

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—SEPTEMBER 21, 1891.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, September 21st, A. D. 1891, at 8:00 o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—W. M. Hicklin, Vice-President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 20 members, viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Coy, Dunn, Gauss, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassmann, Sherer, Trusler and Weber.

ABSENT, 5—viz: Councilmen Davis, Stechhan, Sweetland, Woollen and President Yontz.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session held September 7th; the special session held September 11th, 1891, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication:

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 21st, 1891.

To the Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—I have approved Appropriation Ordinance No. 6, passed at your session held September 11th, 1891.

Very respectfully yours,

T. L. SULLIVAN, Mayor.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Ways and Means, through Councilman Rassman, submitted the following report, accompanied with resolution:

To the Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the City Comptroller's estimates of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year commencing September 1, 1891, together with the recommendations of the Mayor and City Comptroller, would respectfully report that we have carefully considered the several items, and made reductions in said estimate amounting to \$45,600.00, as follows, viz:

Bridges	\$ 2,500 00
City Engineer's Department.....	2,500 00
City Hall	300 00
Fire Department.....	10,000 00
Police Department	3,000 00

Sewers.....	\$ 2,000 00
Street and alley openings.....	2,100 00
Street improvements.....	20,000 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	500 00
Public buildings.....	500 00
Public light.....	2,000 00
Tomlinson Hall.....	200 00
	\$45,600 00

With the reductions as above, we are able to report that a tax levy of sixty (60) cents per one hundred dollars, will be sufficient to meet all obligations as set forth in the above referred to recommendations, and your Committee recommend that the tax levy be placed at sixty cents per one hundred dollars.

Respectfully submitted,
 Emil C. Rassmann,
 Chas. A. Gauss,
 William H. Cooper,
 Ed. A. Austin,
 John R. Pearson,
 Committee on Ways and Means.

STATE OF INDIANA, *Marion County*, ss:

I, Thomas Taggart, Auditor of said county, do hereby certify that the aggregate assessment and valuation for taxation for State and County purposes for the year 1891, in the City of Indianapolis, of all taxables, real and personal, and railway property in such city, and the number of taxable polls therein, as the same has been returned to this office by the Assessor of Center Township, and as equalized by the County Board of Review and the State Board of Tax Commissioners, is as follows, to-wit:

Real Estate.....	\$39 682,995 00
Improvements.....	25,392,150 00
Personal.....	24,006,960 00
Railroad property.....	4,619,185 00
	\$93,701,290 00
Total.....	
Number of Polls.....	23,153

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Board of County Commission, this 11th day of September, 1891.

[Seal]

THOMAS TAGGART, County Auditor.

Which was concurred in.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

Councilman Rassmann introduced the following ordinance; which was read first time:

Ap. O. No. 7, 1891.—An ordinance appropriating moneys for the purpose of defraying the current expenses of the City Government of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1892, including all outstanding obligations or claims which become due and payable within said period.

Councilman Coy moved the suspension of the rules for the purpose of placing Ap. O. No. 7, 1891, on its final passage; which was objected to by Councilmen Myers and Trusler.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL ORDINANCES.

Councilman Rassmann introduced G. O. No. 35, 1891, which was read first time:

G. O. No. 35, 1891.—An ordinance fixing the rate of levy and taxation for the City of Indianapolis for the ensuing year.

By Councilman Gasper. Read first time :

G. O. No. 36, 1891.—An ordinance licensing, taxing and regulating branch stores or establishments, and all other concerns established in the City of Indianapolis for temporary business only; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

By Councilman Markey :

G. O. No. 37, 1891.—An ordinance amending Section one of General Ordinance No. 26, the same being an ordinance to increase the public revenue of the City of Indianapolis by requiring all retail dealers in intoxicating liquors to obtain and pay for license thereof.

Councilman Markey moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of placing G. O. No. 37, 1891, on its final passage, which was objected to by Councilman Burns, who moved to refer same to the Judiciary Committee, which latter motion failed of adoption by the following vote :

AYES, 1—viz: Councilman Burns.

NAYS, 21—viz: Councilmen Austin, Cooper, Coy, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassmann, Sherer, Stechhan, Trusler and Weber.

Councilman Burns then withdrew his objection to the suspension of the rules.

On motion the City Clerk was ordered to amend G. O. No. 37, 1891, by inserting the publication and emergency clause, by the following vote :

AYES, 20—viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Coy, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassmann, Sherer, Sweetland, Trusler and Weber.

NAYS—None.

G. O. No. 37, 1891, was then read a second time, ordered engrossed, and passed, by the following vote :

AYES, 21—viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Coy, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassmann, Sherer, Stechhan, Trusler and Weber.

NAYS—None.

By Councilman Myers. Read first time :

G. O. No. 38, 1891.—An ordinance regulating the closing of saloons.

Councilman Myers offered the following motion :

Moved by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to confer with Mr John P. Frenzel, President of the Citizens' Street Railroad Company, with the view of securing cheaper rate for fare, by selling six tickets for twenty-five cents.

Which was adopted, and the following committee was then appointed :
Councilmen Myers, Olsen and Gauss.

Councilman Stechhan moved as a question of personal privilege that the records (*ante*, page 20, 2d part) be corrected, showing that he voted "Nay" on the salary ordinance raising the salaries of certain city officers.

Which was adopted.

Councilman Trusler offered the following motion :

Moved by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That the city records, vouchers, pay-rolls etc., are public records, and that access to said papers and vouchers is necessary to a proper understanding of the city's affairs, without which members of the Common Council would be unable to vote intelligently on many subjects; and that a copy of this motion be furnished to the City Comptroller, City Commissioners, City Engineer and Board of Public Works.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

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

NAYS, 2—viz: Councilmen Burns and Weber.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

 _____, President *pro tem*.

Attest:  _____, City Clerk.