

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,  
*Tuesday, March 5th, 1878—7½ o'clock P. M.* }

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session.

Present at roll-call—His Honor, the President, H. C. Newcomb, in the chair, and Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles—10.

Absent—None.

The proceedings of the adjourned session, held February 22d, 1878, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, the reading of the same was dispensed with.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message from the Common Council was received:

*Indianapolis*, March 5, 1878.

To the Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen* :—I herewith transmit to your honorable body certain papers, favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its last regular session, held March 4th, 1878, for your action upon same.

Respectfully,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL—ACTION UPON.

Report from City Civil Engineer, giving a first and final estimate to Peter Ivory, for taking down and storing the Delaware street viaduct [see Council Proceedings, page 760], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in approving such report and allowing such estimate, was duly concurred in.

Report from City Clerk, stating that the affidavit of John Greene vs. Unknown Owner had been filed in his office, for the collection of street assessment by precept, and recommending that a precept be ordered to issue [see Council Proceedings, page 760], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in concurring in such report, and in ordering the precept to issue, was duly approved by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider Stratford, Wallace, Wiles, and President Newcomb—10.

Negative—None.

Reports from Superintendent of City Hospital and Branch, for the month of February, 1878 [see Council Proceedings, page 765], were read, and duly received.

Report from Council Committee on Contracts, recommending (1) that the contract for grading and graveling the first alley east of Cook street, from Georgia street to Louisiana street, be awarded to James Mahoney ; and (2) that the contract for grading, and paving with brick, the sidewalks of First street, from Illinois street to Meridian street, be awarded to James H. Hart [see Council Pro-

ceedings, page 765], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in awarding such contracts, was duly concurred in.

Report from same committee, recommending that A. Bruner be awarded the contract for constructing a brick sewer from the east line of the Central Station House, in and along Pearl street, to the first alley east of Delaware street; thence, south, in and along said alley, to Maryland street; thence, west, in and along Maryland street, to connect with the Virginia avenue sewer [see Council Proceedings, page 766], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in awarding such contract, was duly concurred in.

Reports from Superintendent of City Dispensary, for the month of February, 1878 [see Council Proceedings, pages 767 and 768], were read, and duly received.

Report from Council Committee on Streets and Alleys, recommending that "South street," from East to Noble street, be hereafter known as part of and by name of "Fletcher avenue" [see Council Proceedings, page 788], was read, and then, on motion, the subject was referred back to the Common Council, with the request that a formal resolution, ordering such change of name, be duly passed by the Common Council and regularly transmitted to this body for its action upon same.

Motion, to grant J. B. Bullock permission to pave with brick the sidewalk in front of his premises, at corner of Meridian and Seventh streets, under the usual restrictions [see Council Proceedings, page 792], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to allow the City Janitor one dollar and fifty cents a week in addition to his present allowance [see Council Proceedings, page 792], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Contract and bond of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Cook street, from Georgia street to Louisiana

street [which had been duly concurred in by the Common Council—see page 793], was submitted, and duly approved.

Petition from George Webb for issuance of three months' license to sell at auction, with privilege of three months' additional license, if desired [see Council Proceedings, page 794], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in granting the prayer of said petitioner, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to grant S. A. Fletcher permission to erect a telephone line from the works of the Indianapolis Gas-Light and Coke Company, on S. Pennsylvania street, to their works on Lincoln avenue, and from last named place to Mr. Fletcher's residence, on Clifford avenue, under the supervision of the City Civil Engineer [see Council Proceedings, page 794], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to grant John J. Smith permission to lay a plank walk in front of Nos. 222, 224, and 226 E. Merrill street (his property), subject to the usual restrictions [see Council Proceedings, page 794], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

Motion, to grant Milton Pouder permission to plank over gutter in front of No. 234 E. Washington street [see Council Proceedings, page 795], was read, and, on Alderman Stratford's motion, was referred to the Aldermanic Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Motion, to grant John Greene sixty days' extension of time in which to complete his contract on Franklin street [see Council Proceedings, page 795], was read, and the action of the Common Council, in adopting such motion, was duly concurred in.

The following appropriation ordinances [which had been duly passed by the Common Council—see pages 789 and 790] were read the first time:

Ap. O. 12, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department.

Ap. O. 13, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch.

Ap. O. 14, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses.

Ap. O. 15, 1878—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

Appropriation ordinance No. 12, 1878, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, Wiles, and President Newcomb—10.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 13, 1878, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, Wiles, and President Newcomb—10.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 14, 1878, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, Wiles, and President Newcomb—10.

Negative—None.

Appropriation ordinance No. 15, 1878, was then read the second and third times, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, Wiles, and President Newcomb—10.

Negative—None.

The following general ordinances [which had been duly passed by the Common Council—see page 787], were read the first time :

G. O. 4, 1878—An ordinance ratifying and confirming the Contracts heretofore entered into between The City of Indianapolis and The Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Indianapolis Railway Company and The Indianapolis, Peru, and Chicago Railway Company, and empowering said Companies to carry out the provisions of the same, and for other purposes.

G. O. 5, 1878—An ordinance granting W. F. Bird the privilege to stand his Baggage-Wagons or Omnibuses in front of his office on N. Illinois street.

On Alderman Foster's motion, the rules were then suspended, for the purpose of reading the above ordinances the second and third times, and placing them on their passage, by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, Wiles, and President Newcomb—10.

Negative—None.

General ordinance No. 4 was then read the second time, and, on Alderman McGill's motion, was referred to the Committee on Railroads and the City Attorney.

General ordinance No. 5 was, also, read the second time.

Alderman Stratford offered the following amendment :

*And further provided,* That any person owning a hack, express-wagon, dray, omnibus, or baggage-wagon shall have the privilege to stand, with their vehicle, in front of any property, on condition that they first get the consent of said property owner.

Which failed of adoption by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen McGill, Snider, Stratford, and President Newcomb—4.

Negative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, Wallace, and Wiles—6.

G. O. 5, 1878—An ordinance granting W. F. Bird the privilege to stand his Baggage-Wagons or Omnibuses in front of his office on N. Illinois street,

Was then read the third time, and placed on its passage.

Those who voted in the affirmative were—Aldermen Foster and Wallace—2.

Those who voted in the negative were—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wiles, and President Newcomb—8.

So aforesaid ordinance failed to pass.

#### REPORTS FROM ALDERMANIC COMMITTEE ON GAS-LIGHT.

The Committee on Gas-Light, through Alderman Wallace, submitted the following reports; which were severally concurred in:

To the Board of Aldermen:

Your Committee on Gas-Light, to whom was referred the motion, "That the Committee on Gas-Light, with the City Civil Engineer, be ordered to report on the feasibility of re-setting intermediate street-lamps, so as to light alleys now not lighted; also, on the possibility of dispensing with such intermediate lamps on squares where the same are not needed to light alleys," beg leave to report—

That the best arrangement has been concluded with the Indianapolis Gas-Light and Coke Company possible just now; and, inasmuch as the suggestion of the motion involves, to a great extent, the matter in controversy between the city and the company, growing out of contracts between the parties, it is deemed inexpedient to raise any question now, in respect to the matters involved in the motion referred to this committee.

WM. WALLACE,  
H. COBURN,  
W. H. SNIDER,  
Committee on Gas-Light.

To the Board of Aldermen:

Your Committee on Gas-Light, to whom was referred the report from the Council Committee in Contracts, awarding contracts to the Indianapolis Stove Company for erecting lamp-posts, lamps, etc., on Bellefontaine street, between Home avenue and Tinker street; also, on Peru street, between Home avenue and Tinker street; with instructions to confer with the Indianapolis Gas-Light and Coke Company, and gain its consent, if possible (before this body shall concur in awarding contracts to erect additional lamp-posts), that the aggregate number of such lamps shall be limited and maintained as at present, by

a discontinuance of unnecessary lamps on sparsely-settled or over-lighted streets, report—

That the Indianapolis Gas-Light and Coke Company insists upon its contracts with the city, and will consent to no other change than that embraced in the modified contract recently made.

Your committee further recommend that the Board of Aldermen concur in the action of Council in awarding said contracts to the said Indianapolis Stove Company.

WM. WALLACE,  
H. COBURN,  
W. H. SNIDER,  
Committee on Gas-Light.

To the Board of Aldermen :

Your Committee on Gas-Light, to whom were referred the contracts and bonds (two) of the Indianapolis Stove Company, for erecting lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete for burning gas (except the service-pipes), on Bellefontaine street, between Home avenue and Tinker street, and on Peru street, between Home avenue and Tinker street (which had been duly concurred in and approved by the Common Council), beg leave to recommend that said contracts and bonds be approved.

WM. WALLACE,  
W. H. SNIDER,  
H. COBURN,  
Committee on Gas-Light.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

H. C. NEWCOMB, President.

Attest :

GEO. T. BREUNIG,

Clerk of Board of Aldermen.