

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,  
March 4, 1895. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, March 4, 1895, at 8 o'clock, in regular meeting.

Present, Hon. Wm. H. Cooper, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 17 members, viz: Messrs. Allen, Colter, Costello, Drew, Hennessy, Kaiser, Koehring, Magel, Merritt, O'Brien, Puryear, Rauh, Ryan, Schmid, Shaffer, Stott and Young.

Absent, 3—viz: Messrs. Krauss, Murphy and Stein.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal, whereupon Councilman Rauh 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,  
February 28, 1895. }

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

GENTLEMEN—I have this day approved G. O. No. 4 of 1895, authorizing the transfer of \$300 to a fund therein created other than that for which it was originally appropriated, etc.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. S. DENNY,  
Mayor.

Which was read and ordered spread on the minutes.

## REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Schmid, on behalf of the Committee on Fees and Salaries, to whom was referred :

G. O. No. 5, 1895. An ordinance amending G. O. 79, 1893, the same being an ordinance fixing the salaries of officers and employes of the City of Indianapolis, by making void the office of Assistant Custodian of Garfield Park.

Made the following report :

*Mr. President and Common Council :*

Your Committee on Fees and Salaries, to whom was referred G. O. No. 5, 1895, recommend that the same be not passed.

J. H. SCHMID.  
J. R. ALLEN.  
D. W. O'BRIEN.

Which was read and concurred in.

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

G. O. No. 7, 1895. An ordinance appropriating certain sums to the Department of Finance, and to the Department of Law, for certain purposes.

Made the following report :

*Mr. President :*

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred G. O. No. 7, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully recommend that the same be passed.

HENRY RAUH.  
GEO. MERRITT.  
GEO. R. COLTER.  
ED. G. STOTT.  
J. R. ALLEN.  
JAS. H. COSTELLO.

Which was read and concurred in.

Mr. Koehring, on behalf of the Committee on Public Property and Improvement, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, March 4, 1895.

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

Your Committee on Public Property, to which was referred the communication from C. S. Denny, Mayor, of February 18, 1895, relative to lot numbered forty-four (44), in the Peru & Indianapolis Railroad Company's Addition, owned by the City of Indianapolis, hereby reports that, in the opinion of said committee,

said lot should be sold, if it can be sold for what it is worth. We, therefore, recommend that the Mayor be requested to take the necessary steps to have said real estate appraised, as is required by law.

Respectfully,

CHAS. KOEHRING.

ED. G. STOTT.

GEO. R. COLTER.

Which was read and concurred in.

Mr. Koehring, on behalf of the Committee on Public Property and Improvement, to whom was referred:

G. O. No. 6, 1895. An ordinance to amend Sections 65 and 77 of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance creating the office of Building Inspector, defining the powers and duties attached thereto, authorizing the inspection of buildings and other structures, regulating their construction, repair and removal, requiring the issuance of a license or permit in such cases before any work shall be begun, regulating the building of party walls and partition fences, prescribing in what proportion adjoining owners shall bear the expense of the same; in what manner such expense shall be levied and collected, and defining the terms upon which partition walls already established may be used by adjoining owners, fixing a penalty for the violation thereof, repealing certain ordinances, providing for publication, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect," being General Ordinance No. 53, 1894; providing for publication, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

Made the following report:

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

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Public Property and Improvements, to whom was referred G. O. No. 6, 1895, recommend that it be passed.

CHAS. KOEHRING.

GEO. R. COLTER.

ED. G. STOTT.

Which was read and concurred in.

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

G. O. No. 8, 1895. An ordinance regulating peddling and designating portions of public streets where certain kinds of peddling is prohibited, and matters connected therewith.

Made the following report:

*Mr. President:*

Your committee to whom was referred G. O. No. 8, 1895, have had the same under consideration and respectfully recommend it be passed.

GEO. W. SHAFFER.

JOHN H. SCHMID.

D. W. O'BRIEN.

Which was read and concurred in.

Mr. Young, on behalf of the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the advisability of burying telephone and telegraph wires, reported progress.

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

G. O. No. 2, 1895. An ordinance for keeping sidewalks free from mud.

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, March 4, 1895.

*Mr. President:*

Your committee to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 2, 1895, for keeping sidewalks free from mud, recommend that the ordinance be stricken from the files.

GEO. W. SHAFFER.  
WM. HENNESSY.

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. 63, 1894. An ordinance in relation to Ft. Wayne avenue and the changing of the name thereof.

Made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, March 4, 1895.

*Mr. President:*

Your committee to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 63, 1894, changing the name of Ft. Wayne Avenue, beg leave to recommend that the ordinance be stricken from the files.

L. 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. 9, 1895. An ordinance authorizing the issue and sale of two hundred refunding bonds of one thousand dollars each, of the City of Indianapolis, in order to raise money to take up certain bonds bearing date July 1, 1875, known as "Series D," which will become due July 1, 1895, aggregating two hundred thousand dollars; prescribing the time and manner of advertising the sale of said refunding bonds, and of the receipt of the bids for the same, together with

the mode and terms of sale; also appropriating the proceeds of the sale of said refunding bonds for the payment of said outstanding bonds; and providing the time and manner of payment of said outstanding bonds, and providing for the refunding of the indebtedness of said city of Indianapolis, represented by said bonds known as "Series D," and matters connected therewith, and fixing the time when the same shall be in force and take effect.

*Whereas*, Certain bonds of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, bearing date of July 1, 1875, known as "Series D," amounting in the aggregate to the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, drawing 7 3/10 per cent. interest, issued under authority of General Ordinance No. 37, 1875, of said city, ordained and established June 28, 1875, will become due July 1, 1895; and

*Whereas*, There are not now, and there will not be, sufficient funds in the treasury of said City with which to pay said bonds at maturity; and

*Whereas*, It is necessary to refund said indebtedness; therefore,

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Marion County, State of Indiana, That the head of the Department of Finance of said city, be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to refund certain of the indebtedness of the City of Indianapolis, amounting to the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, which indebtedness is represented by certain outstanding bonds of said city, bearing date of July 1, 1875, known as "Series D," issued under authority of General Ordinance No. 37, 1875, of said city, ordained and established June 28, 1875, which will become due July 1, 1895.

SEC. 2. That the head of the Department of Finance is hereby directed and authorized, for the purpose of refunding the said indebtedness of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), to prepare and sell two hundred new bonds of the City of Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, of one thousand dollars each, which bonds shall bear date July 1, 1895; shall be designated "Indianapolis Refunding Bonds of 1895"; shall bear interest at the rate of four per cent per annum, which interest shall be payable semi annually on the first day of January and the first day of July of each year, and said installments of interest shall be evidenced by interest coupons attached to said bonds. Said bonds and interest coupons shall be negotiable and payable at the banking house of Winslow, Lanier & Co., of the City, County, and State of New York. Said bonds shall run for twenty years from said first day of July, 1895, and shall be signed by the Mayor and City Comptroller, and attested by the City Clerk, who shall affix the seal of said city to each of said bonds. Said interest coupons shall bear the lithographed fac-simile of the signatures of the Mayor and Comptroller. Said bonds shall be prepared by the head of the Department of Finance in due form, irrevocably pledging the faith and credit of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to the payment of the principal and interest stipulated therein, respectively.

It shall be the duty of the head of the Department of Finance, at the time of the issuance and negotiation of said bonds to register in a book kept for that purpose, all of said bonds so issued and negotiated

In said register shall be entered in serial number all the bonds so issued and negotiated, beginning with No. 1; and there shall also be given the date of their issuance, their amounts, date of maturity, rate of interest and the time and place where said interest shall be payable.

Said bonds shall be substantially in the following form, all blanks for numbers and dates to be properly filled before issue thereof:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 No. .... CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, \$1,000  
 STATE OF INDIANA, MARION COUNTY.

*Indianapolis Refunding Bond of 1895. 20 Years.*

Twenty years after date, the City of Indianapolis, in Marion County, and State of Indiana, promises to pay to the bearer, at the banking house of Winslow, Lanier & Company, of the City, County, and State of New York, for value received, one thousand dollars in lawful money of the United States of America, with interest thereon at the rate of four per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on the first

days of January and July of each year, at said banking house of Winslow, Lanier & Company, in the City of New York, and State of New York, upon the presentation of the proper coupon hereto attached.

This bond, and interest coupons attached, are negotiable and payable at the said banking house of Winslow, Lanier & Company, in the City and State of New York; and said bond is one of a series of two hundred of like amount, date and tenor, bearing date July 1, 1895, authorized and issued in accordance with an ordinance duly and legally passed by the Common Council of said City of Indianapolis, on the.....day of.....1895, and approved by the Mayor of said city on the.....day of.....1895, pursuant to and in accordance with an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, entitled "An Act concerning the incorporation and government of cities having more than one hundred thousand population, according to the last preceding United States census, and matters connected therewith, and declaring an emergency," approved March 6, 1891.

The faith and credit of the said City of Indianapolis is irrevocably pledged to to the payment of the principal and interest of this bond as herein stipulated

In witness whereof, the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, has caused this bond to be signed by the Mayor and City Comptroller, attested by the City Clerk, and the seal of said city to be affixed thereto by said Clerk, this first day of July, 1895

..... Mayor.

ATTEST :

..... City Clerk.

[SEAL.]

..... City Comptroller.

SEC. 3. That the head of the Department of Finance shall, after the passage of this ordinance, advertise for bids or proposals for the sale of said bonds. Such advertisement shall be made once each week for two consecutive weeks, in the Sun, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Indianapolis, County of Marion, State of Indiana, and also in the Commercial and Financial Chronicle, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City, County and State of New York; and the Comptroller may insert such advertisements in such other papers and publications as he may deem advisable.

Such advertisements shall describe said bonds with such minuteness and particularity as the City Comptroller shall see fit; it shall set forth the amount of the bonds to be sold and the rate of interest they shall bear, that the bidder may bid for all or any part of said bonds; the date of opening the bids or proposals therefor; the right of the City Comptroller to reject any or all bids, and the amount of deposit the bidder will be required to make, and the time and place he shall receive and pay for the bonds awarded.

SEC. 4. Each and every bid or proposal shall be presented to the City Comptroller sealed, and shall be accompanied with a duly certified check upon some responsible bank of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, payable to the order of the City Treasurer of said city for a sum of money which shall equal five per cent. of the face or par value of the bonds bid for or proposed to be furnished. The City Comptroller shall continue to receive all bids or proposals therefor, at the office of the City Comptroller, until 12 o'clock M., on the first day of May, 1895, at which time and place, and between said hour and 2 o'clock P. M., of said day, he shall open said bids or proposals. The City Comptroller shall award said bonds, or, if he shall see fit, a part or any number thereof, to the highest and best bidder therefor; but said City Comptroller shall have the full right to reject any and all bids or proposals, or any part thereof, and he shall have the right to accept a part of any bid, and to award upon any bid the whole or any less number of the bonds covered by such bid, he being the sole judge of the sufficiency or insufficiency of any bid. He may also, in his judgment and discretion, award a part of said bonds to one bidder, and a part to another. These provisions shall apply in case of re-offering and re-advertisement of said bonds as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 5. In case the City Comptroller shall reject all bids submitted, or if he shall award only a part of the said bonds, he shall re-advertise the bonds remaining unsold in the manner as herein prescribed for the original advertisement, but in such re-advertisement he is authorized and directed to fix both the date and the time for receiving and opening bids or proposals, and for purchasers to take up and pay for the bonds which may be awarded. And he shall continue from time, in like manner, to re-advertise said bonds for sale, and until all said refunding bonds are sold and said outstanding indebtedness fully refunded.

SEC. 6. In case any bid or proposal shall not be accepted, and there shall be no award of bonds thereon by the Comptroller, he shall thereupon return to such unsuccessful bidder the certified check accompanying the same. If the Comptroller shall award the whole or any part of the bonds upon any bid or proposal, he shall thereupon deliver the certified check accompanying the same to the City Treasurer, who shall thereupon present the same for payment, and shall be entitled to collect the same, and shall hold the proceeds collected thereon until the completion of the purchase, and the payment of the bonds so awarded. If, for any reason, said check shall not be paid upon presentation, such non-payment shall be taken and deemed a breach of the contract for the purchase of said bonds upon the part of the purchaser, and the city, in that event, shall have the right to proceed to re-advertise said bonds for sale at once, but shall, in such event, retain said check, and shall have the right to collect the same for its own use, and said check and proceeds thereof, when collected, shall be taken and deemed as agreed and liquidated damages for such breach of contract, and as a payment thereof to said city. In case any successful bidder shall fail to complete the purchase of the bonds so awarded, and to pay for the same, within the time and manner herein required, or which may be prescribed by the City Comptroller as herein provided, the proceeds of said certified check thereby so deposited by such bidder shall be taken, considered and deemed as agreed and liquidated damages for the breach of such bidder's contract of purchase, and shall be taken and deemed as a payment to the city of such damages, and shall be retained and held by said city for its use; but if such successful bidder shall complete the purchase of said bonds awarded to him pursuant to the provisions hereof and his bid and award thereon, said proceeds of said certified check shall thereupon be returned to such bidder; or, at the option of the City Comptroller at the time of the completion of the sale and payment for the bonds, said proceeds of said certified check may be applied and deemed a payment on account of the purchase of said bonds. The purchaser or purchasers of said bonds, or any part of them, shall take up the same and pay the purchase price therefor at the banking house of Winslow, Lanier & Company, New York City, on the first day of July, 1895, or upon such other date as shall be fixed by the advertisements herein provided for, but the date for taking up and paying for said bonds so fixed may be extended at the option of the Comptroller for a period of ten days following said date, and the purchaser shall take up and pay for said bonds at any time upon the request of the Comptroller within said ten days, and concurrently with such payment or payments, the proceeds from the sale of such refunding bonds shall be applied to the payment of said outstanding bonds for the refunding of which said new bonds are hereunder to be issued and sold, the outstanding bonds so to be refunded and paid to equal in number and amount the new refunding bonds so sold, and such proceeds from the sale of said refunding bonds shall be and hereby is appropriated to the Department of Finance of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, for such purpose; and the proceeds of said certified check so collected, is also hereby appropriated to said Finance Department, to be repaid to the purchaser of said bonds if the Comptroller shall not exercise the option to apply the same on the purchase price of said bonds; and the City Comptroller is hereby authorized to draw all proper and necessary warrants, and to do whatever act may be necessary to carry out the provisions hereof, and the City Treasurer is also authorized to pay said outstanding bonds to be refunded from the proceeds of the sale of said new refunding bonds upon such warrants from the City Comptroller, and to do and perform such other acts as may be necessary that he should do in the premises to aid the carrying into effect the provisions hereof.

SEC. 7. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

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

By Mr. Stott:

G. O. No. 10, 1895. An ordinance in relation to Hill Street, and changing the name thereof.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That the name of the first street south of Hanway street, extending east from Meridian street to Chestnut street, the same being Hill street, be and the same is hereby changed to Arizona street.

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 Sewers, Streets and Alleys.

By Mr. Merritt (accompanied by petition):

G. O. No. 11, 1895. An ordinance defining a part of the boundary line of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, so as to extend the same, and annexing to the City of Indianapolis certain territory contiguous thereto; providing for the publication thereof, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

WHEREAS, Lynn B. Martindale and other owners of real estate west of White River and north of Michigan street have petitioned to have the real estate described in said petition annexed to the City of Indianapolis; therefore,

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, That the boundary line of said City of Indianapolis, from a point where the west line of Center Township intersects the center line of Michigan street to a point where the center line of Michigan street intersects the west bank of White River, be and the same is hereby extended so as to include the following described territory contiguous to said City of Indianapolis, Indiana, whether platted or not, which said following described contiguous territory is hereby annexed to and made a part of the territory constituting and forming the City of Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, said territory so annexed being described as follows, to-wit: All that territory bounded as follows: Commencing at the present city limits where the west line of Center Township in Belmont avenue intersects the center line of Michigan street, thence north with the west line of Center Township and the east line of the town of Haughville to the center line of Grandview avenue, thence east with the center line of Grandview avenue eight (8) chains and seven and one-fourth ( $7\frac{1}{4}$ ) links, thence north eight (8) chains and ninety (90) links, thence east seven (7) chains and thirty-three (33) links, thence north six (6) chains and forty-five (45) links, thence east twenty-six (26) chains and eight (8) links to the west bank of White River, thence southwesterly following the meanderings of the west bank of White River to the center line of Michigan street, thence west with the center line of Michigan street to the place of beginning, all of which said contiguous territory shall hereafter form a part of the said City of Indianapolis, and be within the jurisdiction of the same, and said territory is hereby consolidated with and made a part of said City of Indianapolis.

SEC. 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication for two consecutive weeks in The Sun, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in said City of Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana.



*To the Honorable President and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Ind.:*

We, the undersigned, property owners within the following described territory, adjoining the City of Indianapolis on the north and west, respectfully petition your honorable body to annex said territory to the City of Indianapolis, and fix the boundary lines so that said territory will be within and a part of said city, to-wit: Commencing at a point in the center of West Michigan street and Belmont avenue, thence running north with the center of Belmont avenue to the center of Grandview avenue, thence east with the center of Grandview avenue eight (8) chains and seven and one quarter ( $7\frac{1}{4}$ ) links, thence north eight (8) chains and ninety (90) links, thence east seven (7) chains and thirty-three (33) links, thence north six (6) chains and forty-five (45) links, thence east twenty-six (26) chains and eight (8) links to White River, thence southwesterly with the meanderings of said stream to the center line of Michigan street, thence west with the center of Michigan street to the place of beginning.

LYNN B. MARTINDALE,  
GEO. W. STOUT,  
A. IZOR,  
EVANS LINSEED OIL WORKS,  
By Wm. R. Evans, Asst. Manager.  
PAULINA T. MERRITT,  
WM. H. H. CHILDS,  
By Geo. H. Evans, Manager.  
CHRISTIAN LENTZ,  
LUCIUS B. SWIFT.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. Koehring offered the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That the Mayor be hereby authorized to take the necessary steps to have Lot 44, in the Indianapolis & Peru R. R. Co.'s addition sold.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

Mr. Kaiser (by request) submitted the following petition:

*To the City Council, Indianapolis:*

The undersigned would respectfully represent that the establishment of the South Side Market at the corner of Louisiana and Alabama streets would not be convenient, and too near to the location of the present market as to be practically the same. We would therefore respectfully request that said market be located near the corner of Virginia avenue and Prospect street—"Fountain Square."

SIGNED BY 300 SOUTH SIDE CITIZENS.

Which was read and referred to Committee on Public Property and Improvement.

Mr. Cooper (by request) presented the following communications:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 2, 1894.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:*

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned Trustees and Directors of the Consumers' Gas Trust Company have accepted their respective offices and undertaken the duties of the same nominally for the company, in truth, for the benefit of all the people of this community.

Through much tribulation the company has arisen to its fullest usefulness, meeting the most sanguine expectations of its zealous supporters in supplying a large number of patrons—now thirteen thousand—with fuel for six years at a lower rate than ever furnished to the people of any city removed from the immediate vicinity of the gas fields, and in paying off the large debt incurred for the construction of its great plant.

All this is a special source of satisfaction to those generous and public-spirited citizens who have so loyally given their money and patronage to establish and maintain to successful development, a corporation built by and for the people.

After six years of prosperity in delivering to the people of Indianapolis the greatest physical blessing ever brought to a community, the company is approaching a crisis so serious in the judgment of the management as to call for thoughtful consideration on the part of every well-meaning citizen.

To preserve a full supply of fuel gas for its patrons, the company has been obliged every year to reach out to remoter fields, drilling many wells and extending great pipe plants at very heavy cost.

The limit of extension is nearly reached—many of the wells are wet; nearly all show moisture when drawn heavily upon, and must be held back or risk the danger of being flooded out.

Twenty-nine of our wells have reached this stage—they are flooded and valueless.

The average field pressure has slowly but surely fallen off, and now stands reduced from 320 pounds original pressure to 249 pounds average pressure over the field.

The gravity of the situation can only be understood when it is known that 225 pounds pressure at the head of the main lines is absolutely necessary to force the gas to the city limits with sufficient pressure to distribute it through the low pressure city lines to the patrons, and this too when all reducing stations and district valves are wide open and every facility afforded for free circulation.

There remains now but an average of twenty-four pounds margin above the limit of low pressure.

At the present annual rate of pressure reduction, and by a continuance of the present extravagant and wasteful method of consumption, this margin of twenty-four pounds will be spent or exhausted in two years.

The use of pumps for artificial pressure is fraught with most serious risk of reducing the gas pressure below the water pressure and so destroying the wells.

It is the plain duty of every good citizen to co-operate to the fullest extent to preserve the supply of gas so long as it is possible to do so. It is the plain duty of the trustees and directors to sound the note of alarm, and to point out the way by which the flow of gas can be prolonged and this great source of comfort and convenience continued over the longest possible period.

The present consumption of gas is without doubt fully fifty per cent. in excess of actual necessity. This profligate waste of such valuable fuel is inexcusable. If it is possible to check this extravagance the management believes the endurance of the supply may be extended several years. There is but one way to stop this reckless wastefulness and that is to require each patron to pay for just what the patron uses. No more and no less.

This can only be done by the use of the meter. Experience has shown that this is the only just and equitable way of selling natural gas. The price per thousand

feet should be approximately the same as charged in cities where conditions are similar.

The following are the net meter rates per thousand feet charged in other cities, viz:

Pittsburg, Pa. ....	22.5 cents.	Logansport, Ind. ....	20 cents.
Allegheny, Pa. ....	22.5 "	Dayton, Ohio. ....	25 "
Erie, Pa. ....	22.5 "	Columbus, Ohio. ....	20 "
Jamestown, N. Y. ....	21.6 "	Springfield, Ohio. ....	25 "
Corry, Pa. ....	21.6 "	Piqua, Ohio. ....	25 "
Fostoria, Ohio. ....	20 "	Lima, Ohio. ....	25 "
Buffalo, N. Y. ....	25 "	Detroit, Mich. ....	25 "
Toledo, Ohio. ....	25 "		

There are still 2,600 of our citizens holding the stock of the company, the money for which went towards the building of this company's plant for the benefit of themselves and neighbors. They have never asked, nor received, nor expected, nor can they receive a cent of profit; in fact, they have not received the full payment for the interest due them on the money they have virtually loaned for the good of the general public.

The time has come when the trustees and directors realize that their duty calls for protection to all concerned. The shareholder must be protected as well as the patron, and it is the intention of the management to apply the first available funds in payment on the interest and principal of the debt due the shareholder.

The heavy annual expense for maintaining the supply of gas has so far prevented the return of any of the capital.

While the shareholder is only to receive his principal money with eight per cent. interest per annum, he is in all honesty entitled to that much, and it is part of the duty of the management to make provision for that before the supply of gas fails, if it is possible to do so, and it is believed that every good citizen will approve of this effort.

The signers of this appeal have no personal gain in view; they are endeavoring to place before the public in plain language the truth of the situation.

The trustees and directors have given their services at much sacrifice all these years without compensation, except for the president, who for the past three and a half years has acted as attorney for the company in all of its litigation, and has only been paid as such attorney.

The directors are willing to continue the care of this property if chosen by the trustees to do so, but they are unwilling to go further without making known to all concerned the danger now imminent.

The trustees and directors feel that in view of the fact that the affairs of this company are no longer in the ascendancy, that the continuance of the supply of gas is threatened, that no artificial fuel gas has been discovered that would serve as a substitute at living prices when the natural gas fails, every effort should now be made—first, to prolong the life of the gas supply by every possible restriction of waste, and second, to settle with the shareholder who generously advanced the money with which to bring this fuel to the homes of the people. To this end we urgently appeal to the people and the City Council: First, that no special burden of taxation on the pipe lines be assessed against the company, for the reason that to this time the general public has had all the benefit, and only the few have borne the burden of investment; second, that the natural gas ordinance be so amended that all natural gas sold in the city be charged by meter measurement, at the rate of twenty cents per thousand feet for domestic consumption, and ten cents per thousand feet for manufacturing purposes; that the patrons shall pay for the meters selected by the company, that the meters shall be under the control of the company, and when necessary, repaired at the expense of the consumer.

In anticipation of the discussion of this statement, the signers have only to say that this appeal is correct and truthful so far as their knowledge and judgment enables them to understand the situation, and they cordially invite the most thorough and critical examination thereof, and respectfully leave the result in the hands of

the City Council and the people confidently counting upon their intelligent investigation and co-operation.

T. A. MORRIS.  
JOHN W. MURPHY.  
JOHN H. HOLLIDAY.  
JOHN M. BUTLER.  
HENRY SCHNULL.

*Trustees.*

ROBERT N. LAMB.  
ELI LILLY.  
FRED FAHNLEY.  
J. F. PRATT.  
H. H. HANNA.  
C. W. FAIRBANKS.  
J. P. FRENZEL.  
HENRY COBURN.  
A. A. BARNES.

*Directors.*

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 4, 1895.

*To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:*

GENTLEMEN—The undersigned Trustees and Directors of The Consumers Gas Trust Company urge prompt consideration and action upon their communication of 2nd of July, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

It has been asserted that during the cold weather the delivery of gas to consumers was restricted. This charge is absolutely untrue and unjust. No one would make it except through dense ignorance or malice, and we again request a complete examination into all the conditions affecting the supply of natural gas to consumers of our city.

The Consumers Gas Trust Company was organized to conduct its business without profit; to supply gas at cost as soon as the money advanced to construct its plant has been repaid with interest, but the expense of maintaining the supply of gas been so great as to prevent the payment of more than a fraction of the sum advanced by our citizens, and the limit of the Company's great usefulness to the community has been nearly reached if the existing contract plan of sale and rates be continued.

It is of the utmost importance to all consumers of gas in Indianapolis that the rapid decline of the gas supply be recognized, and the extravagant wastefulness, due to the present methods of supplying the gas, be stopped by an ordinance compelling the use of the meter system.

The situation is a critical one, the very existence of our company is in jeopardy, and with it the comfort and convenience of our patrons.

It is imperative that there be no delay upon the part of the City's authorities in granting the relief asked for.

Respectfully,

T. A. MORRIS.  
JOHN H. HOLLIDAY.  
J. W. MURPHY.  
JOHN M. BUTLER.  
HENRY SCHNULL.

*Trustees.*

ROBERT N. LAMB.  
J. P. FRENZEL.  
FRED FAHNLEY.  
HENRY COBURN.  
ELI LILLY.  
C. W. FAIRBANKS.  
H. H. HANNA.  
J. F. PRATT.  
A. A. BARNES.

*Directors.*

Which were read.

Mr. Young moved that the communication be referred to a special committee of three with instruction to thoroughly investigate the natural gas question and report at next meeting of the Council.

Which motion prevailed, and President Cooper appointed the following committee: Messrs. Young, Allen and Ryan.

Mr. Merritt moved that when the Council adjourn, it adjourn to meet Monday evening, March 11, 1895.

Mr. Costello moved to lay Mr. Merritt's motion on the table.

The ayes and nays being called for, Mr. Costello's motion was lost by the following vote:

AYES 5—viz: Messrs. Colter, Costello, Hennessy, O'Brien and Ryan.

NAYS 13—viz: Messrs. Allen, Drew, Kaiser, Koehring, Magel, Merritt, Puryear, Rauh, Schmid, Shaffer, Stott, Young and President Cooper.

The question now being on the original motion, Mr. Merritt's motion was put and carried.

#### ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

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

G. O. No 7, 1895. An ordinance appropriating certain sums to the Department of Finance, and to the Department of Law, for certain purposes.

And was passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

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

G. O. No. 8, 1895. An ordinance regulating peddling and designating portions of public streets where certain kinds of peddling is prohibited, and matters connected therewith.

And was passed by the following vote:

AYES 16—viz: Messrs. Allen, Colter, Costello, Kaiser, Koehring, Magel, Merritt, O'Brien, Puryear, Rauh, Ryan, Schmid, Shaffer, Stott, Young and President Cooper.

NAYS 2—viz: Messrs. Drew and Hennessy.

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

G. O. No. 63, 1894. An ordinance in relation to Ft. Wayne avenue and the changing of the name thereof.

And on motion of Mr. Drew was stricken from the files by the following vote :

AYES 17—viz: Messrs. Allen, Colter, Drew, Hennessy, Kaiser, Koehring, Magel, Merritt, O'Brien, Puryear, Rauh, Ryan, Schmid, Shaffer, Stott, Young and President Cooper.

NAYS 1—viz: Mr. Costello.

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

G. O. No. 2, 1895. An ordinance for keeping sidewalks free from mud.

Mr. Shaffer moved that G. O. No. 2, 1895, be stricken from the files.

Mr. Young moved as a substitute that G. O. No. 2, 1895, be referred back to Committee on Sewers, Streets and Alleys for further consideration.

Which motion prevailed.

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

ATTEST:

*H. H. Cooper*  
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*Lee Nixon*  
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*President.*

*City Clerk.*