

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

In Marion County, in the State of Indiana.

FIRST REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.
MONDAY, January 6, 1913, 7:30 P. M.

Pursuant to Section 49, of "An Act concerning municipal corporations," approved March 6, 1905 (see Laws 64th Regular Session, Chapter 129, pages 219 to 410, and commonly called "The Cities and Towns Act"), the Common Council held its first meeting on the first Monday in January, 1913, at 7:30 P. M., in the Council Chamber, located in the City Hall, and was called to order by Edward A. Ramsay, City Clerk, who called the roll of the nine Councilmen-at-Large, all of whom answered to their respective names, except one, viz.: Present, Messrs. Johnson, McCarthy, Copeland, Denny, Owen, Stilz, Blumberg and Troy.

Absent, Mr. Rubens.

The City Clerk announced eight members present, and stated the first business in order to be the election of a President of the Common Council for the year 1913.

Whereupon Councilman Stilz placed in nomination Charles F. Copeland.

Which nomination was seconded by Councilman Owen.

Councilman Johnson placed in nomination George L. Denny.

Councilman Troy placed in nomination George B. Rubens.

Mr. McCarthy moved that the nominations be closed. Carried.

The Clerk called the roll which resulted as follows:

Those voting for Mr. Copeland, 5, viz.: Messrs. McCarthy, Copeland, Owen, Stilz and Blumberg.

Those voting for Mr. Denny, 2, viz.: Messrs. Johnson and Denny.

Those voting for Mr. Rubens, 1, viz.: Mr. Troy.

City Clerk Ramsay announced the result of the vote and declared Councilman Copeland elected President of the Common Council for the year 1913.

City Clerk Ramsay appointed Messrs. Stilz and Blumberg to escort Mr. Copeland to the chair.

Whereupon the President took the chair, and, after briefly addressing the Council, announced as the next order of business the election of a presiding officer pro tem.

Councilman Stilz placed in nomination George L. Denny.

Councilman Owen placed in nomination Frank E. McCarthy, which nomination was seconded by Councilman Troy.

There being no further nominations President Copeland declared the nominations closed.

The Clerk called the roll which resulted as follows:

Those voting for Mr. Denny, 2, viz.: Messrs. Johnson and Stilz.

Those voting for Mr. McCarthy, 6, viz.: Messrs. McCarthy, Denny, Owen, Blumberg, Troy and President Charles F. Copeland.

City Clerk Ramsay announced the result of the vote and President Copeland declared Mr. McCarthy elected President pro tem of the Common Council for the year 1913.

President Copeland announced the following standing committees for the year 1913:

Finance—Messrs. Blumberg, Owen, Stilz, Troy and Rubens.

Public Works—Messrs. Owen, Stilz, Blumberg, McCarthy and Rubens.

Public Safety—Messrs. Stilz, Denny, Owen, Troy and McCarthy.

Public Health and Charities—Messrs. Troy, Johnson, Owen, Denny and McCarthy.

Parks—Messrs. Rubens, Denny, Johnson, Blumberg and Troy.

Law and Judiciary—Messrs. Denny, Johnson, Blumberg, Rubens and Troy.

Elections—Messrs. McCarthy, Johnson, Owen, Stilz and Blumberg.

City's Welfare—Messrs. Johnson, Stilz, Denny, McCarthy and Rubens.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Mr. Stiliz moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with. Carried.

At 7:53 o'clock p. m. Mr. Rubens entered the Council Chamber and took his seat.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 17, 1912.

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

GENTLEMEN—I return herewith with my approval the following ordinances:

Appropriation Ordinance No. 69, 1912, being "An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$735.00 to and for the use of the Department of Public Safety and fixing a time when the same shall take effect."

Appropriation Ordinance No. 70, 1912, being "An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$18,000.00 to and for the use of the Department of Public Safety and fixing a time when the same shall take effect."

Appropriation Ordinance No. 72, 1912, being "An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$500.00 to and for the use of the Department of Finance and fixing a time when the same shall take effect."

I have the honor to remain,

Very truly yours,
S. L. SHANK,
Mayor City of Indianapolis.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 18, 1912.

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

GENTLEMEN—I return herewith with my approval General Ordinance No. 59, 1912, same being "an ordinance authorizing the sale of seventy-five (75) bonds of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) each of the City of

Indianapolis, Indiana, payable from the general revenue and funds of said city, or from the Sinking Fund of said City, or as may be required by law, for the purpose of money to be used for the purpose of constructing buildings for the use of the Department of Public Safety, on the property owned by the City at the Southeast corner of Alabama Street and New York Street, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect."

Very truly yours,

S. L. SHANK,

Mayor City of Indianapolis.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 24, 1912.

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

GENTLEMEN—I return herewith with my approval the following Ordinances:

General Ordinance No. 47, 1911, being "an ordinance fixing the salaries and compensation of all officers and members of the Police Force of the City of Indianapolis. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on and after the first day of January, 1913."

General Ordinance No. 48, 1911, being "an ordinance fixing the salary and compensation of all officers and members of the Fire Force of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately on and after the first day of January, 1913."

I have given these ordinances careful study and believe that the increases are necessary owing to the high price of everything needed in the home. Not only the people but the authorities are demanding better service and better men every year and I hope and believe these increases will be appreciated by the men and that they will try in every way possible to give better service than ever before. I realize also that this will make it very hard to meet next year's expenses, but I know if a majority of the large property holders paid taxes on actual valuations as the small tax payers has to do there would be no shortage of finances in Indianapolis.

Very truly yours,

S. L. SHANK,

Mayor City of Indianapolis.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 30, 1912.

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

GENTLEMEN—I return herewith with my approval Appropriation Ordinance No. 74, 1912, being "An ordinance appropriating the sum of

\$13,247.02 to and for the use of the Department of Public Safety and fixing a time when the same shall take effect."

I have the honor to remain,

Very truly yours,
S. L. SHANK,
Mayor City of Indianapolis.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

From Board of Public Works:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
OFFICE OF THE BOARD,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 6, 1913.

To the Honorable Common Council, City of Indianapolis:

GENTLEMEN—We herewith submit to you for your consideration and action thereon, an ordinance ordering the improvement of Twenty-first street from the east property line of Talbott avenue to the west property line of Central avenue, a majority remonstrance having been filed against this improvement on the 20th day of December, 1912. The sixty day limit for passage of this ordinance under the law expires February 18, 1913.

Respectfully,
C. A. SCHRADER,
CHARLES L. HUTCHINSON,
E. J. O'REILLY,
Board of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
OFFICE OF THE BOARD,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 6, 1913.

To the Honorable Common Council, City of Indianapolis:

GENTLEMEN—We beg leave to advise you in reference to the ordinance for the improvement of Twenty-first street from Talbott avenue to Central avenue under Improvement Resolution No. 6969, that the City Civil Engineer reports to the Board there are eleven resident property owners, seven of whom signed the remonstrance. The remonstrators are as follows: Ada Lehman, 2102 North Delaware street; John E. Scott, 2101 North New Jersey street; M. F. Shaw, 428 East Twenty-first street; A. E. Kling, 2066 North New Jersey street; Mary Keyser, 2065 North Alabama street; James Burks, 2066 East Twenty-first street; J. L. Bieler, 2102 North Alabama street.

Yours truly,
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS,
F. J. NOLL, JR., *Clerk.*

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

By Board of Public Works:

General Ordinance No. 1—1913: An ordinance ordering the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to improve Twenty-first street from the east property line of Talbott avenue to the west property line of Central avenue, with wooden block, asphalt, bituminous concrete, or brick pavement, under Improvement Resolution No. 6969, adopted by the Board of Public Works on the 15th day of November, 1912.

WHEREAS, The Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, did on the 15th day of November, 1912, adopt Improvement Resolution No. 6969, for the improvement of Twenty-first street, from the east property line of Talbott avenue to the west property line of Central avenue, with wooden block, asphalt, bituminous concrete or brick pavement, and

WHEREAS, The said Board of Public Works did at the same time fix the 9th day of December, 1912, at 10 o'clock a. m., as a time to hear all persons interested, or whose property is affected by said proposed improvement; and the notice of the passage of said resolution and of the said time for hearing was published on the 19th day of November, 1912, and the 26th day of November, 1912, in the Indianapolis Commercial, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Indianapolis, and notices by mail duly forwarded as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, On the 9th day of December, 1912, the Board having met in regular session, took final action on said Improvement Resolution, the same being confirmed without modification; and

WHEREAS, On the 20th day of December, 1912, a written remonstrance of a majority of the resident property owners was filed with the Board of Public Works against the said improvement; and

WHEREAS, The said Board of Public Works has submitted to the Common Council, for their consideration and action thereon, an ordinance ordering the Board of Public Works to proceed with the improvement of said street under said resolution; now therefore:

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, that the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis, be and are hereby ordered to improve Twenty-first street from the east property line of Talbott avenue to the west property line of Central avenue, with wooden block, asphalt, bituminous concrete, or brick pavement, under Improvement Resolution No. 6969, adopted by the Board of Public Works on the 15th day of November, 1912.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Which was read a first time and referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Mr. Troy (by request):

General Ordinance No. 2—1913: An ordinance providing for licensing certain occupations, fixing a penalty for the violation thereof, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to conduct, carry on, practice or transact the business, art, profession or occupation of astrology, palmistry, phrenology, life-reading, fortune-telling, cartomancy, clairvoyance, clairaudience, crystal-gazing, hypnotism, mediumship, prophecy, angury, divination, magic, necromancy, charm-giving or selling or charm-working without first having obtained a license so to do.

SECTION 2. Any person, firm or corporation desiring to conduct, carry on, practice or transact any of the businesses, arts, professions, or occupations named in Section 1, of this ordinance shall make application to the City Controller for a license so to do, said application shall contain the full name of the person, firm or corporation that desires such license, the exact location where such business, art, profession or occupation is proposed to be carried on and no removal shall be made from said place until written notification is made to the City Controller and a written permit is granted by said Controller, which permit shall be attached to said license so issued.

The license provided for in this ordinance shall be five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per annum, and all licenses shall be due and payable on the first day of January of each year, and no reduction shall be made for any part of the year having already elapsed before the taking out of said license.

The licenses issued hereunder are not transferrable and not redeemable for any part of the unused period for which they are granted and any license so issued shall permit the person, firm or corporation so receiving them to conduct only one place of business on any one license.

SECTION 3. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined in any sum not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to which shall be added imprisonment for thirty (30) days.

SECTION 4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication once each week for two consecutive weeks in the Indianapolis, Commercial, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Which was read a first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

By Mr. Stiliz:

General Ordinance No. 3—1913: An ordinance requiring the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Co. to station and maintain a flagman at the intersection of said company's tracks with Caven street, in said city, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Co. be and it is hereby required to station and maintain a flagman at the intersection of its tracks with Caven street in the City of Indianapolis, whose duty it shall be to warn all persons and vehicles crossing said tracks at Caven street, of the approach of all engines, trains and cars, and which flagman shall be on duty at all times in the day.

SECTION 2. For the failure to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance by said railway company, on conviction, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) and each day's continued violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Which was read a first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. Owen moved that the Council extend a vote of thanks to Mr. Stilz for the honest and fair manner of conducting the affairs of the Council while President. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Owen, the Common Council, at 8:05 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

Charles F. Copeland

 President.

ATTEST:

Edward A. Ramsay

 City Clerk.

