

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—MAY 18, 1891.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, May 18th, A. D. 1891, at 8:00 o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Manford D. Yontz, President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 19 members, viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Rassmann, Sherer, Sweetland, Trusler, and Woollen.

ABSENT, 5—viz: Councilmen Coy, Davis, Pearson, Stechhan, and Weber.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session held May 4th, 1891, having been printed and placed upon the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication; which was received:

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen.—I have the honor to report that I have approved General Ordinance No. 12, 1891; General Ordinance No. 10, 1891, and Resolutions No. 5 and 6, passed by your honorable body at its last session.

THOMAS L. SULLIVAN, Mayor.

The City Clerk, for the School Board, submitted the following; which was read and referred to the Committee on Education:

Indianapolis, May 13, 1891.

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

Gentlemen.—Permit me to remind you that the election for School Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis will be held on the 13th of June—being the second Saturday—in the following Districts:

District No. 1—Voting place, School House corner of Vermont and New Jersey streets.

District No. 2—Voting place, School House corner of Delaware and Walnut streets.

District No. 10—Voting place, School House corner of Home avenue and Ash streets.

District No. 11—Voting place, School House corner of Tennessee and Fourth streets.

Proper notice should be given, and Judges and Inspectors chosen.

Very respectfully,

EMMA B. RIDENOUR,
Assistant Secretary of Board of School Commissioners.

REPORTS FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The City Clerk, on behalf of the Board of Public Works, submitted the following communication and ordinance :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, OFFICE OF THE BOARD, }
Indianapolis, May 18th, 1891. }

To the Honorable President and Members of the Common Council :

Gentlemen:—The Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis respectfully beg leave to report herewith an ordinance confirming and approving a contract this day made and entered into with The Postal Telegraph-Cable Company.

Very respectfully, A. W. CONDUITT, Ch'n.

G. O. No. 14, 1891—An ordinance approving a certain contract granting the Postal-Telegraph Cable Company the right to erect telegraph poles and to place wires thereon, from the corner of Seventh and Peru streets to the Atlas Engine Works, in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Which communication was read, received, and the ordinance read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Public Light.

From the same Board :

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, OFFICE OF THE BOARD, }
Indianapolis, May 13th, 1891. }

To the Honorable President and Members of the Common Council :

Gentlemen:—The Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis respectfully beg leave to report herewith an ordinance specifically ordering the construction of a local two and one-half foot brick sewer on Pennsylvania street.

Most respectfully submitted, A. W. CONDUITT, Pres't.

S. O. No. 1, 1891—An ordinance authorizing the construction of a two and one-half foot brick sewer in and along Pennsylvania street, from Pratt street to a point fifty feet south of Second street.

Which communication was read and received, the ordinance read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Sewers.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Bridges, through Councilman Sherer, submitted the following report; which was adopted :

Indianapolis, May 6,, 1891.

At a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, held on the 4th day of May, 1891, the following clause of Ap. O. 3, 1891, was referred to the Committee on Bridges, on account of the Board of Public Works:

Attest:

E. B. SWIFT, City Clerk.

"One thousand five hundred dollars."

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee to whom was referred the above, would respectfully recommend the passage of the same as contained in General Appropriation Ordinance No. 3.

E. J. Sherer,
R. J. Nolan.

The Committee on Fire Department, through Councilman Hicklin, submitted the following report; which was adopted :

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Fire Department, to whom was referred the claim in Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, 1891, appropriating the sum of \$28,400.00 on account of the Fire Department pay-roll, and \$11,985.00 for accounts, recommend the appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. Hicklin,
Emil C. Rassmann,
Henry Sweetland,
Fire Committee.

The Committee on Judiciary, through Councilman McGill, submitted the following report; which was adopted:

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee to whom was referred a portion of the account in Ap. O. No. 3, 1891, after a full and complete investigation of the same, would respectfully recommend that the money for the payment of witness fees in the case of Mozingo vs. City (\$61.25); the city's share of costs of record for Supreme Court in the case of Claire vs. City (\$12.37), be appropriated, and the sum of \$1,000.00 be appropriated as a contingent fund to be drawn upon only for the purpose of settling and compromising small claims and cases against the city.

Respectfully submitted,

Robt. C. McGill,
Michael J. Burns,
David A. Myers,
Judiciary Committee.

Indianapolis, May 6, 1891

At a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, held on the 4th day of May, 1891, the following clause in Ap. O. No. 3, 1891, on account of the Department of Law, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Attest:

E. B. SWIFT, City Clerk.

For witness fees in case of Mozingo vs. City	\$ 61 25
For city's share of cost of record for Supreme Court in case of Clair vs. City	12 37
To place in power of the City Attorney to pay any judgment against the city, or to effect a compromise therefor.....	1,000 00

The Committee on Markets, through Councilman Burns, submitted the following report: which was adopted:

Indianapolis, May 6, 1891.

At a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, held on the 4th day of May, 1891, the following clause in Ap. O. No. 3, 1891, on account of the Department of Public Safety, was referred to the Committee on Markets.

Attest:

E. B. SWIFT, City Clerk.

For markets.....	\$1,740 00
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To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee to whom was referred that part of Ap. O. 3, 1891, referring to the markets, respectfully recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. Burns,
Chas. A. Gauss,
Robt. Martindale,
Committee on Markets.

The Committee on Office Fixtures and Supplies, through Councilman Nolan, submitted the following report; which was adopted:

Indianapolis, May 6, 1891.

At a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, held on the 4th day of May, 1891, the following clause in Ap. O. No. 3, 1891, on account of the Board of Public Works, was referred to the Committee on Office Fixtures and Supplies.

Attest: E. B. SWIFT, City Clerk,
For furniture and fixtures of city offices.....\$1,000 00

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—We, your Committee to whom was referred the above, as contained in Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, 1891, recommend the passage of the same.

Respectfully submitted, R. J. Nolan,
Ed. A. Austin,
Committee on Office Fixtures and Supplies.

The Committee on Public Health, through Councilman Nolan, submitted the following report; which was adopted:

Indianapolis, May 6, 1891.

At a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, held on the 4th day of May, 1891, the following clause in Ap. O. 3, 1891, on account of the Department of Public Health, was referred to the Committee on Public Health.

Attest: E. B. SWIFT, City Clerk.
For expense of Health Office.....\$1,190 50
For expense of City Hospital..... 7,750 00
For expense of City Dispensary..... 1,593 51

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee to whom was referred the above, would respectfully recommend the passage of the same, as the same is embodied in General Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, 1891.

Respectfully submitted, R. J. Nolan,
Thomas Markey,
J. L. Gasper,
Committee on Public Health.

The Committee on Public Light, through Councilman Hicklin, submitted the following report; which was adopted:

Indianapolis, May 18, 1891.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Public Light, to whom was referred the claim in Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, 1891, appropriating the sum of \$21,000.00 on account of public light, recommend the amount be so appropriated.

Respectfully submitted, W. M. Hicklin,
Michael J. Burns,
Robt. Martindale,
Committee on Public Light.

The Committee on Police, through Councilman Burns, submitted the following report; which was adopted:

Indianapolis, May 6, 1891.

At a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, held on the 4th day of May, 1891, the following clause in Ap. O. No. 3, 1891, on account of the Department of Public Safety, was referred to the Police Committee.

Attest: E. B. SWIFT, City Clerk.
For Police, Police Surgeon and Building Inspector.....\$28,623 69
For Station House expenses..... 1,400 00

To the President and Members of the Common Council :

Gentlemen:—Your Committee to whom was referred the above, respectfully recommend the same do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. Burns,
Henry Sweetland,
Simeon Coy,
Committee on Police.

The Committee on Public Charities, through Councilman Trusler, submitted the following report ; which was referred to the Committee on Public Health :

To the President and Members of the Common Council :

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Public Charities would recommend that the estimates of the Comptroller be concurred in, and appropriations made as follows:

For Home of Friendless Women.....	\$ 200 00
For City Dispensary.....	1,593 51
For City Hospital and Branch.....	7,750 00

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. Trusler,
W. H. Cooper,
Committee on Public Charities.

The Committee on Health, through Councilmen Nolan, submitted the following report ; which was adopted :

Indianapolis, May 18, 1891.

At a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, held on the above date, the following was referred to the Committee on Public Health. Clause in Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, 1891 :

For Home of Friendless Women.....	\$200 00
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Attest:

E. B. SWIFT, City Clerk.

To the President and Members of the Common Council :

Gentlemen:—We, your Committee to whom was referred the above, beg leave to recommend the passage of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. Nolan,
Thomas Markey,
Committee on Public Charities.

The Committee on Printing, through Councilman McGill, submitted the following report ; which was adopted :

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen:—Your Committee to whom was referred a portion of the account in Ap. O. No. 3, 1891, after a full and complete investigation of the same, respectfully recommend the payment of the printing of the Proceedings of the Council (\$400.00); for binding records, blank books, etc., (\$600.00), and for indexing Council Proceedings for 1890, (\$400.00.)

Respectfully submitted,

Robt. C. McGill,
Michael J. Burns,
Committee on Printing.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Markey, submitted the following report ; which was adopted :

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee to whom was referred that part of Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, 1891, pertaining to street and alley improvements, street openings and vacations, Street Commissioner's pay-rolls, Street Commissioner's accounts

and City Civil Engineer, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and that they respectfully recommend that the same do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Markey,
Ed. A. Austin,
Robt. Martindale,
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The Committee on Water, through Councilman Murphy, submitted the following report; which was adopted:

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

Gentlemen:—We, your Committee to whom was referred a part of Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, 1891, appropriating the sum of \$12,000.00, respectfully report that we have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same do pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Simeon Coy,
D. A. Myers,
M. J. Murphy,
Committee on Water.

The Select Committee appointed by the Chair at a previous meeting, through Councilman Cooper, submitted the following report; which was adopted:

To the President of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee to whom was referred the changing of the contract with The Western Paving and Supply Company, for paving Illinois street to within eighteen inches of the street railway tracks on each side, between Washington and New York streets, would say that unless the contract was made void by both parties, and a new contract made with The Western Paving and Supply Company (which the paving company refuse to do,) that under the written opinion of the City Attorney, it being very dangerous to change the contract on the part of the city, most respectfully recommend that the contract be not changed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Cooper, Ch'n.,
M. J. Murphy,
Thomas Markey,
Select Committee.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST AND SECOND READING, AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion by Councilman Rassmann, the following ordinance was read the second time:

Ap. O. 3, 1891—An ordinance appropriating two hundred and eighty-five thousand two hundred seventy-three dollars and eighty-two cents, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the government of the City of Indianapolis for the months of May, June, July and August, 1891.

The Rules were then suspended, and the above entitled Appropriation Ordinance was ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassmann, Sherer, Trusler, and President Yontz.

NAYS—None.

By Councilman Nolan. Read the first time :

G. O. No. 15, 1891—An ordinance regulating the removal of garbage and the contents of vaults, and providing for the registration and licensing of those engaged therein.

Councilman Hicklin moved that a committee of five be appointed to re-district the city into fifteen Wards, as provided by the new City Charter, known as House Bill No. 44, of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 6, 1891.

Which motion was adopted, and the Chair appointed Councilmen Hicklin, Austin, Burns, Cooper and Martindale to act on the above committee.

Councilman Trusler introduced the following resolution :

RESOLUTION No. 7, 1891—*Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis*, That the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an ordinance for the re-numbering of houses, not inconsistent with the provisions of existing ordinances where possible, and in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter.

Councilman Murphy moved that the above resolution be laid on the table.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 12—viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Murphy, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Rassmann, Sherer, and President Yontz.

NAYS, 8—viz: Councilmen Cooper, Dunn, Gasper, Martindale, Myers, Pearson, Sweetland, and Trusler.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

W. D. Yontz....., President.

Attest: *E. B. Swift*....., City Clerk.