

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
December 3, 1894. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, December 3, 1894, at 8 o'clock, in regular meeting.

Present, Hon. Wm. H. Cooper, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 18 members, viz: Messrs. Allen, Colter, Costello, Drew, Hennessy, Kaiser, Koehring, Krauss, Magel, Merritt, Murphy, O'Brien, Puryear, Rauh, Schmid, Shaffer and Young.

Absent, 3—viz: Messrs. Ryan, Stein and Stott.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal, whereupon Councilman Drew 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,
November 22, 1894. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—I have approved the following ordinances passed by your honorable body on the 19th inst., to-wit:

G. O. No. 59, of 1894. An ordinance authorizing payment for vapor lights and gas lights furnished to the city.

G. O. No. 65, of 1894. An ordinance permitting M. C. Staley to erect a frame dwelling house on McCarty street within fire limits, etc.

Respectfully submitted,
C. S. DENNY,
Mayor.

Which was read and ordered spread on the minutes.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

Communication from City Comptroller:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.
OFFICE OF CITY COMPTROLLER,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 3, 1894. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—I would respectfully ask the passage of an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Comptroller to make temporary loans at such times and amounts as needed, to be repaid from the taxes of 1894, not to exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Respectfully,
P. C. TRUSLER,
City Comptroller.

Which was read and referred to Committee on Finance.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Rauh, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred:

App. O. No. 15, 1894. An ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$800 to a fund other than that for which it was originally appropriated, and matters connected therewith.

Made the following report:

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Finance to whom was referred App. O. No. 15, beg leave to report that we had the same under consideration and respectfully recommend it be passed.

HENRY RAUH.
J. R. ALLEN.
GEO. R. COLTER.
CHARLES KRAUSS.
JAS. H. COSTELLO.
GEO. MERRITT.

Which was read and concurred in.

Mr. Rauh, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred:

App. O. No. 16, 1894. An ordinance authorizing the transfer of three thousand two hundred and fifty dollars to a fund other than that for which it was originally appropriated, and matters connected therewith.

Made the following report:

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred App. O. No. 16, had the same under consideration and recommend it be passed.

HENRY RAUH.
J. R. ALLEN.
GEO. R. COLTER.
CHARLES KRAUSS.
JAS. H. COSTELLO.
GEO. MERRITT.

Which was read and concurred in.

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

G. O. No. 64, 1894. An ordinance to prohibit the injuring of any improved sidewalk, and matters connected therewith.

Made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 3, 1894.

Mr. President :

Your Committee to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 64, 1894, prohibiting injury to improved sidewalks, etc., beg leave to recommend that the ordinance be passed.

LUCIUS W. DREW.
GEO. W. SHAFFER.
WM. HENNESSY.

Which was read and concurred in.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business the following ordinances were introduced :

By Mr. Rauh :

G. O. No. 66, 1894. An ordinance authorizing the City Comptroller to make a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of the revenues for the current and following year.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, that the City Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to negotiate a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of the revenue of said City for the current and following year, for any sum or sums, not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, maturing not later than the 1st day of May, 1895, and at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum.

The said loan or loans to be made from time to time as in the opinion of the City Comptroller the necessities of the City may require, and the Mayor and City Comptroller are hereby authorized and directed to execute the proper bonds or obligations of the said City for the amount so borrowed, and for the payment of such 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 first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Drew :

G. O. No. 67, 1894. An ordinance in regard to certain improved streets in the City of Indianapolis and regulating the use of express wagons and vehicles for the transportation of freight or other articles to or from points within said City for hire or pay, and matters connected therewith.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, that drivers or owners of express wagons or other vehicles used for the transportation of freight or other articles to or from points within said City for hire or pay shall not station themselves or their vehicles or stand or permit the same to stand on any street in said City improved with asphaltum, vulcanite, brick, wooden block or other smooth surface payment. Such vehicles may stand on any street in said City not improved as above designated, with the consent of the owners and

holders of the adjoining property. *Provided, however,* such vehicles shall not be stationed or be allowed to stand on any street in such manner or for so long a time as to prevent the free passage of travellers along such street or so as to prevent the owners or occupants of adjoining property from having free ingress and egress to and from their premises. *Provided further* that such express wagons and vehicles, their owners and drivers, shall still be subject to police regulations of said City.

SEC. 2. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall, on conviction, be fined in any sum not exceeding ten dollars.

SEC. 3. 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 Sun*, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in said City of Indianapolis.

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

By Mr. Allen :

G. O. No. 68, 1894. An ordinance relative to the driving of cattle, horses, mules, swine or sheep upon or along any improved street, alley, sidewalk or public place of this city.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, that whoever shall drive any loose cattle, horses, mules, swine or sheep upon or along any improved street, alley, sidewalk or public place of this City, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding fifty dollars.

SEC. 2. 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 Sun*, a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in said City of Indianapolis.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. Schaffer offered the following motion :

WHEREAS, Articles have appeared in the daily press of this city reflecting upon the honesty and good management of subordinates to the Department of Public Works; and,

WHEREAS, The regularly appointed Committee on Investigation and Impeachment has failed to take notice of said reports and investigate the truth of the same,

Moved, That the President of the Common Council be directed to appoint a special committee of three as provided by G. O. No. 80, 1893, whose duty it shall be to make a thorough and searching investigation as to the honesty and efficiency of subordinates of said Department of Public Works and report charges against any incompetent or dishonest official or clerk that action may be taken by this body.

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Allen offered the following motion :

WHEREAS, Charges have been made from time to time in the press of this City, reflecting on the management and integrity of subordinates and employes of the Department of Public Works; and,

WHEREAS, It has been charged that the Department of Public Works has made contracts for street cleaning with persons who were not the lowest bidders, to the injury of the tax payer; and,

WHEREAS, It is the duty of the Common Council to investigate and if necessary to impeach and remove any member of the City Departments who may be found guilty; and,

WHEREAS, It is the opinion of the Common Council that these charges should be investigated and the officials charged with wrong doing either be exonerated or if guilty, impeached,

Moved, That a special committee of three be appointed under provisions of the "Impeachment Ordinance" whose duty it shall be to make a thorough and impartial investigation of the affairs of the Department of Public Works and its subordinates, examining witnesses under oath, and to report charges to the Common Council if foundation exists therefor. Such committee may employ a stenographer or take any other measures necessary to the perfect performance of its duties.

Which was read and adopted.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

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

App. O. No. 15, 1894. An ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$800 to a fund other than that for which it was originally appropriated, and matters connected therewith.

And was passed by the following vote:

AYES 18—viz: Messrs. Allen, Colter, Costello, Drew, Hennessy, Kaiser, Koehring, Krauss, Magel, Merritt, Murphy, O'Brien, Puryear, Rauh, Schmid, Shaffer, Young and President Cooper.

NAYS—None.

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

App. O. No. 16, 1894. An ordinance authorizing the transfer of three thousand two hundred and fifty dollars to a fund other than that for which it was originally appropriated, and matters connected therewith.

And was passed by the following vote:

AYES 18—viz: Messrs. Allen, Colter, Costello, Drew, Hennessy, Kaiser, Koehring, Krauss, Magel, Merritt, Murphy, O'Brien, Puryear, Rauh, Schmid, Shaffer, Young and President Cooper.

NAYS—None.

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

G. O. No. 64, 1894. An ordinance to prohibit the injuring of any improved sidewalk, and matters connected therewith.

Mr. Young offered the following amendment to G. O. No. 64, 1894:

I move to amend Section 2 by adding the following, "without first having obtained permission from the Board of Public Works."

Which amendment was adopted.

Mr. Merritt offered the following amendment to G. O. No. 64, 1894:

I move to amend by adding the following to Section 1, "in such manner as to injure the same."

Which amendment was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Drew, G. O. No. 64, 1894 was then ordered engrossed as amended, read third time, and passed by the following vote:

AYES 15—viz: Messrs. Allen, Colter, Costello, Drew, Hennessy, Kaiser, Koehring, Magel, Merritt, Murphy, Puryear, Schmid, Shaffer, Young and President Cooper.

NAYS 3—viz: Messrs. Krauss, O'Brien and Rauh.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

On motion of Mr. Young, the Special Committee of Three on Investigation and Impeachment was increased to five, and President Cooper appointed Messrs. Allen and Hennessy as the additional members.

On motion of Mr. Krauss, the Common Council, at 8:45 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

ATTEST:

H. H. Cooper

Lee Nixon

President.

City Clerk.