

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

SPECIAL SESSION—NOVEMBER 9, 1891.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, November 9th, A. D. 1891, at 7:30 o'clock, in special session, pursuant to the following call:

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 7, 1891.

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

Gentlemen:—You are requested to meet in special session at the Council Chamber at 7:30 o'clock Monday evening, November 9th, 1891, for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before said meeting.

Respectfully,

M. D. YONTZ, President.

PRESENT—Hon. M. D. Yontz, President of the Common Council in the Chair, and 12 members, viz: Councilmen Burns, Gasper, Hicklin, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Rassmann, Sweetland and Weber.

ABSENT, 12—viz: Councilmen Austin, Cooper, Coy, Davis, Dunn, Gauss, Markey, Pearson, Sherer, Stechhan, Trusler, and Woollen.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

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

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 9, 1891.

To the Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—I have approved General Ordinance No. 40, also Special Ordinance No. 4, also Appropriation Ordinance No. 8, passed at your session held November 2, 1891.

Very respectfully yours,

T. L. SULLIAN, Mayor.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Public Light, through Councilman Hicklin, submitted the following report:

Indianapolis, Nov. 9, 1891.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Public Light, to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 39, 1891, an ordinance authorizing the Jenny Electric Motor Company to erect poles and line of wire on certain streets of the city, would recommend its passage

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Hicklin,
Michael J. Burns,
Robt. Martindale,
Committee on Public Light.

Which was read and adopted.

The Judiciary Committee, through Councilman McGill, submitted the following report:

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Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 9th, 1891.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred G. O. No. 43, 1891, would respectfully recommend that the said ordinance be amended as follows:

In line 17, strike out all after the words "road to a point," and all of lines 18, 19 and 20, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"In said Michigan Road where the center line of Highland avenue extended would cross said Michigan Road."

And also strike out the word "cemetery," in line 21, and insert after the word "west," in line 21, the following: "Along the center line of said Highland avenue."

Respectfully submitted,

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

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Ways and Means and Select Committee, through Councilman Rassmann, submitted the following report, together with recommendations of the Board of Public Safety and City Comptroller:

To the Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Ways and Means, together with a Select Committee, to whom was referred the request from the Board of Public Safety, with reference to the passage of an Appropriation Ordinance for the better equipment the Fire Department, would report that we have investigated the matter, and respectfully ask the passage of an ordinance appropriating the sum of thirty-three thousand five hundred dollars, as per recommendation of the City Comptroller herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

Emil C. Rassmann,
Jos. L. Gasper,
Wm. M. Hicklin,
M. J. Murphy,
Committee on Ways and Means.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE BOARD,
ROOM 6, BASEMENT COURT HOUSE, Indianapolis, Nov. 6, 1891. }

MR. W. W. WOOLLEN, City Comptroller:

Dear Sir:—In compliance with your suggestion, the Board of Public Safety, in conjunction with Mr. Webster, Chief of the Fire Force, has made a revision of the estimate for fire engines, hose, hose wagon, horses, fire-alarm boxes, rebuilding Engine No. 2, and other needed supplies, which we submitted October 30, 1891. It is now our opinion that this Department should have placed to its credit for the purchase of the above supplies, the sum of \$33,500.00. We come to this conclusion after making all the deductions that we can safely make.

Very respectfully yours,

EDWARD HAWKINS,
Chairman Board of Public Safety.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
OFFICE OF CITY COMPTROLLER, Indianapolis, Nov. 7, 1891. }

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

Gentlemen:—I beg to call your attention to the accompanying letter to me from the Board of Public Safety, asking for an appropriation of \$33,500.00 for the Fire Force accounts.

In my report to the Mayor of the 1st of September last, I recommended an appropriation of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) for this account, but the Council cut the estimate \$5,000.00. My estimate was made to take care of the ordinary expenses with which this account is charged, and not for extraordinary ones. Out of the appropriation \$3,500 has been taken to pay for one Hook and Ladder Truck and for one Chemical Engine, leaving the fund so depleted that it must be replenished.

As most of the money asked for by the Board of Public Safety is to be used for buying engines, hose, horses, etc., for the permanent betterment of the Department, and inasmuch as the revenue which will come to the city the current fiscal year has already been covered by appropriations, I think that of 1892 should be anticipated to procure the money asked for by the Board of Public Safety. This can be done by virtue of the 32d Section of the Charter Act, as the city has now no temporary loans outstanding. I therefore recommend that an appropriation of \$33,500.00 be made to the Board of Public Safety for the Fire Force accounts, and that the Mayor and City Comptroller be authorized by ordinance to make a temporary loan for the city in anticipation of the revenue of 1892, for said sum of thirty-three thousand five hundred dollars, to run for eighteen months, to draw interest at a rate of five per cent. per annum, and deliver to the person or persons who take said loan, temporary loan bonds in such denomination as may be desired, amounting in the aggregate to said sum of \$33,500; that the interest on said loan-bonds be payable semi annually, and that they have three interest coupons attached to said bonds for the proper amounts. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM WESLEY WOOLLEN,
City Comptroller.

Which were received.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

Council Rassmann, on behalf of the City Comptroller, introduced the following Appropriation Ordinance; which was read the first time:

Ap. O. 10, 1891—An ordinance appropriating thirty-three thousand five hundred dollars (\$33,500) for the use and betterment of the Fire Department of the City of Indianapolis, and authorizing and directing a temporary loan to provide the revenue for such appropriation.

On motion of Councilman Rassmann, the Rules were suspended for the purpose of placing Ap. O. 10, 1891, on its final passage, by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cooper, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Rassmann, Sherer, Stechhan, Sweetland, Weber, Woollen, and President Yontz,

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 10, 1891, was then read the second time, ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cooper, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Rassmann, Sherer, Stechhan, Sweetland, Weber, Woollen, and President Yontz.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Rassmann, on behalf of the City Comptroller, introduced the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 12, 1891.—*Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,* That the City Comptroller be, and he hereby is, authorized to use of any money heretofore appropriated by the Common Council to the Department of Finance to pay salaries, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, to pay for clerical help in his office, in addition to the amount named in schedule "A" heretofore submitted to the Committee of Ways and Means, and included in the estimates of the present fiscal year.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 15—viz: Councilmen Burns, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Rassmann, Stechhan, Sweetland, Weber, and President Yontz.

NAYS—None.

PENDING ORDINANCES.

The following entitled ordinance was then read the second time, ordered engrossed, and read the third time :

G. O. No. 39, 1891.—An ordinance confirming and approving a certain agreement and contract made and entered into on the 5th day of October, 1891, by and between the City of Indianapolis and the Jenney Electric Motor Company, wherein said company is granted the use of certain streets in the City of Indianapolis for the purpose of distributing light, heat and power by electricity.

And it was passed, by the following vote :

AYES, 15—viz: Councilmen Burns, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Rassmann, Stechhan, Sweetland, Weber, and President Yontz.

NAYS—None.

On motion of Councilman Myers, **G. O. No. 42, 1891**, was called from the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The following entitled ordinance was then read the second time, ordered engrossed, and read the third time :

G. O. No. 42, 1891.—An ordinance changing the name of Plum street to that of College avenue, and to provide for re-numbering College avenue from Massachusetts avenue to Seventeenth street.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 15—viz: Councilmen Burns, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Rassmann, Stechhan, Sweetland, Weber, and President Yontz.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was then read the second time :

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

Which failed of engrossment.

Councilman McGill then moved to reconsider.

Which was adopted.

Councilman Burns then moved to strike **G. O. 38, 1891**, from the files.

Which failed by the following vote :

AYES, 11—viz: Councilmen Burns, Gauss, Hicklin, Murphy, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Rassmann, Stechhan, Weber, and President Yontz.

NAYS, 4—viz: Councilmen Gasper, Martindale, Meyers, and Sweetland.

On motion by Councilman Myers, the following entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered engrossed, and then read the third time :

G. O. No. 43, 1891.—An ordinance to provide for the annexation to the City of Indianapolis of certain territory adjacent and contiguous to said city, made under and by virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 6th, 1891.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 15—viz: Councilmen Burns, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Kassmann, Stechhan, Sweetland, Weber, and President Yontz.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Stechhan offered the following motion :

Moved by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That the Committee on Railroads be requested to report on ordinances at the next meeting of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

W. D. Yontz, President.
of the Common Council.

Attest: E. B. Swartz, City Clerk.