

## SPECIAL MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

FRIDAY, February 9, 1912.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Friday evening, February 9, 1912, at 7:30 o'clock, in special session, President Charles B. Stilz in the chair, pursuant to the following call:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 9, 1912.

*To the Members of the Common Council, City of Indianapolis, Indiana:*

GENTLEMEN: You are hereby notified that there will be a Special Meeting of the Common Council held in the Council Chamber, Friday evening, February 9, 1912, at 8:00 o'clock, for the purpose of the introduction, consideration and final action on the following ordinances:

An ordinance amending Section 3 of an ordinance providing for the inspection of scales, weights and measures in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana; providing for the appointment of an inspector of scales, weights and measures, defining his duties and compensation; providing penalties for the violation thereof, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

An ordinance amending Section 11 of an ordinance providing for the inspection of scales, weights and measures in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana; providing for the appointment of an inspector of scales, weights and measures, defining his duties and compensation; providing penalties for the violation thereof, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

Also for receiving reports from standing committees and the consideration and final action on General Ordinance No. 5, 1912.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES B. STILZ,  
*President.*

I, Edward A. Ramsay, Clerk of the Common Council, 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 meeting, pursuant to the rules.

EDWARD A. RAMSAY,  
*City Clerk.*

Which was read.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: The Hon. Charles B. Stilz, President of the Common Council, and 8 members, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, McCarthy, Copeland, Rubens, Denny, Owen, Blumberg and Troy.

Absent, none.

#### REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

#### From the Committee on Law and Judiciary:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 9, 1912.

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

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Law and Judiciary, to which was referred General Ordinance No. 5, 1912, entitled "An Ordinance prohibiting the manufacture, storage and sale of certain explosives and inflammable products, fixing a time when the same shall take effect," and repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith, beg leave to report that we have had said ordinance under consideration and would recommend that the same be amended by striking out all the title and section one, two and three, respectively, of said ordinance and by substituting and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

An Ordinance restricting the manufacture and handling of calcium carbide and products thereof in the City of Indianapolis, repealing certain ordinances and fixing a time when same shall take effect.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, that it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to erect or maintain any plant for the purpose of filling any tank or container with acetylene within the corporate limits of the City of Indianapolis except under the following conditions and restrictions:

(a) Such plant shall not be maintained or such business engaged in within a radius of one (1) mile in any direction from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument in said City.

(b) A danger zone of at least one hundred (100) feet shall be maintained between any building or buildings in which such acetylene is manufactured or compressed and the outside property line of the real estate containing such building or buildings.

(c) Such property line shall be marked by a substantial fence or enclosure containing suitable signs on the outside thereof evidencing the nature of the business conducted within as a warning to the public.

(d) No waste from any such plant or business shall be disposed of by means of any covered sewer.

(e) Acetylene shall not be stored under a pressure of more than twelve (12) inches of water except in the tanks herein described, which tanks shall be completely filled with asbestos saturated with acetone.

(f) Whenever acetylene is compressed the process shall be in at least

three stages. Each compression cylinder shall be surrounded by a water jacket. The gas shall be cooled between each stage of compression, the water being kept in constant circulation.

(g) Such gas shall never be compressed to the point of liquification.

(h) No copper shall be used in the machinery apparatus or equipment used in such business, in such a way as to come in contact with acetylene.

(i) All buildings used in such business shall be of fire proof construction.

(j) No open light or flame shall be permitted in or about such plant or business.

(k) In generating said gas the carbide of calcium shall be introduced into an excess of water, and water shall not be introduced into an excess of carbide.

(l) Every possible precaution shall be used to prevent a flash of fire where filling generators with carbide of calcium.

(m) Calcium carbide shall be stored only in air and water tight drums. No water or moisture shall be admitted into said drums.

(n) All impurities shall be removed from such gas so far as possible.

(o) Each such establishment or business shall maintain constant supervision to prevent carelessness of workmen, defects in apparatus or machinery and violations of the provisions of this ordinance. In addition duly authorized City officials shall be admitted at all times to such places for the purpose of inspection.

SECTION 2. The storage and handling of tanks or cylinder containing acetylene under pressure in the City of Indianapolis shall be subject to the following rules and restrictions and it shall be unlawful to store or handle same otherwise.

(a) All tanks shall be made of seamless steel, properly brazed, or of other safe and approved type of construction, capable of withstanding test of 1200 pounds pressure to the square inch without rupture. They shall withstand strain beyond the point of usefulness at 600 pounds pressure to the square inch and shall be tested at the place of manufacture to a pressure of at least 500 pounds to the square inch. They shall be absolutely gas and water tight at the test pressure.

When threaded fittings are provided, the length of the thread shall be equal to the diameter of the opening. Each tank shall be provided with an opening to which an accurate pressure gauge may be attached.

Each tank shall also be supplied with one or more fusible safety plugs so made as to release automatically at a temperature of 300 degrees Fahrenheit.

Each tank shall be completely filled with asbestos or other approved porous material saturated with acetone.

Such tanks shall be filled to a pressure of not to exceed 250 pounds to the square inch at 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

(b) When any number of such tanks from ten to twenty-five are stored together, they shall be kept in fire proof boxes with self-closing covers and shall be separated from other kinds of stock and merchandise and arranged for ventilation to the outside of the building.

(c) When more than twenty-five such tanks are stored together they shall be kept in fire proof vaults or rooms which shall contain no open flame. Such vault or room shall be so arranged as to insure ample ventilation to the outside of the building.

SECTION 3. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$50.00 and each day that such violation exists or continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 4. All ordinances and parts or ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. General Ordinance No. 10, 1908, entitled "An Ordinance prohibiting the manufacture, storage and sale of certain explosives and inflammable products," approved April 8, 1908, and General Ordinance No. 52, 1908, entitled "An Ordinance prohibiting the manufacture and storage of certain explosive and inflammable products within the corporate limits of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana; prescribing a penalty for the violation thereof, and repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith," approved June 23, 1908, respectfully are hereby expressly repealed.

We further recommend that Section 4 of said General Ordinance No. 5, 1912, be renumbered Section 5 and that when said ordinance is so amended that same do pass.

GEORGE L. DENNY,  
FRED C. OWEN,  
GEORGE B. RUBENS,  
JAMES E. TROY,  
WILLIAM H. JOHNSON.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 9, 1912.

*Hon. George Denny, City:*

DEAR SIR: We have examined substituted ordinance covering the manufacture and handling of calcium carbide, and it is our opinion that the ordinance as drawn is within the provisions of the City Charter, and is legal, and this opinion is submitted with the draft of the ordinance as the report of the Committee on Law and Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted,

MERLE N. A. WALKER,  
*City Attorney.*

Mr. Denny moved that the report of the committee be concurred in. Carried.

#### INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

By Mr. Blumberg:

General Ordinance No. 18—1912: An Ordinance amending Section 3 of an ordinance providing for the inspection of scales, weights and measures in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana; providing for the appointment of an inspector of scales, weights and measures; defining his duties and compensation; providing penalties for the violation thereof, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect, approved June 20, 1902.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, that Section 3 of an ordinance providing for the inspection of scales, weights and measures in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana; providing for the appointment of an inspector of scales, weights and measures, defining his duties and compensation; providing penalties for the violation thereof, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect, approved June 20, 1902, be amended so as to read as follows:

"SECTION 3. There shall be appointed by the Board of Public Safety of the City of Indianapolis, a competent person as inspector of scales, weights and measures, who shall hold office for the term of four years or until his successor is appointed and qualified. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board of Public Safety for any unexpired term. The duties of the inspector shall be to preserve and safely keep the standards provided for him by the City, and when required, to deliver the same to the Board of Public Safety and to faithfully perform the several duties of said office, and before he shall enter upon the duties of his office, he shall be qualified as is required in other City Departments. He shall also give bond to the City of Indianapolis in the penal sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) with sureties, conditioned for the faithful performance of all the duties appertaining to his office as inspector and sealer of the standard of weights and of liquid, dry and long measure, and for the safe return of the City's property."

SECTION 2. Whereas an emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of the above ordinance, the same shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its passage.

SECTION 3. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are now hereby repealed.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Blumberg moved that the rules be suspended and General Ordinance No. 18, 1912, be placed upon its passage.

The roll was called and the motion to suspend the rules carried by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, McCarthy, Copeland, Rubens, Denny, Owen, Blumberg, Troy and President Charles B. Stiltz.

Noes, none.

Mr. Blumberg called for General Ordinance No. 18, 1912, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Blumberg moved that General Ordinance No. 18, 1912, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 18, 1912, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, McCarthy, Copeland, Rubens, Denny, Owen, Blumberg, Troy and President Charles B. Stilz.

Noes, none.

By Mr. Blumberg:

General Ordinance No. 19—1912: An ordinance amending Section 11 of an ordinance providing for the inspection of scales, weights and measures in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana; providing for the appointment of an inspector of scales, weights and measures, defining his duties and compensation; providing penalties for the violation thereof, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect. Approved June 20, 1902.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, that Section 11 of an ordinance providing for the inspection of scales, weights and measures in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana; providing for the appointment of an inspector of scales, weights and measures, defining his duties and compensation; providing penalties for the violation thereof, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect, approved June 20, 1902, be amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 11. The Board of Public Safety of the City of Indianapolis shall employ two or more suitable and competent persons as assistant to the inspector of scales, weights and measures, who shall receive for their services the sum of seventy dollars (\$70.00) per month each, to be paid out of the City treasury monthly for the number of days employed during the month. The said assistants shall be under the direction and control of the Board of Public Safety, and shall perform such duties as the said Board shall direct, and the said Board may, whenever in their opinion the interests of the City shall be subserved thereby, dismiss any of said assistants, and may appoint others in their stead."

SECTION 2. Whereas an emergency exists for the immediate taking effect of the above ordinance, the same shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its passage.

SECTION 3. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are now hereby repealed.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Blumberg moved that the rules be suspended and General Ordinance No. 19, 1912, be placed upon its passage.

The roll was called and the motion to suspend the rules carried by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, McCarthy, Copeland, Rubens, Denny, Owen, Blumberg, Troy and President Charles B. Stilz.

Noes, none.

Mr. Blumberg called for General Ordinance No. 19, 1912, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Blumberg moved that General Ordinance No. 19, 1912, be ordered engrossed, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 19, 1912, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, McCarthy, Copeland, Rubens, Denny, Owen, Blumberg, Troy and President Charles B. Stilz.

Noes, none.

#### ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Mr. Denny called for General Ordinance No. 5, 1912, for second reading. It was read a second time.

Mr. Denny moved that General Ordinance No. 5, 1912, be amended as recommended by the committee. Carried.

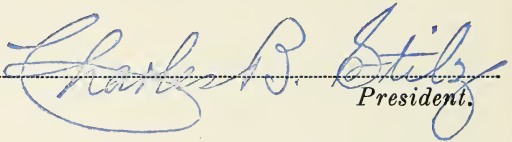
Mr. Denny moved that General Ordinance No. 5, 1912, be ordered engrossed as amended, read a third time and placed upon its passage. Carried.

General Ordinance No. 5, 1912, was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

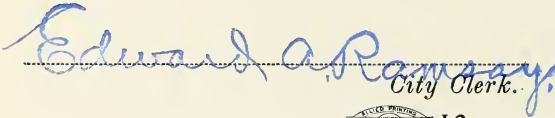
Ayes, 9, viz.: Messrs. Johnson, McCarthy, Copeland, Rubens, Denny, Owen, Blumberg, Troy and President Charles B. Stilz.

Noes, none.

On motion of Mr. Copeland, the Common Council, at 9:03 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

  
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President.

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk.