

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,  
December 3, 1900. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, December 3, 1900, at 8 o'clock, in regular meeting.

Present, Hon. John H. Crall, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 17 members, viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Billingsley, Dickson, Evans, Horan, Kaiser, Keller, Kelly, Knight, Moriarity, Munro, McGrew, Negley, Perrott, Reilly, Spiegel and Wheeler.

Absent 3, viz.: Messrs. Daller, Higgins and Megrew.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal, whereupon Councilman Evans moved that the further reading of the Journal be dispensed with.

Which motion prevailed.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 3, 1900.

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

GENTLEMEN—I am directed by the Mayor to return to your Honorable Body G. O. No. 48, 1900, and App. O. Nos. 15, 16 and 18, 1900, which have been approved by him.

Respectfully,  
W. R. WILLIAMS,  
*Mayor's Secretary.*

Which was read and ordered spread on the minutes.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., November 30, 1900.

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

GENTLEMEN—The enclosed invitation has been received by the Mayor and is respectfully referred to your Honorable Body for consideration.

Respectfully yours,

W. R. WILLIAMS,  
*Mayor's Secretary.*

The City of Charleston sends greetings and extends to you, the Board of Aldermen, Council and officials generally, a most cordial invitation to attend the fourth annual convention of the League of American Municipalities, to be held in our city, December 12 to 15, 1900.

Which was read, and, on motion of Mr. Perrott, the invitation was accepted.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

Communication from City Comptroller:

OFFICE OF THE CITY COMPTROLLER,  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 3, 1900.

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

GENTLEMEN—I beg to submit herewith, for your consideration and action, an ordinance authorizing a temporary loan in the sum of \$147,000, the passage of which I beg to recommend.

The following is a statement of the bills submitted to the various departments for allowance for supplies and public service during the month of November, the estimated amount of bills to be paid in December, the cash balance on hand December 3, 1900, and the estimated receipts during December:

NOVEMBER ACCOUNTS.

Department of Public Safety.....	\$3,235 66	
Department of Public Parks.....	3,143 61	
Department of Finance.....	87 91	
Department of Public Health and Charities.....	1,575 00	
Department of Public Works.....	17,088 40	
Monthly salaries .....	7,337 91	
		\$32,468 49

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR DECEMBER.

Department of Public Safety.....	\$27,842 47	
Department of Public Parks.....	23,138 27	
Department of Finance.....	65,926 10	
Department of Public Health and Charities.....	4,177 50	
Department of Public Works.....	67,744 23	188,828 57
Total for November and December.....		\$221,297 06

## RECEIPTS.

Cash balance in treasury December 3, 1900.....	\$139,229 47	
Outstanding warrants .....	108,604 90	
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Available cash balance, December 3, 1900.....	\$30,624 57	
Estimated receipts for December.....	43,000 00	\$73,624 57
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Balance to be provided for year.....		\$147,672 49

The above estimates of receipts include all moneys due and payable before the end of the present year, and the estimates of expenses for December include payments of all kinds, including bridges. The cash balance on hand is the balance including the bridge fund.

The itemized statements of the various departments are now on file in my office, and may be examined by the committee or others interested.

Very respectfully,

E. M. JOHNSON,  
City Comptroller.

Which was read and referred to Committee on Finance.

## INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business, the following ordinances were introduced:

By Mr. Horan:

G. O. No. 54, 1900. An ordinance requiring the Peoria & Eastern Railroad Company to station and maintain a flagman at the crossing of its tracks and Warman avenue, Miley avenue and Richland street in the City of Indianapolis; providing a penalty for the violation thereof, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That the Peoria & Eastern Railroad Company be and it is hereby required to station and maintain a flagman at each of the following crossings in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to-wit: First, at the intersection of the tracks of said company and Warman avenue; second, at the intersection of the tracks of said company and Miley avenue; and, third, at the intersection of the tracks of said company and Richland street. If said company shall fail or refuse to comply with any one of the provisions of this section, it shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, and each day's continuance of such failure or refusal to so comply shall constitute a separate offense.

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 Railroads.

By Mr. Horan:

G. O. No. 55, 1900. An ordinance requiring the Indianapolis, Decatur & Western Railroad Company to station and maintain a flagman at the

crossing of its tracks and Warman avenue, Miley avenue and Richland street in the City of Indianapolis; providing a penalty for the violation thereof, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That the Indianapolis, Decatur & Western Railroad Company be and it is hereby required to station and maintain a flagman at each of the following crossings in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to-wit: First, at the intersection of the tracks of said company and Warman avenue; second, at the intersection of the tracks of said company and Miley avenue; and, third, at the intersection of the tracks of said company and Richland street. If said company shall fail or refuse to comply with any one of the provisions of this section, it shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars; and each day's continuance of such failure or refusal to so comply shall constitute a separate offense.

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 Railroads.

By Mr. Wheeler:

G. O. No. 56, 1900. An ordinance authorizing the City Comptroller to make a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of the revenue for the year 1901.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and empowered to negotiate a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of the revenue of said city for the year 1901 for any sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred and forty-seven thousand dollars, maturing not later than the first day of May, 1901, and at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent. (6%) per annum. The Mayor and City Comptroller of said city are hereby authorized and directed to execute the proper bonds and obligations of said city for the amounts so borrowed, and for the payment of said bonds or obligations the faith of said city is hereby irrevocably pledged.

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.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

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

Resolution No. 16, 1900.

WHEREAS, A member of this Common Council has been tried in the Criminal Court of Marion County on the charge of soliciting a bribe, and in said court convicted; and,

WHEREAS, It has been asserted that other members of this body have been guilty of like offenses, which assertions, as made, are unfair and

prejudicial to the character of innocent members of this body; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, By the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That the standing Committee on Investigation and Impeachment is hereby ordered and directed to at once begin a thorough investigation of all such charges, including the charges against said member who has been tried and convicted. And said committee is hereby directed to report the result of its investigations, together with its finding and recommendations, to this body for such further action as this body may deem best.

Mr. Bernauer moved to lay Resolution No. 16, 1900, on the table.

Which motion was lost by the following vote:

AYES—8, viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Dickson, Kelly, Knight, Moriarity, McGrew, Perrott and Reilly.

NOES—10, viz.: Messrs. Billingsley, Evans, Horan, Kaiser, Keller, Munro, Negley, Spiegel, Wheeler and President Crall.

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

The question being on the adoption of Resolution No. 16, 1900.

Which failed of adoption for want of a constitutional majority by the following vote:

AYES—10, viz.: Messrs. Billingsley, Evans, Horan, Kaiser, Keller, Munro, Negley, Spiegel, Wheeler and President Crall.

NOES—8, viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Dickson, Kelly, Knight, Moriarity, McGrew, Perrott and Reilly.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. McGrew moved that the following entitled ordinance be called from the Committee on Finance:

G. O. No. 49, 1900. An ordinance for a loan of one hundred and forty thousand dollars (\$140,000) by the City of Indianapolis, for the use of the Department of Public Works in constructing certain additions to and improvements of the Fire Department and City Hospital, and for the use of the Department of Public Safety in purchasing certain supplies and apparatus for said Fire Department, and authorizing the issue and sale of bonds for said amount, payable from the general funds of said city; prescribing the manner and time of advertising the sale of said bonds and the receipt of bids for the same, together with the mode and terms of sale; appropriating the proceeds thereof, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

Which motion was lost by the following vote:

AYES—9, viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Dickson, Horan, Kelly, Knight, Moriarity, McGrew, Perrott and Reilly.

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

On motion of Mr. Negley, the Common Council, at 8:35 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

*Geo. N. Grace*

*President.*

ATTEST:

*John F. Geckler*

*City Clerk.*