

SPECIAL MEETING.

Monday, January 10, 1927, 7:30 P. M.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber Monday, January 10, 1927, at 7:30 p. m., in special session, President Claude E. Negley in the chair, pursuant to the following call:

January 7, 1927.

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

Gentlemen—You are hereby notified that there will be a SPECIAL MEETING of the COMMON COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber on Monday, January 10, 1927 at 7:30 p. m., the purpose of such SPECIAL MEETING being to consider on second reading and passage General Ordinance No. 120, 1926 and General Ordinance No. 1, 1927.

Respectfully,
CLAUDE E. NEGLEY,
President, Common Council.

I, William A. Boyce, Jr., Clerk of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, do hereby certify that I have served the above and foregoing notice to each and every member of the Common Council prior to the time of such SPECIAL MEETING, pursuant to the rules.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature and caused the seal of the City of Indianapolis to be affixed.

WILLIAM A. BOYCE, Jr.,
City Clerk.

Which was read.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Hon. Claude E. Negley, President, and eight members, viz.: Boynton J. Moore, Edward B. Raub, O. Ray Albertson, Robert E. Springsteen, Walter R. Dorsett, Millard W. Ferguson, Otis E. Bartholomew and Austin H. Todd.

The reading of the journal was dispensed with on motion of Mr. Albertson, seconded by Mr. Moore.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Indianapolis, Ind., January 10, 1927.

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

Gentlemen—We, your Committee on Finance to whom was

referred General Ordinance No. 1, 1927, entitled Temporary Loan of \$700,000.00, beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration, and recommend the same be passed.

O. RAY ALBERTSON, Chairman.
 OTIS E. BARTHOLOMEW.
 ROBERT E. SPRINGSTEEN.
 A. H. TODD.
 EDWARD B. RAUB.

WHEREAS the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce and certain other organizations active in opposing the proposed merger of our Electric Light Companies, have agreed to a valuation of Forty Million (\$40,000,000) Dollars, and such a valuation has been fixed by the Public Service Commission; and

WHEREAS the Mayor appears to believe that the city should acquiesce in the valuation fixed; and

WHEREAS Alvah J. Rucker, Corporation Counsel, who was active in opposing said merger, even at the valuation of Forty Million (\$40,000,000) has resigned as such Corporation Counsel; and

WHEREAS the new corporation counsel has expressed himself as probably favorable to the merger on the valuation fixed as above; and

WHEREAS an appropriation at this time might and probably would be a futile act, unless a new and different procedure from that set forth in the pending ordinance, is determined upon;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Committee on Public Works to whom General Ordinance No. 120, 1926 was referred be given further time to report its recommendations.

EDWARD. B. RAUB, Chairman.
 O. RAY ALBERTSON.
 ROBERT E. SPRINGSTEEN.
 A. H. TODD.
 BOYNTON J. MOORE.

On motion of Mr. Raub, seconded by Mr. Moore, the report of the Public Works Committee on General Ordinance No. 120, 1926, was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Moore, Raub, Albertson, Springsteen, Dorsett, Ferguson, Bartholomew, Todd and President Negley.

CALL FOR ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

Mr. Albertson called for General Ordinance No. 1, 1927, for second reading. It was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dorsett, seconded by Mr. Moore,

General Ordinance No. 1, 1927, was ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage.

General Ordinance No. 1 was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Moore, Raub, Albertson, Springsteen, Dorsett, Ferguson, Bartholomew, Todd and President Negley.

President Negley called upon Hon. John L. Duvall, Mayor of the City of Indianapolis, who was present, for a few remarks.

Mayor Duvall addressed the Common Council as follows:

I am glad to have the opportunity of being with you this evening and I want to assure you that it is always the pleasure of the Mayor to cooperate with the Council in anything that will be for the betterment of the citizens of the City of Indianapolis. The City government is composed of two separate and distinct bodies—one is the Council, the legislative body of the City—the other is the executive branch and that is the position that I hold. In order to give the commonwealth of our City the things that are best for the City and for us all, it is necessary to have the full cooperation of the executive branch and the legislative branch of the City government. And I want to congratulate this body upon having for your leader during the next year, Mr. Negley. I have known him for a number of years and I believe absolutely in the integrity and honesty and ability of your President. And I have full confidence in the good intentions and the ability of every member of the Common Council whether he be of my political faith or not.

There are a great many things that the City of Indianapolis needs. Among them are the repairing of some of our streets, the elimination of the jogs in some of our streets, the widening of some of the main arteries of the City and the development of some of our main streets, for instance, in my mind 30th streets, as a business center. During the coming year we should pay a lot of attention, in my judgment, to flood prevention. We should give some attention to the elevation of our railroad tracks and we should pay considerable attention to the sanitation department of the City. With the support of you Gentlemen and with the cooperation of the executive department those things should be developed to a very great degree during the coming year. It will be my purpose only to cooperate with you and whenever a great question such as some of the questions which has been brought to your attention and mine during the past month, are presented to us, it is up to us all to endeavor to work them out to the best interests of the entire City, and I think to a great measure that has been done and I want to congratulate this Council upon its success, in my mind, of their

latest effort and that is the reduction of the capitalization of the proposed merger of the two Heat and Light Companies. To my mind, you have won a decided victory by reducing the proposed merger from fifty-five million to forty million with an absolute assurance that the citizens of Indianapolis will have at least the same rate that they have now for their heat and light or perhaps a lower rate for at least five years. You and the legal department of the City are to be congratulated upon what I think a great success which you have won. So during the year of 1927, in conclusion, I want to assure you that the Mayor will at all times cooperate with this the legislative branch of the City to the end that we may make Indianapolis a great City, a City of homes, a greater industrial City and a City which located as it is and which has lately been christened the City of the "Crossroads of America," may live up to that name and may continue to grow and go on and on and prosper and come to what we hope will be a City of a million souls, not only in population, but of good, honest, upright citizens. Gentlemen, I wish you a prosperous and a happy 1927 and I thank you sincerely and I ask your sincere cooperation with the chief executive during the year and years to come.

On motion of Mr. Albertson, seconded by Mr. Moore, the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, adjourned at 8:10 o'clock p. m.

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We hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the proceedings of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, held on the 10th day of January, 1927.

IN WITNESS whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our signatures and caused the seal of the City of Indianapolis to be affixed.

Claude E. Negley

President.

Attest:

William A. Boyce

City Clerk

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