- S. O. 24, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Laurel street, from Prospect street to Orange street.
- S. O. 32, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the west sidewalk of Hillside avenue, from Sheldon street to Ninth street.
- S. O. 33, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Chadwick street, from Ray street to McCarty street.
- S. O. 35, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the roadway and the sidewalks, and grading the public grounds and lawns of Hendricks street, from Nebraska street to Lincoln Lane.
- S. O. 40, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the gutters, and placing gutter stone therein, on Michigan street, from Meridian street to Pennsylvania street.
- S. O. 41, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Lexington avenue, from Linden street to Reid street.
- S. O. 42, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, and curbing with stone the sidewalks of Vermont street, from East street to Noble street, where not already properly done.

On motion by Alderman Reinecke, S. O. 35, 1888, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, City Attorney and City Civil Engineer.

On motion by Alderman Connett, the Rules were suspended for the purpose of placing G. O.'s 23 and 28, 1888, of the foregoing entitled ordinances on their final passage, by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

.G O. 23, 1888, was then read the second time, read the third time and passed, by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

G. O. 28, 1888, was then read the second time, read the third time and passed, by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The report of the Conference Committee, in relation to the removal of the stone walks in Circle Park, (see pages 285 and 286, *ante*), having been laid over for consideration at the last regular session, (see page 299, *ante*), was taken up; and on motion by Alderman Connett, was *non-concurred* in.

#### INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

President Wright presented the following communication; which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, and City Attorney :

To the Members of the Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:*—At a session of the Board of Aldermen held October 10th, 1887, the City Clerk presented the following affidavits for precepts, to-wit :

“ Richter & Twiname vs. Wm. H. English, for.....\$34 98

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Respectfully submitted, JOSEPH T. FANNING,  
Acting City Clerk.”

Which, together with the following petition, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, and City Attorney—(see pages 698 and 699, *ante*.)

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

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned respectfully represents that he is the owner of Lots 4 and 5, of Poole's subdivision of Block 18, Johnson's heirs' addition, and that the city has virtually destroyed said lots, by constructing and widening what is called the State Ditch. That the Agent of the city promised your petitioner, at the time the work was going on, that he would be compensated for the damages done; but he has not only not been compensated, but has been required to pay for taxes and street improvements because of said lots, notwithstanding they have been virtually destroyed by the city; and now a proposition is pending before your body to precept said lots for street improvements. Your petitioner does not wish to sue the city, and hopes the matters referred to can be amicably adjusted, and to that end respectfully asks that said precepts and this petition be referred to an appropriate committee, with power to act.

Very respectfully,  
WM. H. ENGLISH.”



No report by the Committee has been made in this matter. My attention has been called to this by the contractors interested, and I would recommend that the petition and affidavits be referred to the present Committee on Judiciary of this Board, together with the City Attorney, for an early investigation and report.

Respectfully submitted, G. S. WRIGHT,  
Pres't. Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Laut offered the following motion ; which was adopted :


That the German Luthern St. Pauls Church be permitted to hold their School Picnic in Garfield Park on July the Fourth.

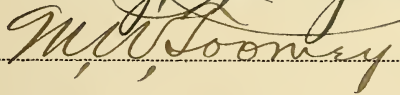
Alderman Reinecke offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

WHEREAS, A large body of working people of the south and southeast part of the city are compelled to use the railroad crossings on Virginia avenue in going to and returning from their work, and are compelled to wait at the above crossings on account of the railroad companies either hauling long trains or using the crossings by switching; therefore be it

Moved, That the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police be asked to enforce Section 1 of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to prohibit locomotives and cars from standing on streets and sidewalks;" in force March 14, 1872.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

....., President.

Attest: ....., Clerk.