Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

SPECIAL SESSION—March 6, 1889.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Wednesday evening, March 6th, A. D. 1889, at eight o'clock, in special session, pursuant to the following call:

Indianapolis, March 5th, 1889.

To the Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—You are hereby requested to meet in special session of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, in their Aldermanic Chamber, in said city, on Wednesday evening, March 6th, 1889, at the hour of eight e'clock, for the transaction of such business as may come before said Board.

G. S. WRIGHT, President of the Board of Aldermen.

M. M. REYNOLDS, Vice President of the Board of Aldermen.

We, the undersigned, members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, hereby acknowledge service of the above.

Tim. Clark,
H. W. Laut,
H. B. Smith,
John Rail,
Will. E. Tousey,
M. F. Connett,
M. H. Taylor.

And it appearing that all of the members were duly and properly notified of said special meeting, as designated in the above call, the following roll-call was had:

PRESENT—Hon. Granville S. Wright, President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen Connett, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, and Tousey—6.

ABSENT, 4—viz: Aldermen Clark, Laut, Rail, and Reinecke.

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 a regular session, held March 4th, 1889.

For the Common Council:

JNO. W. Bowlus, City Clerk.

The following resolution (see page 132, ante), was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That, in the judgment of said bodies, the Statutes just passed by the General Assembly, appointing Boards of Control over the offices of this city, are unwise, destructive of the true principles of free government, and void.

Resolved, That the officers of this city, having under their management the streets,

lights, fire, and other departments of the city government memtioned in said Statutes, be, and they are hereby, directed and empowered to inform any and all persons claiming to act under said laws, that their authority is denied; and to hold the property of the city, and exercise their rights and perform their duties, as heretofore required.

Resolved, That the Mayor be, and is hereby, authorized to employ counsel to act with the City Attorney in upholding the rights of the city and its officers, agents, committees and employes.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 6-vis: Aldermen Connett, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS-None.

Alderman Smith moved to reconsider the vote just had.

Alderman Connett moved to lay the motion to reconsider, on the table.

Which motion was adopted.

The following report (see page 134, ante), was read, and the action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee to whom was referred the papers in reference to the Illinois street tunnel, beg leave to report the following:

The Union Railway Company have agreed to place a watchman at the tunnel through the day, at their own expense, who shall have police powers, and whose duty it shall be to keep the walkways clean, and give his entire attention to the tunnel: Provided, however, that the city keep and maintain a night watchman.

The Citizens' Street Railroad Company agrees to keep the road and driveways thoroughly cleaned, and allow no dirt or filth to accumulate, as it has heretofore.

Your committee would recommend the city's placing a watchman, with police powers, at the tunnel for night duty, as the place, as it now is, is an unsafe and filthy passage-way for pedestrians; therefore

Moved, That R. C. Williamson be, and is hereby, appointed as night watchman at the tunnel, and that he be paid two dollars (\$2.00) per night for his services.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Finch,
J. L. Gasper,
Fred. W. Gaul,
Council Committee.

M. M. Reynolds, J. H. Taylor, Aldermanic Committee.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen adjourned.

Attest: