

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

SPECIAL SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
MONDAY, MAY 9TH, 1864, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in special session.

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

Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Cook, Douglass,
Emerson, Glazier, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb, Staub
and Thompson—14.

Absent—Councilmen Colley, S. A. Fletcher, Jr., H. A. Fletcher,
and Seidensticker—4.

The proceedings of the regular session, held May 2d, 1864,
were read and approved.

By Mr. Brown—Petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, May 9th, 1864.

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

Gentlemen—The undersigned respectfully asks the privilege
of sinking a well in the sidewalk, in front of the property lately
bought by the Rev. D. Stevenson, for the purpose of furnishing
water for building; the same to be filled up as soon as the brick
work is done or the house completed. Trusting you will not
find the granting of this request incompatible with the interests
of the city, I am sir, truly, &c.

THOMAS J. VATER.

On motion of Dr. Thompson, the prayer of the petitioner was
granted

His Honor, Mayor Caven, presented a Communication from
Stephen Smith, in relation to the habit of some evil-disposed per-
sons in tearing down and defacing the posters upon his bulletin
boards, and asking the Council to pass an ordinance to protect
him in his legitimate business of bill posting.

Which, on motion of Mr. Brown, was referred to the Commit-
tee on the Revision of Ordinances.

By His Honor, the Mayor—Communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, May 9th, 1864.

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

The undersigned hereby resigns the office of City Assessor, to take effect from the first of May past. I will, however, complete the assessment of the present year.

Respectfully,

JOHN B. STUMPH.

On motion of Mr. Brown, it was laid on the table.

By Mr. Douglass—Petition :

From Stephen Smith and others, property owners on Mississippi and Ellsworth streets, to grade and gravel the alley running north and south from New York to Vermont street, and between Mississippi and Ellsworth streets.

Which, on motion of Mr. Emerson, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, with instructions to report an ordinance.

By Dr. Jameson—Petition :

From Charles Aldag and others, for the improvement of Liberty street, between Ohio and Market streets.

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

By Mr. Haughey, Chairman Finance Committee :

Verbal report in favor of extending the time for the completion of the City Assessment for 1864, until the 1st of June next.

Which was concurred in.

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

Contract and Bond of John Stumph, to grade and boulder Delaware street, exclusive of the sidewalks, between Washington street and Pogue's Run.

On motion, the contract was accepted, and the bond approved.

His Honor, the Mayor, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the ordinance entitled :

AN ORDINANCE relative to the Bonds, Malfeasance and Trial of General City Officers.

Reported the same back to Council with amendments; and which was read the second and third times, and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Cook, Douglass, Emerson, Glazier, Haughey, Lefever, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—13. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

On motion of Mr. Boaz, the ordinance entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to amend an ordinance entitled "An ordinance establishing Police Districts for the City of Indianapolis, establishing and regulating the Police Force of the City, and repealing all existing ordinances on the subject."

Was taken up and read the third time, and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Cook, Douglass, Emerson, Glazier, Haughey, Lefever, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—13. Noes, none.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Emerson presented an ordinance entitled :

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the grading and bouldering of the gutter on the north side of Washington street, between West street and the Canal.

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

By Mr. Brown :

Resolved, That John Stumph be allowed a final estimate for the following contracts :

1. Grading and bouldering the alley running north and south through square 63, between Washington street and the first alley south of said street.

2. Taking up the boulders, re-grading and paving with boulder stone the alley running north and south through square 65, between Washington and Pearl streets.

3. Taking up the boulders, re-grading and paving with boulder stone the alley running north and south through square 65, between Pearl and Maryland streets.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Cook, Douglass, Emerson, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—13. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

By Mr. Jameson :

Resolved, That the sum of five thousand dollars be appropriated for the benefit of the families of private soldiers and non-commissioned officers entering the hundred days' service, and those dependent upon them, to be paid at the rate of \$1 50 per week to the wife, or mother (if dependent,) and 75 cents per week to each child of said volunteer, under the age of fourteen.

The question being on the passage of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown,

Coburn, Cook, Douglas, Emerson, Haughey, Jameson, Lefever, McNabb, Staub and Thompson—14. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

By Mr. Brown—Motion :

That the Civil Engineer notify W. H. Turner to remove the piers placed in Pogue's Run by him.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Brown—Motion :

That the Street Commissioner have the city's portion of the bouldering done, in the gutter on south side of Maryland street, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Brown—Motion :

That when the Mayor appoints the standing committees for the ensuing year, he appoint a committee of three, to be termed the Soldiers' Aid Committee.

Which motion was adopted.

By Dr. Jameson—Motion :

That the Mayor be requested to devise and report at next meeting of Council, a plan for disbursing the Soldier's Aid Fund.

Which motion was adopted.

By Dr. Thompson—Motion :

That a committee consisting of the Councilmen from each ward, be appointed to canvas their respective wards, and obtain, if possible, a sufficient number of the signatures of resident tax payers, to enable this Council to borrow a sufficient amount of money to pay off all the liabilities of the city, and that the Mayor be requested to furnish each Councilman with form of petition.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Douglass—Motion :

That all offices of the City appointing Deputies, report the names of such deputies to the Council, for confirmation.

Which motion was adopted.

By Mr. Allen—Motion :

That two hundred and twenty-five dollars be appropriated to buy a horse for the use of the fire department.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion, the Mayor was directed to contract with John Miller, for the removal of dead animals, at ten dollars per month.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor.*

Attest :

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk.*