

SPECIAL MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
February 20, 1894. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Tuesday, February 20, 1894, at 8 o'clock P. M., in special session, pursuant to the following call:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 19, 1894.

Hon. William H. Cooper, President Common Council:

You are hereby requested to call a special session of the Common Council in the Council Chamber, on Tuesday evening, February 20, 1894, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of considering such business as may come before the meeting.

Respectfully,

A. A. YOUNG.
HENRY RAUH.
CHARLES KRAUSS.
ED. G. STOTT.
CHAS. KOEHRING.

I, Lee Nixon, Clerk of the Common Council, do hereby certify that I have served above notice upon the President and each member of the Common Council, prior to time of meeting.

LEE NIXON,
City Clerk.

Present, Hon. A. A. Young, Vice-President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 11 members, viz: Messrs. Allen, Colter, Costello, Drew, Koehring, Krauss, Magel, Murphy, Rauh, Schmid, and Shaffer.

Absent, 9—viz: Messrs. Hennessy, Kaiser, Merritt, O'Brien, Puryear, Ryan, Stein, Stott and President Cooper.

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

Which motion prevailed.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Drew, on behalf of the Committee on Sewers, Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred

G. O. No. 17, 1894. An ordinance to amend Sections one and nine of an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance providing for a license upon vehicles drawn upon the streets of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana; regulating the construction and dimensions of tires to be used on such vehicles, and providing penalties for the enforcement of the same; also, for the publication thereof, and the date when the same shall take effect."

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 20, 1894.

Mr. President:

Your committee to whom was referred G. O. No. 17, 1894, amending vehicle tax ordinance, beg leave to report that in the Mayor's veto of G. O. No. 5, 1894, which was intended to cover this same matter, he suggests that a careful examination of the legal questions involved in the proposed exemptions of a certain class of vehicles be had.

The question of invalidating the entire ordinance by these exemptions is of so serious a nature that the City Attorney does not wish to pass upon it without opportunity for examination.

The extension of time contemplated in said G. O. No. 17, 1894, must be made without delay if the penalty is to be avoided.

A separate ordinance can be passed before May 1st, if thought advisable, making the proposed exemptions, if the same shall be found legal.

We therefore recommend that said G. O. No. 17, 1894, be amended by striking out in the first line of the title thereof the word "sections," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "section;" and by striking out in the first line of the title thereof the words "one and"; also by striking out Section 1 of said ordinance entire, and by striking out the word and figure "Section 2," in the second section, and inserting in lieu thereof the word and figure "Section 1"; and by striking out the word and figure "Section 3," in the third section, and inserting the word and figure "Section 2," in lieu thereof; and when so amended, that said ordinance be passed.

LUCIUS W. DREW,
GEO. W. SHAFFER,

Committee on Sewers, Streets and Alleys.

Which was read and concurred in.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Rauh, the following entitled ordinance was read the second time:

G. O. No. 17, 1894. An ordinance to amend sections one and nine of an ordinance entitled, "An ordinance providing for a license upon vehicles drawn upon the streets of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana; regulating the construction and dimensions of tires to be used on such vehicles, and providing penalties for the enforcement of the same; also, for the publication thereof, and the date when the same shall take effect."

Mr. Rauh moved that amendments to G. O. No. 17, 1894, as recommended by committee be adopted.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Drew moved that G. O. No. 17, 1894, be engrossed as amended.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Drew G. O. No. 17, 1894, was then read the third time and was passed by the following vote:

AYES 12—viz: Messrs. Allen, Colter, Costello, Drew, Koehring, Krauss, Magel, Murphy, Rauh, Schmid, Shaffer and Vice-President Young.

NAYS—None.

Mr. Drew moved that G. O. No. 16, 1894, be recalled from Committee on Judiciary.

Which motion prevailed.

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

G. O. No. 16, 1894. An ordinance authorizing the City Attorney to employ as an assistant, special counsel, in pending and proposed litigation with the Citizens' Street-railroad Company and City Railway Company, either or both, and matters connected therewith, and providing for the taking effect thereof.

Mr. Rauh moved that G. O. No. 16, 1894, be engrossed.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Rauh, G. O. No. 16, 1894, was read the third time, and was lost, for want of constitutional majority, by the following vote:

AYES 10—viz: Messrs. Allen, Drew, Koehring, Krauss, Magel, Murphy, Rauh, Schmid, Shaffer, and Vice-President Young.

NAYS 2—viz: Messrs. Colter and Costello.

Mr. Drew offered the following:

Mr. President:

I give notice that at the next regular meeting I will call up G. O. No. 16, 1894, for reconsideration of the vote by which the ordinance failed to pass.

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

A. A. Young
President.

ATTEST:

Lee Nixon
City Clerk.