

REGULAR MEETING.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,
January 2, 1899. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, January 2, 1899, at 8 o'clock, in regular meeting.

Present, Hon. John H. Mahoney, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 12 members, viz.: Messrs. Allen, Bernauer, Colter, Crall, Harston, Higgins, Little, Madden, Merrick, McGrew, Shaffer and Smith.

Absent—8, viz.: Messrs. Bowser, Clark, Costello, Knight, Moffett, Rauch, Scanlon and Von Spreckelsen.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journal, whereupon Councilman Crall 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 20, 1898. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I have this day approved the following ordinance:

G. O. No. 68, 1898. An ordinance authorizing the transfer of four thousand six hundred and fifty dollars (\$4,650) from funds other than those to which it was originally appropriated, and making the same available to the use of the Department of Public Works, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

Respectfully submitted,

T. TAGGART,
Mayor.

Which was read and ordered spread on the minutes.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 23, 1898. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I have this day approved the following ordinances and resolutions:

G. O. No. 43, 1898. An ordinance to amend Subdivision 2 of Section 7 of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance authorizing the employment of certain clerks, assistants and employes, and providing for their compensation, etc. (increasing salary of Custodian of the City Dispensary), and fixing the time when the same shall take effect."

G. O. No. 76, 1898. An ordinance authorizing the Board of Public Works of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to pay out of the fund heretofore appropriated for the purchase of real estate for park purposes, the sum of \$2,035.62 to Catharine L. Miller, in fulfillment of the contract entered into between her and the Board of Public Works of said city, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

G. O. No. 77, 1898. An ordinance to amend Sections 1, 9 and 10 of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance providing for license upon vehicles drawn upon the streets of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana; regulating the construction and dimension of tires to be used on vehicles, and providing penalties for the enforcement of same, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect."

Resolution No. 15, 1898. That President appoint a special committee of three to consider with the Mayor and Board of Public Works the advisability of enlarging the Brightwood pumping station.

Resolution No. 16, 1898. Authorizing and directing Committee on Investigation and Impeachment to make a full and complete investigation of all matters connected with the purchase of lands for Riverside Park.

Respectfully submitted,

T. TAGGART,
Mayor.

Which was read and ordered spread on the minutes.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

Communication from City Comptroller:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, }
OFFICE OF CITY COMPTROLLER, }
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 2, 1899. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I would respectfully recommend that there be appropriated for the use of the Department of Finance the sum of \$500, with which to pay expenses of the Committee on Investigation and Impeachment.

Very respectfully,

E. M. JOHNSON,
City Comptroller.

Which was read and referred to Committee on Finance.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Harston, on behalf of the Committee on Rules, to which was referred the communication pertaining to the organization of a State League of Municipalities (see page 432), made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 2, 1899.

Mr. President:

We, your Committee on Rules, to whom was referred a communication from the Mayor and Common Council of Terre Haute, in reference to the formation of a State League of Municipalities, have considered the same, and would recommend that the President of this body appoint a committee of five to act in conjunction with them in accordance with their request.

J. H. MAHONEY.
ALBERT HARSTON.
JOHN H. CRALL.

Which was read and adopted, and President Mahoney appointed the following committee: Messrs. Smith, Little, Higgins, Colter and Crall.

REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES.

Mr. Harston, on behalf of the Special Committee appointed to draft resolutions in memory of the late ex-councilman Michael J. Burns, submitted the following:

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Your committee on resolutions of respect to the memory of ex-Councilman Michael J. Burns wish to submit the following:

Whereas, At the last regular meeting of the Common Council the members thereof were informed, with regret, of the unexpected death of ex-Councilman Michael J. Burns; therefore, be it

Resolved, That, as a husband and a father, the family of the deceased have sustained an irreparable loss, an affliction which will extend to a host of friends to whom he had endeared himself, and to the community of which he was an honored citizen; and be it

Resolved, That, while we bow in meek submission to the will of Almighty God, we extend to the sorrowing widow and children our profound sympathy in these their hours of affliction and grief; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this body, and a duplicate forwarded to the family of our departed friend; also that a copy be given to the press for publication.

ALBERT HARSTON.
J. R. ALLEN.

Which resolutions were read and adopted by a rising vote.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

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

By Mr. Smith:

App. O. No. 1, 1899. An ordinance appropriating the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for the use of the Department of Finance of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, 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 funds in the treasury of said city not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for the use of the Department of Finance, to be applied to the payment of expenses of the Committee on Investigation and Impeachment.

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. John T. Glazier, Secretary Firemen's Pension Fund, submitted the following report:

To the President and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I submit herewith my annual report, showing the receipts and disbursements of the Firemen's Pension Fund for the year ending December 31, 1898; also the number of beneficiaries, amount paid the same, and balance on hand.

RECEIPTS.

Annual assessment from tax duplicate for year ending December 31, 1898.....	\$11,491.20
Assessment from pay-roll.....	1,302.46
Miscellaneous	243.39
Matured bonds and interest.....	5,446.15
Annual ball.....	1,511.10
Balance on hand, January 6, 1898.....	6,225.26
Total	\$26,219.56

DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount paid beneficiaries.....	\$7,903.00
For bonds purchased.....	8,612.46
Total	\$16,515.46
Balance	\$9,704.10
Amount of bonds on hand December 31, 1898.....	28,345.19
Total amount of fund.....	\$38,049.29

JOHN T. GLAZIER,
Secretary Firemen's Pension Fund.

NAMES AND AMOUNT PAID BENEFICIARIES PER MONTH.

Emma A. Toole, widow John R. Toole.....	\$20.00
Emma J. Garver, widow John Garver.....	20.00
Johanna Nolan, widow Timothy Nolan.....	20.00
Fannie McGinnis, widow W. R. McGinnis.....	20.00
Minnie Gaston, widow William Gaston.....	20.00
Edward Gaston, minor child William Gaston.....	6.00
Frank Gaston, minor child William Gaston.....	6.00
Anna Gaston, minor child William Gaston.....	6.00
Flora Plummer, widow Benj. F. Plummer.....	20.00
Bessie Plummer, minor child Benj. F. Plummer.....	6.00
Ada Plummer, minor child Benj. F. Plummer.....	6.00
Blanche Taylor, orphans of Samuel Taylor.....	6.00
Mabel Taylor, orphan of Samuel Taylor.....	6.00
Mary Taylor, orphan of Samuel Taylor.....	6.00
Robert Taylor, orphan of Samuel Taylor.....	6.00
Anna Jane Barnett, widow Thomas Barnett.....	20.00
Louis Rafert, disability retirement.....	50.00
Jacob Rubin, disability retirement.....	50.00
Orrin Tuttle, disability retirement.....	50.00
Sam Neal, disability retirement.....	50.00
William Hinesley, disability retirement.....	50.00
Warren E. Rice, disability retirement.....	50.00
Henry Cook, disability retirement.....	50.00
Sarah E. Redmond, dependent mother Frank Redmond.....	20.00
Margaret Colter, dependent mother John A. Colter.....	20.00
Mary Dillon, widow Thomas Dillon.....	20.00
Ellen Dillon, minor child Thomas Dillon.....	6.00
Mary Claffy, widow Chris. Claffy.....	20.00
Elmer Claffy, minor child Chris. Claffy.....	6.00
Lillie Claffy, minor child Chris. Claffy.....	6.00
Freda Claffy, minor child Chris. Claffy.....	6.00
Minnie Claffy, minor child Chris. Claffy.....	6.00
Florence Claffy, minor child Chris. Claffy.....	6.00
Infant Claffy, minor child Chris. Claffy.....	6.00
Cicero Seibert, voluntary retirement.....	40.00
John A. Perkins, disability retirement.....	50.00

Warren E. Rice, assigned to active duty March 1, 1898.

Louis Rafert, assigned to active duty March 1, 1898.

Henry Cook, assigned to active duty March 1, 1898.

Louis Rafert, returned to disability retirement May 1, 1898.

Blanche Taylor dropped from pension roll March 20, 1898, having attained the age limit prescribed by law.

Bessie Plummer dropped from pension roll December 20, 1898, having attained the age limit prescribed by law.

Infant Claffy placed on pension roll February 14, 1898.

Amount paid beneficiaries for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898....	\$7,903.00
Cash paid for bonds.....	8,612.46

Total amount disbursed.....	\$16,515.46
Total receipts.....	\$26,219.56
Total disbursements.....	16,515.46

Balance on hand..... \$9,704.10

Which was received and ordered spread on the minutes.

Mr. Smith offered the following resolution :

Resolution No. 1, 1899—

Whereas, The cost of sweeping improved streets is by statute required to be paid out of the general fund, while the cost of sprinkling is charged in the form of a special assessment to the individual property owner benefited thereby; and

Whereas, This discrimination against the taxpayers who own property on streets which cannot be swept is unjust and compels them to bear burdens which have no corresponding benefits; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, 1. That the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an amendment to the City Charter which shall provide that the cost of sprinkling the streets of said city shall be paid out of the general fund, the same as the cost of sweeping is now paid, and that the Senators and Representatives in the General Assembly from Marion county be respectfully requested to aid in the passage of said proposed amendment.

2. That the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to furnish to each of such Senators and Representatives a copy of these resolutions.

Which was read and, on motion of Mr. Madden, adopted by the following vote:

AYES 13—viz: Messrs. Allen, Bernauer, Colter, Crall, Harston, Higgins, Little, Madden, Merrick, McGrew, Shaffer, Smith and President Mahoney.

NAYS—None.

Mr. Mahoney offered the following resolution :

Resolution No. 2, 1899—

Whereas, The demand is made by a very large number of citizens and taxpayers that steps be taken looking to the elevation of the railroad tracks intersecting and dividing the City of Indianapolis, to the end that the safety of the people be promoted and public travel facilitated; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, First, That it is the sense of this body that the railroad tracks entering into and intersecting said city should be elevated, so that public travel be not interrupted nor impeded by the moving of trains thereon, and that human life be not imperiled thereby.

Second, That the City Attorney be requested to fully inform this Council at its next meeting as to the right of the municipal authorities to compel such elevation under the present city charter, and as to what steps are necessary to be taken to bring about that result.

Which was read and, on motion of Mr. Bernauer, adopted by the following vote:

AYES 13—viz: Messrs. Allen, Bernauer, Colter, Crall, Harston, Higgins, Little, Madden, Merrick, McGrew, Shaffer, Smith and President Mahoney.

NAYS—None.

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On motion of Mr. Shaffer, the Common Council, at 8:30 o'clock P. M., adjourned.

Geo. H. Mahoney
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President.

ATTEST:

Chas H Stuckmeyer City Clerk.