

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
August 6, 1900. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, August 6, 1900, at 8 o'clock, in regular meeting.

Present, Hon. John H. Crall, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 16 members, viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Billingsley, Dickson, Evans, Higgins, Horan, Kaiser, Keller, Kelly, Knight, Megrew, Munro, Negley, Perrott, Reilly and Spiegel.

Absent 4, viz.:—Messrs. Daller, Moriarity, McGrew and Wheeler.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular meeting held Monday, July 16, 1900, having been printed and placed in the hands of the Councilmen, the Clerk proceeded to read said Journal.

Mr. Higgins moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Mr. Megrew objected to the approval of the Journal without same being read.

The President ordered the Clerk to continue the reading of Journal.

Mr. Higgins raised the point of order that a motion to dispense with the reading of Journal was in order.

President Crall ruled that the point of order was not well taken, as objection had been made by Mr. Megrew to the approval of Journal without the same having been read, and that it

required a motion duly seconded and passed by Council to dispense with the reading of Journal.

The Clerk proceeded with reading of Journal.

Mr. Higgins moved that the further reading of Journal be dispensed with.

Mr. Negley raised the point of order that the question in reference to reading of Journal had been decided by the President.

President Crall ruled that the point of order was well taken.

Whereupon the Clerk read the Journal in full.

Mr. Perrott moved that the Journal be approved as read, and moved the previous question on the motion.

The motion was lost by the following vote:

AYES 8—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Dickson, Higgins, Horan, Kelly, Knight, Perrott and Reilly.

NOES 9—viz.: Messrs. Billingsley, Evans, Kaiser, Keller, Megrew, Munro, Negley, Spiegel and President Crall.

Mr. Evans moved that the Journal be corrected so that his (Evans') notice in reference to a reconsideration of the vote by which G. O. No. 29, 1900, was passed, (July 16, 1900,) be inserted in the Journal.

Mr. Knight moved to lay Mr. Evans' motion on the table.

Which motion was lost by the following vote:

AYES 6—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Dickson, Knight, Perrott, Reilly and Spiegel.

NOES 11—viz.: Messrs. Billingsley, Evans, Higgins, Horan, Kaiser, Keller, Kelly, Megrew, Munro, Negley and President Crall.

The question being on Mr. Evans' motion.

The ayes and noes being called for by Messrs. Evans and Negley, the roll was called, and Mr. Evans' motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES 9—viz.: Messrs. Billingsley, Evans, Kaiser, Keller, Megrew, Munro, Negley, Spiegel and President Crall.

NOES 8—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Dickson, Higgins, Horan, Kelly, Knight, Perrott and Reilly.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 23, 1900. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I have this day approved the following ordinances :

G. O. No. 22, 1900. An ordinance changing the name of Paw Paw street, in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to that of Winter avenue.

G. O. No. 29, 1900. An ordinance ratifying and approving the certain contract and agreement made and entered into on the 13th day of June, 1900, between the Indianapolis Clean Street Company and the City of Indianapolis.

Respectfully submitted,

T. TAGGART,
Mayor.

Which was read and ordered spread on the minutes.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 31, 1900. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I have this day approved the following ordinance:

G. O. No. 34, 1900. An ordinance authorizing the City Comptroller to make a temporary loan in anticipation of the revenue for the current year.

Respectfully submitted,

T. TAGGART,
Mayor.

Which was read and ordered spread on the minutes.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 4, 1900. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I have this day approved the following resolution:

Resolution No. 9, 1900. Expressing sympathy with Mr. William H. Wheeler on account of loss of son.

Respectfully submitted,

T. TAGGART,
Mayor.

Which was read and ordered spread on the minutes.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

Communication from City Comptroller:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
OFFICE OF CITY COMPTROLLER,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 6, 1900. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I respectfully call your attention to G. O. No. 32, 1900, authorizing a temporary loan of \$125,000, which is now pending in the Common Council. Since this ordinance was introduced a temporary loan of \$37,000 has been made by authority of G. O. No. 34, 1900. On September 1, 1900, there will be accounts payable amounting to about \$70,000, which does not include the water bill, \$22,138.14, due July 1. The receipts for August will be about \$17,000. I respectfully urge that you at once authorize this department to make a loan sufficient to pay the current claims for this month, and include therein the water bill above referred to.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. JOHNSON,
City Comptroller.

Which was read and referred to Committee on Finance.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Evans, on behalf of the Committee on Public Safety and Comfort, to which was referred:

G. O. No. 8, 1900. An ordinance to provide for the appointment of an Inspector of Plumbing and House Drainage, prescribing his qualifications, powers and duties, and to prescribe the mode and manner of house plumbing and drainage in the City of Indianapolis; prescribing penalties for the violation thereof; providing for the publication thereof, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect, and an appropriation to be made as recommended by the Comptroller to defray the expenses of the office.

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 1, 1900.

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on Public Safety and Comfort, to whom was referred G. O. No. 8, 1900, having had the same under consideration since its introduction, beg leave to report as follows: We find that there is a wide diversity of opinion among practical men as to the merits and demerits of this ordinance. And while the members of this committee are of the opinion that some sort of regulation such as is proposed by this ordinance would be of benefit to the public, we have thus far been unable to harmonize the widely different suggestions made to us as to

the practicability of this ordinance as now drawn. We therefore do not feel that we are sufficiently satisfied as to the different questions raised, and would ask for an extension of time for further consideration.

GEO. H. EVANS.
WM. KAISER.
M. C. KELLY.
H. E. NEGLEY.
CONRAD KELLER.

Which was read and further time granted the committee to consider said ordinance.

Mr. Evans, on behalf of the Committee on Public Safety and Comfort, to which was referred:

G. O. No. 31, 1900. An ordinance to promote public safety by compelling the maintenance of lights at night in basements and hallways of hotels, flats and apartment houses in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana; prescribing penalties for the violation thereof, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 1, 1900.

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on Public Safety and Comfort, to whom was referred G. O. No. 31, having had the same under consideration, recommend that the same do pass.

GEO. H. EVANS.
WM. KAISER.
M. C. KELLY.
H. E. NEGLEY.
CONRAD KELLER.

Which was read and concurred in.

Mr. Evans, on behalf of the Committee on Public Safety and Comfort, to which was referred:

G. O. No. 17, 1900. An ordinance to prohibit the throwing of posters, hand-bills, placards, newspapers or other advertising matter in yards, doorways and entrances of private dwellings, providing a penalty for its violation, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 6, 1900.

Mr. President:

The Committee on Public Safety and Comfort, having duly considered G. O. No. 17, 1900, recommend that the same do pass.

GEO. H. EVANS.
H. E. NEGLEY.
M. C. KELLY.
WM. KAISER.
CONRAD KELLER.

Which was read and concurred in.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business, the following ordinance was introduced:

By Mr. Megrew:

App. O. No. 10, 1900. An ordinance appropriating the sum of thirty-seven thousand, four hundred thirty-two dollars and eighty-five cents, for the use of the Department of Finance, 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 there be, and is, hereby appropriated out of any funds in the City Treasury of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of thirty-seven thousand, four hundred thirty-two dollars and eighty-five cents (\$37,432.85), for the use of the Department of Finance, with which to pay temporary loan of thirty-seven thousand dollars (\$37,000) made August 1, 1900, and four hundred thirty-two dollars and eighty-five cents (\$432.85) interest on said loan.

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

Which was read a first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business the following ordinance was introduced:

By Mr. Billingsley (by request):

G. O. No. 35, 1900. An ordinance prohibiting the placing of formaldehyde or any form of preservaline in milk sold or intended to be sold in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana; to prevent the keeping or sale thereof; prescribing a penalty for the violation thereof, and fixing the time when 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 or persons to place, or cause to be placed, formaldehyde or any form of preservaline in milk that is offered for sale, or intended to be offered for sale in the City of Indianapolis, and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to sell, offer for sale, keep, or have in his or their possession for the purpose of sale in the City of Indianapolis, any milk containing formaldehyde or any form of preservaline. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be fined in any sum not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to which may be added imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication one day each week for two consecutive

weeks in the Indianapolis Sentinel, a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the City of Indianapolis.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. Negley offered and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution No. 10, 1900.—

Whereas, It is reported that the apparatus of the Fire Department of the City of Indianapolis is now in urgent need of repairs which, if made in the manner and form recommended by officers in charge of said Department, together with new equipment recommended, will require the outlay of a sum of money aggregating about one hundred thousand dollars, and which amount the city would be compelled to borrow; and,

Whereas, There is a difference of opinion as to the condition and needs of said Fire Department, and the amount of money necessary for the proper repair and equipment of the same; therefore,

Be it Resolved, by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, that the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Comfort, of this body, is hereby directed to investigate the condition of said Fire Department, both as to present equipment and the necessity for additional houses and equipment, together with the cost of proposed new equipment and repairs; and,

Be it further Resolved, that said committee is hereby directed to first make such examination as it may be able to make with the assistance of the officers of said Department. And upon the completion of such examination said committee shall make due report of its findings to this Common Council.

And if, upon the completion of such examination and report, it shall be the opinion of the majority of said committee that such examination has not been sufficient, and cannot be made sufficiently thorough without the aid of a disinterested expert, then said committee shall also make report of their finding in that respect, with such recommendations as it may deem best, and the same shall be thereupon taken up and acted upon by this Common Council.

Mr. Knight moved to lay Resolution No. 10, 1900, on the table.

Which motion prevailed by the following vote:

AYES 10—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Billingsley, Dickson, Higgins, Horan, Kelly, Knight, Perrott, Reilly and President Crall.

NOES 7—viz.: Messrs. Evans, Kaiser, Keller, Megrew, Munro, Negley and Spiegel.

Before the vote was announced Mr. Kelly changed his vote from the affirmative to the negative.

Mr. Megrew moved that that part of the Journal of the special

meeting July 30, 1900, in reference to the passage of G. O. No. 34, 1900, be read.

Mr. Bernauer objected.

Mr. Megrew insisted on his motion.

The President ordered the Clerk to call the roll, and Mr. Megrew's motion carried by the following vote:

AYES 9—viz.: Messrs. Billingsley, Evans, Kaiser, Keller, Megrew, Munro, Negley, Spiegel and President Crall.

NOES 8—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Dickson, Higgins, Horan, Kelly, Knight, Perrott and Reilly.

Whereupon the Clerk read all that part of the Journal relating to the passage of G. O. No. 34, 1900.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Reilly, the following entitled ordinance was taken up and read a second time:

G. O. No. 17, 1900. An ordinance to prohibit the throwing of posters, hand-bills, placards, newspapers or other advertising matter in yards, doorways and entrances of private dwellings, providing a penalty for its violation, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

On motion of Mr. Higgins, G. O. No. 17, 1900, was then ordered engrossed, read a third time, and failed to pass for want of a constitutional majority by the following vote:

AYES 9—viz.: Messrs. Billingsley, Evans, Kaiser, Keller, Megrew, Munro, Negley, Spiegel and President Crall.

NOES 8—viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Dickson, Higgins, Horan, Kelly, Knight, Perrott and Reilly.

On motion of Mr. Reilly, the Common Council, at 9:15 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

Geo. H. Crall

 President.

ATTEST:

John F. Geckler

City Clerk.