

SPECIAL MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
 April 19, 1892. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Tuesday evening, April 19, at 8 o'clock P. M., in special meeting, pursuant to the following call:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., April 15, 1892.

To the Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—You are hereby requested to meet in the Council Chamber in special session, Tuesday evening, April 19, 1892, at 8 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before you.

M. J. MURPHY,
President.

Present, Hon. Martin J. Murphy, President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 20 members, viz.: Messrs. Allen, Colter, Cooper, Costello, Gasper, Gauss, Holloran, Laut, Linn, McGill, Olson, Puryear, Rassmann, Ryan, Schmidt, Schrader, Sherer, White and Young.

Absent 1, viz.: Mr. McGuffin.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the special meeting, held Tuesday, April 12, 1892, having been printed and placed upon the desks of the Councilmen, said Journal was approved as published.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal, whereupon Councilman Rassmann moved that the further reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which motion prevailed.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
 CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
 INDIANAPOLIS, IND., April 19, 1892. }

To the Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—I have approved General Ordinances Nos. 2, 12 and 17, passed at your session held April 4, 1892.

Respectfully submitted,
 THOMAS L. SULLIVAN,
Mayor

Which was received and ordered spread on the minutes.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
OFFICE OF CITY COMPTROLLER,
INDIANAPOLIS, April 16, 1892. }

To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

GENTLEMEN—The Board of Public Safety have asked me to recommend to you the appropriation of two thousand dollars for expenses of the Station House. I have examined the matter, and respectfully recommend that the appropriation be made.

They also ask that one thousand dollars of the money heretofore appropriated by you to the Department of Public Safety for fire force accounts be transferred to an office account in order that it may be available to fit up their office. I respectfully recommend that this be done.

The Board of Public Works ask me to recommend to you the appropriation of the following sums to the department, to-wit :

For water	\$9,000 00
For public light	7,500 00
For furniture and fixtures	500 00
For fountains and wells.	200 00
For Engineer's Department (for extra assessments, clerks and inspectors)	3,500 00
For sewers	3,200 00
Total	\$23,900 00

Enough money has been already appropriated to meet the demands that will be made upon the accounts of water and light during the present fiscal year, but the expenses of these accounts for the month of August should be paid before it will be practicable to prepare the estimates and make the appropriations for the next fiscal year. Therefore, I recommend that the appropriations asked for for these purposes be made in order that there may be available funds to pay for water and light the first of next September. The appropriations asked for for furniture and fixture, fountains and wells, Engineer's Department, and for sewers are necessary for the proper conducting of the department that asks for them. That for the Engineer's Department has been made necessary by the sprinkling and sweeping of streets, which will make necessary a large increase of the force in the Engineer's Department. The appropriation asked for for sewers is caused mainly by the expense of employing Expert Hering. The Board of Public Works also ask me to recommend to you the transferring of one thousand dollars of the money heretofore appropriated by you to their department for "Printing and Advertising" to the account of "Blank Books and Stationery," which I do.

I also ask you to appropriate one hundred dollars to the Department of Finance to pay extra Police Judges appointed on change of venue.

Respectfully,
WILLIAM WESLEY WOOLLEN.
City Comptroller.

Read and referred to Committee on Finance.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Ryan, on behalf of the Committee on Contracts and Franchises, to whom was referred G. O. No. 16, 1892, "An ordinance relating to the construction and maintenance of an Electric Light and Power Plant,

in the City of Indianapolis, Marion County, State of Indiana, by the Indianapolis Brush Electric Light and Power Company, and the furnishing of electric lights to said city, and other matters pertaining thereto," made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 19, 1892.

To the President and Members of the Common Council :

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee, to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 16 (known as the Electric Light Contract), have had the same under consideration, and do respectfully recommend that the ordinance do pass.

P. J. RYAN,
H. F. HOLLORAN,
W. H. COOPER,
J. R. ALLEN,
C. A. GAUSS,
E. J. SHERER,
ROBT. C. MCGILL.

Which was read and concurred in.

Mr. Rassmann, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the following ordinances :

Ap. O. No. 2, 1892. An ordinance appropriating seventy-six thousand eight hundred and forty dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$76,840.98) with which to pay temporary loans due April 20, 1892, and interest thereon.

Ap. O. No. 3, 1892. An ordinance appropriating two thousand five hundred (\$2,500) dollars for the use of the Department of Law in making compromises and settlements of claims against the City of Indianapolis.

Made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, April 19, 1892.

Mr. President :

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Appropriation Ordinances Nos. 2 and 3, 1892, beg leave to report that we have examined them, and would very respectfully recommend that they be passed.

EMIL C. RASSMANN,
W. H. COOPER,
E. J. SHERER,
H. W. LAUT,
JAS. H. COSTELLO,
J. L. GASPER,
P. J. RYAN.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Sherer, on behalf of the Committee on Public Safety and Comfort, to whom was referred G. O. No. 8, 1892—an ordinance providing for the inspection of steam boilers and all steam generating apparatus under pressure—made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND, April 19, 1892.

Mr. President :

Your Committee, to whom was referred G. O. No. 8, 1892, recommend to strike out lines Nos. 20 to 26 inclusive, in section 2, and insert in lieu thereof the following, "be the hammer test," and the examination shall be thorough and searching

upon every part of the boiler both internally and externally, including all fitting and attachments; also strike out all of lines 38 to 45 inclusive.

In section 3 strike out the word "once" in line 4 and insert the word "twice" in lieu thereof.

Section 4 strike out the word "five" in line 9 and insert the word "three."

E. J. SHERER,
ROBT C. MCGILL.

Which was concurred in.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

The City Comptroller, through Councilman Rassmann, introduced the following Appropriation Ordinance :

Appropriation Ordinance No. 4, 1892. An ordinance appropriating twenty-six thousand dollars (\$26,000) for the needs of certain departments of the City of Indianapolis, and authorizing a transfer of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to funds other than those for which they were originally appropriated.

Read first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Laut:

G. O. No. 18, 1892. An ordinance to repeal section 7 of an ordinance regulating the disposition of dead animals and animal offal and blood in the City of Indianapolis, and within two miles of the corporate limits of said city, and upon what is known as the Sellers' Farm, ordained August 20, 1878.

Read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

On motion by Councilman Rassmann, the following entitled ordinance was taken up; read second time; ordered engrossed and then read the third time:

Ap. O. No. 2, 1892. An ordinance appropriating seventy-six thousand eight hundred and forty dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$76,840.98) with which to pay temporary loans due April 20, 1892, and interest thereon.

And was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz.: Councilmen Allen, Colter, Cooper, Costello, Gasper, Gauss, Holloran, Laut, Linn, McGill, Puryear, Rassmann, Ryan, Schmidt, Schrader, Sherer, White, Young and President Murphy.

NAYS—None.

On motion by Councilman Rassmann, the following entitled ordinance was taken up; read second time; ordered engrossed and then read the third time:

Ap. O. No. 3, 1892. An ordinance appropriating two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for the use of the Department of Law in making compromises and settlements of claims against the City of Indianapolis.

And was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz.: Councilmen Allen, Colter, Cooper, Costello, Gasper, Gauss, Holloran, Laut, Linn, McGill, Puryear, Rassmann, Ryan, Schmidt, Schrader, Sherer, White, Young and President Murphy.

NAYS—None.

On motion by Councilman Ryan, the following entitled ordinance was taken up; read second time:

G. O. No. 16, 1892. An ordinance relating to the construction and maintenance of an Electric Light and Power Plant, in the City of Indianapolis, Marion County, State of Indiana, by the Indianapolis Brush Electric Light and Power Company, and the furnishing of electric lights to said city, and other matters pertaining thereto.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Gasper offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the contract entered into by the Board of Public Works for the lighting of the streets by electricity be referred back to said Board with the request to have the same amended by inserting therein a provision securing to the city the right at its option, at the expiration of five years from the date of said contract, and at the expiration of every year thereafter until the expiration of said contract, to purchase the entire plant and property which at the time of exercising such option shall be used in connection with the lighting of the streets under said contracts, at the fair value of said plant and property, to be determined by disinterested and competent appraisers, one to be selected by the Board of Public Works, one by the owners of said plant and property, and, in case of their disagreement, a third to be selected by them, the valuation of any two to be final and conclusive,
GASPER.

Mr. Ryan moved to lay Mr. Gasper's resolution on the table.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES 18—viz.: Councilmen Allen, Colter, Cooper, Costello, Gauss, Holloran, Laut, Linn, McGill, Puryear, Rassmann, Ryan, Schmidt, Scrader, Sherer, White, Young and President Murphy.

NAYS 1—viz.: Mr. Gasper.

Mr. Ryan moved that G. O. No. 16, 1892, be ordered engrossed, read third time and placed on its final passage.

The question being on the adoption of Mr. Ryan's motion.

The ayes and nays being called for by Mr. Gasper, the roll was called, which resulted in the following vote:

AYES 19—viz.: Councilmen Allen, Colter, Cooper, Costello, Gauss, Holloran, Laut, Linn, McGill, Olsen, Puryear, Rassmann, Ryan, Schmidt, Schrader, Sherer, White, Young and President Murphy.

NAYS 1—viz.: Mr. Gasper.

The question being on the passage of the G. O. No. 16, 1892.

Which was passed by the following vote:

AYES 19—viz.: Councilmen Allen, Colter, Cooper, Costello, Gauss, Holloran, Laut, Linn, McGill, Olsen, Puryear, Rassmann, Ryan, Schmidt, Schrader, Sherer, White, Young and President Murphy.

NAYS 1—viz.: Mr. Gasper.

On motion of Mr. Olsen, G. O. No. 8, 1892, was taken up and read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Ryan, G. O. No. 8, 1892, was referred to the Judiciary Committee and the City Attorney for the purpose of ascertaining if the city would be liable for damages under the provisions of said ordinance, and instructing said committee to report at the next regular meeting.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES 20—viz.: Councilmen Allen, Colter, Cooper, Costello, Gasper, Gauss, Holloran, Laut, Linn, McGill, Olsen, Puryear, Rassmann, Ryan, Schmidt, Schrader, Sherer, White, Young and President Murphy.

Mr. White moved that G. O. No. 8, 1892, be made a special order for the next regular meeting.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Ryan the Common Council, at 9:45 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

ATTEST:

M. J. Murphy

R. J. Strauss

President.

City Clerk.