

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

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OF THE

COMMON COUNCIL.

SPECIAL SESSION, MARCH 16, 1891,

OF THE

FIRST MEETING UNDER THE FOLLOWING ENTITLED ACT OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF INDIANA,  
APPROVED MARCH 6TH, 1891:

An Act concerning the incorporation and government of cities having more than one hundred thousand population according to the last preceding United States census, and matters connected therewith, and declaring an emergency.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber Monday evening, March 16th, A. D. 1891, at 8:00 o'clock, in special session, pursuant to the following call:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, INDIANAPOLIS, IND. }  
March 13th, 1891. }

To the Members of the Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—You are hereby requested to convene in the Council Chamber Monday evening, March 16th, 1891, at 8:00 o'clock, for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before you.

THOMAS L. SULLIVAN, Mayor.

E. B. Swift, City Clerk, called the meeting to order. The roll was called, with the following result:

PRESENT, 24—*viz:* Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Coy, Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassmann, Sherer, Stechhan, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, and President Yontz.

ABSENT, 1—*viz:* Councilman Woollen.

There being a quorum present, the Clerk announced that the next thing in order was the selection of a temporary Chairman.

Councilman Gauss nominated Councilman Hicklin. Mr. Hicklin declined, and nominated Councilman Yontz, who was chosen by unanimous consent.

Councilman Trusler moved to elect a permanent Chairman by ballot.

Councilman Olsen moved to lay Councilman Trusler's motion on the table.

Which motion failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz: Councilmen Austin, Gauss, Murphy, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Rassmann, Sherer, and Weber.

NAYS, 14—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cooper, Coy, Dunn, Gasper, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Myers, Pearson, Stechhan, Sweetland, Trusler, and President Yontz.

The motion offered by Councilman Trusler, was then adopted.

Councilman McGill placed in nomination Councilman Murphy.

Councilman Hicklin placed in nomination Councilman Yontz.

There being no further nominations, the Chair appointed Councilmen Rassmann and Pearson to act as tellers.

A vote was taken, with the following result:

Manford D. Yontz received ..... 14 votes.

Martin J. Murphy received ..... 10 votes.

The temporary Chairman then called Councilman Hicklin to the Chair.

Councilman Hicklin announced that Manford D. Yontz, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was duly elected President of the Common Council for the unexpired term, ending December 31st, 1891.

President Yontz then resumed the Chair, and announced that nominations for Vice President were in order.

Councilman Gauss placed in nomination Councilman Rassmann.

Councilman Markey placed in nomination Councilman Hicklin.

Councilman Rassmann asked to be released from acting as teller.

Request being granted, Councilman Gauss was appointed.

A ballot was then taken, with the following result:

Councilman Rassmann received..... 11 votes.

Councilman Hicklen received..... 12 votes.

Councilman Hicklin having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Vice President of the Common Council for the unexpired term, ending December 31st, 1891.

On motion by Councilman Hicklin, the former Rules of the Common Council were adopted until new Rules could be prepared and adopted by the Common Council.

Councilman Myers moved that all bids for improvements, be referred to the Committee on Public Works, without opening.

Which motion was unanimously adopted.

His Honor, the Mayor, submitted the following recommendation; which was received:

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith submit the estimates of the City Comptroller for the two (2) months ending April 30, 1891, with my approval, and recommend to your honorable body that the appropriations asked for be made.

March 15, 1891.

T. I. SULLIVAN, Mayor.

The City Comptroller submitted the following recommendation; which was received:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, OFFICE OF CITY COMPTROLLER, }  
 Indianapolis, March 14, 1891. }

*Sir:*—In starting the new city government my judgment is that estimates should only be made for two months, and I have the honor of submitting the following estimate of the amounts I deem necessary to meet the city's obligations and defray the expenses for the two months ending April 30, 1891:

To pay temporary loans .....	\$ 90,000 00
Interest and exchange on same .....	1,532 34
Interest on bonds, with exchange .....	840 84
On account of Board of Health .....	800 00
On account of City Civil Engineer.....	2,000 00
On account of City Dispensary.....	900 00
On account of City Hall.....	20 00
On account of City Hospital and Branch.....	4,000 00
On account of Fire Department—pay-rolls.....	13,000 00
On account of Fire Department—accounts.....	6,500 00
On account of gas .....	7,500 00
On account of fitting up city offices .....	1,000 00
On account of office furniture.....	1,000 00
On account of Markets .....	1,000 00
On account of Parks .....	600 00
On account of Police—pay-roll .....	15,000 00
On account of Printing.....	1,000 00
On account of Salaries.....	8,000 00
On account of Station House.....	500 00
On account of street openings and vacations.....	100 00
On account of street repairs—pay rolls.....	10,000 00
On account of street repairs.....	1,000 00
On account of Tomlinson Hall—Janitors.....	300 00
On account of Tomlinson Hall—accounts.....	100 00
On account of water rent.....	9,700 00
On account of Home for Friendless Women .....	100 00
On account of vapor light.....	850 00
On account of books and stationery .....	1,000 00
On account of Attorney's fees.....	200 00
On account of incidental expenses of the city offices.....	500 00
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	\$179,043 18
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I make no estimate for electric light, for the reason that the city has no contract with the Electric Light Company.

It will be difficult to estimate with any certainty the amount which will be required to fit up the several city offices. Some of the furniture already owned by the city can be utilized, and if the amount named should be in excess of that required, the surplus will stand to the credit of the account, and can be used hereafter.

The City Clerk has certified to me that there remains of former appropriations, the following unexpended balances, which are available in paying the city's expenses, to-wit:

On account of Board of Health.....	\$ 102 97
On account of City Civil Engineer.....	426 00
On account of Fire Department—pay-rolls.....	10,971 00
On account of Markets .....	225 00
On account of Parks.....	205 43
On account of Police .....	8,814 03
On account of Salaries.....	5,526 00
On account of Street Repairs—pay-rolls.....	2,214 37
	\$28,484 80

A respectfully recommend that the Common Council appropriate the sum of \$179,043.18, less \$28,484.80—the amount of former appropriations available, to-wit: the sum of \$150,558.38—to pay the city's obligations and expenses for the two months ending April 30, 1891.

To the Mayor.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM WESLEY WOOLLEN,  
City Comptroller.

Approved: T. L. SULLIVAN, Mayor.

Councilman Rassmann, on behalf of the City Comptroller, introduced the following entitled appropriation ordinance, which was read the first time:

Ap. O. 1, 1891—An ordinance appropriating moneys for the expenses of the city government of the City of Indianapolis, its officers and departments, for the months of March and April, 1891. [Amount appropriated, \$150,558.38]

On motion by Councilman Rassmann, the Rules were suspended for the purpose of placing Ap. O. No. 1, 1891, on its final passage; which was unanimously adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 23—viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Coy, Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Pearson, Rassmann, Sherer, Stechhan, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, and President Yontz.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 1, 1891, was read the second time, ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 23—viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Coy, Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Pearson, Rassmann, Sherer, Stechhan, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, and President Yontz.

NAYS—None.

#### REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Treasurer, through the City Clerk, submitted the following report; which was read and received:

Indianapolis, March 30, 1891.

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

*Gentlemen:*—I have the honor to make the following report:

Balance on hand January 1, 1891 .....	\$ 62,746 45
Miscellaneous collections from January 1, 1891 to March 7, 1891 .....	41,990 55
Collections on tax duplicate from Jan. 1, '91 to Mar. 7, '91, (estimated) ..	47,266 55
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	\$152,003 55
Warrants paid from January 1, 1891, to March 7, 1891 .....	\$105,278 70
Balance on hand March 9, 1891 .....	46,724 85
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	\$152,003 55

Respectfully submitted, JNO. OSTERMAN, Treasurer.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was read and referred to the City Comptroller:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith submit an itemized statement, showing the amount of orders drawn on the city treasury during the first seven days of March, 1891, up to the date of the taking effect of the new City Charter:

Board of Health .....	\$ 169 55
City Civil Engineer's Department .....	438 60
City Dispensary .....	561 58
City Hall .....	5 35
City Hospital and Branch .....	1,977 85
Cisterns .....	1,053 52
Fire Department—pay-roll .....	2,719 50
Fire Department—accounts .....	945 72
Gas .....	3,450 54
Incidentals .....	9 50
Judgments and costs .....	10 00
Markets .....	142 54
Parks .....	460 19
Police .....	5,714 44
Printing .....	516 92
Salary .....	471 00
Sewers .....	3,361 34
Station House .....	212 82
Street improvements .....	1,184 35
Street openings and vacations .....	186 00
Street Repairs—pay-rolls .....	282 25
Street Repairs—accounts .....	285 64
Tomlinson Hall accounts .....	188 65
Water rent .....	9,985 00
Illinois street tunnel .....	56 00
Public charity .....	50 00
Vapor light .....	425 00
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	\$ 34,863 85

Respectfully submitted, E. B. SWIFT, City Clerk.

To the President and Members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Ind:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith submit the following report, showing the condition of the Treasurer March 7, 1891:

Balance on hand January 1, 1891.....	\$ 62,746 45	
Miscellaneous receipts from January 1, 1891, to March 7, 1891:		
Market licenses.....	\$ 187 00	
Dog licenses.....	276 75	
Express licenses.....	18 60	
Huckster licenses.....	1,200 00	
Liquor licenses.....	10,437 50	
Peddler licenses.....	291 00	
Coal licenses.....	12 00	
Auction licenses.....	140 00	
Exhibition licenses.....	300 00	
Dray license.....	1 00	
Market Masters' fees.....	508 20	
Tapping sewers.....	22 00	
Fines and fees, City Court.....	680 80	
Benefits.....	684 70	
Rent of Tomlinson Hall.....	875 00	
Pay patients, City Hospital.....	829 17	
Approving plats.....	45 00	
Station House account.....	356 83	
Sale of electric apparatus.....	125 00	
		16,990 55
LOANS.		
Temporary loan for January.....	\$20,000 00	
Temporary loan for February.....	5,000 00	
		25,000 00
City's portion of taxes collected from January 1st, 1891, to March 7, 1891, (estimated by County Treasurer at).....		47,266 55
Total receipts from all funds.....		<u>\$152,003 55</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Orders drawn on City Treasurer from Jan. 1, to March 7, 1891, are as follows:

Board of Health.....	\$ 1,130 65
Bridges.....	4,049 00
City Civil Engineer's Department.....	2,094 98
City Dispensary.....	1,515 99
City Hall.....	486 50
City Hospital and Branch.....	6,546 81
Cisterns.....	1,053 52
Fire Department—pay-rolls.....	14,744 09
Fire Department—accounts.....	5,927 93
Gas.....	10,536 78
Incidentals.....	308 05
Judgments and costs.....	1,036 50
Markets.....	1,132 37
Parks.....	1,577 25
Police.....	18,408 06
Printing.....	1,444 86
Salary.....	7,242 50
Sewers.....	12,065 96
Station House.....	722 78
Street improvements.....	10,701 64
Street openings and vacations.....	427 00
Street Repairs—pay-rolls.....	3,165 84
Street Repairs—accounts.....	1,540 51
Tomlinson Hall—accounts.....	514 54
Water rent.....	9,985 00
Cemeteries.....	27 40

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Illino's street tunnel.....	\$ 180 00
Pouge's Run .....	5,667 92
Public charity.....	150 00
Vapor light.....	1,275 00
Electric light.....	628 25
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	\$126,285 59
Less amount of orders on hand uncalled for.....	21,006 89
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Subtracted from the above, leaves.. ..	\$105,278 70
Balance on hand March 7, 1891.....	46,724 85
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	\$152,003 55
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The City Clerk submitted the following communication; which was read and received:

To the Honorable President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Owing to the additional work which has been assigned to me under the new form of our municipal government, requiring me to perform the duties of Clerk of the Police Court in addition to my duties as City Clerk, I find that it will be impossible for one person to perform all of said duties, and I would therefore respectfully request your honorable body to allow me a deputy, as provided for in Section 47 of the new City Charter.

E. B. SWIFT, City Clerk.

Councilman Myers offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 1—Resolved, That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, authorized to employ a Deputy Clerk to assist him in the duties of his office, at the salary of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) per year, as provided for in Section 47 of the new City Charter, known as House Bill No. 44, enacted by the Legislature of 1891. Said salary to begin from the date of the taking effect of said Act (March 6, 1891.)

Passed by the Common Council, March 16th, 1891.

MANFORD D. YONTZ, President.

Attest: E. B. SWIFT, City Clerk.

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Indianapolis, March 17, 1891.

E. B. SWIFT, City Clerk.

Approved and signed by me, March 18, 1891.

T. L. SULLIVAN, Mayor.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 23—viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Coy, Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Pearson, Rassmann, Sherer, Stechhan, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, and President Yontz.

NAYS—None.

The City Clerk submitted the following communication; which was read and received:

To the President and Members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—I would respectfully inform your honorable body that I have appointed Mr. Charles D. Bushong as Deputy in my office, as provided for in Section 47 of the new City Charter Bill of 1891.

E. B. SWIFT, City Clerk.

The City Attorney submitted the following communication and resolution; which were read

Indianapolis, Ind., March 16th, 1891.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen:*—On the 19th day of August, 1889, the City of Indianapolis conveyed to Roger R. Shiel part of Lots four and five, in Square thirty-four, fronting on Indiana avenue. A recent survey of the property, together with a careful examination of the abstract of title to said property, reveals the fact that the city failed to convey to said Shiel a strip of ground one foot wide by thirty-nine feet six inches in length, along the north side of the tract deeded to him.

It was the intention of the city to sell and convey all the real estate owned by the city, and obtained from the Tomlinson Estate, and lying in Square thirty-four, in the city. That the conveyance may be corrected, I respectfully recommend for your adoption the resolution hereto attached.

Very respectfully,

LEON O. BAILEY, City Attorney.

RESOLUTION No. 2—*Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis*, That whereas, there was an error in the description in the deed heretofore made by the city to Roger R. Shiel, for that part of Square number thirty-four (34,) obtained from the Estate of Stephen D. Tomlinson, under resolution passed by Common Council and Board of Aldermen, August 5th, 1889, and August 12th, 1889, respectively; that the description be corrected by the execution of a new deed by the Mayor to said Shiel, which shall properly describe and release and quit-claim to him all of the ground in said Square thirty-four (34,) owned by the city under the donation of Stephen D. Tomlinson, deceased.

Passed by the Common Council, March 16th, 1891.

MANFORD D. YONTZ, President.

Attest: E. B. SWIFT, City Clerk.

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Indianapolis, March 17, 1891.

E. B. SWIFT, City Clerk.

Approved and signed by me, March 18, 1891.

T. L. SULLIVAN, Mayor.

Which communication was received, and the resolution adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 23—viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Coy, Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Pearson, Rassmann, Sherer, Stechhan, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, and President Yontz.

YAYS—None.

#### REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Sewers, through Councilman Murphy, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—We, your Committee on Sewers and Drainage, report back Special Ordinances numbered as follows: No. 1, 5, 13, 14, 15, 16, 25 and 26, 1891, and recommend they be referred to the Board of Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. Murphy,

D. A. Myers,

Jno. A. Weber,

Committee on Sewers and Drainage.

#### INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES, AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Myers introduced the following entitled General Ordinance; which was read the first time:

G. O. No. 1, 1891—An ordinance empowering the City Attorney to revise and codify all existing city ordinances, and to employ such assistance as is necessary to accomplish the same.

On motion by Councilman Myers, the Rules were suspended for the purpose of placing G. O. 1, 1891, on its final passage; which was unanimously adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Coy, Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Pearson, Rassmann, Sherer, Stechhan, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, and President Yontz.

NAYS—None.

G. O. 1, 1891, was read the second time, ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 23—viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Coy, Davis, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Pearson, Rassmann, Sherer, Stechhan, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, and President Yontz.

NAYS--None.

Councilman Markey offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That the Committee on Rules be instructed to prepare and report at the earliest time possible, a set of Rules for the government of the Common Council.

Councilman Pearson introduced the following entitled General Ordinance, which was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee:

G. O. No. 2, 1895—An ordinance fixing the salaries and compensation of certain officers and employes of the City of Indianapolis.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

*M. J. Yontz*, President.  
*E. B. Wiley*, City Clerk.

Attest: