

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
MONDAY, MARCH 21ST, 1864, 7½ o'clock, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair;  
and the following members:

Councilmen Allen, Brown, Boaz, Colley, Cook, Emerson, H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—14.

Absent—Councilmen Blake, Coburn and S. A. Fletcher, Jr.—3

The proceedings of the special session, held March 14th, 1864, were read and approved.

By Mr. Haughey—Petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, March 21st, 1864.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:*

*Gentlemen*—We would respectfully call your attention to the state of the crossing of Delaware and North streets. In consequence of its condition, the public are driving over the sidewalk to the destruction of property.

Wherefore, we petition that you would immediately take the necessary steps to remedy this evil.

W. W. WOOLLEN,  
L. VAN LANINGHAM,  
J. T. WRIGHT,

R. N. TODD,  
WM. WALLACE,  
SAMUEL C. ADAMS.

On motion of Mr. Haughey, the petition was referred to the Street Commissioner, with directions to make the necessary repairs immediately.

By Mr. Staub—Petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 21st, 1864.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :*

We, the undersigned hackmen of the City of Indianapolis, would petition your honorable body to change the late ordinance, to permit us to charge fifty cents, instead of twenty-five, for each passenger.

T. KALOR,  
JOHN KALOR,  
And others.

Which, on motion of Mr. Staub, was referred to the Committee on Revision of Ordinances.

By Mr. H. A. Fletcher, from the Finance Committee :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 21st, 1864.

*Mr. President*—The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Policemen of this City, have had the subject under consideration, and would report, that they would recommend that their pay be increased to two dollars per night, for night police, and the same for day police. The increase of pay to begin on the 1st day of March, 1864.

THEODORE P. HAUGHEY, } *Committee.*  
H. A. FLETCHER, }

Which on motion was laid upon the table.

Dr. W. C. Thompson, from the Committee on Accounts, presented a bill from Daniel Swing, for services as nurse at pest-house, amounting to \$87.

Which, on motion, was allowed, and the City Clerk directed to issue a warrant on the treasury for the amount.

By Dr. W. C. Thompson, Chairman Committee on Markets :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 21st, 1864.

*Mr. President*—The Committee on Markets, to whom was referred the report of the Market Master, would respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and would say that, under the present unsettled plan of improving the market squares, they recommend the postponement of the improvements proposed by the Market Master.

Respectfully,

W. CLINTON THOMPSON,  
*Chairman Committee on Markets.*

Which, on motion, was concurred in.

By Dr. W. C. Thompson, Chairman Committee on Gas :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 14, 1864.

*Mr. President*—The Committee on Gas, to whom was referred the bids for furnishing and erecting lamp posts, lamps and fixtures

on Illinois street, between the north side of North street and the north side of St. Clair street, report that they have examined the same, and find that Deloss Root & Co. are the best bidders for the work named, and recommend that the contract be awarded them.

W. CLINTON THOMPSON,  
*Chairman Committee on Gas.*

Which was not concurred in.

Dr. Thompson then reported that Cox, Lord & Peck were the next best bidders, and recommended that the contract be awarded them.

Which was not concurred in.

Dr. Thompson then moved that the Civil Engineer be directed to re-advertise for bids for furnishing and erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures, on Illinois street, between the north side of North street and the north side of St. Clair street.

Which motion prevailed.

By Mr. Emerson, Chairman Committee on Bridges:

INDIANAPOLIS, March 21st, 1864.

We, your Committee on Bridges, to whom was referred the bill of Bennett Brooks for extra work on the bridge over the Cincinnati railroad track, at its crossing with Noble street, would recommend that he be allowed thirty-five dollars, and the City Clerk be instructed to draw an order on the treasury for that amount, in his favor.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. EMERSON,  
WM. BOAZ,  
J. STAUB, } *Committee.*

Which, on motion, was concurred in, and the City Clerk directed to issue a warrant on the treasury for the amount.

By Mr. Brown, Chairman Committee on Streets and Alleys:

INDIANAPOLIS, March 21st, 1864.

*Mr. President*—The Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of H. Leiber and others, report the following ordinance, and recommend its passage.

AUSTIN H. BROWN, } *Committee.*  
W. COOK,

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of Delaware street and sidewalks, between St. Clair street, and the Corporation line north.

Which was read the first time, and, on motion of Mr. Haughey, was read a second time by its title.

By Mr. Brown—Sealed Proposals :

To grade and boulder Massachusetts Avenue, and curb the outer edge of the sidewalks with white-oak plank, between Pennsylvania and New Jersey streets : Joseph Kruger, bouldering per superficial yard, 80 cents ; curbing, per lineal foot, 22 cents ; security, Milton Spencer. John Stumph, bouldering, per superficial yard, 90 cents ; curbing, per lineal foot, 25 cents ; security, John B. Stumph, George F. Meyer and Valentine Butsch. James Stewart, bouldering, per superficial yard, 95 cents ; curbing, per lineal foot, 27 cents ; security, William Johnson.

To grade and boulder Virginia Avenue, and curb the outer edge of the sidewalks with white-oak plank, between Washington street and Pogue's Run : Joseph Kruger, bouldering, per superficial yard, 80 cents ; curbing, per lineal foot, 22 cents ; security, Milton Spencer. Cyrus W. Catterson, bouldering, per superficial yard, \$1.19 ; curbing, per lineal foot, 25 cents ; security, D. B. Hosbrook. James Stewart, bouldering, per superficial yard, 95 cents ; curbing, per lineal foot, 27 cents ; security, William Johnson. John Stumph, bouldering, per superficial yard, 90 cents ; curbing, per lineal foot, 25 cents ; security, John B. Stumph, George F. Meyer and Valentine Butsch.

To grade and gravel Illinois street, between South and M'Carty streets, and grade and gravel the Bluff Road, between Merrill and M'Carty streets : Cyrus W. Catterson, grading, per cubic yard, 35 cents ; graveling, per cubic yard, 65 cents ; security, D. B. Hosbrook. Herman Timmermann, grading, per cubic yard, 34 cents ; graveling, per cubic yard, 50 cents ; security, William Cook. Cornelius Collins, grading, per cubic yard, 42 cents ; graveling, per cubic yard, 74 cents ; security, Andrew Wallace. Thomas Wren, grading, per cubic yard, 33½ cents ; graveling, per cubic yard, (pit gravel) 39 cents ; security, P. G. Hanrohan.

Which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Mr. Brown, Chairman Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the remonstrance of Adam Gould and others, reported the following ordinance :

AN ORDINANCE to repeal an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance for the grading and graveling of Washington street and the National Road, exclusive of sidewalks, between Missouri and Blake streets," passed March 7th, 1864.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,* That an ordinance, entitled, "An ordinance for the grading and graveling of Washington street, and the National Road, exclusive of sidewalks, between Missouri and Blake streets ; passed March 7th 1864, be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

Attest :

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.

Which was read the first time, and on motion of Mr. Brown, was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Brown then moved that the rules be suspended and the ordinance read a third time now.

The question being on the suspension of the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Boaz, Colley, Cook, Emerson, H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—14.

Noes, none.

So the rules were suspended and the ordinance read a third time.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Boaz, Colley, Cook, Emerson, H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—14. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

By Mr. Brown, Chairman Committee on Streets and Alleys :

*Resolved*, That the following first and final estimate allowed February 15th, 1864, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and the property owners, are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

To Cox, Lord & Peck for furnishing and erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures, on Delaware street, between the south side of New York street, and the north side of North street.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Boaz, Colley, Cook, Emerson, H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—14.

Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

On motion of Mr. Allen the ordinance entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and graveling of Meek street, and sidewalks, between Noble street, and the Donation Line east.

Was taken up and read a third time.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted

in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Boaz, Colley, Cook, Emerson, H. A. Fletcher, Glazier, Haughey, Lefever, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—13.

Councilman Jameson not voting.

So the ordinance passed.

On motion of Dr. W. C. Thompson, the ordinance entitled :

AN ORDINANCE establishing Police Districts for the City of Indianapolis ; establishing and regulating the Police Force of said City, and repealing all existing ordinances on the subject.

Was taken up and read the third time.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Cook, Emerson, H. A. Fletcher, Staub and Thompson—7.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Colley, Glazier, Jameson, Lefever and McNabb—6.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Brown, introduced an ordinance entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and bouldering of Delaware street, between Washington street and Pogue's Run, exclusive of the sidewalks.

Which was read the first time, and, on motion, was read a second time by its title.

By Mr. Staub :

*Resolved*, That there shall be an election held in the Ninth Ward of the City of Indianapolis, on Saturday the 9th day of April, at the house of N. Hoffmeister, at the corner of New York and Noble streets, for the purpose of electing, by the legal voters of said Ninth Ward, one Councilman to fill the vacancy in the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, caused by the resignation of W. J. Wallace, Esq., and that O. H. Kendrick be appointed inspector, and Calvin Fletcher, Jr., and John B. Manny, be appointed judges of said election, and that the City Marshal give the notice required by the City Charter, for such election.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Brown, Boaz, Colley, Cook, Emerson, Glazier, Lefever, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—11. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

By Dr. Thompson—Motion :

That the Civil Engineer be directed to re-advertise for sealed proposals for the grading and graveling of Tennessee street and sidewalks, between Market Street and Indiana Avenue.

Which motion was adopted.

By Dr. Thompson—Motion :

That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of creating by this Council, the office of Gas Inspector.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Colley—Motion :

That John Brennin be allowed two hundred dollars as damages done him by the City and her agents, in digging down Benton street, thereby partially destroying his house and property.

Which, on motion of Mr. Brown, was referred to the Judiciary Committee and City Attorney.

By Mr. Emerson—Motion :

That the President of the Board of Health be directed to cause the portion of the fence near the pest-house, on the grounds of Gustavus Schurmann, heretofore destroyed by fire, to be repaired, and present an account to the Council, for the cost thereof.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Brown—Motion :

1. That the President of the Board of Health be directed to cause to be made out for collection by the City Marshal, accounts for boarding and attendance against all patients who have been or may be hereafter cared for at the pest-house, and who are able to pay ; and in making up such accounts, the President of the Board of Health is authorized to charge all such persons \$3 per day, for every day actually boarded at such pest-house ; and that when such accounts are made out, the Marshal shall collect the same, and pay the money over to the Treasurer.

2. That the President of the Board of Health be directed to make out an account against Marion County for the board of one-half of the patients at the pest-house, that do not pay for their own board, and also for the full board of all the persons sent to the pest-house from the county jail, and that the same be presented to the County Commissioners at their meeting in June next.

Which motions were adopted.

By Mr. Brown—Motion :

That Marsee & Sons be allowed the sum of sixty-six dollars and fifty-five cents (\$66 55) for lumber furnished the Street Commissioner, per bill of items presented for same, and approved by the Street Commissioner.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Brown—Motion :

That the Telegraph Company have the privilege of changing the location of telegraph poles in such way as to remove most of

them off of Washington street, provided the new poles be placed inside the curbing, and under the direction of the City Engineer.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Allen—Motion :

That the City Clerk be directed to issue an order to the amount of four hundred dollars, (\$400) for the use of the Fire Department.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

Attest:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*