

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.

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ADJOURNED SESSION.

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CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }  
MONDAY, JUNE 12TH, 1865, 8 O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Fletcher, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub, and Thompson—17.

Absent—Councilmen MacArthur—1.

His Honor the Mayor, announced that the first business in order was the consideration of the “ ordinance prescribing rules and regulations for the government of the City Council, its officers, and officers connected with the City Government.”

With the unanimous consent of the Council, Councilman Seidensticker made the following report from the Board of Public Improvements, to-wit :

INDIANAPOLIS, June 10, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvements would respectfully report to your honorable body that they have examined the proposals for grading and graveling Georgia street and sidewalks, between Fenton street and the

Corporation line, east, and find that Thomas Wren is the best bidder, which is as follows, to-wit: for grading 35 cents per cubic yard, and for graveling \$1.55 per cubic yard, and would recommend that he be awarded the contract.

AD. SEIDENSTICKER, }  
HENRY COBURN, } *Board.*

On motion, the report was concurred in, and the contract awarded.

Councilman Brown then called up the ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE prescribing rules and regulations for the government of the City Council, its officers, and officers connected with the City Government.

Which was read the third time, and sundry amendments offered and adopted.

On motion, the ordinance was then placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Staub—13.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Colley, Lefever and Thompson—3.

So the ordinance passed.

By Mr. Boaz—Petition:

INDIANAPOLIS, June 12, 1865.

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

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned respectfully request that the names of the persons who, as has been stated in this body, were guilty of having compelled a man arrested by them as policemen, to give them a watch in order to procure his release from arrest, after the person arrested had been discharged from arrest by the United States Commissioner.

It having been stated at the last meeting of your honorable body that the names of such persons were known, and that they were former members of the police force, leaves an imputation upon us which can only be removed by making public the names of the parties who are in reality guilty.

In justice to ourselves, we pray your honorable body to cause this to be done.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL A. CRAMER,  
ROBERT B. BARBEE,  
JAMES STEWART,  
JOHN A. MOORES,  
GEORGE THOMAS,  
ANDY ALLAIR,  
WILLIAM OYLER,  
JACOB B. POWER,  
J. ANDY WALLACE,  
J. W. BRADLEY,  
STEPHEN WILSON.

Which was received; and Councilman Boaz, moved that Mr. Oyler be permitted to make a statement in relation to the matter now before the Council.

The question being, shall Mr. Oyler be permitted to make a statement to the Council, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—16. Noes, none.

Mr. Oyler then stated to the Council that it was he and Mr. Buser who took the watch, but that it was *after* the man had been discharged by U. S. Commissioner Davis and that they did not keep the watch, but voluntarily returned it to the rightful owner in about twenty minutes after receiving it, and that they did not take the watch in consideration of any favors shown, neither did they take it to hold it as a present.

Samuel Buser was, by the same unanimous vote permitted to make a verbal statement to the Council in relation to the same subject, which statement corroborated the statement made by Mr. Oyler.

On motion the whole matter was laid upon the table.

By Mr Loomis :

*Resolved*, That the Mayor be requested to appoint a Committee of three members of this Council to confer with a Committee of citizens in reference to the proper celebration of the coming Fourth of July, in this city.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—16. Noes, none.

So the resolution passed.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed Councilmen Loomis, Kappes and Boaz as said Committee.

By Mr. Emerson—Motion :

That when the Council adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday evening, the 13th, at 7½ o'clock, and that the Engineer's Report be made the special order of business.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Seidensticker, the Council adjourned.

Present at roll-call at adjournment: Councilmen Allen, Boaz, Brown, Coburn, Colley, Emerson, Glazier, Grosvenor, Jameson, Kappes, Lefever, Loomis, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Staub and Thompson—16.

JOHN CAVEN, *Mayor*.

ATTEST:

C. S. BUTTERFIELD, *City Clerk*.