

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
December 17, 1900. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, December 17, 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, Daller, Dickson, Horan, Kaiser, Keller, Kelly, Knight, Megrew, Moriarity, Munro, McGrew, Negley, Perrott, Reilly and Wheeler.

Absent 3, viz.: Messrs. Evans, Higgins and Spiegel.

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

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Negley, the Council took a recess of ten minutes.

The Council re-convened at 8:15 o'clock P. M.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

Communication from City Comptroller:

OFFICE OF THE CITY COMPTROLLER,
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 17, 1900.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—I beg to recommend the appropriation of the sum of \$120 to the fund for payment of interest on West Indianapolis bonded debt.

This is necessary on account of the failure of the town of West Indianapolis to pay interest coupons on bond No. 4 for the half years ending in September, 1895; March and September, 1896, and March, 1897—four coupons at \$30 each. When the books and papers were turned over to the city for this town, the statement was made that all interest coupons had been paid. These coupons were very lately presented for payment, however, and a search of the records of the City of West Indianapolis fails to reveal their payment.

Very respectfully,

E. M. JOHNSON,
City Comptroller.

Which was read and referred to Committee on Finance.

Communication from City Comptroller:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
OFFICE OF THE CITY COMPTROLLER,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 15, 1900.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—Attached find a communication from the Board of Public Safety requesting that the sum of \$3,000 be appropriated with which to purchase and equip a combination chemical and hose wagon for a new company to be stationed in the West Indianapolis engine house. I desire to concur in the recommendation of the board, and to that end I beg leave to recommend to your Honorable Body that G. O. No. 49, 1900, be amended so as to provide for an issue of bonds in the sum of \$143,000, and the said sum of \$3,000 appropriated for the purpose named.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. JOHNSON,
City Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY,
OFFICE OF THE BOARD,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 14, 1900.

E. M. Johnson, City Comptroller:

DEAR SIR—The Board of Public Safety herewith respectfully requests that you recommend to the Common Council the appropriation of \$3,000 for the purchase of a combination chemical and hose wagon and the equipment for a new company to be stationed in the West Indianapolis engine house. A new piece of apparatus is necessary at this time in West Indianapolis, and after investigation of the subject, the board believes that the combination wagon will give the best service at the least expense of any apparatus that can be placed there. The combination wagon is a comparatively new invention, and has proven to be one of the most efficient fire-fighting apparatus now made. It is being adopted by all the large cities in the country. A new chemical company could be established for about \$1,000 less than what is here asked, but the difference in the cost of maintenance between a company in charge of a combination hose and chemical wagon and two separate companies, one for a hose wagon and the other for a chemical engine, would in less than a year's time make up for the increase in the original outlay asked for.

N. J. HYDE,
JNO. H. MAHONEY,
W. S. MCMILLEN,
Board of Public Safety.

Which was read and referred to Committee on Finance.

REPORTS FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

Communication from Board of Public Works:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
OFFICE OF THE BOARD,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 17, 1900.

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—We refer to you herewith, for your consideration and action thereon, an ordinance authorizing the improvement, by grading and rolling, of New York street, from Walter street to a point 120 feet west of Lansing street.

In explanation of our action, we desire to submit the following: On November 15, 1899 (over thirteen months ago), the Board of Public Works in office at that time awarded a contract to J. Harry Roberts, contractor, for paving with cement the sidewalks of New York street, from Agnes street to a point 120 feet west of Lansing street. In order to properly support these cement sidewalks (which were petitioned for by the New York Investment Company, which laid out the addition, and almost if not every resident owner on the street named), it was necessary that the roadway be graded. This work was permitted to be done by private contract, and that part of the work from Agnes street to Walter street has been done, but in the part provided for in the resolution of the board, the company has utterly failed to keep its promise. The total length of the original improvement was 4,164 lineal feet of cement sidewalks. The improvement which you are now asked to authorize provides for 1,244 lineal feet of graded roadway. With this work done, Mr. Roberts, the contractor, for the cement sidewalks, will be permitted to finish the cement work. He has been unable to receive any compensation for work so far done, amounting to several thousand dollars, on account of the fact that the law provides that no part of the work shall be paid for until the whole is completed.

We feel that the interests of the city and justice to the contractor require that this improvement be authorized at the earliest possible moment.

Very respectfully,

ALBERT SAHM,
C. MAGUIRE,
JOS. W. SMITH,
Board of Public Works.

Which was read and referred to Committee on Sewers, Streets and Alleys.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Megrew, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, to which was referred:

App. O. No. 17, 1900. An ordinance appropriating the sum of one hundred and forty-eight dollars and sixty-four cents (\$148.64) to the Department of Finance of the City of Indianapolis, Ind., with which to pay certain claims made by virtue of Section 8 of an Act of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act to better regulate and restrict the sale of intoxicating, vinous and malt liquors," etc., approved March 11, 1895, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 17, 1900.

Mr. President:

The Committee on Finance, having considered App. O. No. 17, 1900, recommend that the same do pass.

HAROLD C. MEGREW.
A. DALLER.
W. H. WHEELER.
C. M. DICKSON.
WM. KAISER.
J. W. MCGREW.

Which was read and concurred in.

Mr. Megrew, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, to which was referred:

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.

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 17, 1900.

Mr. President:

The Committee on Finance herewith submit G. O. No. 49, 1900, with the recommendation that the same be returned to the City Comptroller with the request that the additional amount asked for by the Board of Public Safety, and recommended by the Comptroller, be embodied in the original ordinance, and, further, that the additional amount so provided be expended in placing one combination chemical truck wagon to the present equipment of the West Indianapolis engine house.

Your committee further recommend that G. O. No. 49, 1900, as then amended, be returned to the Council, accompanied by the schedule used in making rates by the Indianapolis Inspection Bureau, hereinafter to be in force, and when so amended and returned, accompanied by the schedule herein mentioned, the Council will proceed to the passage of the ordinance.

HAROLD C. MEGREW.
A. DALLER.
W. H. WHEELER.
WM. KAISER.
J. W. MCGREW.
C. M. DICKSON.

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Megrew, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, to which was referred:

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.

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 17, 1900.

Mr. President:

The Committee on Finance, having considered G. O. No. 56, 1900, recommend that the same do pass.

HAROLD C. MEGREW.
A. DALLER.
W. H. WHEELER.
WM. KAISER.
C. M. DICKSON.
J. W. MCGREW.

Which was read and concurred in.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

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

By Mr. Megrew:

App. O. No. 19, 1900. An ordinance appropriating the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120.00) for the use of the Department of Finance of the City of Indianapolis, 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 moneys in the city treasury of said city not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120.00), to the credit of the fund for interest and exchange West Indianapolis bonded indebtedness, with which to pay four uncanceled coupons of bond No. 4 of issue dated March 15, 1895, said coupons being dated September 15, 1895; March 15, 1896; September 15, 1896, and March 15, 1897.

SEC. 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 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 Board of Public Works:

G. O. No. 57, 1900. An ordinance authorizing the improvement of the roadway of New York street, in the City of Indianapolis, in Marion county, State of Indiana, from the west property line of Walter street to a point one hundred and twenty (120) feet west of the west line of Lansing street, by grading and rolling the roadway, from curb line to curb line, to a uniform width of twenty-four (24) feet, including the wings of the intersecting streets between the above-named points; and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

WHEREAS, Heretofore, to-wit: On the 19th day of November, 1900, the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, deeming it

necessary to improve New York street, in the City of Indianapolis, in Marion county, State of Indiana, from the west property line of Walter street to a point one hundred and twenty (120) feet west of the west line of Lansing street, by grading and rolling the roadway, from curb line to curb line, to a uniform width of twenty-four (24) feet, and grading and rolling the wings of all intersecting streets and alleys between the above-named points, adopted a resolution to that effect, known and designated as Improvement Resolution No. 246, 1900; and,

WHEREAS, Said board caused the necessary specifications, profiles and drawings for said street improvement to be prepared and filed in their office, where they now are; and,

WHEREAS, Said board caused notice to be duly given of said resolution, ordering the improvement of said street, by publication thereof in the Indianapolis Sentinel, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Indianapolis, County of Marion, State of Indiana, once each week for two consecutive weeks, namely, on the 23d and 30th days of November, 1900; and,

WHEREAS, Said board met, according to said published notice, to-wit: In its office, room No. 5, basement Marion County Court House, Indianapolis, Indiana, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 7th day of December, 1900, to receive or hear remonstrances from persons interested in or affected thereby, if any there should be, against the improvement of said street; and,

WHEREAS, At such meeting a remonstrance was duly filed with such board by persons interested in or affected thereby, against the improvement of said street; and,

WHEREAS, Said board, after duly considering said remonstrance, did, on said 7th day of December, 1900, overrule the same, and take final action on said Improvement Resolution No. 246, 1900, confirming, without modification, all former action taken on the same; and,

WHEREAS, Later, to-wit: On the 14th day of December, 1900, and within ten days after final action was taken by said board on said Improvement Resolution, one-half of all the resident freeholders abutting on said New York street, along the line of said proposed street improvement, filed with said board their written remonstrance against such improvement, which remonstrance has been made a part of the records in the office of said board; and,

WHEREAS, In the opinion of said board, said street improvement is deemed necessary, and the total cost thereof shall be apportioned all as provided for in "An Act concerning the incorporation and government of cities having more than one hundred thousand population according to the United States census last preceding, and matters connected therewith, and declaring an emergency," approved March 6, 1891, and in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of all amendatory and supplemental acts thereto passed by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana. Now, therefore,

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That the improvement of the roadway of New York street, between the west property line of Walter street and a point one hundred and twenty (120) feet west of the west property line of Lansing street, in the City of Indianapolis, as more specifically described in the preamble hereto and shown by the profile and drawings now on file in the office of the Board of Public Works, as referred to therein, be, and the same is hereby specifically ordered, and Improvement Resolution No. 246, 1900, of said board, and all its other acts in relation thereto, be and the same are now hereby, in all things, approved, confirmed, adopted and specifically ordered.

SEC. 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Which was read a first time and referred to Committee on Sewers, Streets and Alleys.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

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

Resolution No. 17, 1900.—

A resolution providing for a special committee of the Common Council, of the City of Indianapolis, to investigate and report to the said Common Council, by what right the Indianapolis Union Railway Company, and other persons and corporations, keep the crossing of South Illinois street obstructed, by way of a high fence, and thus hindering the free passage of pedestrians and vehicles across said public highway.

WHEREAS, The Indianapolis Union Railway Company, and other persons and corporations connected therewith, have for a long period of time, to-wit: More than ten years, enclosed and hindered the passage of vehicles and persons afoot across the surface of South Illinois street, just south of the old line of Louisiana street, to a point about to the north side of McNabb street, namely, the place occupied by the tracks of the said Indianapolis Union Railway Company across said South Illinois street, enclosing said street with a high iron fence, thus absolutely preventing the passage of citizens on foot and in vehicles across said street; and,

WHEREAS, Said obstruction is maintained without right, and contrary to law, to the great detriment of the citizens living in said community, and others who pass said street; and,

WHEREAS, Said Indianapolis Union Railway Company, and other persons and corporations concerned, have for some time and do now claim to have the right to enclose said street by virtue of certain rights which they claim to hold; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the President of this Council appoint a special committee charged with investigating what, if any, legal rights said Indianapolis Union Railway Company, or any other person or corporation, has to obstruct the free passage of the grade crossing of the street herein referred to, and further to present any ordinance providing for a relief or removal of the obstruction described.

Which was read and adopted by the following vote:

AYES—12, viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Horan, Keller, Kelly, Knight, Moriarity, McGrew, Negley, Perrott, Reilly, Wheeler and President Crall.

NOES—6, viz.: Messrs. Billingsley, Daller, Dickson, Kaiser, Megrew and Munro.

And President Crall appointed the following committee in compliance with Resolution No. 17, 1900: Messrs. Billingsley, Daller, Kelly, Moriarity and Munro.

Mr. Perrott offered the following motion:

WHEREAS, The Board of Public Works is engaged in preparing a franchise for the operation of interurban lines within this city; and,

WHEREAS, It is necessary to establish rates of fare, taxes, etc.; therefore be it

Moved, That it is the sense of this Common Council that the rate of fare shall be three (3) cents for each passenger within the city limits, and that they be taxed \$50 on each car, to take effect immediately upon granting a franchise to operate within said city, and they not be allowed to operate any cars that do not carry passengers.

Which motion was lost by the following vote:

AYES—7, viz.: Messrs. Dickson, Horan, Kelly, Moriarity, McGrew, Perrott and Reilly.

NOES—11, viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Billingsley, Daller, Kaiser, Keller, Knight, Megrew, Munro, Negley, Wheeler and President Crall.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Megrew, the following entitled ordinance was taken up, read a second time, ordered engrossed, and then read a third time:

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.

And was passed by the following vote:

AYES—18, viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Billingsley, Daller, Dickson, Horan, Kaiser, Keller, Kelly, Knight, Megrew, Moriarity, Munro, McGrew, Negley, Perrott, Reilly, Wheeler and President Crall.

NOES—None.

On motion of Mr. Megrew, the following entitled ordinance was taken up, read a second time, ordered engrossed, and then read a third time:

App. O. No. 17, 1900. An ordinance appropriating the sum of one hundred and forty-eight dollars and sixty-four cents (\$148.64) to the Department of Finance of the City of Indianapolis, Ind., with which to pay certain claims made by virtue of Section 8 of an Act of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act to better regulate and restrict the sale of intoxicating, vinous and malt liquors," etc., approved March 11, 1895, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect.

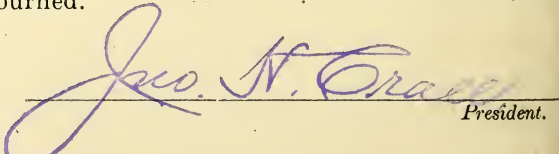
And was passed by the following vote:

AYES—18, viz.: Messrs. Bernauer, Billingsley, Daller, Dickson, Horan, Kaiser, Keller, Kelly, Knight, Megrew, Moriarity, Munro, McGrew, Negley, Perrott, Reilly, Wheeler and President Crall.


NOES—None.

On motion of Mr. Daller, the Common Council, at 8:40 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

ATTEST:



 President.



 City Clerk.