

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

SPECIAL SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
THURSDAY, JUNE 6TH, 1867, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in special session.

Present—Hon. Sims A. Colley, President *pro tem.*, in the chair,
and the following members :

Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Davis, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—15.

Absent—Councilmen Burgess and Cottrell—2.

The President, *pro tem.*, announced that the special order of business was the investigation of certain charges preferred against August Richter, Street Commissioner, and reported at a former meeting of the Council.

The defendant appeared with his Attorney, John L. Ketcham, Esq.

Mr. Brown moved that the trial of Mr. Richter be now commenced.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Ketcham, Mr. Richter's Attorney, moved that before the evidence was heard, that the City Attorney be required to make the second, third, fourth and fifth charges more specific.

Mr. Elliott, the Attorney for the Council, stated that the charges were defective, but no one could remedy that except the Committee, that they had not passed through his hands, but that he was willing to meet the Committee at any time they might determine, in order to make the charges more specific.

Mr. Brown offered the following motion :

That the City Attorney be directed to prepare specifications as agreed by August Richter, and report the same to this Council at ———, and the trial be continued until that time.

Dr. Jameson offered the following motion as a substitute for Mr. Brown's :

That the charges against August Richter, except charges 3d and 5th, relative to misconduct in discharge of his duties as Street Commissioner, presented to this Council on the 29th of May, be referred back to said Committee, who shall, with the aid of the City Attorney, present the same in proper form.

The ayes and noes being demanded, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Davis, Goddard, Jameson, Loomis, Schmidt, Stanton and Woodburn—8.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Geisel and Henschen—3.

So the motion was adopted.

Dr. Woodburn then moved to reconsider the vote last taken, on Dr. Jameson's motion, which resulted as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Colley, Davis, Geisel, Henschen and Woodburn—6.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Coburn, Goddard, Jameson, Loomis, Schmidt and Stanton—6.

So the motion to reconsider was not adopted.

Mr. Loomis offered the following motion :

That the whole matter of the charges heretofore preferred against August Richter be referred back to the last Committee appointed, together with the City Attorney, who shall prefer in each case specific charges, upon which charges the accused shall be tried, and upon none other.

Which was adopted.

On motion by Dr. Jameson, the Council adjourned to meet on Saturday evening, June 8th, 1867, for the further consideration of the matter.

SIMS A. COLLEY, President *pro tem.*

ATTEST:

• D. M. RANDELL, *City Clerk.*